

Catawba Will Be Elon Foe For Homecoming Tilt

Elon Gridders Meet Tampa This Week

The Fighting Christian gridders who are now all even with two wins and two losses for the 1960 campaign, left last night for sunny Florida, where the Maroon and Gold eleven will meet the University of Tampa Spartans in Tampa on Saturday night.

The game this weekend will mark Elon's first meeting with the Tampa outfit, but it does not mark the first visit to Florida for a Christian grid squad. Three times in past years the Christians have played mighty Miami, and it may surprise some Elon students to know that Elon holds one victory over the Miami Hurricanes.

The Christians first met Miami on the Hurricane home field in 1928, and Coach Peahead Walker's Elon team chalked a 21 to 18 victory in that game. It is interesting to note that Elon scored three touchdowns without a first down in that game, scoring on two blocked punts and a return of an intercepted pas, kicking all extra points to win the victory.

Other Elon invasions of Florida came in 1940 and 1941, when the

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VETERANS STAND OUT IN ELON'S EARLY GRID BATTLES



A pair of letter veterans who have played outstanding roles in Elon's early grid battles of this 1960 season are big Don Szydlik, pictured left, a rugged senior tackle, and George Wooten, a rifle-armed sophomore quarterback. Szydlik, who hails from Natrona, Pa., packs 215 pounds on his frame and has played fine ball on both offense and defense at the left tackle spot. He is now in his third season as a regular starter with the Christian eleven. George Wooten, a slender passing ace from Hamlet, was topping the Elon squad in total offense after the first three games of the season and had gained high ranks among the backfield stars of the North State Conference. Wooten showed 226 yards on 15 completed passes in the three early games and was topping the Elon individual scoring race with two touchdowns and four extra points. After understudying Charlie Maidon last season, the Hamlet sophomore has already come into his own this fall as one of the top passers in the state. He threw one pass 70 yards in the air for a completion on the Appalachian five-yard line, setting up one of Elon two TD's against the Mountaineers.

Christians Seek Revenge For Last Year's Defeat

Highlighting the Homecoming Day for the Elon College students, alumni and fans will be the annual Elon-Catawba grid battle, marking the renewal of one of Elon's oldest and bitterest football rivalries. The game is carded for Burlington Stadium at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, October 22nd, and promises plenty of entertainment for the Homecoming crowd.

The two old rivals have met twenty-four times on the gridiron since the rivalry has begun more than thirty years ago, and the North State Conference rivals are all tied up in the series. That fact alone would make this 1960 meeting one of the hardest fought of the entire series.

The records disclose that the Elon and Catawba elevens met for the first time back in 1928, and since that time both the Christians and Tribe have emerged as winners eleven times, while two of the annual contests ended in tie scores.

Some of the games have been won or lost by close scores, while others have yielded overwhelming victories for one team or the other. Regardless of the outcome, however, no games on either schedule have brought out more intense spirit on the part of the players nor more interest on the part of the fans.

The first game back in 1928 was one of the close ones, with Catawba winning the initial victory by a 13 to 12 score, but Elon got sweet revenge the following year when the Christians rolled to a 26 to 7 victory in the 1929 contest. There was no game in 1930, and Catawba copped the 1931 battle by a 38 to 0 count, after which another lapse occurred that saw no more action until 1934 when the Christians and Indians battled to a scoreless tie.

The following year introduced a series of three Elon victories in a row, with the Christians winning 32 to 0 in 1935, 33 to 13 in 1936 and 22 to 7 in 1937. The teams

Elon Football

- Elon 19, Guilford 7.
- Elon 30, Apprentice 0.
- Elon 13, Appalachian 33.
- Elon 8, East Carolina 14.
- (Remaining Games)
- Oct. 15—Tampa, away.
- Oct. 22—Catawba, home.
- Oct. 29—West Carolina, away.
- Nov. 5—Newberry, home.
- Nov. 12—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Nov. 18—Presbyterian, away.

played turn-about for the next four years, alternating victories from year to year. Catawba won the '38 encounter 20 to 6, Elon took the 1939 battle by a 7 to 0 count, Catawba grabbed the victory in 1940 by 13 to 0 margin, and Elon captured a thriller by an 8 to 7 score to annex the North State championship. That was the final meeting of the rivals until after World War II.

The war-time curtailment brought a four-year break, for Elon discontinued football throughout the war years. However, when hostilities ceased on the war front, then football hostilities were resumed here at home, and Catawba moved ahead with three wins in succession. The Indians rolled over Elon 40 to 0 in 1946, 38 to 0 in 1947 and 35 to 0 in 1948.

There was a turn of the tide after that, for Elon took three in a row, winning 20 to 14 in 1949, 26 to 12 in 1950 and 21 to 14 in 1951, all three games being packed with thrills and intense rivalry. The Indians won 12 to 0 in 1952, and then there was a 21-21 tie in 1953 as Coach Sid Varney assumed Elon coaching reins.

The 1955 game saw the Christians top off Homecoming Day

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Talking Sports

With

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When our Elon Christians were defeated 33 to 13 by the Appalachian Mountaineers, with the Apps maintaining for another week their ranking as a title threat in the North State Conference, it was a perfect example of a fired-up team winning the game.

Week after week the teams that tackle the opposition with a fired-up spirit and eager to go are the teams that win the games, but it seemed that the Elon outfit lacked that fire and drive which it had shown in two earlier games against Guilford and Apprentice. Of course, there was a difference in the opposition, but the fire seemed lacking somehow.

On the opposite side of the field was an Appalachian team which was definitely "up" for the occasion, a strong-factor in the Mountaineers' fired-up play being the fact that they were celebrating Homecoming that afternoon and were eager to go full-speed ahead in the presence of a packed crowd of Appalachian alumni.

Also driving the Apps was the confidence born of their upset victory over the Western Carolina Catamounts on the previous Saturday night, a victory which came as an upset over a Western Carolina outfit that was supposed to have the best chance in the Conference this year of dethroning Lenoir Rhyne from the loop championship.

The App spirit was boosted still further when they took advantage of two big breaks, breaks born of Elon miscues, to push over a pair of quick touchdowns in the early minutes of the game. Those early scores can work wonders toward lifting a team to the heights, and from that time forward it seemed that the Mountaineers could do no wrong.

Finest Elon effort of the game was a drive for the Christians' initial touchdown, a drive which was highlighted by one of the longest forward passes seen in an

Elon game in years. The pass from George Wooten to Jim Short accounted for a 45-yard gain from midfield to the Appalachian six, but the actual throw was much longer than the gain indicated, for Wooten had faded back at least twenty yards behind the line of scrimmage, and he lofted the ball a full 70 yards in the air.

This pass was only one of many thrown by the rival teams that day, and the total of 53 passes by the two teams came close to a new record. Only game in Elon football history in which more passes were thrown was a battle with East Carolina in 1951 when the two teams threw a total of 55 passes during the game.

Enough of varsity sports for one time, so let's turn our attention toward the intramural program which is taking shape right here on our own campus, with Coach Johnny Wike as faculty director and with Roger Knapp and Eddie Clark as his student assistants.

Already an interesting program is taking shape, and Coach Wike urges a full participation by all students. He is planning a variety of sports to interest everyone. In addition to the major sports such as football, basketball and baseball, there will be golf, tennis, horseshoes, badminton and perhaps others.

Already in the books is a fall golf tournament, which will offer two flights for players of varied skills, and there's plenty of chance for everyone to get into action in the tag football circuit. The whole program is designed for students who are not playing varsity sports, and it is urged that more and more students get out and get active in one or the other of the campus sports.

As the season moves along, it is planned to give a full run-down of intramural activities in the Maroon and Gold, and now until the next issue rolls from the presses, here's the "prophet" again signing off and wishing for all "contentos los tiempos."

Appalachian Gets 33 To 13 Victory Over Christians In Annual Battle

Striking with power on the ground and with deadly accuracy through the air, the Appalachian Mountaineers maintained their position as a title threat in the North State Conference when they rolled over the Elon Christians 33 to 13 before a packed Mountaineer Homecoming crowd at Boone on Saturday, October 1st.

The Mountaineers broke away to a big lead with two touchdowns in the first ten minutes of play, both TD's resulting directly from Elon miscues, and this opening quarter was a picture of things to come as the big Mountaineer eleven played virtually flawless ball and the Elon eleven was guilty of repeated errors of both omission and commission.

The first App touchdown followed an Elon fumble on the Christian thirty-eight. Elon was moving the ball well after the opening kick-off when Jim Short fumbled, and Don Gardiner recovered for the Apps. Four plays later Tommy Wilson dove over from the one for the score, after a 24-yard Wilson pass and a 13-yard run by Sherrill Norville. Styles kicked good for a 7-0 lead.

There was another kick-off, and Elon moved to mid-field and was stymied there. John Gozjack booted beautifully out of bounds on the Mountaineer four, but there was a Christian off-side and the kick was recalled. The repeat kick was blocked, and the Apps moved again from the Elon thirty-nine. On the fifth play Eugene Styles passed 23 yards to Sandy Edwards in the end zone, and the Apps had a 13-0 margin with ten minutes gone.

The finest Elon march of the day followed, with Jim Short lugging the kick-off back 20 yards to the Elon thirty. Two passes by George Wooten, to Short for 20 and to Gozjack for 15 gave Elon two first downs and placed the Christians just past mid-field, despite a 15-yard penalty. Wooten then tossed 45 yards to Short to the App six, final period Sherrill Norville cir-

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Appalachian
0	14
101	165
39	3
62	162
27	26
11	14
115	192
177	354
1	2
5	18
5	3
34.4	22.7
145	80
3	2
45	50

Score By Periods:

Elon	6	0	0	7	—13
Appalachian	13	7	7	6	—33
Elon Touchdowns	— Short (6-run), Mahanes (13-pass from R. Miller), Extra Points — D. Miller 1 (placement), Appalachian Touchdowns — T. Wilson (1-run), Edwards (22-pass from Styles), Morrison (29-pass from T. Wilson), Jaynes (14-pass from Styles), Norville (68-run), Extra Points — Styles 3 (placements).				

and Short legged it from there for an Elon score. The kick was wide, and the score remained 13-6 as the quarter ended.

An exchange of pass interceptions early in the second period started the Apps off for a third score from their own forty-one. It took just four plays, three of them lengthy passes by Tommy Wilson. His third pass went 29 to Bob Morrison on the goal line, and Gene Styles kicked good to shoot the Mountaineers ahead 20 to 6 at half-time.

Early in the third quarter the Mountaineers moved again, going 78 yards on four first downs in a row, with Gene Styles pitching to Oval Jaynes on a 14-yard pay-off pass at the goal. Styles kicked his third extra point for the 27-6 counter, but the assault was not ended. Three minutes into the

led his own right end and cut back on a 63-yard jaunt to pay-

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KICKING HIGH AND HANDSOME



One of the finest punters in North Carolina college circles and top man in the kicking field in the North State Conference this year is John Gozjack, the toe artist from Tamaqua, Pa., who is well on his way toward setting a new Elon College punting record. In the three early games against Guilford, Apprentice and Appalachian, the Christian flanker has botched fifteen times for an average of 42.2 yards per kick, and his average would have been well over the 45-yard mark had it not been for a blocked kick in the Appalachian tilt. The tragedy of that blocked kick was that Gozjack had just booted 45 yards out of bounds on the App four and had it called back for an off-side penalty. The existing all-time punting mark for Elon is an average of 396 yards set by Lou Roshell in 1951.

Elon Varsity Cage Squad Is Working

Although basketball season is still two months away, the Christian cage squad has already started regular work under the direction of Coach Bill Miller, who has nine lettermen from last year as a nucleus of what promises to be one of the stronger teams in the North State Conference during the 1960-61 campaign.

Ken Smith, a 6-5 junior forward who was one of the finest scoring threats in the Conference last year, will captain the Fighting Christians during the coming season. Eddie Burke, a 6-6 senior center, and Cecil Wright, a 5-10 senior guard, have been named as alternate captains for the cages this year.

Other lettermen who are back this year include Richard Conatser, a sophomore guard who topped last year's Christians in scoring; Dewey Andrew, a 6-6 sophomore center, who showed much promise last winter; Herbie Hawks, a fine senior forward; C. G. Hall, a speedy senior guard; Gary Teague, a sophomore who was a regular guard last season; and Barry Hodge, a sophomore who lettered as a reserve guard.

Lettermen missing from last winter include Rob Bell and Bill Palkovics, who played their senior seasons at forward and guard respectively; and John Neidig, a towering center, who was a freshman regular last winter but did not return to college this fall.

Newcomers who are most promising include Jesse Branson, a 6-7 center, and Mack Bowman, a guard, who played with Alamance County high schools last year; Bill Morningstar, guard from Virginia; and Roland Miller, guard from Indiana.