

Christians Topple Pfeiffer 78 To 73 In Opening Cage Tilt

Gridders Close Season By Topping P.C. Eleven

The Fighting Christian gridgers tacked a surprise ending on their 1961 football season when they upset the Presbyterian College gridgers 22 to 16 in Burlington Stadium on Friday night, November 17th. It was Elon's third win in the final four games of the year.

Burl Clements and Wayne Mahanes sparked an early offensive thrust for the Christians, who tallied two touchdowns in the first quarter and another in the second period for a 22-3 halftime lead. The Blue Stockings got a field goal in the first quarter and added TD's in each of the final periods for their final total.

Taking advantage of a Presbyterian fumble and a blocked punt, the Christians struck for their two early touchdowns. John DalCin recovered a PC fumble on the thirty-eight, and Elon marched for its first score, with Mahanes bucking over from the two. A plunge for point failed, but Elon led 6 to 0.

On the first series of downs following the kick-off, DalCin joined end Dan Kelley in blocking a Blue Stocking punt, and Gene Stokes recovered at the Presbyterian twenty-five. Marvin Crowder raced sixteen to the three, and two plays later Clements drove for the touchdown. George Wooten passed to

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Presbyterian
13	13
102	26
3	38
189	170
9	20
4	20
31	119
240	285
0	2
0	32
4	4
33.8	17.5
99	80
1	2
20	70

Score by periods:
 Elon 14 8 0 0—22
 Presbyterian 0 0 7 6—16
 Elon touchdowns—Mahanes (2-run), Clements 2 (1-run, 3-run). Extra points—Mahanes 2 (pass from Wooten), Moore 2 (pass from Wooten). Presbyterian touchdowns—Eberhardt 2 (4-run, 1-run). Extra points—Hatfield, (kick). Presbyterian field goal—Hatfield (34-yards).

Mahanes for a two-pointer and a 14 to 0 lead.

The lone Presbyterian score in the first half was a 34-yard field goal kicked by Ken Hatfield, but this was followed by an Elon 67-

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UP AND IN AS CHRISTIANS DEFEAT WOFFORD



Its up and in with that basketball as big Dewey Andrew hits from short range in Elon's 69 to 65 victory over the Wofford Terriers in Elon's Alumni Memorial Gymnasium. The 6-6 Christian center, who averaged better than 25 points per game through Elon's first three battles, racked 24 counters in the first home game of the year with Wofford. The Elon player in the background is Dewey Andrew, younger half of the Christian's "brother act" for this season. Dewey Andrew, who won letters for the past two seasons, weighs a rugged 215 pounds this year and has proved to be a tough competitor around the basket in early games.

Elon Quintet Is Winner In Conference Contest

The Elon Christians, using their High, was the top offensive threat big men to advantage under basket for both teams as he racked ten points, came from behind in the second half buckets and added four points and half to defeat the Pfeiffer Falcon from the free-throw line for a total score of 78 to 73 in the opening game of 24 points. His total would have been much higher except for some erratic shooting from the charity boys sent the Elon quintet off stride, for he could sink only four of a fine start in its quest for Carolina Conference honors.

Big Dewey Andrew, Elon's home-grown pivot star from Eli Whitney

Jesse Branson, another Alamance County boy from E. M. Holt, and Sonny Smith, a newcomer to Elon by way of Carolina, joined with Andrew in Elon's red-hot final half. Branson hit 18 and Smith 15 counters, the majority in the final half, as the Christians overcame a 39-33 half lead which the Falcons had gained in the opening period.

The two teams battled neck-and-neck through the first ten minutes, which ended with a knotted 18-18 score, but the home-standing Falcons hit with deadly accuracy from both floor and foul stripe in the second quarter of action as they moved ahead by nine points at intermission.

The Christians came back strong after the break and tied the score at 49-all, but seven consecutive misses at the foul line halted the Elon drive at that point, and the Christians had to fight hard down the stretch to gain the decision.

Bobby Franks, 6-8 Falcon forward, rated one of the top scoring threats in the Conference, paced the scoring for the Pfeiffer outfit.

The summary:
Pos. Elon (78) Pfeiffer (73)
 F.—Branson (18) Franks (19)
 F.—Smith (15) Claypoole (9)
 C.—D. Andrew (24) Blake (4)
 G.—Teague (4) McManus (6)
 G.—Morningstar (8) Lentz (4)
 Half-time: Pfeiffer 39, Elon 30.
 Elon subs—H. Andrew 2, Miller 2, Winfrey 5. Pfeiffer subs—Holt-inger 7, Martini 9, Tucker 2, Wynne 2, Ryan 5, Johnson 6, Stealey.

All-Opponent Squad Named By Christians

Appalachian, Presbyterian, Tampa and Wofford each placed two men on the All-Opponents' eleven which was chosen by the Elon Christians. The other three positions went to Catawba, Guilford and Lenoir Rhyne, each of which placed one man on the team.

Bobby Joyner, ace passer for the Presbyterian Blue Stockings, was chosen by the Christian gridgers as the best quarterback they faced all season. They teamed Wofford's Bob Roma and Catawba's Jean Worthington as the best halfbacks they had faced, and Tampa's huge Bob Moore was named as the hardest fullback to stop.

These four great backfield stars were teamed behind an All-Opponent line that included Ronnie Fry, of Lenoir Rhyne, and Charles Bailey, of Tampa, ends; Ronnie DuBose, of Presbyterian, and Joe Bailey, of Appalachian, tackles; Dave Lewis, of Wofford, and Frank Smith, of Appalachian, guards; and Jack Holley, of Guilford, center.

Talking Sports

With

DAVID 'PROPHET' MARSHBURN



Well whatta way for the Fighting Christian footballers to end their season. After it seemed that no good breaks could come their way through most of the season, the slings of good fortune finally turned toward the Christians in the final game with Presbyterian, and the result was one of the finest and most spectacular games that the Maroon and Gold gridgers have played in many a moon.

Off and moving early in the game, the Christians forged an early lead over the Blue Stockings of Presbyterian and went on to a thrilling 22 to 16 victory, a win which gave Coach George Tucker's boys three wins in their final four starts. Burl Clements, Wayne Mahanes and Marvin Crowder paced the Christian attack, with Dean Yates, John DalCin and Dan Kelly standing out in a bang-up defensive line game. Yeah, boy, whatta finish!

It seems that a lot happened on the sports front in this area during the Thanksgiving season. Outside of our Carolinas Conference, Duke toppled Carolina for the Atlantic Coast crown, and then Wake Forest downed Carolina on a last-minute field goal by Mickey Walker, and the Elon interest in that Deacon field goal was stronger in view of the fact that Mickey Walker played his freshman season as a quarterback for Elon's Fighting Christians, later dropping out to attend Wingate Junior College and end up at Wake Forest.

Also outside our own Conference during the Turkey Day period was the Virginia upset of Maryland and the various high school titular battles here in North Carolina, in which Raleigh topped Greensboro and Charlotte in the 4-A play-offs and Greenville nipped Sanford in the 3-A title game. Perhaps the most interesting football finale, however, was in our own Carolinas loop, with Richard Kemp leading a late rally as Lenoir Rhyne nipped Catawba 9 to 7 in a game which saw Kemp push past Elon's George Wooten for

the individual total offense crown in the Conference, and within a few days after this Lenoir Rhyne win came the surprising announcement that Coach Clarence Stasovich was leaving L-R to accept the position as head football coach at East Carolina.

Football fans of the state have watched with interest as Roman Gabriel, N.C. State's great quarterback, piled up the All-American honors, but Elon fans were more interested to see George Wooten and Burl Clements, a pair of junior stars for the Christians, grab off All-Conference honors, and Wooten added to this honor a position on the All-District team for the NAIA and an honorable mention for All-State, Dean Yates and Ronnie Bell received honorable mention for the All-Conference, so to all of these boys its congratulations for a fine 1961 grid season.

So, football passes from the sports scene and basketball is already off and running to attract spectator interest. With wins in their first three games, the Fighting Christian cagers appear to be a fine combination to carry the Maroon and Gold colors. Coach Bill Miller has plenty of height and speed in the line-up which toppled Pfeiffer, Wofford and Atlantic Christian in early battles.

Rugged Dewey Andrew, long and lean Jesse Branson and Sonny Smith have proved to be a fine trio inside, and "Blue Grass Man" Teague and Bill Morningstar have proved a smooth pair from the outside. Several fine reserves have appeared in the early tilts, and it now seems that our Christian cagers may be hard to stop as the season moves along and the youngsters gain experience. It should be a round and ready combo which we'll be watching when they return from Christmas holidays and start the stretch drive.

Until then, it's "Happy Holidays" to all of you.

Elon Downs

Wofford '5' By 69 To 65

The Elon Fighting Christian cagers bested the Wofford Terriers in a hot shooting duel in the first half and then called on a tight defense to stave off late Terrier threats as the Elon quintet nosed the South Carolinians 69 to 65 here on Friday night, December 1st.

Playing their first home game of the season, the Christians waxed hot and cold in their floor shooting during the game. After a first half that saw Elon on top 40 to 38, the Elon tossers hit fast and furious as the final half opened and gained a 50-38 edge barely four minutes after intermission.

It was then that "rapidly changing temperatures" hit the Elon cagers. After scoring ten points in four minutes, the best they could do in the next nine minutes was a single field goal for two points. In meantime, the Terriers were pulling up and trailed by only 54-53 at the fourteen-minute mark.

The visiting Terriers could never catch the Christians, but they kept close down the stretch. Sonny Smith hit seven quick points to pull Elon to a 64-57 edge, but Ronnie Russell paced a Wofford comeback, and the big Terrier center hit a three-pointer to pull within two points with eight seconds left. It was then that Dewey Andrew rebounded for Elon's final four-point victory.

That final two-pointer ran Dewey Andrew's personal total to 27 points for the night, good for the individual high for both teams.

The line-ups:
Pos. Elon (69) Wofford (65)
 —Branson (5) Cubitt (12)
 —Smith (11) Lyons (12)
 —D. Andrew (27) Russell (20)
 G.—Morningstar (8) Berry (17)
 G.—Teague (8) Cluff (2)
 Halftime: Elon 40, Wofford 36.
 Elon subs—H. Andrew 4, Miller 2, Winfrey 4.

Elon Cage Games

Elon 78, Pfeiffer 73.
 Elon 69, Wofford 65.
 Elon 82, A.C.C. 58.

(Remaining Games)

- Dec. 7—Wofford, away
- Dec. 11—Guilford, home
- Dec. 14-16—Fort Lee, Tourney
- Dec. 19—Cumberland, away
- Dec. 20—Cumberland, away
- Dec. 27-29—Lejeune Tourney
- Jan 4—ACC, away
- Jan 6—East Carolina, Away
- Jan 9—Pembroke, home
- Jan 13—Catawba, home
- Jan 16—Guilford, away
- Jan 20—High Point, away
- Jan 27—Catawba, away
- Jan 29—Campbell, home 6
- Feb. 1—High Point, home
- Feb 3—West Carolina, away
- Feb 6—Pfeiffer, home
- Feb 8—Appalachian, away
- Feb 10—East Carolina, ome
- Feb 12—Pembroke, away
- Feb. 17—West Carolina, home.
- Feb 21-24—North State Tourney

Christian Stars On Honor Teams

The Elon Christians placed both George Wooten and Burl Clements, junior backfield stars, on the annual All-Conference football squad, which was announced recently at the Carolinas Conference play for 1961. In addition Dean Yates and Ronnie Bell, Christian tackle and guard, were on the honor mention list for the Conference.

In addition to making the All-Conference squad, Elon's George Wooten also won a place on the All-District team which was chosen from all of the NAIA colleges in the two Carolinas. Wooten also won honorable mention for Little All-American and for All-State honors as a result of his fine play this fall.

Stricken With Illness . . .

Tom King, Fine Junior End, To Play No More Football For Elon Eleven

Tom King, a rugged junior end for the Elon Christians, who missed all except one game of the past season after undergoing surgery, will play no more football for the Christian grid fans in this area Christians due to the fact that physicians at his home town of Charleston, S.C., have discovered

that the Christian flanker has a serious analysis of the spine.

The Christian coaches, along with faculty and students at Elon and the Christian grid fans in this area have been saddened by this announcement, for all had looked forward to seeing King back in ac-

tion under Maroon and Gold colors next season.

In notifying Coach George Tucker of his newly-discovered ailment, King stated that the trouble had no relation to football injuries, and the rugged Charleston star regretted perhaps more than anyone else that his gridiron days are ended. He is to undergo surgery in his home town in an effort to arrest the progress of the spinal ailment.

The loss of King after the Guilford game this fall proved a severe blow to Elon football hopes for the year, and he will be greatly missed next fall. King played center for the Christians during his first season and was an outstanding linebacker, but he switched to end as a sophomore and was rated one of the finest defensive ends in the Conference. He turned in great defensive play and caught three passes as Elon topped Guilford in the 1961 opener in September.

Punting Record

Mike Little, Elon kicking specialist, got credit for the only new statistical record by the Elon gridgers during the 1961 football season. The stocky kicker punted 46 times during the campaign for the most number of punts during a single season. Little broke his own old mark of 39 punts which he set during the 1959 season.

Wayne Mahanes, Elon halfback, was the winner of the trophy for "Player With Moth Desire" at the annual Burlington Touchdown Club banquet.



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