

Elon Defeats Catawba In Homecoming Grid Battle



Digging With Doug In The Field Of Sports

HOMEcomings — The day is bright and clear. Little knots of people are beginning to form on the street corners. The excitement mounts. Heads begin to appear at upper-story windows along the crowded street.

Newcomers to the area ask, "What is it? Why all this activity?" Before an answer can be given, a little boy, who has been lifted to his father's shoulders, shouts, "Here they come. I can hear 'em!" The rhythmic sound of a staccato drumbeat comes rolling down the street, and in a moment the Elon band marches smartly into view, leading Elon's Homecoming parade through the heart of downtown Burlington.

A fine parade it was, too, as car after car came by, carrying some of the finest looking gals on our campus, and a number of very clever floats helped to announce to the world that it was Homecoming time at Elon, and we were glad to see so many old grads honoring us with their presence for the weekend.

Going hand in hand with any mention of campus Homecoming goes, quite naturally, football. What better way to cap off a fine Homecoming than the great exhibition of football that was seen in Burlington Memorial Stadium last Saturday night. Most of my readers are already familiar with the very pleasing outcome, so I'll leave comments on the game itself for the story of the game found elsewhere on this page. I do want to say that some commentators have said that in a year or two the Elon pigskin packers will have a great ball club. This writer says "Nuts" to such a remark. I say we have a great ball club now.

AND SPEAKING OF FOOTBALL: Let's slow down a moment and have a look at what we do have now. First, let's glance over the backfield combination of the boys with the pads and cleats. In the fulback slot we have a young man by the name of Bob

Stauffenberg, whose ability to tear an opposing line to shreds has been so convincingly demonstrated to the home fans in the victories over East Carolina and Catawba. The Elon eleven tore through the enemy elevens like Hurricane Hazel tore through eastern North Carolina, and Mr. Stauffenberg was one of the big reasons. It's mighty reassuring to have a man like him in the backfield when two or three yards are needed for that first down.

At quarterback we find Bill Snyder, the pride of Danville, Pa., a veteran in his second season of first-string play for the Christians. He's proving a good ball-handler and has proven that he can think when the old pressure is on. And there's capable replacements, too, in the persons of a couple of fine freshman youngsters.

Looking at the halfbacks, we say that Burlington Stadium spectators will long remember the exploits of fleet little Kerry Richards, who sliced and slashed through both East Carolina and Catawba for long and valuable punt returns. He teams with Whitney Bradham, the Sumter (S.C.) speedster, who has also shown his heels to the enemy opposition in long scoring dashes.

Up front in the forward wall we find the flanks ably handled by Captain J. C. Disher, Charlie Michaux, Eddie Bridges and Luther Barnes, veteran gridmen all, play the terminals on a line that is ably anchored by Homer Hobgood, the gent to whom goes that tough assignment of holding down the center berth.

The hardest worked and least noticed (from the spectator's viewpoint) positions on any football club are those of the guards and tackles, but those boys on the Elon squad are making their presence both known and felt. Such boys as Chuck Maynard, Glenn Varney, Bob Kopko, Ed Davidson, Pat Cafasso, Jim Hawkins, Chick Umberger and Nick

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CHRISTIANS HAVE THREE-PLY DEPTH AT TACKLE POSITIONS



Newberry Gridders Roll For Victory Over Elon

The Newberry College Indians, fired up for their annual Homecoming celebration, combined a powerful running attack with a potent passing attack, to roll for a 26 to 0 victory over the Elon College Christians at Newberry on Saturday night, October 16th.

It was the same combination of Newberry backfield stars who powered the Indians to that 33 to 5 victory over Elon last year, for the piston-like drives of Stan Bessinger and the flying feet of Grady Ray and Paul Davis powered the ground attack, and little Danny Brabham and Ken Morgan furnished the air power for this year's victory.

HOW IT HAPPENED	
Elon	Newberry
10	12
112	187
20	13
92	174
15	10
7	5
76	133
188	307
0	0
0	0
8	5
33.6	39.2
99	95
2	1
Score by Periods:	
Elon	0 0 0 0—0
Newberry	6 7 7 6—26
Newberry Touchdowns—Blanco, Brabham, Haseldon, Bessinger, Extra Points—G. Davis 2.	

The Palmetto Indians struck once in each quarter, with the first score coming at 6:30 of the first period when Ken Morgan hit big Ken Blanco twice with passes to reach pay-dirt. The first heave was good for 11 yards and a first down at mid-field. Stan Bessinger then drove to Elon's forty-three, and Morgan pitched to Blanco from there for the touchdown. The try for point was wide, and Newberry led 6 to 0.

With barely three minutes remaining in the half, the Indians struck again. Grady Ray started it off with a 29-yard punt return to mid-field, and then he teamed with Paul Davis on slashing drives off-tackle and around the ends for three first downs, the last one at the Elon one-yard marker. Danny Brabham slipped through from there on a quarterback sneak for the score. Grover Davis, 270-pound, man-mountain tackle, kicked the point for a 13 to 0 lead at intermission.

The third Newberry score followed the second-half kick-off. Ken Morgan returned the kick to his own twenty-five, but a 15-yard penalty set Newberry back to her own ten, and two line plays netted 13 yards to leave it third down and twelve. At that point Morgan flipped a pass over the Elon secondary to Tyler Dufford, who raced to the Elon six before Bill Snyder dragged him down from behind. Two plunges went to the two and

Elon Football

- Elon 13, Citadel 21.
- Elon 6, Appalachian 20.
- Elon 20, East Carolina 6.
- Elon 9, Newberry 26.
- Elon 36, Catawba 12.
- (Remaining Games:
- Oct. 30—W.C.T.C., away.
- Nov. 6—Guilford, home.
- Nov. 13—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Nov. 20—Davidson, away.

Ted Haseldon bucked over the goal. Davis' kick was good again for 20 to 0.

The Christians injected their only dangerous threat at this point, with Glenn Varney recovering Dufford's fumble at the Newberry forty-two to set off the drive. Three completed passes from Bill Snyder to Charlie Michaux stood out in an Elon drive that carried to first down on the nine, but Newberry braced there and threw Elon back to take over on the Indians' seventeen.

The final Newberry tally came midway the fourth quarter after a poor Elon punt that went out of bounds on the Indian twenty-four. Billy Dukes, a sub quarterback, picked up 12 on a keep play, and Stan Bessinger and Grady Ray carried to the three. Bessinger ripped over for the TD. The kick was wide, and the final score was written at 26 to 0.

The Elon defense had trouble all night with the slashing drives of the Newberry backs, although Pat Cafasso and Homer Hobgood contributed some nice bits of line play for the Christians at times. Top man for Elon on offense was Charlie Michaux, who caught five passes for a total of 69 yards.

No team in the North State Conference is deeper in tackle strength this year than Elon's Christians, where Coach Varney had no less than six 200-pounders ready for duty at the opening of the year. The depth has proved to be a big factor in Elon's play, for injuries have handicapped activities for one or two of the big boys, and Coach Varney has had to use Nick Theos as relief at one of the guard posts in recent games. The Christian tackles, pictured in numerical order of jersey numbers from left to right, are Nick Theos, Charleston, S. C.; Pat Cafasso, Cedarhurst, L.I., N.Y.; Jim Hawkins, Norfolk, Va.; Chick Umberger, Wytheville, Va.; Ed Davidson, Brackenridge, Pa.; and Bob Kopko, Monessen, Pa. All the boys are second-year players.

Campus Athletes Active

Intramural athletes on the Elon campus have been and are taking advantage of beautiful Indian summer weather to take active part in the sports program that is moving ahead under the auspices of the Physical Education Department. In addition to tag-football, the Elon athletes have been participating in tennis and track, and plans have been announced for badminton, volley ball and basketball.

Mark Longier, a newcomer to Elon, defeated Russ Borjes, by scores of 8-6, 4-6, 6-2, in the finals of the fall tennis tournament on October 5th. They reached the finals with wins over Ray Whitley and Richard Cooke. There were thirteen entered in the titular play.

The annual fall track meet for men, which was scheduled to be held this afternoon, was expected to attract strong entries in a 7-event program, which included the 50-yard dash, the 100-yard dash, the 300-yard relay, the softball throw, the high jump, the broad jump and the sack race. There were both individual and team trophies for top contestants. North Dorm won the team trophy last year, while Bobby Green copped individual honors.

Prof. Scott Boyd, who heads up the program, has also announced plans for badminton and volley ball tournaments to begin in mid-November, with basketball play to start later in the winter quarter.

ITK Takes Lead In Tag Football

The Iota Tau Kappa grid squad, power-house intramural football in this 1934 season, is bowling merrily along at the front of the campus grid race with eight consecutive victories and with a good solid claim to the championship already established.

Among ITK's recent victories were a 32 to 0 triumph over North Dorm and a 26 to 0 conquest of the East Dorm lads. Feature play of the victory over North was Alton Myers' 60-yard run for a TD, with other scores added by John Briant, Nick Thompson and Lewis Robertson. Myers also had three touchdowns in the victory over East.

The East Dorm outfit also contributed an impressive 32 to 6 win over North, with Richard Bowen running 60 yards and Bob Bergman 55 yards for scores to feature the Easterners' attack. Terry Thomas also stood out in the East play, while David Fry starred for North.

Adding to the regular campus tag-football program, negotiations are underway for a 2-game series of tag-football battles with Guilford College, with the contests likely to be played the second week in November.

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Elon Downs Indian Eleven By 36 To 12

Free-wheeling backs and a jet-driven line combined forces last Saturday night to power the Elon Christians to a satisfying 36 to 12 triumph over the Catawba Indians in the twentieth renewal of one of the hottest football rivalries in the North State Conference.

The game, which was played as the feature event of Elon's annual Homecoming Day observance, put a fitting climax on the weekend festivities for the Elon alumni who had returned to the campus for the day. It was the highest score an Elon team had posted in the series, which began back in 1928. Highest previous Elon score was in a 33 to 13 win in 1936.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Catawba
19	12
306	181
28	1
288	180
22	16
10	4
93	59
581	239
5	1
57	12
2	3
27	38.8
2	2
70	30

Score by Periods: Elon 6 7 2 21—36; Catawba 0 6 6 0—12

Elon Touchdowns—Stauffenberg, Richards, Snyder, W. Bradham, Michaux. Extra Points—Simpson 1, Kinsley 3. Safety—Cafasso. Catawba Touchdowns—Carter, Swanner.

Big Bob Stauffenberg set the Christian spirits aflame in the first three minutes of the battle when he broke through the middle on a quickie and sprinted 38 yards for Elon's first touchdown. His run climaxed an Elon drive that began when Bill Snyder grabbed the opening kick-off on his own fifteen and returned it fifteen yards. The kick was wide, but Elon was away to a 6-0 lead.

The Christians made it 13 to 0 midway the second quarter when Kerry Richards set off a drive when he grabbed an Indian pass on his own forty-six and legged it back to the Catawba thirty-eight. Bill Snyder picked up fifteen, Stauffenberg added three, and Snyder passed to Eddie Bridges for seven to set up the score, which came on Snyder's 13-yard heave to Richards in the end zone. Richards made a brilliant catch of the ball, which was batted into the air by a Catawba defender behind the goal. Jack Simpson kicked the point.

It was then Catawba's time to howl, for the Indians rebounded for two touchdowns in a row. The first came with barely fifteen seconds remaining of the half as Harold Carter topped a 45-yard drive with a plunge from the one, making it 13-6 at intermission. Less Swanner got the other Catawba counter with a one-yard plunge after six minutes of the third quarter, and the count was pushed to 13-12 as Swanner missed his kick.

The Christians used running plays to power a drive to the Catawba one late in the third period, but Catawba blunted the Elon surge there, only to have Swanner's kick blocked into the end zone by Pat Cafasso. Swanner recovered the ball, but he was thrown for a safety to give Elon a 15-12 edge.

Then came the back-breaking blow for Catawba hopes. Kerry Richards grabbed the free kick-off the safety on his own twenty-five and hot-footed it back for 67 yards to the Catawba eight. As the fourth quarter began, Ronald Kinsley drove to the one, and Bill Snyder slipped over for the score. Kinsley booted the point for 22 to 12.

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ELON SHOWS BROTHER COMBINATION



One of two brother acts in the North State Conference is that of the Bradham brothers, who wear Elon colors this fall and are sometimes teamed together in the Christian backfield. They are pictured above as Richard Bradham, a freshman quarterback, feeds the ball to Whitney Bradham, a sophomore halfback. The brothers all from Sumter, S. C., where both were outstanding high school players. Each of them won All-State honors in high school, and each played with the South Carolina team in the annual Shrine Bowl battle in Charlotte in their senior years.

CHEERLEADERS PLAY BIG PART IN CAMPUS SPORTS



Playing a big part in Elon's Homecoming victory over Catawba were the varsity cheerleaders pictured above, who led the student body in support of the Christian gridders. Arlene Stafford, chief cheerleader from Burlington, is shown kneeling with her megaphone. Behind her (left to right) are Janet Crabtree, of Durham; Peggy McKee, of Rougemont; Evelyn Fritts, of Lexington; Sylvia Eaton, of Burlington; Joyce Perry, of Siler City; and Carolyn Abernathy, of Graham.