

# Stubborn Elon Squad Downed By Wofford In 14-0 Battle

SCENES AS CHRISTIANS DROP FIRST HOME GRID BATTLE TO QUAKERS



Coach Sid Varney is shown in foreground of picture at left as he surveys the field of battle between Elon and Guilford and gives instructions to Bob McLean (23), Elon's senior halfback. Other Elon players, identified by numbers, are Barry Staebler (70), Jim Short (21), George Wooten (11) and Don Szydlak (77). The action shot at the right was caught as Jim Moore (83), freshman end, reaches high for one of Charlie Maidon's passes. The Guilford defenders in white are Brodie Baker (10) and Jim Elks (13). The serious looks on the faces of the Elon players and coach indicate the trend of the contest, which Guilford won by a 27 to 0 count.

## Time Out With Ted

By TED FIELDS

Football — 1959. Here we are again with football in the air. The "muscle boys" are back in vogue, and every week's activity points to the week-end's fracas. Armed with a crystal ball decoder, pencil and pad, and a family-size bottle of aspirin, your sports editor interviewed Elon's mentor, Coach Sid Varney.

Coach Varney said, and quite truly this fall, that Elon lacks experience. Just to quote a few dreary statistics, here is the story. Elon is blessed with the largest freshman aggregation in the conference, perhaps in the nation. On the entire squad there are twelve returning upperclassmen. After subtracting this meager number, we find that the remainder is only twenty-seven per cent of the squad—seventy-three per cent freshmen. You don't have to be a Leahy to interpret these figures. With this inexperience, we will see a talented team which is hampered by its inability to sustain offensive drives. We will see a team that must concentrate on defense, but will, without a doubt make many mistakes. In order to age his young charges, Coach Varney has played over thirty boys in each of the first two games, thirty four at Apprentice and thirty five at Guilford. Someone summed up the situation by saying that Elon has a stage-driver with no stage to drive. Charlie Maidon and returning Dick Smith are fine quarterbacks, but without experience in the line or backfield, Elon will not break even in the won-lost column.

Ordinarily, with such a terrific infusion of new blood, a prediction of a wonderful next year would be appropos. This, however, brings us to another story. For some strange reason we cannot be assured that these fine freshmen will be on the scene when 1960 rolls around. Academic buffoon is a strong term, but the Dean's dismissal list is a reliable source. Is it necessary that an athlete who is endowed with physical dexterity should be mentally effete? Not wishing to editorialize, I shall leave the question unanswered.

Every returning Elonite should be interested to hear the accomplishments of former Elon athletes. Former All-American and 1955 Elon graduate, Gil Watts, who joined the Wilson Tobs of the Carolina League late in the season, answered in the final game of the

Skaugnessy play-offs to win the game, 1-0. Gil is headed for a great career in baseball, and in this writer's opinion will join Tom Brewer in the majors within three years. Joe Teague, who joined the pro ranks from Elon in 1958, has been called by the Cleveland Indians to report to Florida in October to play in a winter league. Joe hammered the "horse-hide" at a .270 clip in Georgia this past season and we think he is in store for even better years.

Larry Bulla had a mediocre season with the Alamance Indians, but experience is all that Larry needs in order to show his real talent.

See you at the game Saturday?

## Christians Defeat Apprentice Eleven 22 To 0

### HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Apprentice
11	7
155	139
15	37
149	102
19	16
5	2
110	11
242	113
3	0
57	0
6	7
31.8	24.0
26	82
3	1
50	45

Score by periods:  
Elon 0 0 8 14—22  
Apprentice 0 0 0 0—0  
Elon Touchdowns: Little (45-pass interception), Komorowsky (26-pass from Maidon; Wooten (fumble recovery in end zone). Extra Points—McLean (2-pointer from scrimmage).

With freshmen triggering the attack and scoring all of the touchdowns, the Elon College Christians rallied after a scoreless first half to defeat Apprentice School Shipbuilders 22 to 0 at Newport News on Saturday, September 12th, in the opening game of Elon's 1959 gridiron campaign. The shipbuilders, with close to 6,000 Tidewater fans in the stands to watch the finest Apprentice team since World War II days, gave their supporters something to cheer for as they battled the Elon outfit through a scoreless first half.

In fact, the Shipbuilders dominated the first half on offense, taking advantage of several breaks to threaten deep in Elon territory several times. A bad center pass on punt formation gave Apprentice a first-and-ten on the Elon 11 yard line midway the first quarter, but an alert Christian de-

fense stopped the threat without a score as Jim Short intercepted an Apprentice pass on the four. An Elon fumble was recovered by Apprentice on the Elon twenty-one a few plays later, and the Shipbuilders were in scoring position again. Again the Elon defense halted the threat, which ended with a failure on a field goal attempt. Still a third Apprentice threat fell short at the Elon 15-yard marker as Bill Evans' fourth-down plunge fell short of a first down.

The Christians came back strong in the second half for three touchdowns. The first of these came midway the third quarter as Mike Little, a freshman halfback from Shenandoah, Pa., intercepted an Apprentice pass at the Apprentice forty-five and raced through the entire Shipbuilder defense for a touchdown. Bob McLean hit the line for the 2-point bonus that

gave Elon an 8 to 0 lead. The second Christian score came on an 80-yard drive, which featured the fine running of Bob McLean and a pair of long passes by Charlie Maidon to John Dalton and George Komorowsky, a pair of freshman ends. The pass to Komorowsky was good for 26 yards and a touchdown. Paul Brutch plunged for two points and a 16-0 Elon lead.

George Wooten, Elon's freshman quarterback from Hamlet, directed the Christians to their final score. An exchange of fumbles set up a Christian drive to the Apprentice five, and Bob Overton plunged across the goal but fumbled in the end zone. Wooten dived on the ball and recovered for a touchdown. The try-for-point failed, and the final score was written at 22 to 0.

## Maidon Hurt And Misses Terrier Tilt

Fighting stubbornly all the way, the maroon-jerseyed Elon Christians went down before a powerful Wofford College eleven by a 14 to 0 count at Spartanburg last Saturday night, but the Christians stayed very much in the ball game until barely five minutes before the end when the Terriers counted their second and clinching touchdown.

Playing without the services of Charlie Maidon, Elon's brilliant senior quarterback, who saw not one second of action due to a leg injury that had handicapped him through two earlier games, the Christians yielded one touchdown to the Terriers after 9:30 of play in the first quarter for the 8-0 score and another with ten minutes gone of the final period for the 14-0 final margin.

### HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Wofford
7	15
131	337
39	3
92	334
9	9
4	1
69	23
192	182
1	5
7	0
8	4
36.0	31.5
5	48
2	2
25	30

Score by periods:  
Elon 0 0 0 0—0  
Wofford 6 0 0 8—14  
Wofford touchdowns: Benson (1-run), Drawdy (7-run). Extra Points: Drawdy (2-pointer plunge).

On three other occasions during the game the Fighting Christians dived fully up to their name as they halted Wofford scoring threats at the Elon 19, 6 and 10 yard markers. In the closing minutes of the second quarter the Christians themselves drove to the Wofford three and threatened to grab a half-time tie or lead, only to have a fourth-down pass attempt thrown for a loss on the very last play of the half.

The first Wofford TD came on a 74-yard drive after Elon's Mike Little punted dead on the Terrier 28-yard line. The drive featured the running of Gary Whitlock, who got 18 on one play and then broke away on a 48-yard sprint from mid-field to the Elon four. It took Jim Benson three plays to buck the ball over the goal line, and a Whitlock pass failed on the try-for-points.

Later in that first period, the Terriers drove to the Elon 19-yard line, where a clipping penalty nullified what looked like another Wofford score. Two plays later little George Wooten, Elon freshman quarterback, intercepted a Terrier pass at the goal line to halt the threat.

Wooten, who played full sixty minutes as Elon's replacement for the injured Charlie Maidon, guided the Christians on their big threat in the final moments of the half, the long-gainer play being a 20-yard pass from Wooten to Tony Markosky. The Christians hammered out three first downs in succession and had third and three on Wofford's 3-yard line before an incomplete toss and a long loss on another pass attempt broke the threat.

As the fourth period opened, the Elon defense halted Wofford at the Elon six, and four plays later Little kicked short to the Elon thirty-seven. From that point and on first down, little Jackie Drawdy broke away for a 37-yard jaunt for the final touchdown. Drawdy also plunged for the two-point and the 14-0 count. With less than a minute to go, Elon stopped another Terrier drive at the Christian ten.

## Quaker Gridders Get First Victory Over Elon Team Since 1953 Season

The Guilford Quakers, rising up after losing five consecutive gridiron battles to Elon, unleashed a pair of heavy and hard-running halfbacks in a deadly attack which netted the Quakers their first victory over the Christian gridders since 1953. The score was 27 to 0 in the first home game of the Elon season in Burlington Stadium on Saturday night, September 19th.

Fleet-footed John Meroney, Guilford senior, counted three of the Guilford touchdowns and was acclaimed as the hero of the Quaker victory, but just as deadly in the Guilford assault was Jim Elks, Meroney's 195-pound halfback mate, who ran with reckless abandon all night and who tossed a 16-yard pass to Bob Holloway for the other Guilford marker.

The youthful Christian squad, which includes seventy-five per cent freshmen, suffered from several mistakes, brought on by inexperience. However, the red-jerseyed Christians moved the ball well and actually racked up 19 first downs to 11 for the victorious Quaker outfit.

In the second quarter, already trailing by a 7 to 0 score, the Elon eleven drove to the Guilford seven-yard line, but the Quaker defense halted the Christians at that point by stopping three of Charlie Maidon's usually deadly passes. It was

### HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Guilford
19	11
212	261
31	4
170	257
23	12
10	3
122	36
292	293
0	4
0	19
5	8
21.2	27.1
121	16
2	9
105	50

Score by periods:  
Elon 0 0 0 0—0  
Guilford 7 14 0 6—27  
Guilford Touchdowns: Meroney 3 (2-run, 93-run, 1-run), Holloway (16-pass from Elks). Extra Points—Elks (2-pointer scrimmage), Parker (1-pointer placement).

from that point, on the very next play, that Meroney hot-footed it for 92 yards through the Elon defense for Guilford's second touchdown. Jim Elks plunged for a two-point that made it 25 to 0. The Quakers had driven for

their first TD midway the first quarter. An Elon fumble gave the enemy the ball on the Christian twelve, and they drove from that point into the end zone. Meroney drove from the two for the TD, fumbling as he crossed the goal but recovering his own fumble for the score. Les Parker kicked the extra point.

A 15-yard penalty got the Quakers started on their drive for their third score of the night and their third of the first half. Taking over on the Guilford forty-seven, they drove to the goal in eight plays, with Jim Elks accounting for most of the rushing yardage. Elks climaxed the drive with a 16-yard scoring pass to Holloway in the end zone. Elks was halted on the attempted plunge for the two-point.

The Quakers topped off their scoring for the night with a fourth touchdown that came in the fourth quarter. Tackle Wayne Henley recovered an Elon fumble on the Christian thirty-five, and the Guilford outfit moved from there for the touchdown. Meroney bucked over from the one for the score, his third one of the night.

Charlie Maidon, who completed nine of seventeen passes which he tried for the night for a total of 108 yards, was the top ground-gainer for the Elon eleven during the fray.

## CHRISTIAN GRID LEADER



Turner Brosky, a rugged 200-pound senior from Punksutawney, Pa., is the captain of the Fighting Christian football squad for the 1959 season. Brosky, who has been an honor student throughout his campus career, is playing center this fall, but he has also taken a turn at guard when his services were needed at that post in the early games. In his previous seasons, the big Pennsylvania has played end and tackle, so he will wind up his career after playing all line positions.