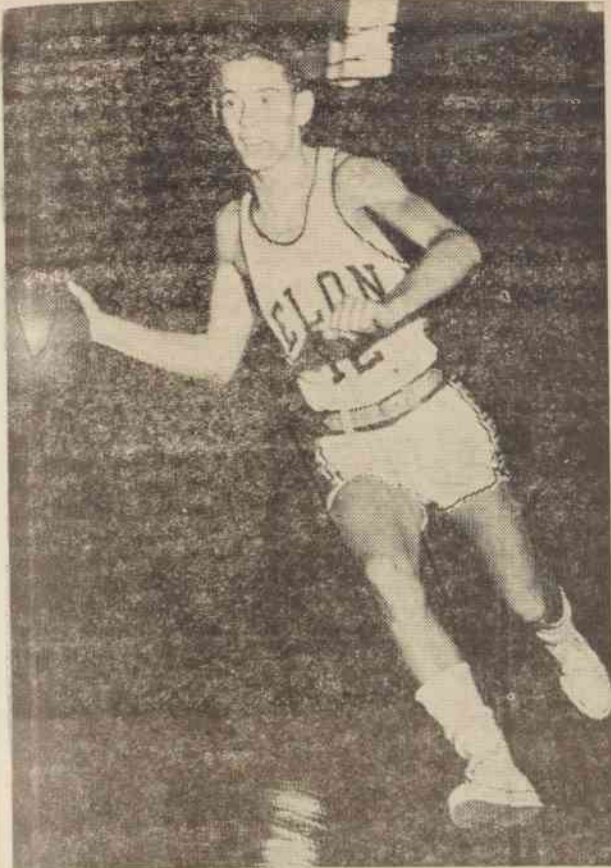


SPEEDY FROSH PROVES SPARKPLUG



C. G. HALL, GUARD

C. G. Hall, the freshman speedster from Leaksville, is a little boy who plays basketball in a big way. At least most fans will agree to that statement after seeing the former Tri-City High star spark the Christians to that decisive 85 to 75 victory over the East Carolina Pirates here. Only a freshman and handicapped by injuries in the early season, Hall is fast coming into his own as one of the feared back-line men in the Conference.

Christians Roll Over Pirates, 85 To 70

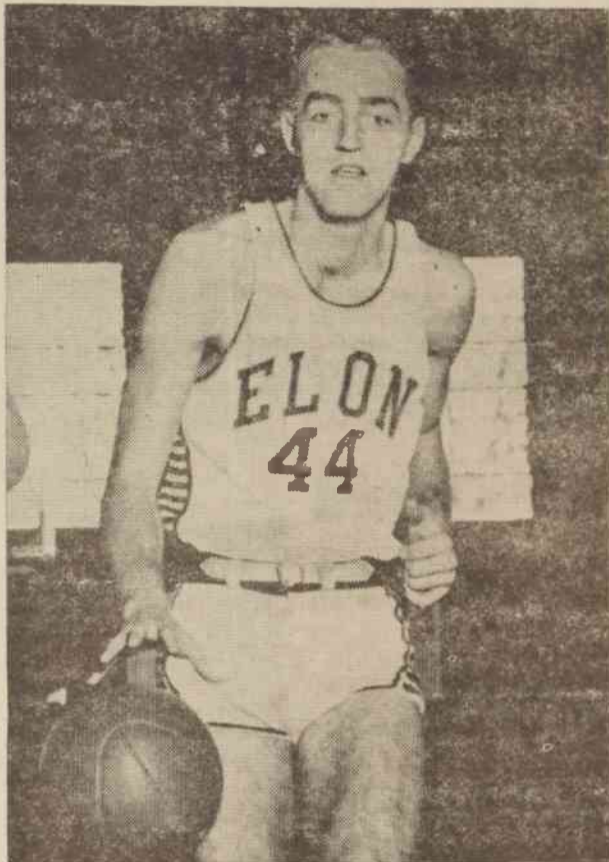
Aggressive and alert from beginning to end, the Elon College Christians turned in their best performance of the year in trouncing the East Carolina Pirates 85 to 70 in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium here Saturday night, February 15th. Showing not the least regard for the favored position of the Pirates, the Christians posted one of the major upsets of the North State Conference season as they kept alive the Elon

hopes for the eighth berth in the Conference tournament. The Christians and Pirates started the contest in ding-dong fashion, with the score tied five times and the lead swapped eight times in the first twelve minutes. At that point Tony Carcaterra tipped a rebound into the bucket to give Elon a 19-17 margin and a lead which the Christians kept the rest of the way.

Little C. G. Hall had the fans in an uproar at times with his rebound play, which featured his versatility, floor play and accurate shooting. With Elon out front and playing deliberate control-type ball, Hall was the pivot of the Elon strategy, and the tiny speedster several times dribbled around and through the Pirates like Stuart riding around the Yankee army. The Leaksville freshman closed out with 23 points

to lead both teams in scoring for the night. He was trailed closely by DeRita and Bell, with 22 and 15 points respectively, who also did a neat job of rebounding throughout the game. Hal Ingram topped the Pirates with 22 points, while Jessel Curry had 13.

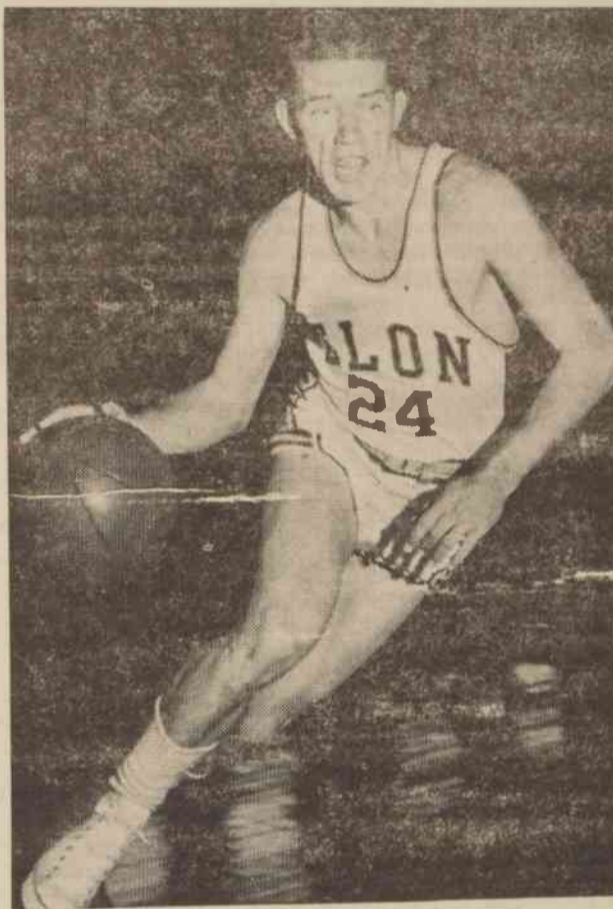
TALL FRESHMAN SEE MUCH SERVICE



EDDIE BURKE, CENTER

Eddie Burke, the 6-6 frosh star from Burlington, has seen much service with the Fighting Christians at center and forward during this 1952 basketball campaign. The big boy who gained All-State honors at Williams High School has had a number of very fine games, although he has also had games in which he was plagued by first-year troubles. However, he has been a valuable man under the basket throughout the hardwood campaign.

STEADY SOPH IS BACK-LINE REGULAR



LARRY BULLA, GUARD

Larry Bulla, a steady sophomore guard from Asheboro, has been a starter in virtually all games played by the Maroon and Gold basketballers this season, moving into a starting spot after seeing mostly reserve duty last season. Although he played behind Jimmy Crump and Paige Stout at guard last year, he was the only freshman to win a letter with that squad which went to Kansas City for the N.A.A.'s national tournament last March.

Elon Posts 72-48 Win Over Apps

Keeping alive their hopes for a berth in the North State Conference Tournament at Lexington, the Elon Christians rose up to smack down the Appalachian Mountaineers 72 to 48 in a Conference battle on the Elon floor on Wednesday night, February 12th.

At the same time the Christians broke a 12-game losing streak, eleven of them in North State competition, as four of the Maroon and Gold cagers racked up double figures in the scoring columns while posting a tight defense against Mountaineer attackers.

There was much loose play on both sides, but the Christians waxed hot at times as they chalked up their first win since before the Christmas holidays, moving out to a six-point lead and a 34-28 margin at half-time.

It was a close game in the early moments, being tied at 2-2, 4-4, 8-8 and 10-10 and with Appalachian claiming a 15-11 lead before Frank DeRita bucketed the ball on a lay-up to give Elon an 18-17 lead after eleven minutes. The Christians never lost the lead after that score.

Tony Carcaterra, a rugged end in football and a hard-hitting outfielder in baseball, proved himself also a star in the cage sport as he paced the Christians to the victory over Appalachian. He racked 15 for the night, nine of them in leading Elon to the 6-point half-time edge.

Joining with Carcaterra in that first-half drive were Rob Bell and C. G. Hall, each with eight points by intermission. Hall went on for 13 points for the game, while Bell totalled 12 for the whole route. A fourth Elon tosser in double figures was Frank DeRita with 11 counters.

Only Mountaineer able to hit consistently all night was Max Hiatt, rugged senior guard, who counted 11 points for the game. No other App was able to hit double digits, and the visitors scored only three field goals in the entire last half.

The victory gave the Christians a 2-11 mark in Conference play, keeping them on the heels of the Guilford Quakers, who are in eighth spot in the loop with a 2-9 record. The Christians need two additional wins in their remaining three games to assure them of a spot in the North State tourney two weeks hence.

The line-ups— Pos.—Elon (72) Appalachian (48) F—Burke 4 Mueller 8 F—DeRita 11 Howe 6 C—Carcaterra 15 Swift 6 G—Bulla 2 M. Hiatt 11 G—Watts 5 King 6 Half-time: Elon 34, Appalachian 28.

Elon subs — Way 8, Bell 12, Hall 13, Wright 2, Clark, Hargrove. Appalachian subs — Muse 7, K. Hiatt 2, Glendenning 4, Caroway, Banner, Newton.

Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following comments were of necessity written before the Saturday night game with Guilford, for printer's deadlines made it necessary for the copy to be turned in before it was revealed whether the Christians made the Conference Tournament or not.)

The big game comes Saturday night, when the Fighting Christians meet the Guilford Quakers for the eighth spot in the North State Tournament at Lexington, and prospects for a win over the Quakers are bright indeed.

The Christians, having broken a 12-game losing streak with victories over Appalachian and East Carolina, seem to have found a combination which could give any team in the North State loop trouble, and that fact will surely be proven if Coach Doc Mathis' boys get that eighth spot in the tournament.

The team is out there scrapping until the last ball is thrown and

the last whistle is blown, and once more Elon is showing itself to be a "clutch team," a reputation which has been built up through the years. Just glance back at the District 26 N.A.I.A. tourneys of the past two years if you need proof of that statement, and you can look forward to see the Christians prove it true once more in the tourney play this year.

By that I mean that, if the Christians grab that eighth spot in the North State Tournament, then you can look forward to seeing them meet Lenoir Rhyne in the finals. Of course that is always providing they happen to get the opposite bracket from the Bears.

I can't help but recall that North State Tournament of 1950, when the Christians barely made the select eight and then swept through to meet the Appalachian Mountaineers in the finals.

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ITK Is Still Only Team Unbeaten In Intramurals

The Iota Tau Kappa cagers, still the only undefeated team in the two intramural leagues, has clinched the title in the National League for the regular-season play and has placed at this point as one of the favored contenders for the tournament laurels.

In the American League North Dorm has grabbed off the first spot with a mark of nine wins and only one loss, but the Northerners are still threatened by the strong Veterans combo, which has dropped only two games in ten starts.

The ITK squad, which is pacing both leagues with a 10-0 mark, added two victories during the past fortnight, one of them by forfeit from Kappa Psi and the other by a 55-44 count over the Apple Men. Gilbert Gates and Harry Faust are still pacing the attack for the ITK quintet.

In the closer American League title chase, the North Dorm outfit also counted two victories within the past two weeks, one of them by forfeit over East and the other the 57-27 win over Vets. Bill Graham and Max Clayton are still pacing North, while Mal Bennett tops the Veterans' attack.

There is a close scrap in the National League for the second-place honors, with the Sigma Phi Beta and Looney Tunes cagers presently tied for runner-up to ITK with 6-3 records. Nick DiSibio tops the Sigma Phi tossers, while Joe DeGais is pacing the Looney Tunes in scoring.

Thirteen stars are still scoring in double figures on statistics compiled last week. The leaders, whose averages are shown in accompanying tables, are Bill Graham and Max Clayton, North; Dave Moseley and Sam Brady, Moseley's Stars; Elmo Rouse, Footbrawlers; Mal Bennett, Veterans; Gary Henson, Day Students; Bill Oliver, Sigma Mu; Wayne Taylor, Kappa Psi; Thurmon Hogan, Apple Men; Gilbert Gates and Harry Faust, ITK; Jimmy Humphreys, Alpha Pi; and Joe DeGais, Looney Tunes.

STANDINGS

(Games Through Feb. 19)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Ave. North Dorm 9 1 .900, Veterans 8 2 .800, Footbrawlers 4 5 .444, Moseley Stars 4 5 .444, Day Students 4 6 .400, East Dorm 2 7 .222

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Ave. Iota Tau Kappa 10 0 1.000, Sigma Phi Beta 6 3 .667, Looney Tunes 6 3 .667, Apple Men 6 5 .556, Sigma Mu Sigma 5 5 .500, Alpha Pi Delta 1 8 .111, Kappa Psi Nu 0 10 .000

RECENT GAME SCORES

Table listing recent game scores: Sigma Mu 52, Apple Men 47, Sigma Phi 43, Alpha Pi 41, Sigma Mu 50, Alpha Pi 48, East 57, Day Students 35, Sigma Phi 27, Apple Men 25, North 2, East 0, Vets 2, F'tbrawlers 0, Looney Tunes 33, Apple Men 20, Looney Tunes 51, Sigma Mu 25, Sigma Mu 2, Kappa Psi 0, Sigma Phi 2, Kappa Psi 0, I.T.K. 2, Kappa Psi 0, Moseley 2, F'tbrawlers 0, Looney Tunes 42, Kappa Psi 26, I.T.K. 55, Apple Men 44, North 57, Veterans 27.

LEADING SCORERS

Table with columns: Name, G, TP, Ave. American League: Bill Graham 8 146 18.4, Max Clayton 8 127 15.9, Dave Moseley 8 122 15.3, Elmo Rouse 5 63 12.6, Mal Bennett 8 82 10.3. National League: Bill Oliver 6 119 19.7, Wayne Taylor 7 92 13.1, Thurmon Hogan 7 89 12.7, Gilbert Gates 9 113 12.6, Nick DiSibio 5 58 11.6, Jim Humphreys 6 67 10.7, Joe DeGais 9 96 10.6, Harry Faust 7 73 10.4.

Lenoir Rhyne Is Winner In Loop Battle By 69-59

The late-season win streak of the Elon Christians was broken at the two-game mark when the Lenoir Rhyne Bears turned back the Maroon and Gold cagers 68 to 59 in a well-played North State Conference battle at Hickory last Thursday night.

The victory for the Bears was their fourteenth in fifteen starts against Conference competition this season, while Elon was left with three wins and twelve losses against loop foes.

The Elon outfit hung close on the heels of the home-standing Bears until the end of the first half, and the intermission found the Lenoir Rhyne squad leading by a bare five points on a 29-24 score.

The Bears came back in the first half to add four additional points to the spread, counting a 39-35 edge in the last twenty minutes of action for the final 68-59 margin. Frank Cline, senior for-

ward, tossed in 12 points within a 10-minute period in that final half to lead the Lenoir Rhyne attack. Cline totalled 23 points for the game to pace both teams.

Rob Bell, Elon forward, was top man for the Christians with 16 points, but he received able assistance from Tony Carcaterra, who dropped in 12 for the night. In addition to Cline, Dick Whitis was the only other Lenoir Rhyne player to hit double figures, the Kentuckian getting 18.

The line-ups: Pos.—Elon (59) Lenoir Rhyne (68) F—Bell 16 Cline 23 F—DeRita 5 Norman 7 C—Carcaterra 12 Whitis 18 G—Watts 6 Sellari 4 G—Bulla 6 Reece 5 Half-time — Lenoir Rhyne 29, Elon 24. Elon subs — Way 8, Burke 2. Lenoir Rhyne subs — J. Hall 4, Lenoir Rhyne 5, McCornick, D. James.