

Elon Nine Opens Campaign With Five Straight Home Tilts

High Point Downs Elon In Tourney

Using a running game to good advantage, the High Point Panthers broke a close game wide open in the final half as they defeated the Elon Christians 66 to 49 in a first-round battle in the annual North State Conference tournament at Lexington on Thursday night, February 26th.

The Christians held momentary leads in the opening minutes against High Point, but the Panthers grabbed the lead for keeps at 6-4 when Danny Sewell hit two straight lay-ups after two and a half minutes of action.

Marsh Oakley and Steve Wall, a pair of Elon freshmen, joined forces to pull up within one point at 22-21 in a period of two minutes. Oakley, the Tri-City boy, banged three buckets on outside shots, and Wall sank one set shot during this rally.

Then Sewell counted five quick points and Steve Afendis added a couple to put High Point back out front, and the Panthers worked out a four-point lead at the half-time break.

The second Elon rally came immediately after the intermission, with the Christians coming up from the half-time 35-31 deficit to pull within two points at 39 to 37. Tony Carcaterra counting two baskets and Captain Gil Watts one in a brief threat.

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PAIR OF JUNIOR-SENIOR VETERANS ANCHOR CHRISTIAN MOUND STAFF



GILBERT WATTS, SENIOR PITCHER



GARY HENSON, JUNIOR PITCHER

Gilbert Watts, left, a senior right-hander from Laurinburg, and Gary Henson, right, a junior left hander from Granite Falls, are the two veterans of the Elon College pitching staff for the 1959 diamond campaign. Watts, who won All-American honors last year, had a 7-1 mark in wins and losses, while Henson broke even with a 2-2 mark with last year's Conference champions.

Williams To Play Here In Opener March 23rd

The Fighting Christian baseball squad, which will bid this spring for its third consecutive North State Conference diamond title, will open its 1959 campaign with five consecutive home games, all of them set for the week prior to the annual Easter vacation.

The opener will bring the powerful Williams College nine, members of the New England "Little Three" loop, to the Elon campus on March 23rd for two straight days, a second battle with the New Englanders being carded for the following day. The Williams nine has been Elon's opening foe for several years, and the Christians turned the northerners back 14 to 4 last year in a single game. A second contest was rained out.

That initial week of this 1959 season will quite definitely be "Yankee Week," for each of the other three battles that week will be with New England teams. The Colby College outfit will follow Williams for a two-game series on March 25th and 26th, and then the strong Dartmouth Indians of the famed Ivy League will be here on March 27th.

Following that five-game pre-vacation stand on the Elon field, the Christian outfit will take to the road for five days of play during the spring holidays. Coach Jack Sanford will take his boys to Port Lee, Va., for two battles with that strong Army team on March 31st and April 1st, and then

Baseball Schedule

- Mar. 23—Williams, home.
- Mar. 24—Williams, home.
- Mar. 25—Colby, home.
- Mar. 26—Colby, home.
- Mar. 27—Dartmouth, home.
- Mar. 31—Port Lee, away.
- Apr. 1—Port Lee, away.
- Apr. 2—Lejeune Tournament.
- Apr. 3—Lejeune Tournament.
- Apr. 4—Lejeune Tournament.
- Apr. 6—High Point, away.
- Apr. 7—Guilford, home.
- Apr. 11—A. C. C., home.
- Apr. 14—Catawba, away.
- Apr. 16—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Apr. 17—West Carolina, home.
- Apr. 18—West Carolina, home.
- Apr. 21—High Point, home.
- Apr. 22—Appalachian, away.
- Apr. 23—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Apr. 25—East Carolina, home.
- Apr. 28—Catawba, home.
- Apr. 30—Appalachian, home.
- May 1—Pfeiffer, away.
- May 8—A.C.C., away.
- May 5—Pfeiffer, home.
- May 9—East Carolina, away.
- May 15—Guilford, away.

the Christians journey down to Camp Lejeune for a three-day tournament which finds them opposing Camp Lejeune and Ithaca University.

With such a rugged early-season slate facing the Christians,

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I.T.K. Wins Over East In Campus Tournament

Just as Western Carolina pulled a grand slam and picked up both the regular-season and post-season tourney titles in the North State Conference, so Iota Tau Kappa pulled the grand slam in campus basketball for the 1958 season, for the I.T.K. tossers added the campus tournament crown to the championship which they had gained in regular-season play.

The I.T.K. emerged victors in the tournament during the week prior to winter quarter exams by defeating East Dorm 66 to 58 in the final game of a six-team tournament that continued through three days of play. The game was a replay of the final contest of regular-season intramurals, matching the champions of the National and American Leagues.

In lining up the tournament Coach Jack Sanford moved the top three teams in each league into tournament play, including Iota Tau Kappa, Kappa Psi Nu and Sigma Phi Beta from the National League and East Dorm, Carolina Hall and Looney Tunes from the American League. The tournament draw matched teams from opposite leagues in the first round battles. The tournament game results follow:

Sigma Phi 35, Carolina 29
Don Lichok and Hank Carmines were the top scorers for the Sigma Phi Beta outfit as the National Leaguers defeated Carolina Hall by a 35 to 29 count in one first-round contest. Lichok racked 14 points on five field goals and four free throws, while Carmines had five field baskets and a single free throw. Gary Henson, with 8 points, was the top man for the Carolina cagers.

Sigma Phi 11, Carmines 11
Dodge, Ruggeri 2, Lichok 14, Frye, Bujan 4, Parker, DiSibio 4.

Carolina 6, Henson 9, Wyatt 4, Knapp 6, Burgess, Tuck 5, Stephens 5.

Kappa Psi 21, Looney Tunes 19
The other first-round battle proved close and exciting, with Kappa Psi Nu grabbing a low-scoring 21 to 19 victory over the Looney Tunes in a game that featured close defenses. Max Clayton, who racked six field goals for 12 points, was the big boy in the Kappa Psi attack, while J. B.

Vaughn with 10 counters was the top man for the Looney Tunes combine.

KAPPA PSI — Clayton 12, Mauldin 2, Taylor 2, Porter 4, Medlock 1, Plaster, Pentress, Murray.

LOONEY TUNES — DeGais 5, Edmonds, Pulliam 2, Roberson 2, Vaughn 10.

East 36, Kappa Psi 31
It was Arthur Thompson and Sammy Simmons who proved top men for the East Dorm cagers, who turned back Kappa Psi Nu 36 to 31 in a well-played semi-final contest. Thompson dropped in five field goals and five charity tosses for 15 points, while Simmons counted five field buckets for 10 points. Steve Mauldin with 12 and Wayne Taylor with 10 points were the big boys for Kappa Psi Nu in the battle.

EAST — Jones 1, Tyler 4, Simmons 10, Hawkins, Thompson 15.

KAPPA PSI — Clayton 8, Mauldin 12, Taylor 10, Porter 1, Medlock, Plaster.

I.T.K. 40, Sigma Phi 24

Eddie Clark displayed an eagle eye and racked for 18 points as he paced the Iota Tau Kappa outfit to a 40 to 24 victory over Sigma Phi in the other semi-finals battle. Hank Carmines and Nick DiSibio led the Sigma Phi quintet in a game in which no Sigma Phi tosser could hit double figures.

I.T.K. — Faust 5, Allen 3, Gates 6, Rhodes 4, Clark 18, Arnold 2, Payne 2.

SIGMA PHI — Carmines 6, Lichok 3, Bujan 2, Hawks, Dodge, Parker 2, DiSibio 5, Austin 1, DiPerna.

I.T.K. 66, East 58

The final battle, which proved a high-scoring affair with both teams going full blast offensively, showed Iota Tau Kappa chalking a 66 to 58 victory over East Dorm. Towering Gilbert Gates had hit his best day of the season as he hit 33 points and did exactly half the scoring for the winning I.T.K. squad. Sammy Simmons with 18 and Arthur Thompson with 17 points were the leaders for East in the scoring columns.

I.T.K. — Faust 10, Allen 9, Gates 33, Rhodes 9, Clark 6.

EAST DORM — Tyler 5, Troutman 12, Thompson 17, Simmons 18, Hawkins 4.



Calling The Sports Shots

By JIMMY ELDER

The North State Conference basketball season for all intents and purposes is over, with Western Carolina, the tall and talented Catamounts from Cullowhee, being declared Conference champs by virtue of a 39 to 36 win over upset-minded Catawba.

The Indians were the real surprise of the Conference tournament at Lexington, having dwelled in the lower echelon of the Conference all season. After finishing the season in seventh place, Coach Earl Ruth's Catawba squad polished off the third-seeded East Carolina Pirates, dumped the second-seeded Lenoir Rhyne Bears, who were defending their title, and then almost knocked off the top-seeded Catamounts.

Coach Doc Mathis' Christian quintet ended the season in defeat at the hands of High Point. That defeat came in the first round of the tournament, and it was not unexpected in view of the season records of the two North State rivals.

This writer had predicted that Lenoir Rhyne would sweep away with all honors again this year, and, even though the Bears failed to do this, the outfit from Hickory will represent District 26 of the NAIA in the NAIA's small-college tournament in Kansas City. Lenoir Rhyne gained the berth, which the Bears also won last year, by defeating Wofford and then staving off a Western Carolina bid by a 48 to 42 count.

Inevitably, at the end of every season in sports, many enthusiasts are riled by the post-season All-Conference, All-State and All-American selections. The reasons for such anguish are often valid, as the methods for selecting the mythical teams are many times absurd.

Nevertheless, when the coaches select the season stand-outs, the results are usually dependable. I say usually dependable, because

I shall proceed to consider such a post-season selection made by the coaches of our own North State Conference.

Recently the coaches of the North State teams cast their votes for the All-Conference basketball squad, and, for the most part, they were probably correct. However, the coaches definitely slighted the Elon Christians.

It is true that the Christians did not have an impressive record, having finished eighth in the Conference for the second consecutive season, but, even with the team's rather poor won-lost record, it does not follow logically that there were no outstanding ball players on the Elon roster.

Quite to the contrary, for the comparative individual statistics indicate that Elon's strapping Tony Carcaterra, who was the best and most rugged rebounder in the Conference and also in the District 26 of the NAIA, should have been included ahead of some of the ten players that were selected, in many cases because of their fancy team records.

Carcaterra averaged better than 14 rebounds per game, which is considerably ahead of his opposition. He led the Conference all season in that department and also tossed in an average of better than 12 points per game in the Christian scoring columns.

Tony is probably the fastest and certainly the quickest big man in the Conference. This speed alone, along with a lot of hustle and competitive spirit, made him one of the Conference's best defensive men. With a record like this, it seems preposterous to most Christian fans that Carcaterra should have been excluded from the All-Conference squad, in favor of others whose record and value to their respective teams did not come close to matching the big boy from Long Island.

Cinder Squad Will Face Ten Meets During Year

With another basketball season written into the Elon annals, the final statistics for the 1958-59 season show Tony Carcaterra gulping off with most of the individual laurels on an Elon squad which won seven and lost sixteen during the campaign.

The big Christian center, who established himself among the better basketball players in the North State Conference after having already twice gained All-Conference honors in both football and baseball along with All-State berths on both the gridiron and diamond, topped the season scoring and also led the Maroon and Gold cagers in rebounding.

The Long Island lad rounded out the 23-game campaign with a total of 279 points and an average of 12.1 points per game. In posting this scoring total, Carcaterra hit on 102 field goals in 228 attempts for a 44.7 field goal percentage and added 75 free

throws in 110 tries for a 68.2 percentage from the charity line.

It was in rebounding, however, that Carcaterra really shined this year, for the Christian center, who stands only 6-4 in height, out-rebounded even the 6-7 and 6-8 boys in the loop and pulled down 325 loose balls off the boards during the season for an average of 14.1 per game, good enough to top the Conference by a wide margin.

Eddie Burke, the sophomore forward from Burlington, was the only other Elon cager to average double figures in either scoring or rebounding. The 6-6 Burke was just behind Carcaterra in total scoring with 261 points, and he posted that figure while playing three less games. Burke hit on 97 of 221 floor attempts for a 43.4 field goal percentage and made good on 87 of 100 free throw tries for even 87 per cent. He also averaged 10 rebounds per game.

Marsh Oakley, freshman for-

Girl Cagers Are Coming March 21st

The Women's Athletic Association of Elon College will play host to girls from four other colleges at a Basketball Sports Day, which is to be held in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday, March 21st, according to plans announced this week by Mrs. Jeanne Griffin, director of girls' physical education.

The other schools who have accepted the invitation to send girls' basketball squads here for the day's play include Greensboro College, Woman's College, Salem and Wake Forest. Play is scheduled to get underway at 10 o'clock that morning and continue until 4 o'clock that afternoon. The visiting players will be Elon's guests at lunch.

The roster of players who will represent Elon in that day of cage play has not been announced, but the group will be composed of

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SCORING

(Final For Season)

Player	g	fg	ft	tr
Carcaterra	23	102	75	279
Burke	20	97	67	261
Oakley	23	94	38	220
Watts	22	69	33	171
Palkovics	23	54	27	135
Wall	23	37	21	95
Hall	23	12	37	61
Wright	15	15	8	38
Collins	18	13	6	32
Myers	9	10	3	23
Johnson	7	4	1	9
Oliver	5	1	0	2
Cooke	3	1	0	2
Other Players	10	5	3	13

ELON TOTAL 23 515 319 1349

OPPONENTS 23 581 412 1568

ward from Leaksville, was the third Elon cager to top the 200-point mark for the year. Oakley counted 220 points in 23 games for an average of 9.7 points per game. Those over the 100-point total for the season were Captain Gil Watts with 171 and Bill Palkovics with 135 points.

Carcaterra Top Scorer As Cage Season Closes

The Elon College track squad, which has been among the top-ranking cinder combinations in the North State Conference for the past several seasons, will face ten meets during the coming 1959 campaign, according to the schedule just released by Coach Sid Varney. The season card shows nine dual meets and closes with the annual Conference titular meet.

Seven of the nine dual engagements are definitely set, according to Coach Varney, and two others are tentatively agreed upon with Pembroke and Atlantic Christian. The definitely scheduled meets are with Washington and Lee, Pfeiffer, Catawba, Apprentice, High Point, Guilford and Lynchburg.

The Elon tracksters were undefeated in dual-meet competition last year and finished as runner-up to the East Carolina cindermen in the Conference meet at High Point. The season record included four wins over Catawba, High

TRACK SCHEDULE

- Mar. 24—Pembroke, home.
- (Pending)
- Apr. 11—W. and L., away.
- Apr. 14—Pfeiffer, home.
- Apr. 18—A.C.C., home.
- (Pending)
- Apr. 22—Catawba, home.
- Apr. 25—Apprentice, away.
- Apr. 28—High Point, home.
- Apr. 30—Guilford, away.
- May 6—Lynchburg, away.
- May 9—Conference Meet.

Point, Atlantic Christian and Lynchburg, other dual meets carded during the year being cancelled due to rain. The squad counted 46 1-2 points to trail East Carolina in the title meet.

Gone from that squad by way of graduation are Lynn Newcomb and Bob Stauffenberg, stellar weight men; Richard Bradburn, one of the better broad jumpers

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