

Elon Hosts Appalachian At Burlington On Saturday Night

Dawson Gets First Weekly 'Star' Award

It was late in the third quarter, and the Fighting Christian gridders were still battling for their first score against the Emory and Henry Wasps last Thursday night when a white-jerseyed thunderbolt blasted into the Emory and Henry backfield to block a Wasp kick and single-handedly recover for an Elon touchdown and a 7 to 0 lead for the Christians.

That white-jerseyed thunderbolt was Joe Dawson, one of Elon's two co-captains, who won All-Conference recognition last year for his brilliant play with the forward wall of Elon's Carolinas Conference champions; and as a reward for his TD and all-round fine play against the Emory and Henry outfit, Dawson was named as the first "Christian-of-the-Week" for this 1966 season.

This honor, which carried with it a number of gifts from business firms in Burlington, will be given weekly throughout the season through the efforts of a group of Elon alumni and grid fans, who are working under the leadership of Ed Welch, local business man and civic leader. The player will be honored each week, being chosen by a screening committee, which considers the all-round performance of all members of the Elon squad.

The honor for Joe Dawson, a rugged 215-pounder from Sanford, came not only for his feat in blocking the Emory and Henry punt and personally scoring the touchdown. Instead, it was given to him for a truly outstanding all-round performance that contributed much to Elon's final 15 to 0 victory over the strapping swarm of Wasps from the Virginia hill country.

The Dawson TD came at a moment when the Fighting Christian squad might well have been some what frustrated, for the Elon eleven had amassed an impressive edge over the Wasps in first downs and in total ground gained and had still been unable to break into the scoring column.

At the moment the Wasps were backed up to their own 19-yard line and had just been given a second opportunity to kick due to one of several off-setting penalties. The Wasp kicker took the snap from center, but he never had a chance to get his repeat kick away as Dawson came hurtling through the middle of the Wasp line and blocked the kick off to his right.

The Christian guard and linebacker did not slow up as he blocked the kick but plunged on the loose ball inside the five and dived into to end zone for the six-pointer. Bobby Ferrell booted the extra point a moment later, and Elon was safe home with a 7 to 0 lead. That margin was sufficient to guarantee the win, but Elon later added a second TD for the 15 to 0 victory.

In addition to his scoring play, Dawson played almost full time as he went both ways on offense and defense. He blocked and tackled with the same cold fury that has featured his play for the past three seasons, and he also did the Elon punting, getting away six kicks for a 41.8 average, well above his last season's average of 38.1 which he had for the entire season.

Elon Football

Elon 15, Emory and Henry 0.
Elon 0, Guilford 7.

(Remaining Games)

- Oct. 2—Appalachian, home.
- Oct. 9—Presbyterian, away.
- Oct. 23—Catawba, away.
- Oct. 16—Carson-Newman, away.
- Oct. 30—West Carolina, home.
- Nov. 6—Newberry, away.
- Nov. 13—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Nov. 20—Frederick, home.

RUGGED SENIOR LINE STARS LEAD CHRISTIAN GRID SQUAD



Joe Dawson, a fine guard and kicker, pictured left, and Morris Thomas, a tremendous star at tackle, shown right above, are the co-captains who lead the Elon College Christians in this 1966 football season. Dawson, who hails from Sanford, is starting his fourth and final season as a starter with the Fighting Christians, playing as a guard on offense and a linebacker on defense. Thomas, who comes from Asheboro, is in his third campaign as a regular in the Christian forward wall. Both Dawson and Thomas have been going both ways on offense and defense, but Thomas is concentrating on defense this fall as younger stars move into the starting posts at offensive tackle.



Christian Scratch Sheet

By JACK DeVITO

The Elon College 1966 football season was officially opened a week ago last Saturday with the Christians winning over the Wasps from Emory and Henry by a score of 15 to 0. A week before that the Christians had lost a heart-breaker to the Camp Lejeune Marines by a 6-3 count, but this was a pre-season encounter and did not count in the Carolinas Conference race nor in the NAIA collegiate standings.

The Emory and Henry game was filled with penalties, errors, brilliant runs and an excellent display of defense. In the first half the Elon gridders could not get a sustained drive going, but despite that fact, the Christians showed seven first downs and an abundance of yardage gained. The Christians got as far as the Emory 20-yard line, but Bobby Ferrell's attempted 37-yard field goal fell short.

The Elon defense, which held the Wasps at bay in the first half was also responsible for the first Christian score. Late in the third period Co-Captain Joe Dawson blocked an Emory and Henry punt, picked up the ball himself and dove into the end zone. The Christians' second score, which occurred in the fourth period, came as a result of their only sustained drive of the night. Big Fred Stewart, top ground gainer of the game, along with Tyrone McDuffie and Gary Jordan, accounted for most of the yardage covered during this scoring drive, with Jordan going over from the one for the touchdown.

Although the Christians' offense looked inconsistent against Emory and Henry, prospects for this season once more assume a bright hue. Twenty-three lettermen have returned for this season, and this experience alone gives Elon an advantage over most teams in the Carolinas Conference. The offensive line has an average weight of 200 pounds, and it has the speed to go along with its brawn. In the backfield we have an experienced quarterback in Tyrone McDuffie, who has shown that he can run and pass very well. Along with McDuffie are three big and hard-run-

ning backs in Fred Stewart, Gary Jordan and Doug Amick.

The defensive team, better known to Elon fans as the Comancheros, boasts an average weight of a little over 210 pounds, with 260-pound Co-Captain Morris Thomas anchoring it from his tackle position or at center-guard, to which he occasionally shifts. Joe Dawson and Scott Crabtree hold down the linebacker jobs in excellent manner, and Ron Foresta, Sonny Pruette and Dave Oliphant have the needed speed and agility demanded of them in the cornerback and safety positions.

Bobby Ferrell is the place-kicking specialist, and he is doing fine thus far. Joe Dawson, who averaged 38.1 yards per punt on 55 boots last season opened this new campaign with a 41.8 average against Emory and Henry. Dawson is already profiting from the national ruling that punts into the end zone give full yardage credit, even though the ball is to be moved back out to the 20-yard line, and with the benefit of this new rule he should easily set a new Elon all-time record for punting distance.

The only possible thing which could affect this year's defensive champions, our own Elon Christians, from successfully defending their honors won last year is lack of depth. If there is a limited amount of injuries, and if some of the freshman and sophomore prospects come through, there is no reason why Elon's Fighting Christians should not once more be called the Carolina Conference football champions.

SPORT SHORTS — Congrats to Co-Captain Joe Dawson, who was chosen Christian-of-the-Week after the Emory and Henry game and given prizes by several merchants of Burlington. I have heard from some of his friends that Rex Harrison, former Elon end star, has been placed on the "taxi squad" by the LA Rams, which means that he is on call when needed and still getting paid.

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Christian Squad Needs Victory In Loop Battle

The Elon Christians will be host to the Appalachian Mountaineers in a crucial Carolinas Conference grid battle at Burlington Memorial Stadium at 8 o'clock Saturday night.

The Christians tied Catawba for the championship two years ago and then clinched an undisputed Conference crown last fall, the first for Elon since 1941, but last week's loss to Guilford put the Elon gridders in a "must" situation in each of their remaining loop games, a position where the Christians literally must have a win to remain in contention this season.

The Elon outfit had been highly favored in the Conference race in the pre-season prophecies, while the Appalachian eleven was counted as

a dark horse in the race with its young squad that is relying heavily on sophomores and freshmen.

The Mountaineers, however, showed strength in turning back Newberry 10 to 7 in the opening game of the year and then battled a strong Western Carolina outfit tooth and toenail last week before losing to the Catamounts by the same 7 to 0 count that Guilford chalked against Elon. This week's battle, then, will pit two teams against each other, both of whom are trying to rebound from a close defeat last week.

Coach Carl Messere will throw a veteran backfield and a young line against the Christians, while Coach Gary Mattocks will go with an all-veteran combination and hope that Elon's offensive crew can hit stride to match the fine play of the Christian defense.

Last-Half TD's Clinch Elon Win From Wasps

By JACK DeVITO

Elon's Fighting Christians came back from a scoreless first half to defeat the Wasps of Emory and Henry 15 to 0 at Burlington Memorial Stadium on Saturday night, September 18th, thus gaining their first

story of Elon's new season. Although Elon racked up seven first downs and controlled the football during much of the first half, it could not get on the scoreboard due to a spotty offense and costly penalties.

The closest the Christians came to scoring in that first half was on Elon's second series of downs, when fine running by Fred Stewart and Tyrone McDuffie brought the ball from Emory and Henry's 46-yard line down to the Wasp twenty, where the attack bogged down, and Bobby Ferrell moved in to try a 37-yard field goal that fell short.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	E. and H.
19	First Downs 4
225	Yards Gain Rushing 85
49	Yards Lost Rushing 11
176	Net Yards Rushing 74
15	Passes Attempted 13
7	Passes Completed 3
87	Yards Gain Passing 47
263	Total Yards Offense 121
2	Opp. Passes Intercepted 2
25	Runback Interc. Passes 16
6	Number Punts 8
41.8	Ave. Yards Punt 36.4
77	Runback All Kicks 56
0	Fumbles Lost 0
120	Yards Penalized 83

SCORE BY PERIODS:
Elon 0 0 7 8-15
Emory and Henry 0 0 0 0-0
Elon Touchdowns — Dawson (blocked kick and recovered for score), Jordan (1-run). Extra Points — Ferrell (placement), Jordan 2 (pass from Stewart).

A superb Elon defense held Emory and Henry to two first downs in that first half and held the Wasps at bay on the Elon 16-yard line when the visitors presented their only serious scoring threat of the night. The Comancheros, Elon's celebrated defensive unit, lived up to the reputation which they established last year by halting the Wasps cold there and by limiting the Emory and Henry eleven to 121 yards total offense, including 47 yards by passing, and to only four first downs for the entire game.

The Christian defense also provided Elon's first score, for in the final minutes of the third period Elon's Co-Captain Joe Dawson blocked Ron Bales' punt at the Wasp 11-yard line and then personally picked up the loose ball and dove into the end zone. Ferrell converted after the TD to give Elon a 7-0 lead.

The Elon offense must have taken the hint from the defense, for in the fourth period the Elon offense controlled the ball for twenty-three of the thirty-one plays and scored one touchdown and added a two-point conversion.

This Christian score occurred when Ron Bales punted to Dave

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Marines Top Elon In Final Minutes

A flurry of Leatherneck passes and a last-minute touchdown plunge by Hal Brown, Lejeune fullback, gave the Camp Lejeune Marines a 3 to 3 victory over the Elon College Christians before 10,000 excited fans at Camp Lejeune Saturday afternoon, September 10th. The game was a pre-season affair and not part of Elon's regular season.

The Fighting Christians, who hammered their way four times inside the Marine 10-yard line during the game, had gone ahead by three points late in the third period when Bobby Ferrell booted a 25-yard field goal for the Maroon and Gold eleven.

This 3 to 0 lead by the Elon gridders held up until the final minute of the game, and it appeared midway the fourth quarter that the Christians were going to widen the margin. With about eight minutes

remaining in the final period the Christians took a Marine punt on the Elon nineteen and moved for a 75-yard drive to the Lejeune six.

Tyrone McDuffie, who turned in a fine game at quarterback for the Christians in his first offensive start, passed the Christians on this long drive as he completed two 10-yard passes to Fred Stewart and A. W. McGee and himself personally lugged the ball 34 yards in four carries. However, the Elon drive bogged down with two incomplete passes at the Lejeune six yard marker and with 4:53 remaining on the clock.

The Marines had not been able to chalk a first down against the rugged Elon defense in the last half until that time, but they gambled on fourth down and made a first down by inches at the Marine sixteen, and then Jim Laurent,

former Waynesburg College quarterback, began connecting on passes.

Laurent completed three successive passes for sixteen, twelve and twelve yard gains to the Elon 44-yard line, and then came a 28-yard pass interference penalty against the Christians that gave the Marines first and ten at the sixteen. Laurent tossed for another first-and-ten at the Elon four. From there Hal Brown, 218-pound former University of Maryland fullback, pulled into the end zone for the touchdown. The extra point failed, but the Marines led 6 to 3 with only forty-five seconds left, and the victory was settled.

The game, which was played in 74-degree temperature and in 70 per cent humidity, showed the Elon gridders holding a decisive margin in yardage. The Christians chalked

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PETE JARVIS GOES IN TO SPACE AFTER PASS



Pete Jarvis, a speedy junior end from Burlington, quite literally dived into space in the above picture as he put forth the supreme effort to catch the pass, and that ability to go all out is just one reason why the 6-2 junior flanker, is one of the outstanding pass receivers in the Carolinas Conference. Jarvis is a starting offensive end for the Christians for the second straight year and has gotten off to a fine season as he seeks to top his last year's mark of 12 catches for a total of 115 yards and two touchdowns.