



On The Sidelines

By JOEL BAILEY

If the picture at the top of this column strikes you as being entirely different, the reason is quite simple. Doug Edwards, having completed his college work, has returned home and left a void in this spot, and I hope during the coming months that I can present an interesting column to the students of Elon while upholding the standards of the Maroon and Gold. You won't be "Digging With Doug" in the future, but I will do my best to bring you the latest sports "dirt."

The football season is over, but it was a year that few students will forget. The team displayed a determination and an amazing ability to rebound when it looked as if they were beaten. In league play the Fighting Christians won four games, dropped one and tied one. In the season finale Coach Varney's boys crushed a powerful Davidson squad by a 25-0 count.

One of the team's talented members exists in the fact that quite an array of Elon players were elected to all-star teams. Homer Hobgood, center standout, was named to the All-State squad. Joining players of the larger universities, Hobgood, Bob Stauffenberg, Glenn Varney, and Kerry Richards also gained berths on the All-Conference eleven. Congratulations to these men and to the entire team, which made victory possible.

The Maroon and Gold basketball squad appears headed for a fine season. Coach Mathis' boys, earlier in the year, in a practice scrimmage, easily defeated a Davidson quint on the Wildcats' floor. Then, the first regular game of the season, DuPont went down in defeat before the local five. McCrary, featuring Sam Ranzino, former All-American, proved too much for the Christians, but the game was by no means one-sided as the Maroon and Gold displayed a great deal of potential. It's my guess that the fans will see a well-balanced squad in the future games this year.

Speaking of fans, this reporter wonders where persons of that category got to when the football team performed on those Saturday nights not too long ago. It is understandable that most students eagerly await the weekend to rush home, but a deserving football squad was certainly cheated in this respect. Many weeks of practice and much success in the football wars was rewarded by en-

Twenty-One Elon Gridders Get Letters For '54 Play

The award of football letters to twenty-one members of Elon's 1954 football squad was announced this week by Coach Sid Varney, who paid tribute to both the lettermen and reserves for their excellent performance during the season that ended with the 14 to 6 upset victory over Davidson. The letter winners numbered one more than the number of awards given out one year ago, but the list was once more marked by the youth of those receiving them. There were only two seniors included in the group, which means that Coach Varney should have nineteen monogram veterans back for the 1955 campaign. In addition to the two seniors receiving monograms, the awards list include four juniors, fourteen sophomores and one freshman. Grouped by position, the letter winners included four ends, five tackles, four guards, one center, one quarterback, four halfbacks and two fullbacks. Players who won the block "E" for the third time included Captain J. C. Disher, of Winston-Salem; Charlie Michaux, of Fayetteville; and Luther Barnes, of Portsmouth, Va. Barnes, a senior, lettered his first two seasons and missed last fall. Second awards went to eleven boys, including Homer Hobgood, of Oxford; Pat Cafasso, of Cedarhurst, L. I., N. Y.; Jim Hawkins, of Norfolk, Va.; Bob Kopko, of Moness, Pa.; Chuck Maynard, of Norfolk, Va.; Glenn Varney, of Powell, Pa.; Nick Theos, of Charleston, S. C.; Bill Snyder, of Danville, Pa.; Whitney Bradham, of Sumter, S. C.; Kerry Richards, of Mahanoy City, Pa.; and Paul Watts, of Taylorsville. Those receiving awards for the first time were Eddie Bridges, of Morganton; Ed Davidson, of Backenridge, Pa.; Chick Umberger, of Wytheville, Va.; Jack Simpson, of Greensboro; Bob Stauffenberg, of Morea, Pa.; and Wayne Martin, of Morganton.

Elon Cagers Defeat Virginia Tech

ALL-CONFERENCE AND ALL-STATE



Topping of an excellent team record during the 1954 football season, the Fighting Christians claimed four places on the All-Conference honor squad and placed one man on the All-State squad as coaches and sports-writers passed out the individual laurels to the 1954 stars. Homer Hobgood, (right), who held down the important center post and anchored the Christian forward wall, was one of four Elon stars placed on the All-Conference outfit, and then he was named one of the two top centers in North Carolina and given a place on the All-State combination that included players from both the "Big Five" and North State schools. Hobgood, who is a junior from Oxford, averaged better than fifty-five minutes of play in each of Elon's nine games this season and proved to be a tower of strength on both offense and defense. He was a deadly tackler and also accounted for two pass interceptions and recovered two enemy fumbles during the season. Named to the All-North State Conference squad along with Hobgood were Kerry Richards (upper left), sophomore halfback from Mahoney City, Pa.; Bob Stauffenberg (center left), freshman fullback from Morea, Pa.; and Glenn Varney (lower left), sophomore guard from Powell, Pa. Richards and Stauffenberg stood out on offense in the Christian backfield all season, with Richards leading the scoring and Stauffenberg pacing the rushing for the Maroon and Gold squad. Varney saw heavy duty at guard throughout the season and was particularly effective on defense, where he recovered three fumbles and intercepted two enemy passes. Stauffenberg was the only freshman listed on the 22-man squad.



Basketeers Top Gobbler Quint, 78-71

Making their final appearance on the home court prior to the Christmas holidays, the Christian basketeers rolled in impressive style to chalk a 78 to 71 victory over the Virginia Tech Gobblers, only Southern Conference foe on Elon's schedule this season. The Christians grabbed an early 10-2 lead, but the Gobblers rallied to go ahead at 18-16 after twelve minutes. This was the only time the Virginia visitors were ahead, however, for Dave Maddox paced an Elon rally that shot the Maroon and Gold squad to a 49-40 margin at half-time. Displaying excellent team play, the Elon tossers continued the drive after intermission and moved to a 16-point advantage at 30-44 after eight minutes of the final half. The Gobblers trimmed the margin slightly, but they could never overtake the flying Christians. Dave Maddox set the scoring pace for Elon with 21 points, but Ed Juratic chipped in 18 and Don Packard 15 points to aid the winning cause. Clayton Coates with 20 and Bill Matthews with 18 counters led the Tech squad. Pos. Elon (78) Va. Tech (71) F—Maddox (21) Kuhn (14) F—Walker (5) Matthews (18) C—Juratic (18) Coates (20) G—Packard (15) Vincent (8) G—Hamrick (4) Bryant (3) Half—Elon 49, Va. Tech 40. Elon subs—Brown 2, Stone 3, Mazzilli 1, Whitley 9, DeRita, Timmons, McIntyre. Virginia Tech subs—Eblen 2, Quillen 2, Settles 2, Howell 2, Bolling.

Elon Quintet Drops Game To McCrary

The McCrary Eagles, featuring a number of former North Carolina cage stars, grabbed off an 84 to 76 victory over the Christian basketeers in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium here on Saturday night, December 4th. The Eagles overcame an early Elon lead and then broke out in front to stay as they handed Elon her first defeat of the year. The Christians got away to a fine start and held a 14 to 6 margin after the first six minutes, but the Eagles found their shooting eyes and shot to a 16-14 lead at the nine minute mark. Leading this McCrary drive were Bobby Callicutt, Smith Langdon and Charlie Huffman. The Maroon and squad managed to knott the count at 27-all five minutes before intermission, but McCrary bounced back in front to stay. The half-time margin read 49 to 40 in favor of the textile tossers. Bob Walker and Clay Brown paced Elon in a late-game rally which pulled the score within four points at 65-61, but the drive fell short. Bob Shoaf and Charlie Huffman racked quick baskets to widen the margin again. Bob Walker was the top man for Elon with 14 points, with Ed Juratic and Earl Stone chipping in 13 markers apiece. Smith Langdon topped McCrary and was high man for the game with 28 markers. Sammy Ranzino, former State College All-American, could manage only 4 points for the game. Jack Crockett, reserve halfback, was the winner of a beautiful door prize, which was presented by Biler's Jewellers. The Burlington Elks Club presented each player with a ticket to the second annual Elks' Bowl football game. The concluding feature of the banquet program was the showing by Coach Varney of the movies of the Elon-Davidson football game, in which the Christians defeated the Wildcats by a 14 to 6 margin.

Christian Football Team Feted By Booster Club

The Christian basketball team got away to a winning start on their new basketball season on Monday night, November 29th, when they chalked a 75 to 73 victory over the DuPont semi-pro quint from Martinsville, Va., in a game played on the Elon floor. The visitors were away in front, but the efforts of Co-Captains Dave Maddox and Don Packard, along with some fine shooting by Ed Juratic, shot the Christians ahead midway the first half, and they held the lead the rest of the way. Both teams started slowly, but action picked up as the game progressed, and Elon held a 27-17 margin after twelve minutes. The margin was six points at 40-34 at half-time, and then Elon had to stand off a DuPont rally that pulled within two points at the final buzzer. Dave Maddox and Ed Juratic paced the Elon attack with 16 points each, while Don Packard chipped in 12 points on some dead-endly set shooting. Sam Belcher and Bob Davis had 27 and 26 points to lead DuPont. The Elon Jay-Vees rolled to a 49-33 victory over Aycock High in a preliminary contest, with Tommy King topping the scoring for the Jay-Vees with 22 points. Pos. Elon (75) DuPont (73) F—Maddox (16) Robertson (5) F—Walker (8) Belcher (27) C—Juratic (18) Davis (26) G—Packard (12) Cook (11) G—Mazzilli (1) Draper (4) Half—Elon 40, DuPont 34. Elon subs—Brown 2, Stone 6, Whitley 4, Hamrick 4, McIntyre, Citty 6. DuPont subs—Barrow, Joyce, Cone, Gerring.

Elon Cage Games

- Elon 75, DuPont 73.
Elon 104, Mayodan "Y" 51.
Elon 76, McCrary 84.
Elon 78, Va. Tech 71.
(Remaining Game:
Dec. 13—Jax. Navy, away.
Dec. 14—Rollins, away.
Dec. 15—Fla. Southern, away.
Dec. 16—Stetson, away.
Dec. 30—DuPont, away.
Jan. 5—McCrary, away.
Jan. 8—East Carolina, home.
Jan. 11—A. C. C., away.
Jan. 13—Guilford, home.
Jan. 15—Catawba, away.
Jan. 17—High Point, away.
Jan. 19—Appalachian, home.
Jan. 21—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
Jan. 22—W. C. T. C., away.
Jan. 26—High Point, home.
Jan. 29—Catawba, home.
Feb. 3—Appalachian, away.
Feb. 5—W. C. T. C., home.
Feb. 8—Guilford, away.
Feb. 12—East Carolina, away.
Feb. 14—A. C. C., home.
Feb. 16—LeRoie Rhyne, home.

Juratic Tops Cage Squad In Scoring

Ed Juratic, Christian pivot star, was pacing the scoring for the Christian basketball squad as the Elon tossers left last weekend for their pre-holiday invasion of Florida, with statistics including four early-season battles. The big Indiana boy had hit the hoop for 63 points, amassed on 28 field buckets and seven free throws. This gave him an average of 15.8 points per game for the battles with DuPont, Mayodan "Y", McCrary and Virginia Tech. Trailing in the second spot was Co-Captain Dave Maddox with 58 points, followed in order by Earl Stone, Clay Brown and Don Packard.

Elon Downs Mayodan 'Y'

The Christian cagers chalked an easy 104 to 51 victory over the Mayodan "Y" squad at Mayodan on Wednesday, December 1st, with the starters grabbing an early lead and the reserves widening the margin. It was a new scoring record for Elon for a single game. Pos. Elon (104) Mayodan (51) Clay Brown, subbing at forward, topped the Elon scoring with 25 points, while Earl Stone hit 20 and Ed Juratic 16 counters. Bill Wiggins and Ed Mooney, former State College grid star, led Mayodan with 14 points each. F—Maddox (14) Pike (10) F—Walker (4) White (7) C—Juratic (16) Cardwell (1) G—Packard (4) Mooney (14) G—Mazzilli (2) Wiggins (14) Half—Elon 48, Mayodan 29. Elon subs—Brown 25, Stone 20, Whitley 10, Hamrick 4, McIntyre 2, Citty 2, Stegall 1. Mayodan subs—Joyce 5, Myers, Reece.

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