

Elon Nine Faces Five Tough Contests In Next Nine Days

Track Squad Opens Year On Weekend

The Elon College track squad, anchored by eight experienced lettermen and loaded with new talent among eighteen newcomers to Christian cinder tracks, will trek down to Wilson tomorrow for the first of nine track meets which have been carded for the 1962 campaign.

Coach Gary Matlocks lists lettermen George Wooten, Willie Tart and Bill Libby in a sprint squad that includes four speedy newcomers. The new recruits in the speed unit include Carl Bovender, Clayton Johnson, James McIntyre and Ken Harper.

Willie Tart and Jack Moore are a pair of letter vets who are on hand for the quarter, with Bill Mahaffee and Ronald Lancaster as a pair of newcomers who may score in the shorter of the middle distance runs. Tart, Moore and Mahaffee are three quarter men slated for mile relay duty, with sprinter Clayvon Johnson likely to move up to round out the relay four.

Bill Mahaffee is also listed with the half-milers, along with Bob Gwaltney, Rex Harrison and Bill Clark to give Elon its best crew in years on the longer of the two middle distances. Roland Miller and Bob Willis, both of them letter veterans, will handle the chores in the mile and two-mile events.

With all lettermen gone, the hurdle duties will fall to a trio of newcomers this spring, including Tom Beery, Carmine D'Aloia and A' McDonald, all due to double in both the high and low barriers.

In the jumping events, Charles Somers and Mike Golla are slated for the pole vault with Joseph Cote and Rex Harrison assigned to the high jump and with George Wooten, Clayton Johnson and Ken Rovers on broad jump call.

Senior Dick More is anchor man in all weight events, slated for duty in the shot, discus and javelin. Others Cameron Little in the shot and discus, Jim Moore in the shot and John Gozjack in the javelin.

Sigma Phi Wins Campus Cage League

Surprises came fast and furious in the last week of campus basketball, and when it was over the loop had a surprise champion. Sigma Phi Beta took advantage of a last-minute slump on the part of Kappa Psi Nu, all-season leader, to move in as regular-season champ. Then both Sigma Phi and Kappa Psi were ousted in the first round of the tournament.

As the final week of the regular season opened, only Kappa Psi and Sigma Phi were sure of tourney berths in the four-team play-offs, for the Rat Pack, Iota Tau Kappa, Sigma Mu Sigma and the Bandits were all in running for the third and fourth tourney spots. The Rat Pack grabbed one spot with a 47-43 win over previously unbeaten Kappa Psi. Then ITK edged Kappa Psi 59 to 57 as Sigma Mu toppled the Bandits 55-54 in triple over-time, and ITK snatched the final tourney berth.

Bill Graham led the Rat Pack to its win over Kappa Psi with 19 points, while Tom Oliver, Mike Graffeo and Allen Foster all hit 13 points, for Kappa Psi. Eddie Clark dumped in 16 points to give ITK its crucial win over Kappa Psi, a win which eliminated Sigma Mu from the running. Sigma Mu then retaliated by dumping the Bandits as Ken Broda hit 21 and Dick More and Lennie Riddle got 12 each.

The Sigma Mu Sigma outfit made a desperate bid for a berth with three wins in the final week.

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PAIR OF SENIOR VETS BOLSTER CHRISTIAN BASEBALL HOPES



A pair of senior veterans who represent anchor points with the Elon College baseball squad of 1962 are pictured above. Jim Leviner, pictured left, is starting his second season as a regular at first base, and the stocky slugger from Laurel Hill will be seeking to repeat his feat of a year ago when he led the Fighting Christians regulars in hitting with a .318 average. Steve Wall, senior outfielder from Greensboro, is in his fourth season as a regular in center field for the Elon nine, and he has consistently been among the better fielders and hitters in conference through the four seasons.



Talking Sports

With

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Just as I expected, the Elon baseball season has gotten off to an impressive start. I say impressive start in spite of the fact that the Christians have lost some of their games and only managed an even split with the touring Susquehanna outfit from up Pennsylvania way, for the Elon outfit showed promise even in losing.

One usually thinks that Elon and other southern teams would have the edge in playing time on the early-season visitors from the North. However, Susquehanna had already played three games when they hit the Elon campus, and our Christians were only playing their opening battles. Susquehanna had already defeated Lynchburg and had divided a pair with Campbell College before playing here at Elon.

Note also that the weather in this part of Dixie has not been too suitable for spring baseball practice, and the Elon boys had gotten in only limited work on the field before opening their season. Therefore, we know that Coach Jack Sanford's boys were not in tiptop shape when they began to play in the openers. Considering this fact, I would say that the Christians showed plenty of promise in their early games.

At this early point in the season we have already been able to see power well distributed in our lineup. Beginning with the lead-off batter, Jerry Pike, we have seen that Jerry can still powder that ball, and other players such as Jim Leviner, Steve Wall, Mike Little, Eddie Clark and Danny Hall can hit the long ball.

Danny Hall, still only a sophomore and playing his second season with the Christians, rocketed a pair of home run balls over the wall in one of the games with Susquehanna, and he is off to a big start in his bid for circuit trip honors on the team.

Turning to the defensive side, we have seen some very fine fielding plays by some of the players and we feel that our Christians can match up well with the oppos-

ition when it comes to halting the opposing attack. Steve Hall and Leroy Myers are lettermen outfielders who have seen service in the gardens, and both Mike Little and Wayne Allen have shown that they can play good outfield when they are not on duty behind the plate or on the mound.

The infielders have committed some errors in the early games, but such is to be expected. They have also made some sharp fielding plays, and they will improve as the season progresses. With lettermen like Jim Leviner, Eddie Clark, Jimmy Holmes, Jerry Pike and Wayne Mahanes as a nucleus, Coach Sanford has also come up

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MINOR SPORTS

GOLF

- Elon 14 1-2, Pfeiffer 3 1-2. (Remaining Meets)
- Mar. 27—East Carolina, away
- Mar. 30—High Point and Atlantic Christian, home.
- Apr. 2—High Point, away.
- Apr. 5—Lenoir Rhyne, home
- Apr. 9—Atl. Christian, away
- Apr. 12—Catawba and East Carolina, home.
- Apr. 17—Guilford, away
- Apr. 26—Appalachian, away
- Apr. 30—Lenoir Rhyne, away
- May 4—Appalachian, home.
- May 8—Guilford, home.
- May 11—Catawba, away.
- May 14-15—Conference Tournament at Boone.

TRACK

- Mar. 31—Atlantic Christian and High Point, at Wilson.
- Apr. 10—High Point, away.
- Apr. 13—Guilford, away.
- Apr. 17—Catawba, away.
- Apr. 28—Davidson Relays.
- May 1—W. and L. and East Carolina, at Lexington, Va.
- May 2—NAIA Meet, at High Point.
- May 8—Guilford and Catawba, Home.
- May 12—Conference Meet at Greensboro.

Four Conference Tilts Are Slated Next Week

The Fighting Christian baseballers, who have already shown high promise in their early-season encounters, will face five games within the next nine days, with four of the five encounters scheduled for the home field and the home fans.

The Christians will be host to the Washington and Lee Generals on the Elon Field at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the first of the four home encounters, which is also the first Saturday battle on the home schedule. The fact that the invading Generals are from the supposedly "Big Time" Southern Conference will lend additional interest to the clash.

The Elon nine will then plunge into the heart of its Carolinas Conference schedule next week, meeting Atlantic Christian, High Point, Lenoir Rhyne and Pfeiffer in a quartet of games that will go far in indicating Elon's chances for the conference title for 1962.

The Atlantic Christian Bulldogs come to Elon next Tuesday afternoon for a single game that opens the week's schedule, and Coach Sanford will then lead his Maroon and Gold tossers over to High Point to meet the Panthers on their own field.

Winding up next week's rugged Conference card, the Lenoir Rhyne Bears come to Elon next Friday, and Coach Joe Ferebee will bring his always threatening Pfeiffer Falcons to the local stronghold on Saturday of next week.

Based on the play in the early

Baseball Schedule

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| Elon 3, Susquehanna 0. |
| Elon 2, Susquehanna 7. |
| Elon 3, Susquehanna 5 |
| Elon 4, Susquehanna 0. |
| Elon 8, Williams 3. |
| Elon 7, Williams 1. |
| (Remaining Games) |
| Mar. 31—W and L, home |
| Apr. 3—A.C.C. home |
| Apr. 4—High point, away |
| Apr. 6—Lenoir Rhyne, home |
| Apr. 7—Pfeiffer, home |
| Apr. 9—Campbell, home |
| Apr. 12—Lenoir Rhyne, away |
| April 13—West Carolina, away |
| Apr. 14—West Carolina, away. |
| April 18—Appalachian, home |
| Apr. 23—Fort Lee, away |
| Apr. 24—Fort Lee, away |
| Apr. 26—Guilford, away |
| Apr. 27—High Point, home |
| Apr. 30—Catawba, home |
| May 1—Guilford, home |
| May 4—Campbell, away |
| May 8—Catawba, away |
| May 9—East Carolina, home |
| May 11—ACC, away |
| May 12—East Carolina, away |
| May 14—Newberry, home (DH) |
| May 15—Pfeiffer, away |
| May 16—Appalachian, away |

games Coach Sanford has at least five or six pitchers available for duty in these games during the coming week, and he will probably go with a full letter combination outfield that includes veterans at every post in both the infield and outfield.

Christians All Even In Games With Susquehanna

The Elon baseballers got an even break in four battles with a touring Susquehanna College nine of Pennsylvania here as the Maroon and Gold nine opened its 1962 season. The rival outfits battled through two doubleheaders here on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20th and 21st, dividing honors each day.

The first day's hostilities saw Elon cop the opening game by a 7 to 0 count, only to have a raft of errors and some ill-timed bases on balls cost a 7 to 2 loss to the visitors in the nightcap battle.

The Susquehanna outfit hit well and timely to grab the third game of the series and the opener of the second double bill by a 5-2 margin, but the Christians came back strong on the hitting of Danny Hall and some brilliant pitching by Mike Cleveland to take the fourth game by a 4 to 0 score.

ELON 3, SUSQUEHANNA 0

Wayne Allen and George Oakley divided the mound duties in the opening game of the season, which Elon won by 3 to 0 score. Allen went the first four innings on the mound, with Oakley taking the final three frames. Each hurler allowed one hit during his stay on the mound, with Allen fanning two and walking none, and with Oakley striking out one and walking one.

Oakley was the winning pitcher, since the Christians pushed over three runs in the fifth and sixth racks. The first Elon counter came in the fifth when Eddie Clark singled and advanced to third on a walk and wild pitch, coming home on Phil Cheek's sacrifice fly.

The other two Elon markers came in the sixth when Jim Leviner singled, stole second and then scored on Steve Wall's booming triple. Wall then raced home when Eddie Clark doubled for his second hit of the ball game. The Christians got to the Susquehanna pitcher for six hits, with Clark's double and single for three trips as the top effort.

The line score follows: Susquehanna 000 000 0-0 2 1
Elon 000 012 x-3 6 2
Billig and Eberly; Allen, Oakley (5) and Cheek. Winning pitchers—Oakley.

SUSQUEHANNA 7, ELON 2

The visiting Susquehanna outfit took advantage of five Elon errors and a half dozen walks and added a pair of timely hits, one of them a two-run homer, to turn back Elon 7 to 2 in the second battle of the opening double-header on Tuesday, March 20th.

Jerry Tillman, Roy Erlandsen and Billy Bates all saw pitching duty for Elon in that second game, but they allowed Susquehanna on-

ly two hits to match the scant total of safeties which the visitors had garnered in the first encounter. However, the five Elon errors hit the Elon pitchers hard in this game, which saw Erlandsen get credit for the loss.

Susquehanna counted two in the first on an error, two walks and a single, but Elon came back with one in the first and another singleton in the fourth to tie the score after four frames, the visitors add-

ed two on John Viscone's two-run circuit blow in the sixth and then counted three on three walks, an error and a sacrifice fly in the seventh. Steve Wall's triple and single topped the Elon attack.

The line score follows: Susquehanna 200 002 3-7 2 1
Elon 100 100 0-2 7 5
Gibney and Eberly; Tillman, Erlandsen (5), Bates (7) and Little. Losing pitcher—Erlandsen.

SUSQUEHANNA 5, ELON 3

The invaders from Pennsylvania grabbed a two-one edge in the series when they copped a 5 to 3 victory in the first game of the second double bill on Wednesday, March 21st, with the Susquehanna outters hitting in timely fashion to gain the win.

The Susquehanna batters pecked out twelve safeties, all of them singles, off three Elon pitchers as they posted this victory. The dozen singles were spaced well, coming in many cases with runners on the cushions to push home two runs in the fourth and singleton markers in the third, fifth and seventh racks.

Four of the Susquehanna nine hit twice, with third baseman Luscko and outfielders John Viscone, Green and Butler all getting a brace of singles. At the same time Williams, visiting pitcher, worked a nice game on the mound, limiting Elon to five scattered hits, two of them by Jim Leviner.

The line-score follows: Susquehanna 001 210 1-5 12 2
Elon 101 001 0-3 5 1
Williams and Eberly; Drake, McDuffie (5), Oakley (5) and Grose. Losing Pitcher—Drake.

ELON 4, SUSQUEHANNA 0

Danny Hall, a slugging sophomore outfielder, and Mike Cleveland, a fine freshman pitcher, combined their talents to lead the Elon nine to a 4 to 0 victory over Susquehanna in the final battle of the second day's play.

Cleveland, a freshman right-hander from Arlington, Va., went the route on the mound for Elon in this nightcap game and did a brilliant early-season bit of chunking. He allowed the visitors only two hits while striking out ten

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STANDS OUT IN WEIGHT EVENTS



Dick More, pictured above, is beginning his fourth season as mainstay in the weight events for the Elon College track squad. The husky senior has been a consistent winner and point-getter in the shot, discus and javelin throughout his four seasons. He was Conference champion in the shot put year before last, and he has placed in all three weight events in the Conference titular meet for the past two seasons. Last spring he was second in the Conference in both the shot and discus and was fourth in the javelin.