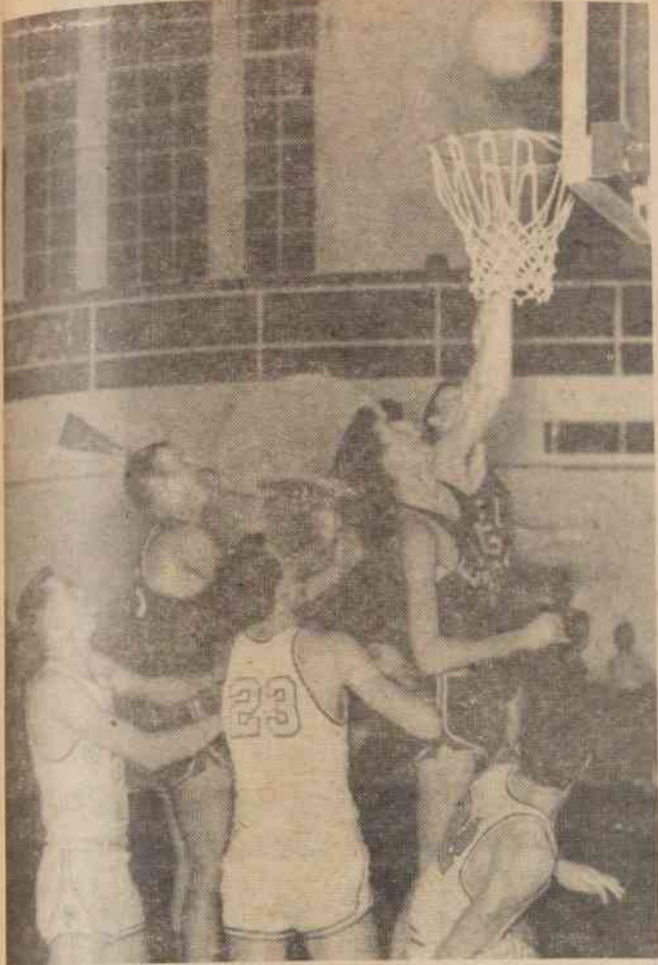


SCENES AS ELON WAS CROWNED CHAMPION OF HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT




Finals Action Against Pfeiffer



Atkinson Gets Outstanding Player Prize



Coach Mathis Is Awarded Team Trophy



Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

When anyone speaks of basketball, at least of basketball of the better variety, one cannot afford to overlook the outstanding teams from the Old North State, whose "Big Four" has won ranking with the very best the nation can show. But it is also true that one cannot afford to overlook our own Fighting Christians from Elon, who have posted one of the finest marks in Elon sports history in their early-season contests this season.

I know that some of you readers will ask at this point, "What about that East Carolina game last Saturday night?" However, let's just call that an unpleasant interlude and mark it down as something to be properly avenged when the Pirates invade our own Alumni Memorial Gymnasium late in the season. Perhaps the very brilliance of Elon's early-season play was the reason for the sad debacle down at Greenville last weekend. In other words, it is quite possible that over-confidence had some part in that game, and no team can afford to be over-sure against the Pirates on their home floor.

However, Elon's record in her first ten games this year was of the type that tends to breed over-confidence. The Christian cagers in those first ten games simply re-wrote the Elon record books as they posted a scoring mark that averaged 98.4 points per game, including one stretch of six consecutive games in which they topped the 100-point mark. Also, during that stretch of ten games they copied the championship of the Parris Island Christmas Tournament, and in an early win over duPont they tied High Point's North State Conference mark of 124 points in a single game.

The Christians have seemed literally to have everything a coach could ask for in the way of manpower in their ten opening games. There's height, speed, good shooting, good rebounding, and above all else a strong bench, a bench which makes it possible to replace a starter with a man almost, if not entirely, as good.

Certainly, we've got a team that shows promise of going places this year, both in the Conference and in NAIA play. Let's get behind the

boys and pull hard for a trip to Kansas City.

LET'S BEAT A.C.C.!

Congratulations to Dee Atkinson and Jimmy Crump for the distinction they won in the Parris Island tourney. Dee was voted the most valuable player, and Jimmy poured in 33 points against High Point for single game scoring honors.

LET'S TRAMPLE CATAWBA

Like I said before, you can't talk basketball without mentioning the "Big Four." Considering a necessary evil then, this writer believes that any team that beats either of the "Big Four" has worked a miracle and that all four should be in the "Top Ten."

LET'S SWAMP APPALACHIAN!

During the football season, it seems that the teams were served a hot meal after each game. I think personally that the basketball team should be treated as well after its games.

LET'S WRECK LENOIR RHYNE!

Those games listed above with Atlantic Christian, Catawba, Appalachian and Lenoir Rhyne will furnish opposition for our Christians in our next four home games, all of which will be played within the next two weeks. Let's get behind the boys with whole-hearted student support, and by the time East Carolina gets here we'll be ready to avenge that loss last weekend.

With basketball stealing so much of the spotlight, it's interesting to note that two of Elon's intramural teams have joined the "Y" commercial league and have been chosen to represent Burlington in the statewide Y.M.C.A. tournament at Mayodan February 23-24. The teams are the Day Students, who play as Monarch Mills in the City League, and East Dorm, which plays as Price Buick in the Commercial League.

Christians Win Parris Island Cage Title

Erskine Is First Victim In Tourney

Playing in their first Christmas invitational tournament, the Elon Christian cagers got away to a flying start in the Parris Island meet by trouncing Erskine 108 to 86 in a game played on Wednesday afternoon, December 21st.

Three other North Carolina college outfits moved into the semi-finals by chalking wins that day. The Tar Heel winners were High Point over Parris Island by 100 to 93, Pfeiffer over Piedmont by 86 to 66, and East Carolina over Georgetown by 86 to 72.

The Christian cagers found it close going in the first quarter of the Erskine tilt, but the Elon tossers grabbed the lead early and held it all the way. The game was never close after that opening period as the Maroon and Gold swept to a 60-37 margin at half-time.

Dee Atkinson and Frank DeRita were the big guns in the Elon attack, each netting 17 points for the game. Three other Christian stars were in double figures, with Jimmy Crump hitting 14, Ben Kendall 12 and Earl Stone 10 points.

Pos. Elon (108) Erskine (86)
 F—DeRita (17) Moore (20)
 F—Juratic (8) Deichman (18)
 C—Atkinson (17) Storm (12)
 G—Whitley (6) Rice (23)
 G—Kendall (12) Johnston (8)
 Half-time—Elon 60, Erskine 37.
 Elon subs—Stone (10), King (4), Stout (6), Citty (9), Crump (14), McDonald (5), Erskine subs—Gilliam (3), Karr (2), Grammer.

Tourney Scenes

Pictured across the top of the page are scenes witnessed as the Elon Christians swept triumphantly through the first annual Parris Island Christmas Tournament, which saw Elin clinch the championship by defeating Erskine, High Point and Pfeiffer in three consecutive battles.

At the left is an action shot snapped as the Christians rolled to a 100-77 victory over Pfeiffer in the final round of tournament action. The photographer caught the action under the Elon basket as FrankDeRita went up for a rebound shot.

Pictured center above is the presentation of the "Outstanding Player" award to Dee Atkinson, Elon's lanky center; and at the right is shown Coach Doc Mathis as he received the beautiful team trophy won by his Christian hardwood artists.

Scoring Mark Is Threatened

Twice this season, both times against the High Point Panthers, Christian cage stars have been within striking distance of Elon's single game scoring mark of 36 points. The mark was set back in 1947 when Roney Cates hit 14 field buckets and 8 free throws against the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs.

Dee Atkinson came close when he bagged 12 field baskets and 9 free throws for 33 points against the High Pointers at High Point early in December, and then Jimmy Crump was equally close when he bucketed 14 floor shots and 5 free throws for 33 points against the High Point team during the Parris Island Christmas Tournament.

High Point Defeated In Semi-Finals

A powerful attack in the closing half gave Elon a decisive 102 to 81 victory over the High Point Panthers in the semi-finals of the Parris Island Christmas Tournament on Thursday night, December 22nd. The victory sent the Christians into the finals against Pfeiffer, which advanced with a 76-74 overtime win over East Carolina.

The first-day losers met in consolation battles on this second day, with Parris Island defeating Erskine 98 to 65 and with Georgetown defeating Piedmont 71 to 63.

The Elon battle with High Point was close through most of the first half, but Elon was ahead by a 58-51 margin at intermission, and the Christians rolled for a 44-30 advantage in the final half as Jimmy Crump paced the attack.

Crump bagged 14 field buckets and 5 free throws for 33 points, within three points of Elon's all-time single-game record.

Other Christians in double digits were Ed Juratic with 18, Dee Atkinson with 14 and Frank DeRita with 13 points.

Pos. Elon (102) High Point (81)
 F—DeRita (12) Powell (17)
 F—Juratic (18) Stanton (14)
 C—Atkinson (14) Crockett (10)
 G—Whitley (4) Huegele (9)
 G—Kendall (4) Crump (6)
 Half-time—Elon 58, H. Point 51.
 Elon subs — Stone (8), King, Stout (2), Citty (4), Crump (33), High Point subs—Williams (10), Bledsoe (9), Thornton (3), Afendis (6), Payne (7).

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.
- Elon 104, Guilford 57.
- Elon 108, Erskine 86.
- Elon 102, High Point 81.
- Elon 100, Pfeiffer 77.
- Elon 81, Pfeiffer 76.
- Elon 69, East Carolina 105.
- Elon 99, DuPont 59.
- (Remaining Games)
- 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—Guilford, home.

Pfeiffer Is Turned Back In Title Tilt

The Christian basketeers swept to the championship in the first annual Parris Island Christmas Tournament as they rolled over the Pfeiffer College Panthers 100 to 77 in the final game on Friday night, December 23rd.

It was the first tournament title for Elon since 1952 when the Elon cagers won the Carolinas NAIA tournament and went on to the nationals at Kansas City. Additional glory came Elon's way when Dee Atkinson, lanky Christian center, was chosen the "Outstanding Player" in the tournament.

The East Carolina Pirates claimed third place in the tournament by defeating High Point 83 to 53 in a consolation tilt. The Parris Island Marines edged Georgetown of Kentucky 78 to 75 for the fifth ranking, and Erskine downed Piedmont of Georgia 77 to 69 for the seventh spot in the eight-team meet.

The Elon quintet grabbed an early lead over Pfeiffer, building it into a 46 to 33 advantage by half-time intermission, and after the break the Panthers were never able to threaten.

Dee Atkinson and Ray Whitley each pumped in 22 points for the Christians in this final battle with Pfeiffer and grabbed scoring honors for the winners and for the game. Ed Juratic had 18 counters and Kendall 12 to aid the Christian cause.

Statistics compiled by the Marine officials for the tournament showed the Christians with a red-hot 45 per cent shooting record from the floor for the entire three-game series, a fact which accounts for the team topping the century mark in each tournament battle. Frank DeRita had 14 for 21 and led the Christians with an almost unheard of 67 per cent mark from the floor, while Ed Juratic pushed close with 18 buckets on 29 tries for a 62 per cent mark. The Christians also posted a 78 per cent mark from the free-throw line, paced by Jimmy Crump who hit 11 for 12 for a 91 per cent record.

The line-ups:
 Pos. Elon (100) Pfeiffer (77)
 F—Juratic (18) Garmon (4)
 F—DeRita (7) Nuckles (12)
 C—Atkinson (22) Biddy (12)
 G—Kendall (12) Petrea (19)
 G—Whitley (22) Rowe (15)
 Half-time—Elon 46, Pfeiffer 33.

Elon subs — Stone (5), Crump (8), Citty (4), Stout (2), McDonald, Pfeiffer subs—Thompson (3), Tyson (2), Traywick (6), Klsr (4).

Christians Down Quakers, 104 To 57

The Elon Christians closed out their regular pre-holiday schedule by dumping the Guilford Quakers 104 to 57 in North State Conference encounter on the Quaker court on Tuesday night, December 13th.

The victory was Elon's second straight in Conference play and gave the Christians a pre-Christmas mark of five wins in six starts. Only loss for the Elon cagers in early season was to the semi-pro McCrary Eagles in a battle at Asheboro.

Coach Doc Mathis used his entire roster of fourteen boys in the Quaker victory, using his starting line-up less than half the time as the Christian reserves rolled in an impressive style against the hapless Quakers.

Ben Kendall and Dee Atkinson shot the Christians away in front in the opening minutes, and Ed Juratic and Ray Whitley joined the assault as Elon racked 16 points in two minutes. The starters ran the count to 30-12, and Frank DeRita paced the top reserves in the next few minutes as Elon moved out to a 45-14 advantage.

Coach Mathis swept the Elon bench clean at that point, and Guilford rallied slightly and slashed the Christian margin to 52-28 at half-time. Roger

The Quakers matched baskets with Elon in the opening minutes of the second half, with Bobby Atlas and Rodney Edwards hitting well, but Atkinson, Juratic and Whitley began pumping shots from

near and far to give Elon a 30-point spread at 68-38.

Dee Atkinson racked 17 points to pace the Elon scoring, but he was ably aided in the attack by Ed Juratic with 14, Ray Whitley with 13 and Jimmy Crump with 11 counters. Roger

The line-ups:
 Pos. Elon (104) Guilford (57)
 F—Juratic (14) Edwards (9)
 F—Kendall (10) Roan (18)
 C—Atkinson (17) Burgess (9)
 G—Whitley (13) Atlas (8)
 G—Citty (2) Dillon (4)

Half-time—Elon 52, Guilford 28.
 Elon subs — Crump (1), DeRita (9), Stone (8), Rickover (7), Gates (6), Sharpe (4), King (3), Doss, Watts, Guilford subs — Loftin (2), Breitenberger (2), Getsinger (5), Brewer, Tudor, Harris.

Elon Quintet Tops Pfeiffer

Back at home and playing the first game after the Christmas holidays, the Christian cagers played all sorts of basketball in defeating the Pfeiffer Panthers 81 to 76. The Elon tossers started slowly, hit terrific scoring momentum and then slacked off as they eked a win over the team they had beaten badly in the finals of the Parris Island tournament just ten days before.

The invading Pfeiffer quintet rolled up a 9 to 0 lead before Elon scored on a jump shot by Jimmy Crump after 4 minutes of the first period, but Elon hit an amazing tempo with her attack as the Christians scored 38 points in the next fifteen minutes of play, moving out to a clearcut 48 to 36 advantage at the half-time.

Ben Kendall was the spark-plug of this amazing spurt by the Christians as he pumped in five field buckets within four minutes and hit for sixteen points in the fifteen minute interval. Ray Whitley and Jimmy Crump also had a big part in this Christian rally late in the first half.

Al Hasbrouch and Jimmy Nuckles were the big threats as the Pfeiffer five bounced back after half-time, cutting the Elon margin to five points in the closing minutes. Nuckles was high for the night with 28 points, while Hasbrouch netted 22 counters.

Kendall topped the Elon attack for the game with 18 points, while Whitley chipped in 17 markers to

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