

JURATIC DRIVES FOR A BUCKET



Ed Juratic, husky senior center for the Elon Christians, is pictured above driving in and up to count a bucket against the High Point Panthers in the thrilling battle staged here last Thursday night, a battle which High Point won by a spine-tingling 83 to 82 margin. Bobby Pharr (11) attempts to block the Juratic shot from High Point, while Paul Stanton (16) looks helplessly on.

Pointers Get Thrilling Win By 83 To 82

The lead changed hands twice in the final fifteen seconds as the High Point Panthers eked a thrilling 83 to 82 victory over the Christian cagers on the Elon court last Thursday night, January 10th.

The victory over Elon was the first recorded by the Panthers in four seasons and the first won by the Panthers since Coach Virgil Yow returned to take over the High Point coaching reins. The last High Point win over Elon had come by a 66-63 count in the finals of the Conference tournament in 1953.

The purple-jerseyed Panthers swung out in front in the first half of last Thursday's battle, moving out to a 48-41 margin by the half-time intermission. Elon rallied after the half and gained the lead at 54-52, and for several minutes the rivals swapped leads on almost every basket.

The Panthers moved out by seven points again at 74-67 with barely six minutes left and held that seven-point margin at 78-71 when Elon started a late push. Dee Atkinson and Ed Juratic paired in the Elon rally that knotted the count at 78-all with barely one and a half minutes left.

The Panthers regained the lead 81-78 on a bucket and free throw by Paul Stanton, but Juratic and Rick Turner paired baskets to give Elon an 82-81 lead with fifteen seconds to go. It was then that Jack Powell, veteran Panther star, hit on a push for the winning 83-82 count.

Dee Atkinson, Elon forward, was top man for the night with 31 points, with DeRita, Juratic and Crump all hitting double figures. Powell led High Point with 22 counters.

The line-ups:
Pos.—Elon (83) High Point (82)
F—Atkinson 31 Powell 25
F—DeRita 20 Stanton 15
C—Juratic 12 Sewell 14
G—J. Crump 10 H. Crump 10
G—Turner 8 Huegele 13
Half-time: High Point 48, Elon 41.

Elon subs — Stone 1, Stout 1, Bulla 2, Carcaterra. High Point subs — Beauchot 4, Pharr 2, Afendis 2, Williams, Thornton.

Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

How many times sportswriters here at Elon have had to write on the subject of lack of school spirit is almost beyond count, and the way things look right now other such comments are due now and in the future.

The classic example of poor school spirit occurs when one goes to a game played in our own gym in the middle of the week, with our own team going into the game as defending champion in the North State Conference, and with a 9-1 record at the time, meeting a team that has been beaten only once in thirteen starts and coming from thirty-five miles away. On arrival and during the game, one finds Elon outnumbered in student fans and out-cheered throughout the game. There you have the stage setting for last week's game between Elon and High Point.

Let us recall... it was a game played in the middle of the week when nobody should or is likely to go home and played here at Elon and not 150 miles away. The scoring lead was continually changing hands, and yet the majority of the Elon students simply sat quietly in the stands and acted as if there were an epidemic of laryngitis in progress.

If it had not been for the cheerleaders and a very scant and select few others, you would have sworn the game was being played between High Point College and the University of Edinburg, on St. Patrick's Day. If the final score had been as one-sided as was the cheering, then Elon would have been shut out.

Some students seek to put all the blame for lack of school spirit

Maroon Quint Defeats Apps In Close Tilt

The Elon Christians chalked a well-earned 78 to 76 victory over the Appalachian Mountaineers in a North State Conference battle at Boone on Tuesday night, January 8th, but it required a determined stand in the final moments to fight off a rally by the home-standing Apps.

Jimmy Crump, Elon free-throw specialist, was the top man for the Christians in the victory over the Mountaineers, regaining his accuracy after missing three of five against Lenoir Rhyne. Crump dropped in a perfect 12 for 12 against Appalachian and added four field buckets for a total of 20 points.

Three other Elon stars hit double figures for the Christians, with Frank DeRita getting 18, Ed Juratic hitting 16 and Dee Atkinson racking 15 points in the night's attack. Dave Abernathy was the leader for the Appalachian.

The Christians started strong in the contest and rolled to a 38-29 margin by half-time, but the Mountaineers staged a determined rally in the late moments of the game and came within two points of a terrific upset.

The line-ups:
Pos.—Elon (78) Appalachian (76)
F—Atkinson 15 Abernathy 22
F—DeRita 18 Horton 20
C—Juratic 16 Mize
G—Crump 20 Banner 11
G—Turner 4 Bush 13
Half-time — Elon 38, Appalachian 29.
Elon subs — Stone 5, Rickover 2, Stout, Bull. Appalachian subs — Swift 6, Wooten, Williams 4.

CAGERS NAME ATKINSON CAPTAIN



It's Captain Dee Atkinson now, following an election held last week by members of the Elon Christian cage squad, who chose the lanky jumping jack from the hills of Surry County to lead the Maroon and Gold squad through the remainder of the hardwood campaign. Atkinson, who lists Mount Airy as home, played his high school ball at Beaufah High, where he won All-State honor and outplayed Wake Forest's All-American Dickie Hemric in several crucial games while Hemric was still at Jonesville High. The Elon star played two seasons for the Christians and then pulled a two-year stint in the army before returning to the Christian camp last year. He has topped the 500-point mark in two of his three seasons in an Elon uniform.

Christians Grab Second Victory Over McCrary

Unleashing a hot 60 per cent shooting barrage in the second half, the Elon Christians came from behind here on December 18th to defeat the semi-pro McCrary Eagles 94 to 79 in a battle which proved close until the final six minutes.

The game proved a rugged one under the backboards, with a total of 49 fouls called against the old rivals. Ed Juratic, Earl Stone and Dee Atkinson, three of Elon's towering veterans, went out by the 3-foul route; and Tony Carcaterra, another Elon tall boy, finished with four personals. The Eagles had 25 fouls, but they were better divided and the only player loss they suffered on fouls was Sammy Ranzino, former State College ace.

Dee Atkinson stuck around until five minutes before the end and contributed 20 points to the Elon attack, which showed Jimmy Crump in the leading role, but Juratic and Stone got four fouls early and spent much time on the sidelines before making their final fouls early in the second half.

Topping both teams in scoring was Jimmy Crump, Elon guard, who hit for 26 points. Included in his effort was a perfect free-throw mark of 12 for 12, which ran the Aberdeen lad's season record to 35 for 36 from the charity line. Larry Bulla and Rick Turner, Elon freshmen, who divided time at guard, accounted for 18 points between them.

The line-ups:
Pos.—Elon (94) McCrary (79)
F—Atkinson 21 Langdon 14
F—DeRita 14 Stanley 20
C—Juratic 5 Dwyer 16
G—Crump 26 Ranzino 8
G—Bulla 7 D. Nance
Half-time — McCrary 41, Elon 35.
Elon subs — Turner 11, Rickover 2, Stone 2, Way 2, Carcaterra 4, Watts, Robertson, Goss, McCrary subs — Hodges, Jordan 9, Atkins 2, H. Nance 10.

Elon Downs East Carolina By Decisive 77-59 Margin

Striking back with terrific power after trailing at half-time, the Elon Christians shellacked the East Carolina Pirates 77 to 59 here last Saturday night in a North State Conference battle, which was witnessed by an estimated 2,000 fans.

The first half was a close affair, with Elon holding a two-point margin much of the way, although East Carolina tied the count several times before taking a one-point lead at 34-33 just seconds before the intermission.

The second half was barely underway, however, when big Ed Juratic hooked to send Elon ahead. Joe Plaster sank two free throws to regain the Pirate lead at 36-35, but Juratic hooked again, and the Christians were out front for keeps. From that time until the end the white-jerseyed Elon quint gradually stretched the spread.

Ed Juratic was the pace-maker during Elon's second-half drive, but he received able assistance from Dee Atkinson and Jimmy Crump, each of whom had apparently regained his shooting accuracy after a slump in recent games.

Crump, the senior guard from Aberdeen, put on another fine exhibition from the charity line, sinking eight straight free throws without a miss. This ran Crump's mark in the last three games to 24 consecutive free throws, a mark which equals Molodet's consecutive free throw record in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Christian defense effectively halted Don Harris, East Carolina's fine senior forward, who could manage only one field goal and two points. The outstanding threat for the Pirates was Charlie Adams, sophomore guard, who had 19 points, including seven field

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Terrier Quint Is Defeated In Tilt Here

Opening with some eagle-eye shooting, the Elon hardwood artists rolled over the Wofford Terriers 87 to 69 here on Saturday night, December 15th, for their sixth straight win. Led by Ed Juratic, Dee Atkinson and Jimmy Crump, the Christians gained a 12-point lead by half-time.

The lanky Atkinson finished the night as Elon's top scorer as he bucketed nine field goals and a pair of free throws, but he was pushed by Ed Juratic with six field goals and five free throws for 17 points. Jimmy Crump also hit double figures with 12 points.

Top scoring honors for the night, however, went to Wofford's Donnie Fowler, who used a variety of shots in sinking 12 field goals and 11 of 15 charity tosses for a total of 35 points.

The line-ups:
Pos.—Elon (87) Wofford (69)
F—Atkinson 20 Templeton 8
F—Stone 4 Carpenter 8
C—Juratic 17 Jenkins 2
G—Crump 12 Fowler 35
G—Bulla 4 Earle 10
Half-time — Elon 47, Wofford 35.
Elon subs — Rickover 2, Hargrove 1, DeRita 9, Way 4, Carcaterra 9, Turner 5, Stout, Robertson, Wofford subs — Barbee 4, Reitzel 2, Hart.

Elon Downs Guilford By 24-Point Margin

The Christian cagers got off to a winning start in defending their North State Conference cage crown, for they turned back the Guilford Quakers 78 to 54 for a decisive win here on Thursday, December 18th. The win was Elon's fifth straight of the new season.

Ed Juratic, Elon's rugged center, dropped in 21 points to lead the Christian attack and was the leader in pulling Elon to the front when Guilford fought stubbornly through the first half. Dee Atkinson had 14 and Frank DeRita and Jimmy Crump 12 points each to lend able aid on offense.

The Christians moved ahead early, only to have Guilford go ahead 11-10, but Juratic led the way to a 10-point edge at half-time, and Atkinson and Stone jumped the margin to 20 points after the half. The Elon reserves played the final minutes.

Elon Cage Games

- Elon 85, Pfeiffer 81.
- Elon 98, Wofford 76.
- Elon 81, McCrary 76.
- Elon 67, Belmont Abbey 58.
- Elon 78, Guilford 54.
- Elon 87, Wofford 69.
- Elon 94, McCrary 79.
- Elon 53, Lenoir Rhyne 59.
- Elon 78, Appalachian 76.
- Elon 82, High Point 83.
- Elon 77, East Carolina 59.
- (Remaining Games)
- 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—Hampden 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—Hampden Sidney, away.
- Feb. 16—East Carolina, away.
- Feb. 21—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Feb. 23—Guilford, away.

Lenoir Rhyne Hands Elon First Defeat

In a battle which featured defensive play by both teams, the Lenoir Rhyne Bears handed the Elon Christians their first defeat of the 1956-57 campaign, rolling late in the game for a 59 to 53 victory in a crucial North State battle played here at Elon on Saturday, January 5th.

The tilt was the first for each team after the Christmas holidays, and each squad showed the effects of the holiday lay-offs in the ragged shooting that was shown in the early portions of the game. In fact, Elon never gained its normal shooting accuracy, managing only 33 per cent from the floor for the game. The Bears hit 42 per cent for the night.

The Elon squad displayed one of its finest defenses of recent years in holding the power-loaded Bears to 59 points, but they could never effectively solve the defense thrown up by the Lenoir Rhyne cagers. The result was the lowest score made by an Elon team since a 68-50 loss to Presbyterian, six years ago this month.

The teams played cautiously through the first half, which ended with the Bears ahead by 28-26, but Raeford Wells led a Bruin rally in the second half which gave the Bears a decisive 53-45 lead with barely five minutes left.

Wells, the big Bruin center, was top man for the night with 25 points; but Ed Juratic and Jimmy Crump were pace-setters for Elon with 17 and 14 points. No other Christian cager could reach the magic two-figure column in scoring.

The line-ups:
Pos.—Elon (53) Lenoir Rhyne (59)
F—Atkinson 9 Cline 10
F—DeRita 6 Norman 4
C—Juratic 17 Wells 25
G—Crump 14 Cofnell 6
G—Turner 3 Sellari 8
Half-time — Lenoir Rhyne 28, Elon 26.
Elon subs — Stone 4, Carcaterra, Bulla. Lenoir Rhyne subs — James 6, Bowman.