

Elon Cagers At Home For Three Pre-Holiday Contests

Stauffenberg Winner Of All-State Grid Honors As Elon Season Ends



Bob Stauffenberg

Bob Stauffenberg, Elon's bulldozing fullback ace from Morea, Pa., topped off a brilliant junior season by winning All-Conference and All-State honors and gaining honorable mention on the Associated Press Little All-American squad.

The power-driven Christian fullback, who hails from Morea, Pa., averaged better than 45 yards per carry as he rushed for 921 yards on 201 carries in Elon's ten games this season. In so doing he shattered the old Elon individual rushing record of 543 yards set by R. K. Grayson in 1950.

In gaining a berth on the All-State team this year, Stauffenberg joined Sal Gero and Homer Hobgood as the only Christian grid-ders to win All-State positions since World War II. Gero twice won Little All-American and All-State positions, and Hobgood gained the All-State honor once.

In addition to Stauffenberg's honors this fall, there were four other Elon grid stars who won All-Conference honors. They were Glenn Varney, guard; Tony Carcaterra, end; J. B. Vaughn, tackle; and Whitney Bradham, halfback.

Glenn Varney placed on the All-Conference squad for the third straight year. He and Tony Carcaterra were each chosen on three Conference honor squads selected by Greensboro, Charlotte and Winston-Salem newspapers. Whitney Bradham was named at halfback by the Greensboro sports staff, and J. B. Vaughn was listed at tackle by the Charlotte sports scribes.

Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

Elon's cagers have opened their new hardwood campaign with three consecutive victories, and all three games have showed the Christians in an impressive role. In the first half of an 85-81 victory over Pfeiffer the Christians were really hot, showing the power which is rated their potential this year, although the second half showed the Christians faltering and making mistakes that could have cost them the game.

Since that opening game the Christian invaded enemy courts for two victories, and in each case they displayed marked improvement over their opening battle at home. Last Friday night they cut loose with an impressive shooting exhibition to topple the Wofford Terriers down in South Carolina by a 98 to 76 margin, and then on Saturday they chalked one of the infrequent victories over McCrary at Asheboro by an 81 to 76 count.

The Maroon and Gold tassets were to entertain the Belmont, Abbey basketeers on the local court on Monday night, but results of that battle were unavailable at this writing. They will be at home for three straight games against Guilford, Wofford and McCrary, and they could use united student support. Let's wind up this pre-Christmas campaign in successful style.

I see by the papers that East Carolina is still winning at home. The Pirates turned back McCrary and Catawba down there at Greenville last week to maintain that "home court jinx." I just wonder sometimes how long those Pirates can keep that "jinx" working.

Congrats to Bob Stauffenberg, who made the All-State team this year. It was no surprise to anyone at Elon except to Bob himself.

Everybody who has the slightest interest in basketball is keeping his or her eyes turned toward Kansas, where the "famous" or, as some of his opponents put it, "infamous" Wilt Chamberlain has become a sophomore and thus ready to lead the Jayhawks to the NCAA crown. "Wilt the Stilt", before he had ever played a varsity game, was rated on the No. 1 All-American in five national polls, and hitherto little known Kansas is rated the nation's No. 1 team. It's an amazing tribute to "the Stilt."

In his first varsity game the lanky Negro star broke the Kansas record for both offensive and defensive play, getting 52 points and 31 rebounds. Sort of a bad night, don't you think? Rated already as the greatest basketballer of all time, the 7-foot "Stilt" may have little trouble breaking a great number of other records.

Commenting on the big Kansas boy's play, Coach Frank McGuire, of the University of North Carolina, has offered three ideas to prevent the Kansas sophomore from running wild in the scoring column. McGuire suggests: (1) Don't play Kansas. (2) If one must play Kansas, then by all means get the opening tip-off and hold the ball for a tie. (3) Let the air out of the ball.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CRUMP ELON'S ONLY VETERAN GUARD



Jimmy Crump

Jimmy Crump, a sharp-shooting senior guard, is the only letter veteran reporting back for outside duty with the Christian cagers this winter. Crump, who hails from Aberdeen, is a deadly set shot and ranked, among the top free-throw artists in America last season. The Elon guard, who's top effort last year was 33 points in one game of the Parris Island tournament, rolled in 26 points in Elon's opener and accounted for 59 points in the first three games.

Elon Defeats Guilford In Final Grid Contest

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sure football is long gone, but the first issue of Maroon and Gold since Thanksgiving must record for posterity that victory over Guilford that ended the season.)

With big Bob Stauffenberg playing the major role in a mud battle, the Elon Christians closed out their 1956 football campaign by defeating the Guilford Quakers in their traditional encounter in Burlington Stadium on Saturday night before Thanksgiving.

The invading Quakers surprised the scant crowd and threw a brief threat at the Christians when they drove deep into Elon territory after receiving the first kick-off, but the Elon forwards rose up at that point and tossed the Guilford backs for successive losses of ten, nine and twenty-seven yards, and Elon took over at the Guilford 33-yard marker.

From that point it was a quick thrust for Elon's first touchdown. Bob Stauffenberg got ten, and Kerry Richards whipped a pass to Whitney Bradham for 20 yards to the three. Stauffenberg got one, and Charlie Maiden kept for the 6 to 0 score.

The Christians scored again shortly before the half after Whitney Bradham returned a Guilford punt to the Quaker 36-yard line. Stauffenberg rammied for 16 yards and after a penalty Del Gais, passed to Whitney Bradham to the Quaker twelve. Stauffenberg hit three times and scored, with Del Gais plunging the point that made the half-time score 13 to 0.

The final Elon counter came midway the third quarter after an exchange of kicks to the Guilford thirty. With Stauffenberg carrying on five of eight plays, Elon drove the Quaker line for the touchdown, and Harry Faust drove for the 20 to 0 point.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Guilford
194	60
43	95
151	35
12	6
30	2
181	29
7	0
5	10
33.8	27.1
82	86
3	3
45	60
Score by Periods—	
Elon	6 7 7 0—20
Guilford	0 0 0 0—0

Elon Touchdowns—Maiden (run 2), Stauffenberg 2 (run 4, run 1). Extra Points—DelGais (plunge), Faust (plunge).

The feature of the game was the driving of Bob Stauffenberg, who ripped the Quaker defenses for a net of 126 yards and ran his season rushing total to 921 yards. Also featuring was the defensive play of the Elon line, which held Guilford to a net rushing total of minus 35 yards.

PILOTS RETURN

Two of Uncle Sams Air Force pilots, both former Elon students, returned to the campus this quarter to complete work for graduation. They are Joe Weaver and Tom Gough, each of whom were in school here before entering service. Weaver is a former varsity baseball pitcher.

Guilford, Wofford And McCrary To Play Here

The Elon cagers will play for the home folks in the final three games of the pre-Christmas campaign, with strong rival squads from Guilford, Wofford and McCrary slated to furnish the opposition in the three battles over in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

The Guilford Quakers come over from Quaker Flats tomorrow night to tackle the Christians in the first game of the new North State Conference campaign. Elon trampled the Quakers twice last season in the march to the Conference crown, and the Guilford squad under a new coach will be seeking revenge in tomorrow night's encounter.

The next home tilt will bring the Wofford Terriers up from South Carolina for a battle in the Elon floor on Saturday night. Coach Doc Mathis' boys rolled for a 98-76 victory over the Terriers last week down in Spartanburg and will be seeking a repeat victory this weekend.

The Christians will then close out their pre-holiday play by meeting the McCrary Eagles here on Tuesday of next week, and again the Maroon and Gold squad will be seeking a repeat victory. The Christians eked a thriller in Asheboro last Saturday by an 81-76.

In winning their first three starts of the current campaign, the Christians have posted an average of exactly 88 points per game, slightly below the 89.7 points they averaged in 32 games last winter. They have held their first three opponents to an average of 77.6 points, almost exactly the defensive average that was posted by the Elon squad last season.

Dee Atkinson, who paced the scoring for the Christians last season hit the bucket for 70 points in the three games against Pfeiffer, Wofford and McCrary, rolling for an average of 23.3 points per game. In pacing the Elon scoring, the jumping jack center hit for a 23.3 point average.

Atkinson also led the Elon scoring last season with 521 points for the year. He also racked better than 500 points in his sophomore season before leaving for two years of army duty. In his first three games this winter, Atkinson set a new all-time Elon record for free throws, sinking 24 (free throws to give him a total of 386 charity points during his Elon career.

The free throw record up to the opening of the current season was held by Ben Kendall with 365 free throws. Kendall also holds the all-time Elon record for field goals with 644 and for total points with 1,653 in his four years of play.

Other individual leaders in the Elon scoring columns in the three opening games this winter showed Jimmy Crump with 59, Earl Stone with 49, and Ed Juratic with 41 points.

Elon Cage Games

- Elon 85, Pfeiffer 81.
- Elon 98, Wofford 76.
- Elon 81, McCrary 76.
- (Remaining Games)
- Dec. 5—Belmont Abbey, home.
- Dec. 13—Guilford, home.
- Dec. 15—Wofford, home.
- Dec. 18—McCrary, home.
- Jan. 5—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Jan. 8—Appalachian, away.
- Jan. 10—High Point, home.
- Jan. 12—East Carolina, home.
- Jan. 16—A. C. C., away.
- Jan. 19—Catawba, away.
- Jan. 23—McCrary, home.
- Jan. 24—High Point, away.
- Jan. 26—West Carolina, away.
- Jan. 30—A. C. C., home.
- Feb. 1—Hamden Sidney, home.
- Feb. 2—Catawba, home.
- Feb. 4—Pfeiffer, away.
- Feb. 6—Appalachian, home.
- Feb. 7—Belmont Abbey, away.
- Feb. 9—West Carolina, home.
- Feb. 12—Hamden Sidney, away.
- Feb. 16—East Carolina, away.
- Feb. 21—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Feb. 23—Guilford, away.

Varsity Cage Squad Tops Pfeiffer Five

Raising the curtain on their 1956-57 cage campaign, the Fighting Christians hit a terrific early pace and then fought off an enemy rally to defeat the Pfeiffer Panthers 85 to 81 in Alumni Gymnasium here on Wednesday night, November 28th.

Hitting a pace that made them look like potential world champs, the Elon basketeers rolled away to a 52-31 margin by the half-time. At one point in that initial half the Christians boasted a fat 26-point lead.

The Pfeiffer squad bounced back strong after half-time, and began whittling away at the Elon margin. Paced by Richard Biddy, former E. M. Holt High School star, the Panthers cut the margin to four points at 77-73 with about three minutes left on the clock.

The deadly outside shooting of Jimmy Crump and the clever work of lanky Dee Atkinson nearer the basket proved the feature in the Elon play. Crump racked 8 floor points.

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Elon Gridders Are Given Letters; Captains Named

The award of 20 varsity football letters to members of the Elon College grid squad of 1956, has just been announced by Coach Sid Varney. The list included 17 who had previously won monograms, along with three who won the block "E" for the first time.

Coach Varney also announced that the Christian grid-ders had elected Whitney Bradham, of Sumter, S. C., and Ed Davidson, of Brackenridge, Pa., as co-captains of the 1956 Elon football team. The Christians used an alternating game-captain system this fall and deferred selection of permanent captains until the season closed.

The three new letter awards went to Ronnie Kinsley, junior fullback from Towanda, Pa.; Richard Smith, sophomore quarterback from Brackenridge, Pa.; and

Charles Maiden, freshman quarterback from Cary. Repeaters in the monogram list included eight seniors, six juniors and three sophomores.

The senior letter winners are Eddie Bridges, Morganton; Pat Cafasso, Cedarhurst, L. I., N. Y.; Ed Davidson, Brackenridge, Pa.; Glenn Varney, Powell, Pa.; Chuck Maynard, Norfolk, Va.; Wayne Martin, Morganton; Whitney Bradham, Sumter, S. C.; and Kerry Richards, Mahanoy City, Pa.

The junior monogram repeaters are Jack Henderson, Towanda, Pa.; Robert Kopko, Monessen, Pa.; Tony DeMatteo, Pottsville, Pa.; Lynn Newcomb, Richmond, Va.; and Joe Smith, Fayetteville. Sophomore repeaters were Tony Carcaterra and Joe DelGais, both of Inwood, L. I., N. Y.; and J. B. Vaughn, Graham.