

# Christian Cagers Play Away For Final Title Drive

## Elon Quintet Downs Cats For Tenth Straight Win

Striking quickly and with devastating power, the Christian cagers trampled the Western Carolina Catamounts 90 to 66 here last Saturday night and laid a firmer grasp on the runner-up spot in the North State Conference cage race. The Catamounts could have had the Christians for the second spot by winning that game, but the Elon tossers knocked that hope in the first five minutes.

The rivals were knotted at 2-2 in the first minute, but Dee Atkinson and Jimmy Crump pushed the Christians into a 16-4 lead at the five minute mark, and Ed Juratic paced a drive that netted a 37-16 lead ten minutes later. The half-time saw the Christians leading 47 to 18.

The Elon starters continued their drive in the early moments of the second half, and within eight minutes Elon was leading 70 to 37. At that time Coach Mathis pulled his senior stars and opened up the Christian bench, playing the final twelve minutes with a line-up consisting largely of freshmen and sophomores. They finished out the 90-66 win.

Big Ed Juratic, who tipped in several rebound buckets, topped the Christian scoring with 20 points, but he received able assistance from Dee Atkinson with 18 and Jimmy Crump with 16 points. Bill Bowen had 11 to top the Catamounts and was the only visitor in double figures.

### SCORING

Player	g	fg	ft	tp
Atkinson	22	170	126	466
Crump	22	140	122	402
Juratic	22	117	87	321
DeRita	21	61	85	207
Stone	22	63	55	181
Stout	18	20	37	77
Turner	19	12	20	44
Bulla	21	15	12	42
Carcatterra	19	13	8	34
Watts	10	11	7	29
Way	9	11	5	27
Robertson	6	4	3	11
Rickover	8	4	2	10
Hargrove	5	2	2	6
Other Players	3	0	0	0

Elon Totals	22	642	569	1953
Opponents	22	553	429	1535

#### The line-ups:

Pos.—Elon (90) W. Carolina (66)  
F—Atkinson 18 Bowen 11  
F—Stone 10 Magiolo 6  
C—Juratic 20 Shields 8  
G—Crump 16 Pryor 9  
G—Stout 2 Holcomb 4  
Half-time — Elon 47, West Carolina 18.  
Elon subs — Way 6, DeRita 8, Carcatterra 1, Watts 6, Bulla 2, Turner 1, Robertson, Rickover, West Carolina subs — City, Ray 4, Jones 9, Wilson 7, Williams 8, Swartzel, Kirby.

### JUST A BIT OF FAMILY FEUDING IN BASKETBALL



There's nothing like a bit of family feuding to lend spice to a good basketball game, and that's exactly what happened when the Elon Christians and the Catawba Indians tangled on the floor of Alumni Memorial Gymnasium here on Saturday, February 2nd. It was Paige Stout, Elon's steady senior guard, and Pete Stout, a rugged Catawba guard, a pair of cousins from neighboring Haw River, who furnished the family feud. The photographer got an interesting shot when he caught Elon's Stout fellow (in white above) throwing up a rugged defensive block against his Catawba cousin, who is dribbling the ball Paige Stout, who broke into the Elon starting line-up in recent weeks, has proved a valuable asset in Elon's 10-game winning streak.

## Two Tournaments Set To Close Cage Season

### 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.
- Elon 79, Catawba 66.
- Elon 77, Atlantic Christian 81.
- Elon 92, High Point 62.
- Elon 83, West Carolina 71.
- Elon 95, Atlantic Christian 91.
- Elon 92, Hampden-Sidney 59.
- Elon 91, Catawba 70.
- Elon 94, Pfeiffer 75.
- Elon 86, Appalachian 48.
- Elon 92, Belmont Abbey 76.
- Elon 90, West Carolina 66.

#### (Remaining Games)

- Feb. 12—Hampden Sidney,
- Feb. 16—East Carolina, away.
- Feb. 21—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Feb. 23—Guilford, away.

The Christian cagers are on the road for the next two weeks in a stretch drive for basketball honors and for placement in two post-season tournaments, the first of the tourneys being the annual North State Conference meet and the other the Carolinas NAIA tournament to be held here on the Elon floor.

The North State Conference tournament, which will include the top eight teams in the nine-team loop, will get underway in Lexington on Wednesday, February 27th, and will continue through Saturday, March 2nd.

The Carolinas NAIA meet, to be held here at Elon on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5th and 6th, will be a four team affair, including the tournament champions from the North State and South Carolina "Little Four," plus the two other teams from the combined two loops with the best record against NAIA competition.

As this week gets underway, the Elon basketeers were firmly anchored in second place in the North State Conference standings, with Lenoir Rhyne still boasting an undefeated mark in first place. Sports dope made the Bears and Christians favorites for the top-seeded spots in the Lexington meet.

Holding second spot in the North State standings also gave Elon an excellent chance to claim one of the four places in the NAIA tournament, barring of course the possibility that a complete "dark horse" could win the Conference meet. If such should occur, it would greatly hurt Elon's NAIA chances. The Christians will get credit for their two victories over Wofford in figuring the chances for the NAIA meet.

The remainder of the Elon schedule called for Hampden Sidney away last night and East Carolina in Greenville on Saturday of this week. Next weeks play will carry Elon to Lenoir Rhyne on Thursday night and to Guilford for the season finale on Saturday night.

## Cagers Roll For Victory At Pfeiffer

Maintaining the hot pace that has characterized their play through the past three weeks, the Elon Christians rolled for their seventh straight victory in defeating the Pfeiffer College Panthers 94 to 75 at Meisenheimer on Monday night, February 4th.

Jimmy Crump, who has hit a fast pace most of the season, led the way for the Christians in the win over the Panthers, hitting for 34 points, which marked the highest individual score of the season for an Elon player. Earl Stone had set the previous high mark with 33 points against McCrary at Asheboro.

In pacing the Christians against Pfeiffer, the senior guard from Aberdeen racked 11 field goals and hit on 12 of 15 tries from the free throw line. This fine exhibition of free throwing was still below the 90 per cent pace which has kept Crump among the leaders in the NAIA ranks all the season.

Right behind Crump for the Christians was Captain Dee Atkinson, who counted an even dozen field buckets and three free throws for 27 points. This total gave Atkinson the all-time career scoring record for Elon players, running his total for four seasons to 1,675 points to top the old mark of 1,653 that had been set by Ben Kendall.

The Christians grabbed the lead at the start and led Pfeiffer all the way, moving to a 47-35 margin by half-time and stretching the spread to full 20 points five minutes after intermission. The Panthers sliced the lead to 10 points mid-way that final half, but they could not halt the rampaging Elon tossers.

Richard Biddy, former E. M. Holt star, with 27 points and Al Hasbrouch with 21 were the top men for the Pfeiffer squad, which had previously dropped an 85-81 decision to Elon on the Christian court.

The line-ups:  
Pos.—Elon (94) Pfeiffer (75)  
F—Atkinson 27 Hasbrouch 21  
F—DeRita 7 Nuckols 10  
C—Juratic 8 Biddy 27  
G—Crump 34 Petrea 7  
G—Stout 5 Bryant 6  
Half-time — Elon 47, Pfeiffer 35.  
Elon subs — Stone 9, Carcatterra 2, Watts 2. Pfeiffer subs — Woodhouse 2, Tyson 2, Garman J. Banner 2, Glendenning.

## Maroon Cage Squad Downs Virginia Five

The Elon Christians rolled for a big first-half lead and coasted home with a 92 to 59 victory over the Hampden Sidney Tigers here on Friday night, February 1st. It was the fifth straight win for Coach Doc Mathis's boys and gave them a 14-3 victory mark for the season.

The Hampden Sidney crew broke out to a 6-0 lead in last night's game and led 8-4 at the three-minute mark, but Captain Dee Atkinson and Earl Stone caught fire at that point and led Elon as the Christians counted 18 to 4 in the next five minutes, pushing the Maroon and Gold quint to a 22-12 lead after eight minutes. Atkinson continued to hit as Elon gained a 49-31 edge at half-time.

Coach Doc Mathis used his starters only four minutes after intermission, inserting a full reserve crew with a 61-32 advantage. The reserves, most of them freshmen, outscored the Tigers through the remainder of the game for the final 92-59 spread.

Captain Dee Atkinson topped the Elon attack with 23 points. Other double-digit scorers for the Christians were Earl Stone with 14, Jimmy Crump with 12 and Buddy Way with 11 points. Way, a freshman from Sylvan High, paced the reserves through the late stages of the game.

Three of the invading Hampden Sidney team hit in double figures, including Ted Sheppard with 14, G. I. Sayres with 11 and Captain Doug Joyce with 10 counters. The Tigers boasted an 11-5 victory mark prior to their Elon invasion.

The line-ups:  
Pos.—Elon (92) Hampden-Sid. (59)  
F—Atkinson 23 Pult 9  
F—DeRita 4 Carter 4  
C—Juratic 8 Holcomb  
G—Crump 12 Joyce 10  
G—Stout 2 Hawker 6  
Half-time — Elon 49, Hampden Sidney 31.

Elon subs — Way 11, Stone 14, Turner 2, Carcatterra 3, Bulla 6, Watts 5, Robertson 2. Hampden Sidney subs — Fennell, Sheppard 14, Sayre 11, Martin 3, Dodson 2, Humphrey.

## Sharp Shooting Brings Victory Over Bulldogs

Paced by the deadly shooting of Ed Juratic, Dee Atkinson and Frank DeRita, each of them with twenty points or more for the night, the Fighting Christian cagers topped Atlantic Christian 95 to 91 here on Wednesday night, January 30th, to avenge an earlier defeat on the Bulldogs' own court.

The game was not nearly as close as that 95-91 score could indicate, for the Elon cagers built up a long lead early in the second half, and Coach Mathis cleared his bench in the closing moments. It was against the Christian reserves that Atlantic Christian narrowed the spread.

While Juratic, Atkinson and DeRita joined forces to keep the nets shaking all night, the individual scoring honors for the game went to Jack Underwood, stocky little Bulldog guard, who personally netted 43 points during the fray on sixteen field goals and eleven free throws.

The Elon tossers moved out to the front early in the game and boasted a 46-40 margin at intermission. Frank DeRita bagged ten straight points at one time during that first half to keep Elon out front, and Dee Atkinson sparked the locals to a 17-point spread at 72-55 midway the final half.

Rebounding played a big part in the Elon victory, with Earl Stone joining with Atkinson, Juratic and DeRita in literally freezing the Bulldogs away from the defensive boards. Juratic was top man for Elon with 25 points, but he was pushed by Atkinson with 24 and DeRita with 20 counters.


The line-ups:  
Pos.—Elon (95) A. C. C. (91)  
F—Atkinson 24 Widgeon 11  
F—DeRita 20 Whaley 6  
C—Juratic 25 Marley 17  
G—Crump 6 Underwood 43  
G—Stout 10 Williams 12  
Half-time — Elon 46, A. C. C. 40.  
Elon subs — Stone 6, Gates 2, Watts 2, Hargrove, Way, Bulla, Turner, A. C. C. subs — Gregg 2, Hester, Hutchins.

The Elon basketeers celebrated "Ground-hog Day" by turning back the Catawba Indians 91 to 70 on the floor of Alumni Gymnasium here on Saturday night, February 2nd, a victory which moved Elon to second place and into the thick of the North State Conference title race.

The Indians proved somewhat annoying in the early stages of the game, but there was just too much of Dee Atkinson and Jimmy Crump in the forefront of the Elon attack as the Christians swung out to a 39-29 advantage at half-time and gradually lengthened the lead.

Ed Juratic and Earl Stone got into the act too as Elon pulled further ahead in the final half to gain the 21-point spread at the final buzzer. Atkinson finished with 28, Crump with 20, Juratic with 16 and Stone with 13 points. Woody Helfrich with 19 and Sonny Clayton with 18 were leaders for the Indians, with Clayton contributing a thrill for the fans on four successive steals and lay-ups within one minute during the final half.

The line-ups:  
Pos.—Elon (91) Catawba (70)  
F—Atkinson 28 Earney 12  
F—DeRita 6 Hunt 4  
C—Juratic 16 Cline 2  
G—Crump 20 Helfrich 19  
G—Stout 6 Clayton 18  
Half-time — Elon 39, Catawba 29.  
Elon subs — Stone 13, Watts 2, Way, Carcatterra, Turner, Bulla. Catawba subs — Fleming 2, Stout 11, Bryant 2, Smith.



### Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

The Intramural basketball managers met last week and decided to hold a tournament, which will include the top four teams from each league. Teams which appear definitely sure of berths in the tourney are the Footbrawlers, Veterans, North Dorm, Carlton House, Tidewater, I. T. K. and Sigma Mu Sigma outfits.

The Christian cagers, in the thick of the scrap for honors in the North State Conference, wound up their home play last Saturday night and will be away from home for four games in these final two weeks of the regular season. They hit Hampden Sidney up in Virginia in the first one this week and then go to Greenville for a big one on Saturday night. Next week there's Lenoir Rhyne and Guilford on enemy courts to close out pre-tournament battling.

Of course that tournament battling gets underway with the annual Conference tourney at Lexington two weeks hence, but it's good news that the Carolinas NAIA tournament will be played here in Elon's Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5th and 6th, with this event to be sponsored by the Burlington Jay-Cees. This tourney pits the best in the North State against the best in South Carolina's "Little Four," with the winner going to Kansas City. Only rough thing about this tournament is the fact that it takes place during spring holidays.

Most people try to find someone to take the blame for all bad things, and the weather is no exception. Therefore, you might as well lay the blame for all that rain on the football squad. Maybe the gridders brought it all on to keep from meeting winter practice assignments.

Commercial league basketball has in Elon sports life.

## Juratic Is Top Scorer Over Apps

Husky Ed Juratic was the big boy around the basket as the Elon Christians trampled the Appalachian Mountaineers 86 to 48 in a Conference cage battle on the Elon floor on Wednesday night, February 6th. It was Elon's eighth straight win.

The score was quite one-sided, but it took some sharp shooting by Juratic midway the first half to shake Elon out of a cold streak. At that time the Apps were leading by a 14-13 margin, but the big Indiana boy pulled the Christians away to a 34-26 lead at intermission.

Early in the second half Atkinson and Juratic joined forces to pump Elon into a 72-40 margin after fifteen minutes, and Coach Mathis finished out the game with reserves. The Elon youngsters led the Mountaineers through the late minutes and widened the Christian lead.

Juratic was tops for Elon with 23 points, with Atkinson hitting 16 and Crump 10. Dave Abernathy, with 22 points, was the only Mountaineer in double figures.

The line-ups:  
Pos.—Elon (86) Appalachian (48)  
F—Atkinson 16 Abernathy 22  
F—DeRita 7 Herton 4  
C—Juratic 23 Mize  
G—Crump 10 Bush 8  
G—Stout 4 Williams 6  
Half-time — Elon 34, Appalachian 26.  
Elon subs — Way 2, Stone 8, Carcatterra 4, Watts 2, Bulla 6, Robertson 4, Turner, Appalachian subs — Mize, Swift, Hiatt, Wyatt J. Banner 2, Glendenning.