

Elon Quint To Enter Holiday Cage Meet At Paris Island

Marines Will Play Host In Three-Day Tourney

Basketeers Victors In Belmont Tilt

Starting slowly and closing with a bang-up performance, the Fighting Christians of Elon grabbed their second successive win of the new season at Lexington on Thursday, December 1st, by turning back Belmont Abbey 90 to 83.

The game stirred memories of 1952 as Ben Kendall and Dee Atkinson, a pair of Elon service returnees, teamed up once more in pacing the Christian attack. Kendall racked eight field buckets and seven free throws for 23 points, while Atkinson hit for four field goals and ten free throws and 18 points. Two other Elon starters were in double figures, with Ed Juratic getting 14 and Ray Whitley 12 points for the night.

It was Ben Kendall who got hot in the closing periods as the Christians pulled further ahead in the third quarter and maintained the lead through the final ten minutes.

Roger Marcell was top man for Belmont Abbey team, hitting seven field shots and an equal number from the charity line.

Pos. Elon (90) Belmont Abbey (83)
 F—Juratic (14) Theberg (8)
 F—Kendall (23) Grayson (18)
 C—Atkinson (18) York (13)
 G—Whitley (12) Marcell (21)
 G—City (8) Tagliari (17)
 Half-time — Elon 46, Belmont Abbey 43.

Elon subs — DeRita (9), McDonald (4), Stout (2), Rickover, Belmont Abbey subs — Lehan (4), O'Leary (2), Meade.

Senior Guards Lead Fighting Christian Basketball Squad



Ray Whitley

Leading the Elon College cagers this year as co-captains are a pair of sharp-shooting senior guards, each of whom is a deadly threat with the two-hand set and the jump-push shot. The Christian leaders are Ray Whitley (left), of Winston-Salem, and Ben Kendall (right), of Kokomo, Ind.

Whitley, now in his fourth successive season for the Christians, was one of the top scorers for last year's Maroon and Gold quint, hitting for 283 points to rate just behind Dave Maddox and Ed Juratic. The Twin City sharp shooter has improved steadily since his freshman year and shows a career scoring record of 171 field baskets and 86 free throws for 448 points.

Kendall, who played here through all of the 1951 and 1952 seasons and part of the 1953 campaign, rejoined the Christians this season after two years of Army duty, and he has picked up where he left off in a career that saw him twice win All-Conference and once take All-State honors, the only Elon cager to place on the All-State squad since 1947.

The Kokomo comet, with a scoring record that shows 566 field goals and 273 free throws for 1,205 points prior to this season, already has the second highest career scoring mark in Elon history, and he has an excellent chance to smash Big Don Haitheox's career record, before the season ends.



Ben Kendall

Elon Cage Games

- Elon 78, Pfeiffer 62.
- Elon 90, Belmont Abbey 83.
- Elon 91, McCrary 100.
- Elon 124, DuPont 70.
- Elon 106, High Point 101.
- (Remaining Games)
- Dec. 13—Gulford, away.
- Dec. 31—Belmont Abbey, away.
- Jan. 2—Dupont, away.
- Jan. 4—Pfeiffer, home.
- Jan. 7—East Carolina, away.
- Jan. 11—A. C. C., home.
- Jan. 14—Catawba, home.
- Jan. 16—Belmont Abbey, home.
- Jan. 18—Appalachian, home.
- Jan. 21—West Carolina, away.
- Jan. 25—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Jan. 28—Catawba, away.
- Jan. 30—McCrary, home.
- Feb. 1—High Point, home.
- Feb. 4—West Carolina, home.
- Feb. 8—Appalachian, away.
- Feb. 11—East Carolina, home.
- Feb. 13—A. C. C., away.
- Feb. 16—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Feb. 18—Gulford, home.

New Record Is Set In DuPont Tilt

Unleashing the greatest scoring barrage in the history of Elon College basketball, the Fighting Christians rolled to an easy 124 to 70 victory over the DuPont Star of Martinsville, Va., last Wednesday, December 7th, in a game which marked Elon's first appearance of the year on the home court.

The attack, which averaged better than three points per minute for the victors, equalled the North State Conference scoring record for a single game. The mark originally set by High Point last year with a 124-72 win over the High Point "Y" quintet. The win gave Elon a mark of three victories in four starts for the year and a team scoring average of 95.5 points per game.

Thirteen Christian players broke into the line-up, and each of them scored, with six of them hitting for double figures. Tops for the night were Frank DeRita and Ray Whitley with 21 and 19 points respectively. Others in the double digits were Hugh City with 16, Ben Kendall and Dee Atkinson with 13 and Jimmy Crump with 10 points.

Ray Whitley and Hugh City, a pair of sharp-shooting outside men, led Elon to an early 28-10 lead midway the first half, and Frank DeRita assumed the lead at that point to pace the Christians to a 57-35 margin at half-time. Whitley, Ben Kendall and Dee Atkinson were the leaders in the third quarter, with Frank DeRita banging in 11 points down the stretch.

The DuPont squad, which posted 21 points against High Point just two nights before, was handicapped by the absence of Sam Belcher, a 6-foot 9-inch forward. Belcher had been called home due to illness in his family, and the scoring leadership for the visitors went to Jack Wallace, former Carolina star, and Don Cook, each of whom counted 19 points.

The line-ups:
 Pos. Elon (124) DuPont (70)
 F—Juratic (6) Wallace (19)
 F—Kendall (13) Davis (7)
 C—Atkinson (13) Cooke (19)
 G—Whitley (19) Bowden (10)
 G—City (18) Carter (4)
 Half-time — Elon 57, DuPont 35.

Elon subs — DeRita (21), Crump (10), Stone (4), King (4), Rickover (3), Goss (5), Sharpe (8), Watts (2). DuPont subs — Robertson (5), Joyce (2), Gerring (2), Woolwine, Stanley.

The Christian cagers will hit the tournament trail during the early part of the Yule vacation, for the Elon hardwood squad will travel southward to Parris Island, S.C., next week, where the Marine Training Base is sponsoring a three-day tournament and playing host to seven college teams from four states.

The first annual Christmas Invitational Tournament will find the powerful Parris Island Marine squad as one of the entries, along with four teams from North Carolina and one team each from Kentucky, South Carolina and Georgia.

The North Carolina teams which will compete in the meet are Elon, High Point and East Carolina from the North State Conference and the independent Pfeiffer College squad. Other entries are Georgetown college of Kentucky, Piedmont College from Georgia and Fiskine College from South Carolina.

The tournament gets underway next Wednesday night, December 23rd. The schedule will be planned along the same lines as the annual Dixie Classic in Raleigh, with four games to be played each day, beginning at 1 o'clock.

Advance information indicates that competition in the meet will be fast, with the host Marine team likely to be a big threat. The Marines will feature a group of former college stars, paced by Ron Heyen, one-time ace of the Western Missouri Teachers.

Local fans are familiar with the brand of ball played by the three North State teams from Elon, High Point and East Carolina, and Pfeiffer has already established itself as a definite independent threat.

The Georgetown squad will be coached by Bob Davis, former head mentor at High Point, and the Kentuckians are expected to be anchored by "Little Humphrey" Alexander, who played his first college basketball for Davis at High Point. The Erskine squad has been one of the top teams in this district of NAIA play in recent years, and Piedmont is one of the best small-college teams in Georgia.

Cage Squad Scores High

The Christian basketeers, with four wins in their first five starts, have been averaging a thumping 97.8 points per game thus far in the new cage season, which has already seen the squad set a new Elon game mark and tie the existing North State Conference mark for a single game in downing DuPont 124 to 70.

Dee Atkinson, the jumping jack center, is pacing this scoring drive for the Christians with 92 points and an 18.4 average, but no less than five of the Maroon and Gold cagers are averaging in double figures in the early battles.

Seven of the Christians have scored in double digits at least once this year, but Atkinson and Ray Whitley are hitting a furious pace and have been over the 10-point mark in every one of the first five games.

Individual scoring totals through the High Point game are as follows:

Player	Games	FG	FT	TP
Atkinson	5	26	40	92
Whitley	5	34	13	81
Kendall	5	26	26	78
DeRita	5	23	26	72
Juratic	5	25	8	58
City	5	12	10	34
Stone	4	6	8	20
Sharpe	3	3	5	11
Crump	2	4	2	10
King	3	3	1	7
Stout	2	3	1	7
McDonald	3	2	2	6
Rickover	4	2	2	6
Goss	1	2	1	5
Watts	1	1	0	2
ELON TOTALS	5	172	145	489
OPPONENTS	5	143	130	418

Cagers Lose To McCrary

The powerful McCrary Eagles handed the Christians their only defeat of the early season when they met at Asheboro on Saturday night, December 3rd, the semi-pro outfit grabbing a close 100 to 91 decision in a high-scoring game.

Ben Kendall, rapidly regaining the form that made him a feared competitor in North State play in seasons gone by, racked eight field baskets and nine free throws for 25 points to lead Elon's attack. Other Christian cagers in double figures were Dee Atkinson with 17, Ray Whitley with 14 and Earl Stone with 11 points.

The summary follows:
 Pos. Elon (91) McCrary (100)
 F—Juratic (8) Langdon (20)
 F—DeRita (6) Atkins (4)
 C—Atkinson (17) Jordan (35)
 G—Kendall (25) Likens (27)
 G—Whitley (14) Wallace (3)

Half-time —
 Elon subs — Stone (11), King (3), Rickover (3), Sharpe (1), McDonald (1), City (2), McCrary subs — Shoaf (5), Allen (2), Slaydon (2), Callicutt (2), D. Nance.

Twenty-Four Elon Gridders Get Letters For 1955 Play

Award of football letters to 24 members of the Elon College football squad for services during the 1955 season have just been announced by Coach Sid Varney. Ten of the group received their first awards in football, while five seniors received their final Elon letter.

The award group included four ends, four tackles, six guards, two centers, one quarterback, four halfbacks and three fullbacks. Grouped by class rank, there were five seniors, nine juniors, six sophomores and three freshmen.

Players receiving their first football letters, listed in alphabetical order, are Richard Bradham, Sumter, S. C.; Tony Carcaterra, Inwood, L. I., N. Y.; Ladson Cabbage, Sumter, S. C.; Jo DelGais, Inwood, L. I., N. Y.;

Walking The Chalk-Lines



By BILL WALKER

With the coming of winter and the advent of basketball on the Elon sports scene, there was one quite noticeable difference in the program for the year's first home game and the first home game of a year ago. The difference lay in the fact that there was no J-V game.

Upon inquiry later, I learned that the J-V's had been disbanded for the year, the reason being that the squad had failed to produce any great show of talent and had not shown as much improvement as had been hoped and expected.

It is with real regret that many of the students heard of the discontinuance, since the added games on the home programs had

offered much entertainment for the students, and there have been many who expressed a wish that the program might be resumed.

Basketball reigns as king in the sports field at this time; and Elon, like other schools which expect big things in the hardwood sport, is glad of it. The Fighting Christian cagers have thus far looked awful hard to handle, and they show signs of becoming even tougher with added experience.

In the five opening contests, the Christians lost only one game, that a 100-91 decision to the McCrary Eagles, while the win record shows victories over DuPont, Belmont Abbey, Pfeiffer and High Point.

The Christians, paced by clever shooting, good rebounding and a fast-break style of moving the ball, literally "tore up" the visiting DuPont squad by a 124-70 margin in the only pre-holiday home game.

With that victory Elon became the co-holder with High Point of the scoring title for the North State Conference. The Panthers had set the record a year earlier, and the Christians could easily have broken the mark in the DuPont game if they had known they were close.

The Christian bench was cleared in the game, with everybody seeing action except the manager and Elon's fine, intelligent, over-worked and under-paid score-keeper.

Here in North Carolina in recent years, when one speaks of basketball, he is usually unable to get out two sentences without saying something about N. C. State. This editor is not different, and

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Christian Cagers Down High Point, 106 To 101

Varsity Five Wins Opener At Pfeiffer

With four men hitting in double figures and with ten different players having a part in the scoring, the Elon Christians rolled to an impressive 78 to 62 victory over the Pfeiffer College cagers at Pfeiffer on Wednesday, November 30th.

Ed Juratic, husky Elon forward, set the pace for the Christians in the early portion of this opening game, which saw the Maroon and Gold quintet grab the front in the opening period and hold a 35-27 margin at the half time.

The Christians really began moving in the third quarter as they dropped 29 points in a ten-minute stretch, pulling out to a 64-43 margin as the three-quarter pole was passed. The Pfeiffer outfit cut this margin slightly in the final period when Coach Mathis made free use of his reserves.

Ed Juratic and Frank DeRita, a pair of towering forwards, topped the Christian scoring with 14 points each, but they were trailed closely by Ray Whitley with 13 and Dee Atkinson with 11 points. Ben Kendall played a brilliant floor game to set up shot after shot for his mates.

Al Hasbrough, former Long Island University star, hit 21 points to lead the Pfeiffer scoring.

The line-ups:
 Pos. Elon (78) Pfeiffer (62)
 F—Juratic (14) Garmon (8)
 F—City (6) Nuckles (2)
 C—Atkinson (11) Hasbrough (21)
 G—Kendall (8) Petrea (14)
 G—Whitley (12) Bryant (4)
 Half-time Score — Elon 35, Pfeiffer 27.

Elon subs — DeRita (14), Stone (4), McDonald (1), Stout (5), King, Rickover, Pfeiffer subs—Thompson (4), Roberts (1), Hinson (2), Rowe (4).

The nets were almost literally smoking at High Point last Saturday night when the Fighting Christians outshot the High Point Panthers for a 106 to 101 victory in a North State Conference battle. It may have been the first time in Conference history when two teams racked a "double-century" score.

The teams swapped the lead rapidly in the early minutes, with High Point grabbing a scant 25-23 margin at the ten-minute mark. The count was tied and the lead changed no less than ten times in the second quarter of play, but High Point forged ahead at 55-50 in the last two minutes of the half on quick baskets by Harold Crump, Paul Stanton and Ken Williams.

Dee Atkinson, Ed Juratic and Ray Whitley paced the Elon attack in the first half of play, and Frank DeRita joined with Atkinson and Whitley in the Christians' second-half barrage that enabled Elon to pull out front and stay there. The Christians grabbed the lead just four minutes after intermission, and they were never headed after that time.

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Two Elon Stars All-Conference

Whitney Bradham, speedy halfback, and Glenn Varney, a rugged guard, were two Elon gridders who won berths on the 1955 All-Conference football squad, which was chosen for the Greensboro Daily News by the North State Conference coaches at the close of his recent season.

It was the first time on the honor list for Bradham, the Sumter speedster, who led the Christian offense throughout the past season; but Varney was a repeater on the squad, having placed at a guard post a year ago. Two other Elon players, Pat Cafasso and Kerry Richard, were given honorable mention on the 1955 squad.