

Elon Quint Will Play Lenoir Rhyne On Local Floor Tonight



Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

Basketball still reigns as king in North Carolina, and North Carolina still reigns as king in basketball. For three of the top ten teams in America are from the Old North State.

Those Tar Heel teams in America's "Top Ten" are quite naturally listed from the state's "Big Four" colleges, but the "Big Four" has by no means a patent on good basketball. This has been demonstrated quite completely this year by some of the fine teams in the North State Conference, particularly by our own Fighting Christians right here at Elon.

The Christians are at present in second place in the North State Conference standings with a 6-1 record against loop foes, but they are well out front among the Conference teams when their over-all 14-2 mark is considered. The East Carolina squad leads the Conference percentages with an 8-1 mark.

Led by a pair of service returnees, Dee Atkinson and Ben Kendall the rampaging Christians must be called favorites to sweep the Conference championship honors.

They have been hitting better than 100 points per game in half the games this season, and their overall balance and power is disclosed by the fact that several players have copped the scoring honors on different occasions.

Scott's quips for the quacks — When taking a final in tumbling, one needs a monkey instead of a pony! Holy Cow!

Here's a bit of congratulations to Chick Leitch, who has recently been made the full manager for the Elon football team for the coming season. He takes over the spot held for three years by Pat Chandler, who graduates this

spring. Here's best wishes for the best o' luck to Chick in his new assignment.

And getting back to basketball, one finds it quite discouraging in going to a home game to find so little school spirit and student support for the team. With one of the finest teams in Elon history, one finds at times that the opposing teams have almost as many student supporters on hand as do the Christians.

The real "cake-taker", however, is to see how few spectators who really go all out and cheer for the Christians. 'Tis said that some of the few who do decide to back the team wholeheartedly have been told that they can cheer only at certain times for fear that it might be objectionable to the visiting teams.

Most schools appreciate school spirit, but it would seem that certain persons here at Elon do not appreciate it. Indeed, it seems that some would stamp out what spirit does exist. Sure, the Christians have what I consider the best team in Elon history, and I believe they could hold their own against much bigger competition than they are meeting.

However, just because they happen to be winning, there is no reason what the players would not appreciate school spirit. I'm sure that a few cheers from the home folks would mean much to the players, just as it would if you were out there on the floor. So, regardless of who likes it or not, let's get out and support our fine team. Give it everything you've got, and let's all get together and BEAT EAST CAROLINA! Of course, there are other teams coming before the Pirates, but we don't want any slip up on that February 11th contest. Just remember, let's BEAT EAST CAROLINA!

Girls Start Cage Play For Intramural Crown

Basketball and tumbling have been the featured sports for the girls' physical education classes during January, with four girls' basketball teams beginning play this week in the battle for the campus championship.

A special feature during the basketball season is a free-throw tournament, which began last week and will come to a close on January 30th. There will be tumbling and horse-shoe pitching during the cage games for girls who do not play basketball.

Student managers in charge of the various sports include Polly Payne for basketball, Yvonne Winstead for the free-throw tournament and Dot Perkins for tumbling. All the features are being offered under the auspices of the Women's Athletic Association, which has recently had a new constitution framed by Mrs. Jeanne Griffin and the officers and representatives of the girls' sport groups.

Basketball games this week were set for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with teams from Second Floor West, Third Floor West, Day Students and Delta Upsilon Kappa participating. Results of those games were not available for publication, but complete re-

Elon Men Named For Committees

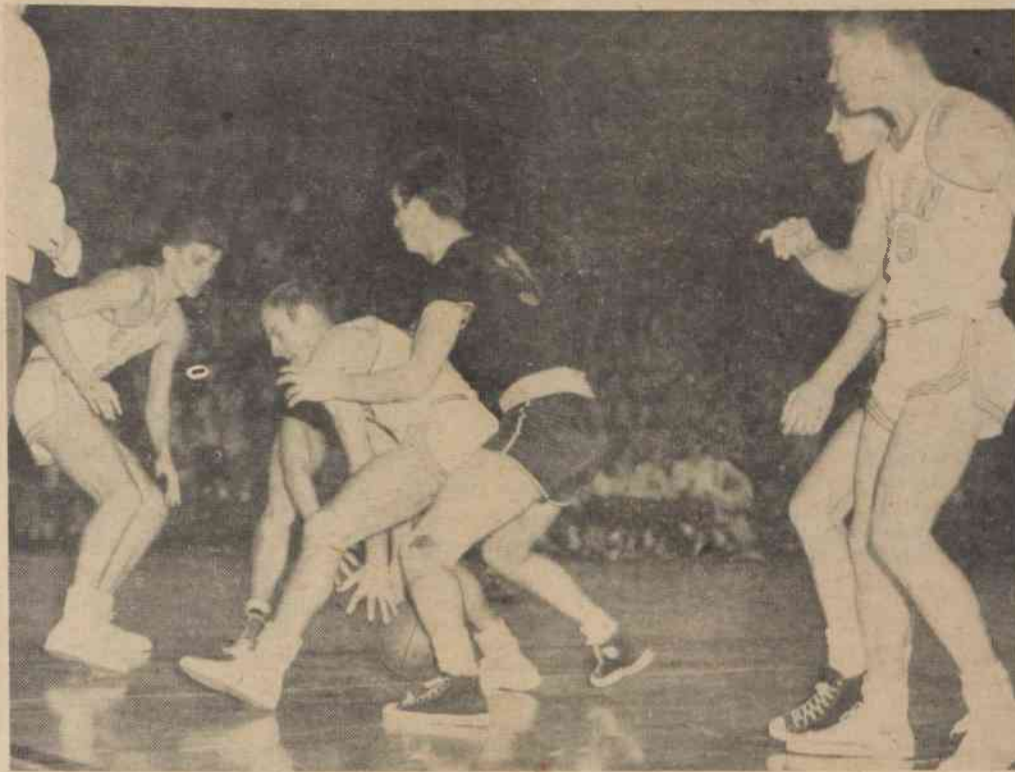
The Elon athletic staff has two representatives on the sports committees for the North State Conference, which were announced recently by Dr. M. C. Yoder, of Lenoir Rhyne, who is president of the Conference.

The major sports committee lists Coach Jack McComas, of Atlantic Christian, chairman; Coach Sid Varney, of Elon; and Coach Tom Young, of Western Carolina. The minor sports committee lists Dr. Scott Boyd, of Elon College, chairman; Coach Ben Baker, of Guilford; and Coach Arthur Paschal, of High Point.

Results will be given later.

Only games set for next week are Second West vs Day Students and Third West vs Delta U next Thursday, but later games are set the following weeks. After the conclusion of round-robin play, the championship will be awarded after semi-final and final eliminations. The semi-finals are set for Tuesday, February 14th, with the finals on Thursday, February 16th.

IN THE HEAT OF CONFLICT WITH MOUNTAINEERS



Jimmy Crump, pictured center above in the white Elon uniform, found himself in a close spot with the ball as the opposing Appalachian Mountaineers doubled last Thursday night, January 19th. The Aberdeen junior, who know up on him in the game here's exactly what to do with the ball when he gets on the free-throw line, was having difficulty getting the ball out to his teammates. Frank DeRita (left) and Earl Stone (right) look on anxiously to see what Crump is up to.

Tumblers To Be Featured In Series Of Stunts At Half Of Bruin Battle

Basketeers Top DuPont

The Elon Christians, who were de-railed from the victory trail by an upset loss to Eastern Carolina at Greenville, got back in their winning ways last night when they trampled the DuPont quintet 99 to 59 in a loosely-played contest on the Martinsville High School court on Monday night, January 9th.

The Christians moved out front quickly in the battle as lanky Dee Atkinson and Ray Whitley paced an early drive, and the quarter mark found Elon leading at 22-16. Long distance popping by Whitley and Ben Kendall stretched the Elon margin to 50-32 by the half-time intermission.

The third quarter provedlops for the Christians as Elon's outside men kept whipping the nets with sets and push shots. This drive (Continued on Page Four)

The diversity of Elon's physical education and sports program will be proven tonight when a group of tumblers from Dr. Scott Boyd's class in Physical Education 36 will stage a demonstration of their art between the halves of the Elon-Lenoir Rhyne basketball game.

The college sports authorities, always on the lookout for some new feature or entertainment to add color to the Christian athletic programs, welcomed the offer of Dr. Boyd and his physical education group to stage the demonstration tonight.

In discussing the program that is planned for the occasion, Dr. Boyd stated that the group will include both boys and girls, although there are only four girls on the class roster. The course in rudiments of tumbling is required of all students working to a major in physical education, and those working to a minor in that field are encouraged to get the training.

The boys' program for tonight will include demonstrations of forward rolls, pyramid building, drop-offs from pyramids and dives over living pyramids. A number of other features will also be included. In diving over the pyramids, the divers will clear groups of eight, with four boys down and three and one on tiers above that.

The four girls, all of them physical majors, will present two stunts, but they have not announced their exact program for the intermission.

Chuck Maynard, member of the Christian grid squad during the past two seasons, will be the student leader for the boys group tonight. Naming a student leader in these tumbling courses emphasizes the value of studying and teaching at the same time, and each of the students has an opportunity at one time or another during the term to teach certain stunts. Usually the teaching is done by way of group demonstrations, allowing more students the chance to demonstrate.

TUMBLING CLASS TO GIVE EXHIBITION TONIGHT



Something new in the way of half-time entertainment is slated for the intermission of the Elon-Lenoir Rhyne basketball game in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium tonight. That something new is to be an exhibition of tumbling by the boys and girls in Dr. Scott Boyd's class in Physical Education 36. Those who will participate in the various stunts, pictured left to right above, are as follows. FRONT ROW — Revell Morrison, George Nall, Harvey Sharpe, Jimmie Calhoun and Bobby Green. SECOND ROW — Odell Welborn, Carolyn Abernathy, Kathryn Lambert, Archie Wilborn, Frances Knight, and Joyce Perry. THIRD ROW — Roy Gilliam, Pat Cafasso, David Moseborn, James Black, Woodrow Rush, John Hall and Henry Fogleman. BACK ROW — Bobby Sharpe, Jack Henderson, Bob Bergman, Chuck Maynard, Nick Thompson and Hubert Durham.

Cagers Want Revenge For Losses Last Year

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.
 - Elon 96, A. C. C. 82.
 - Elon 90, Catawba 62.
 - Elon 102, Appalachian 81.
 - Elon 107, West Carolina 90.
- (Remaining Games)
- 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.

Elon Quintet 96-82 Winner Over Bulldogs

The Elon Christians were out front early and then had to stage a last period rally to defeat the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs 96 to 82 in a thrilling Conference battle here on Wednesday night, January 11th.

The game, which pitted the two highest scoring clubs in the North State loop, saw Elon hold a scant 76-75 lead with barely 4:30 remaining on the clock, but Dee Atkinson and Frank DeRita then led a Christian drive that produced 20 points in the final minutes.

This late rally enabled the Christians to maintain their season average of 96 points per game for the season to that time, and the Elon scoring power gave plenty of thrills to the largest crowd of the season in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

Both clubs dropped 35 of 46 shots from the free-throw line, but both teams had trouble at times with their shooting from the floor. The Christians hit on 37.1 per cent, while the Bulldogs racked even 33 per cent of their floor attempts.

The lead switched several times in the early moments, but the Christians found the range and pulled away to a commanding 47-36 margin at half-time. The Bulldogs came back strong after intermission and actually grabbed the lead at 56-55 after five minutes of the third quarter. It was then that Christians went to work.

Ben Kendall had 27 and Dee Atkinson 25 to lead the Elon attack, but they were ably aided by Frank DeRita's 18 counters, most of which came in the last quarter drive for victory. Big John Marley was tops for the Bulldogs with 26 points, but Widgeon, Buchanan and Williams all hit in double figures for the visitors.

- The line-ups.
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| Pos. Elon (96) | A. C. C. (82) |
| F—Juratic (4) | Buchanan (13) |
| F—Kendall (27) | J. Williams (12) |
| C—Atkinson (25) | Beecham |
| G—Whitley (5) | Widgeon (16) |
| G—Citty (5) | Tomlinson (8) |
- Half-time—Elon 47, A. C. C. 38.
- Elon subs — DeRita 18, Stone 4, Crump 8, A. C. C. subs — Marley 26, Dr. Whitley 3, Whaley 3, D. Williams 2.

The Christian cage squad, rolling along with 14 wins in 16 starts and with a scoring average of 96.7 points per game, will meet one of its toughest tests of the entire season when the Lenoir Rhyne Bears invade Alumni Memorial Gymnasium tonight.

With Elon barely one game behind the league-leading East Carolina Pirates, the Christians will go all out for the win that will bring the Conference leadership closer; but the greatest incentive of all will be Elon's desire to avenge three defeats suffered last year at the hands of the Lenoir Rhyne squad.

The Bears won at Hickory last year by a 72-66 score and then tossed the Christians 77-73 in a game that featured the Elon "High School Day" program. The third Bruin win came in the semi-finals of the Conference tournament, when Lenoir Rhyne came from behind to win by an 80-71 margin.

The Christians felt that they could have won either or all those games, and Coach Doc Mathis is priming his boys to get the jump on the Bears this year. Comparative scores give Elon the edge for tonight's game, but the Lenoir Rhyne squad is always dangerous.

Coach Jim Hamilton will bring three of the most dangerous scorers in the Conference in the persons of 6-8 Bob Ortmyer, 6-6 Raiford Wells and speedy Floyd Propst. Wells led the North State Conference in scoring last year with an average of 28.9 points per game, and all three are capable of hitting 20 to 30 points on any given night. Against Newberry last Saturday night Ortmyer hit 33, Propst 27 and Wells 23 points.

Coach Doc Mathis will probably start three of his tall boys against the Bears tonight, with Ed Juratic and either Frank DeRita or Earl Stone at the forwards; Dee Atkinson at center; and Ben Kendall and Ray Whitley at the guards.

Christians Roll Over Indian Five

The Elon Christians rolled for a decisive 90 to 62 victory over the Catawba Indians in a North State Conference battle here on Saturday night, January 14th. The game marked the exact sixth anniversary of the opening of Elon's huge Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

The Christians and Indians were tied at 2-2, but Dee Atkinson hooked good for the 4-2 bucket, and Elon was out front to stay. Atkinson, aided by Jimmy Crump and Ed Juratic, pushed Elon to 25-13 margin at the 10-minute mark, and Frank DeRita took over the lead as the Christians racked a 47-24 lead by half-time.

It was Atkinson, Juratic and Crump again after intermission as the Maroon and Gold tossers moved their lead to 70-42 by mid-way the last half. At that point Coach Doc Mathis retired both his first and second teams for the night, and the Christian third-stringers finished out the battle.

Jimmy Crump, Elon's junior guard from Aberdeen, was top man for the Christians with 18 points. Other Christians in double figures were Dee Atkinson and Ed Juratic, each of whom hit 14 points.

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| Pos. Elon (90) | Catawba (62) |
| F—Juratic (14) | Fleming (11) |
| F—Kendall (4) | Hunt (6) |
| C—Atkinson (14) | Bryant |
| G—Whitley (7) | Lyndon (3) |
| G—Crump (18) | Holland (4) |
- Elon subs — Stone 2, DeRita 8, Rickover 2, Sharpe 6, McDonald 6, Gates 4, Stout 5, King, Watts, Catawba subs — Clayton 22, Stout 7, Helfrick 2, Cline 4, Massey 2, Earney 1.