

Gridders Close Winter Drills With Victory Over Catawba

Clements Scores Two Touchdowns As Elon Wins By 14 To 8 Margin

TOP SCORER IN SPRING



Burl Clements, rugged sophomore fullback, proved the big gun in the attack as the Elon Christians turned back Catawba 14 to 8 in an off-season grid battle that climaxed the winter practice season for both the Elon and Catawba squads. The big boy, who led the Christians in rushing last fall, ripped the Catawba line for consistent gains all through the game and plowed over the goal for two touchdowns that netted the springtime victory for the Maroon and Gold footballers.

With big Burl Clements hitting the Catawba Indians in the same devastating manner that the atom bomb hit Hiroshima, the Elon Christians hammered out a 14 to 8 victory over the Catawba eleven at Salisbury on Saturday, March 11th, in an off-season grid battle that climaxed spring practice.

Clements scored both of the Elon touchdowns, plunging across from the five for the first score in the opening minutes and repeating the scoring play from the four in the second period for the winning touchdown. George Wooten passed to John Gozjack for the two-pointer that wrote Elon's total.

The lone Catawba score came in the first quarter after Elon had counted her first marker. Don Elkins, Indian fullback, broke away for a 46-yard scoring sprint to tie the count at 6-all, and Elkins then ripped over for the two-point play that put Catawba ahead 8 to 6. Clements' second touchdown in the next period shot Elon back in front for keeps.

The pile-driving play of Clements proved the big feature of the entire game, for the Elon fullback ripped the Catawba line time after time, breaking away into the clear once for half the length of the field, only to be run down from behind by a Catawba defender.

Elon drove 65 yards for the Christians' first TD the first time the Maroon and Gold squad got the ball, but the second and winning score came after center Billy LaCoste had recovered a Catawba fumble on the Indian eighteen.

George Wooten, Elon quarterback, joined Clements in the starring role in the Elon backfield, working the option play time after time for gains. Also playing well in the Elon backfield were halfbacks Marvin Crowder, Ken Cooke and Jim Bue.

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Elon Golfers Facing Tough 1961 Schedule

The Elon College golf squad, which has ranked near the top in the North State Conference during the past two seasons, looms as a definite threat again this spring as it plans for the 1961 season under a new coach.

Coach George Tucker, head coach of the Elon football squad, will direct the Christian links squad this spring and will have four lettermen back from the team which won ten, tied two and lost one in dual meets last spring.

GOLF SCHEDULE

- Mar. 27—A.C.C. and E.C.C., at Wilson.
- Apr. 11—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Apr. 11—Guilford, away.
- Apr. 13—E.C.C. and Catawba, home.
- Apr. 18—Pfeiffer and A.C.C., home.
- Apr. 20—Appalachian, away.
- Apr. 27—Guilford, home.
- May 2—Appalachian, home.
- May 4—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- May 9—Pfeiffer, away.
- May 11—Catawba, away.

Gone from the strong 1960 combination is Eddie Hughes, who played the Number One position last year, and the Burlington boy will be missed in that slot. However, Coach Tucker has a number of capable golfers, and it appears that the Christians could threaten for Conference honors.

The four lettermen back and bidding for positions this spring include Buddy Briggs, a two-year veteran from Reidsville, who shot steady golf in the 70's last spring. Other lettermen include Frank Lawrence, a sophomore from Portsmouth, Va.; Frank Ciannello, also a sophomore from Oceanside, N.Y.; and Bill Palkovics, a senior from Elizabethtown, N.J.

ALEX DIRECT ELON'S SPRING SPORTS TEAMS



COACH JACK SANFORD

Baseball



COACH GEORGE TUCKER

Golf



COACH BILL MILLER

Tennis



COACH GARY MATTOCKS

Track

Four of the five athletic coaches on the Elon sports staff will be busy with spring sports during the 1961 season that gets underway at once. Coach Jack Sanford, pictured top left, will be back at a familiar assignment as he directs the Fighting Christian baseball squad through a rugged 32-game schedule. The former University of Richmond, four-sport athlete, will be directing the Christian diamond squad for the fourth time, and indications are that he will field a strong nine. Coach George Tucker, top right, will make his first appearance as mentor for the Elon golf squad this spring, since he is in his first year as a member of the college's sports staff. He guided the Elon gridders last fall and has just finished his winter football drills preparatory to taking over the coaching post in golf this spring guiding a links squad which shows several veterans from the strong golf team of a year ago. Coach Bill Miller, shown bottom left, will be coaching the Christian tennis team for the second time, since he also guided the netters last spring in his first year at Elon. After a successful basketball campaign this winter, Coach Miller hopes to find capable newcomers to fill gaps on the tennis roster. Coach Gary Mattocks, bottom right, is another who faces a new assignment this spring as he takes over the Elon track squad, but he is no newcomer to the cinder sport, for he served as track mentor at East Carolina before coming to Elon. Coach Mattocks has a fine nucleus of lettermen about whom to mold his Christian cinder aggregation.

Baseball Schedule

- March 23—Hampden-Sidney, home.
- March 25—W. and L., home.
- March 27—Williams, home.
- March 28—Williams, home.
- March 29—Rensselaer, home.
- April 3—Fort Lee, away.
- April 4—Fort Lee, away.
- April 5—Hampden-Sidney, away. (DH).
- April 7—Windham, home (DH).
- April 11—Guilford, away.
- April 12—Catawba, home.
- April 13—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- April 14—Norfolk Div., home.
- April 15—West Carolina, home (DH).
- April 18—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- April 19—High Point, away.
- April 21—Appalachian, away.
- April 22—Pfeiffer, home.
- April 25—A.C.C., home.
- April 27—Guilford, home.
- April 29—Catawba, away.
- May 3—East Carolina, home.
- May 5—Pembroke, away (DH).
- May 9—Pfeiffer, away.
- May 10—High Point, home.
- May 12—East Carolina, away.
- May 13—A.C.C., away.
- May 17—Appalachian, home.

Cinder Team Faces Seven Track Meets

The Elon College track squad, which will work this year under the direction of Coach Gary Mattocks, will face a tough schedule of seven meets, all of the meets being

TRACK SCHEDULE

- Apr. 15—High Point, away.
- Apr. 19—Presbyterian, away.
- Apr. 22—Apprentice, away.
- Apr. 27—W. and L., away.
- May 1—E.C.C. and A.C.C. at Greenville.
- May 5—NAIA District Meet at High Point.
- May 13—North State Meet away.

scheduled away from home. The fact that the Christians will have no home meets this year

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Talking Sports

With

DAVID 'PROPHET' MARSHBURN



At this point major sports activities here at Elon College have been at a virtual standstill, but several Christian sports teams are preparing to swing into action in the near future. In the meantime, intramural play has been attracting attention, with the fraternities and sororities stepping to the center of the stage in the recent Co-Rec event, but we are ready for a real beehive of activity as varsity teams in baseball, golf, track and tennis prepare for action. On the eve of the active spring sports season, I now offer a few notes on each of the activities soon to be seen here at Elon.

Baseball has been a quite successful sports activity here at Elon in recent years, with the Fighting Christians always among the top contenders if not occupying the top spot as they did in 1958, and this year Coach Jack Sanford's boys seem ready for another fine and outstanding season. The baseballers have looked good in preseason practice, and indications are that they are in good physical condition and really raring to go in the battle for the diamond laurels. Few of us had any doubts that the Christian nine would finish at the top of the Conference race until academic difficulties hit several of our fine players, including some of the good pitchers who were scheduled for competition this spring. Right now, with most of the pitchers on the inexperienced list, the prospects must be called uncertain. If big Roger Knapp comes through with the pitching he is capable of delivering, and if other pitchers chip in some good work in relief, then we would say that the Christians will be a dangerous threat. Let's all get out and support the team to victory.

Turning to the sports of golf, track and tennis, we have high hopes for a successful season in all three. With the Elon golf team, we will see some really fine play as the team builds around veterans like Buddy Briggs, Frank Lawrence, Bill Palkovics and Frank Ciannello, and there are some newcomers who wield a mean stick. Buddy Briggs may be the top performer on the links, although many of us here on campus kid Buddy about being punchy, but there's no evidence of punchiness when he hits the links.

On the track roster we have some very fine performers, among them long-legged Eddie Burke, Alf Plaster, George Wooten, Dick More, Jack Moore, Ken Cooke and Ron Miller, that young basketball standout who can run brilliantly in both the mile and two-mile. He can even run a longer race if such a one is needed. Jim Short, the football halfback, may be the anchor man for the tennis team, which will have to depend largely upon new prospects.

On the intramural scene, the Sigma Phi Beta cagers walked off with the top honors in intramural basketball, furnishing thrills for those of us who witnessed the final three-game series between the chaps and Iota Tau Kappa. The Sigma Phis turned back ITK in a thrilling finale in which big Jim Moore pumped in a pair of vital field goals in the last moments. Other standout players for the champs were John Gozpack and George Wooten, while leaders for the ITK outfit were Joe Lee, Eddie Clark and Jerry Osborne. Now, with campus basketball out of the picture, it is hoped that the students will lend full support to the

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Meet The Baseballers...

Christian Nine Is Lacking In Experienced Pitchers

The Elon College baseball squad, which had its opener scheduled with Hampden-Sidney here yesterday afternoon, will feature experienced men in most positions, since Coach Jack Sanford has a total of thirteen lettermen available for duty during the 32-game season, but the Christian diamond outfit finds itself lacking in pitch-strength and dependent for success on how new pitchers come through

Coach Sanford has had more than thirty men working out for the past several weeks, and the Maroon and Gold nine appeared in fine physical condition as it prepared for its opener with Hampden-Sidney's Tigers here yesterday. No less than ten of the squad were listed as mound candidates, and Coach Sanford hopes to come up with a reliable chunker to fill the gap left by the gradu-

ation of Gary Henson from last year's team.

Baseball fans among the Elon faculty and students are invited to meet the baseballers through the following brief sketches of players who were listed by Coach Sanford in his roster:

CATCHERS

MIKE LITTLE — A sophomore letterman from Shenandoah, Pa., Little was one of the leading hitters on the squad last spring, when he drew the regular assignment behind the plate in late season. The husky catcher, standing 5-9 in height, weighs 175 pounds and bats and throws right. Little is a football letterman at half-back.

PHIL CHEEK — A freshman from Asheboro, Phil Cheek comes to Elon with a reputation as a fine receiver. The 18-year-old youngster stands 6-2 tall and weighs 185 pounds, and he bats and throws right.

JERRY DRAKE — A sophomore letterman pitcher from last year, Drake hails from Pleasant Garden. He is 5-11 tall and weighs 180 pounds, and he bats and throws right. Most of his service last spring was in relief roles.

JERRY TILLMAN — A sophomore letterman from Bossler City, La., Tillman was used largely at first base last spring, but he is switching to the mound this year. Standing 6-3 in height and weighing 205 pounds, he bats and throws right.

CHARLIE MAIDON — A senior letterman from Cary, Maidon is an all-around performer. He lettered as an outfielder and first baseman last spring and led the team in hitting, but he may see much mound duty this year. Standing 6 feet tall and weighing 192 pounds, Maidon bats and throws right. He will probably play first base when not pitching this spring.

PITCHERS

ROGER KNAPP — A senior let-

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CO-CAPTAINS LEAD GRIDDERS



CHARLIE RAYBURN



JOHN DALCIN

Charlie Rayburn, left, of Norfolk, Va., and John DalCin, right, of Tamaqua, Pa., will co-captain the Elon College football squad through the 1961 season, according to an announcement from Coach George Tucker, who stated that the two were elected at the conclusion of Elon's winter football drills. Rayburn, who has been a regular at tackle for three seasons, will be serving his second year as a co-captain of the Fighting Christian gridders, for he paired with end Tony Markosky as a field leader for the Maroon and Gold squad last fall. DalCin, like Rayburn a rising senior, has played two seasons with the Christians, having transferred to Elon after playing freshman ball at Villanova. The big Pennsylvania boy played end during his first year at Elon, but he switched to center last fall and will be at the pivot post again next fall.