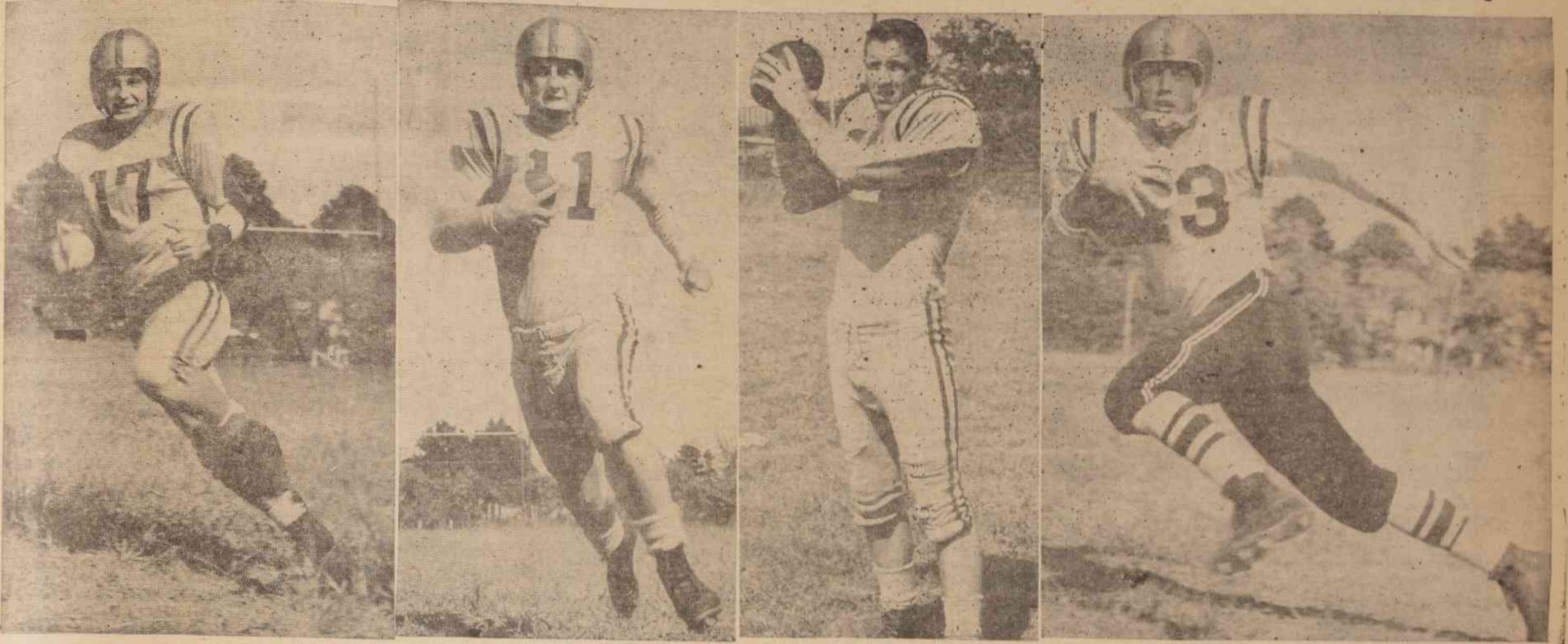


Quartet Of Veteran Backs Are Outstanding Threats Of Fighting Christian Backfield Corps



Four veteran backs form the starting backfield corps for the Elon Christians this fall, and all have rendered yeoman service in the Elon offensive in the early season ball games, teaming to put Elon out in front of all Conference opposition in over-all offense in the first three contests of the 1958 campaign. The four Christian starters, pictured left to right above, are Joe DelGais, 185-pound senior from Inwood, L.I. N. Y., at left halfback; Harry Faust, 190-pound senior from Mahanoy City, Pa., at fullback; Charlie Maidon, 190-pound junior from Cary, at quarterback; and Bob McLean, 180-pound junior from Rockingham, at right halfback. DelGais, Faust and Maidon were regular starters with Elon's undefeated eleven of last season, while McLean was the number five back and saw much service with that all-winning outfit.

Calling The Sports Shots

By JIMMY ELDER



Several nights ago I paid a late evening visit to Elon's Alumni Memorial Gymnasium in search of the Christian sports staff, searching in particular for the football coaching staff, since I needed a bit of information and some pertinent comments for this column.

I located Coaches Sid Varney and Bob Dunlap, along with former Coach Joe Bryson, who is now grid mentor at E. M. Holt High School, enjoying a period of relaxation in the equipment room after a strenuous night drill under the lights out at the ball park.

Since the trio seemed desirous of remaining undisturbed by any prying questions, they referred me for information to a gentleman named Lynn Newcomb, who will be remembered as the rugged and outstanding center of that great undefeated Fighting Christian eleven of last year.

Lynn, who is better known on the campus as "Gator," is presently doing a bit of practice teaching under the direction of Coach Bryson at the E. M. Holt High School, is also doing a fine job as an assistant line coach for Coach Varney this season, passing on the current crop of Christian forwards some of the know-how that he gained during four fine seasons in a Maroon and Gold uniform.

Sure enough, just as Coach Varney had assured me, "Gator" was the man with the information, and proceeding in usual loquacious manner, he willingly enlightened me with bits of dope concerning Elon's upcoming battles with Presbyterian College this weekend and with Catawba the following Saturday.

Lynn described Presbyterian as "the strongest team that Elon will face this year. They have already beaten East Carolina and Lenoir Rhyne, two of the North State's better teams, and have turned back Wofford in their own Conference." Both Presbyterian and Wofford are members of the South Carolina "Little Three" Conference, which also includes the Newberry Indians.

Continuing his comments, Coach Newcomb forecast a "very tough game" with Catawba in the annual Homecoming Day grid battle in Burlington Stadium. "We

will have to cope mainly with their offense, led by fullback Ray dersleeve, and we'll also be faced with a huge Indian line, which averages 218 pounds per man from end to end."

On the North State Conference picture as a whole, he believes that "Lenoir Rhyne and Catawba appear the strongest threats for the Conference title." Despite Elon's losses to Appalachian by 32-20 and to East Carolina by 14-6, he does not believe either club a serious contender for the 1958 crown.

Commenting on our own Fighting Christians, Newcomb noted that the shifting of J. B. Vaughn to end after Harold Austin gave up the grid sport "for personal reasons" appears just a temporary measure, and he does not feel that the shift should affect Vaughn's chances for Little All-America and All-State honors.

Newcomb, like all of the Elon coaching staff, is high in his praise of freshman center Charlie Bosquet, who gained the starting nod for the East Carolina game. He said of Bosquet that "he is a boy with fire in his eyes, a player of great determination and ability."

Lynn also noted that two other freshmen from Alamance County schools have shown up impressively. They are Mickey Walker, former Mebane star, who saw much duty against East Carolina, and Benny Jones, the halfback who came along with Bosquet from Haw River. Also mentioned from the first-year group was Luke Malloy, a rangy end from Connecticut.

In addition to Newcomb, another of last year's Fighting Christians who is getting his coaching baptism this year as a student assistant to Coach Varney and his staff is Richard Bradham, working as freshman backfield coach. Bradham was a steady and reliable quarterback during his four years of varsity play. He is practice teaching at Bessemer High School near Greensboro.

Also listed as a new and, I am told, a valuable addition to the Christian football staff this season is Arthur Pitts, who keeps quite busy as Elon's new equipment manager, who spends much

Appalachian Topples Elon Gridders

Striking with dramatic suddenness in the early minutes of the game, the Appalachian Mountaineers grabbed a first-half scoring lead and went on for an upset 32-20 victory over the Elon Christians in a North State Conference grid battle at Boone on Saturday night, October 4th.

A lightning-like thrust by Ansel Glendenning, Mountaineer halfback, who scampered 79 yards for a touchdown in the first four minutes, gave the Apps an 8 to 0 lead and sparked the white-jerseyed Mountaineers offense into a high-powered exhibition that netted a 26 to 6 margin by half-time intermission.

This half-time margin was too great for the Christians to overcome, and the Appalachian eleven went on to hand the Christians their first North State Conference defeat since 1956. The Elon outfit had not suffered a loss in Conference play since Lenoir Rhyne topped the Christians in mid-November two years ago.

Glendenning's long sprint for the opening touchdown came after Elon's initial drive had fallen short of a first-and-ten at the Appalachian twenty-one. Bill Harvey got nothing on the Apps' first try, but

Elon	Appalachian
16	32
137	243
9	7
128	236
22	13
13	6
198	101
326	337
0	1
0	5
4	4
30.0	17.3
0	0
75	55
Score By Periods:	
Elon	6 0 6 8-20
Appalachian	8 18 0 6-32
Elon Touchdowns: DelGais (1-run), Carcaterra 2 (44-pass from Maidon, 7-pass from Maidon). Extra Points — Maidon 2 (One 2-pointer by run). Appalachian Touchdowns — Glendenning (78-run), Harvey (1-run), G. Wilson (1-run), Edwards (1-run). Extra Points — Ward 2 (One 2-pointer on pass from T. Wilson).	
on second down Glendenning turned the corner at right end and raced untouched into pay-dirt.	

Tommy Wilson passed to Bob Ward for the two-pointer.

The Christians rebounded in that first period for a touchdown. Charlie Maidon returned the kickoff off 17 yards to the Elon forty, and Elon marched for five first downs in rapid succession, features being Maidon passes to Nick DiSibio and Tony Carcaterra for twelve and ten yards and Bob McLean's 10-yard sprint at left end. The plunge for point failed, leaving Elon trailing 8 to 6.

The second quarter was all an Appalachian show, with the Mountaineers sweeping for three touchdowns during the period. Bob Morrison got the Apps' second TD on a 20-yard pass from Tommy Wilson, and Bill Harvey and Glendon Wilson each counted TD's from the one-yard marker for the other two Mountaineer scores in that period. Bill Harvey's score came after Jack White and Jerry Raxter blocked an Elon punt and recovered on the Christian twenty-one. Two passes of 17 and 26 yards from Tommy Wilson to Jerry Raxter set up the final App score of the half.

The second half opened with Elon scoring early. After an App

Catawba Is Homecoming Grid Foe For Christians

One of Elon's oldest and bitterest football rivalries will be renewed in Burlington Stadium on Saturday afternoon, October 25th, when the Christians meet the Catawba Indians in a battle which will feature Elon's annual Homecoming activities. It is the only afternoon battle on the schedule.

The teams have met 22 times on the gridiron since the rivalry began, and the records show that Elon holds a two-game advantage over the Indians in the number of victories. Since the first meeting in 1928, the Christians have chalked eleven wins, Catawba has nine victories, and two games have ended in ties.

A few games have shown overwhelming victories for one team or the other, but most of the battles have been close and hard-fought as was their last meeting two years ago when Elon scored in the final seconds to win a 14-13 contest. There was no game last year, it being cancelled due to flu on the Catawba campus.

That first game in 1928 was

close, with Catawba winning 13-12, but Elon rolled for a 26-7 win the next fall. Catawba won the 1931 contest 31 to 0, and the two teams met 0-0 in 1934, after which Elon copped three wins in a row by scores of 32 to 0 in 1935, 33 to 13 in 1936 and 22 to 2 in 1937.

It was an even split on the next four games, with Catawba winning 26 to 6 in 1938 and 13 to 0 in 1940, while Elon copped wins 26 to 7 in 1939 and 8 to 7 in 1941. There were no games during World War II, with play resumed in 1946.

After the war Catawba moved ahead with three straight wins, copping by 40 to 0, 38 to 0 and 35 to 0 between 1946 and 1948, but Elon turned the tide with three straight wins, 20 to 14 in 1949, 26 to 12 in 1950 and 21 to 14 in 1951. Catawba won 12 to 0 in 1952, and there was a 21-21 tie in 1953. It was Elon 36 to 12 in 1954, Catawba 19 to 0 in 1955, and Elon 14 to 13 in 1956.

Elon Leads Conference In Early Season Gains

Despite the fact that the Christians dropped three of their first four games, the Maroon and Gold squad and its individual stars are on top or near the top in a number of statistics columns for the North State Conference, and they have rated well in the national statistics for the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

In figures released last week, which did not include the games of the past Saturday night, the Elon gridders topped the entire Conference in total offense with gains in rushing and passing totalling 917 yards for an average of 305.7 yards per game.

The Christians gained the top spot in total offense in spite of the fact that they failed to lead the Conference in either rushing or passing. They were third in team rushing for the season, trailing Appalachian and Catawba, as the Christians posted a mark of 594 yards and an average of 198 yards per game on the ground. They were second in team passing yardage with gains in three games of 323 yards for an average of 107.7 yards per game in the air.

It was in the defensive statistics tables that the Christians fell

down, for they were in the Conference cellar in both total defense and in passing defense, although they were in second spot just behind Lenoir Rhyne in the rushing defense department. Lenoir Rhyne topped the seven Conference teams in both total defense and rushing defense, although they fell off to fourth place in pass defense.

The poor showing of the Christians in defensive play came as a result of the two games with Wofford and Appalachian, for they threw up a great defense against Guilford in the opener. The Wofford passing attack riddled Elon's aerial defenses for a total of 223 yards, and the Appalachian ball carriers gained 236 yards on the ground against the Christians. The Elon marks showed game averages of 253.7 yards in total defense, 122.3 yards in rushing defense and 131.3 yards in passing defense.

Charlie Maidon, the big junior quarterback, who directs the Elon attack, topped the Conference in individual total offense after three games with 306 yards on 57 plays. He also topped the Conference in individual passing with 22 com-

Campus Football Season Is Underway

The campus grid wars are in full swing, with six teams in the running for Elon's 1958 tag-football title in a league which is operating as the autumn feature of Coach Jack Sanford's intramural program.

Only two games had been played in the loop through last week, but the action will be thick and fast from now on through the Fall Quarter. Coach Sanford plans two games a day from Monday through Thursday each week, with each team meeting each other team in a double round-robin schedule. The type of play-off will be decided by the vote of the managers.

The six teams in the league and their managers include East Dorm, managed by Pete Jones; the Playboys, led by Bill Libby; Tidewater, piloted by Lester Dodge and Don Lichok; the Vikings, managed by Dick Moore; the Road Runners, directed by Yancey Ford; and the

Bowery Boys, led by Grady Church.

The type of competition which is slated for this fall was shown when the Playboys toppled the defending champions from East Dorm by an 18 to 13 count last week and the Tidewater outfit turned back the Bowery Boys by a 19 to 9 score. The East Dorm

crew won the title last year while playing under the North Dorm colors.

The Playboys, in chalking their 18 to 13 victory over the Easterners, used passes for each of their three touchdowns. Bill Libby passed to Hudson and Geringan for two of them, and Brinser tossed to Geringan for the other. The passing of Pete Jones figured in all East scores, for he tossed to Hawkins and Ivey for TD's and also pitched to Clark for the extra point.

Hank Carmines was the pitching star for Tidewater in its 19 to 9 triumph over the Bowery Boys. The Tidewater tosser passed to Toms, Wyrick and Price for the three touchdowns, and he also connected with Bujan for the extra point. Tuck counted both the touchdown and extra point for the Bowery boys, running 30 yards for the TD and taking a pass from Church for the extra point. A safety counted the other two points.

Elon Football

- Elon 14, Guilford 7.
- Elon 16, Wofford 22.
- Elon 20, Appalachian 32.
- Elon 6, East Carolina 14. (Remaining Games)
- Oct. 18 — Presbyterian, away.
- Oct. 25 — Catawba, home.
- Nov. 1 — West Carolina, away.
- Nov. 8 — Newberry, home.
- Nov. 15 — Lenoir Rhyne, home.

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