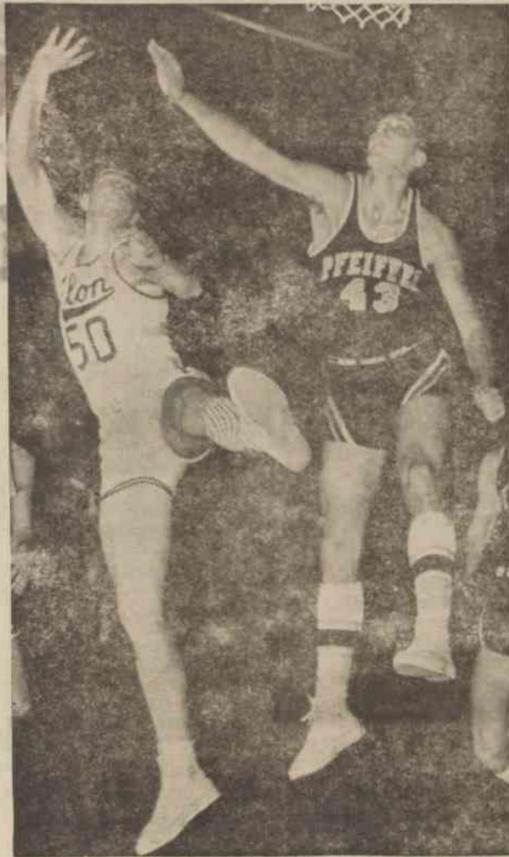
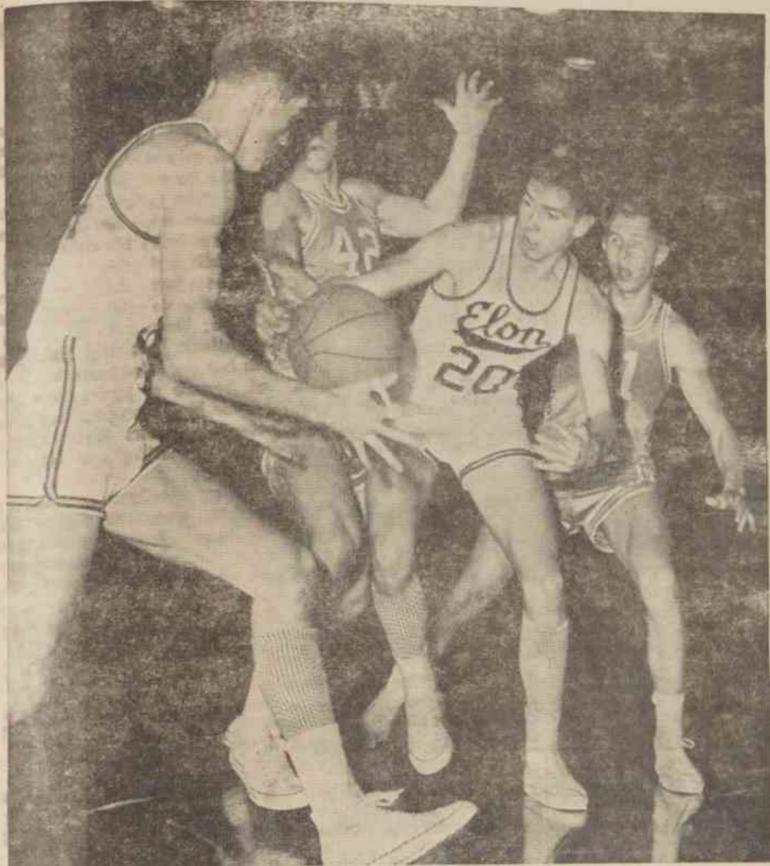


Annual Carolinas Conference Tourney Set For Lexington

PICTORIAL VIEWS AS ELON CAGERS TOPPLE PRESBYTERIAN AND PFEIFFER



The two scenes above present some of the action in two recent Elon victories on the floor of the Elon Alumni Memorial Gymnasium. Shown left is a shot from the Elon 75 to 54 victory over the Presbyterian Blue Stockings on Wednesday night, February 2nd, with Richard Such (31) and Tommy Davis (20) in the Elon white uniforms battling with Presbyterian's Ken Martin and Jimmy Bankhead for possession of the ball. Pictured right above is a scene from Elon's 78-74 win over Pfeiffer on Monday, February 7th, with Henry Goedeck (50) going up for a shot over Pfeiffer's Calvin Lawson.

Four-Day Titular Event Starts Wednesday Night

The Elon Christians are slated to join seven other teams in the Carolinas Conference in the twenty-second annual Conference basketball tournament, which will be held on the floor of the Lexington YMCA from Wednesday through Saturday of next week, with the four days of tourney play to determine the Conference champion for the 1966 season.

The Carolinas Conference, which operated under the name of the North State Conference from its founding in 1931 until after the admission of some South Carolina teams several years ago, chose its cage champs annually on the basis of the regular-season record from 1931 until 1940, and Elon won the titles in 1932, 1935, 1937 and 1938 and tied with Guilford for the crown in 1934.

The title was first settled in a post-season tournament in 1941, and Elon did not win a tournament title until 1947, when Roney Gates and Warren Burns paced the Christians to the crown. The early tournaments were held at High Point College from 1941 until 1947, moved to Elkin YMCA in 1948 and 1949, was then held at Statesville in 1950, 1951 and 1952 and at Winston-Salem in 1953, since that time the meet has been held at Lexington YMCA each spring.

The Elon cagers, after reaching the finals in 1950 and 1953, managed to win the tournament a second time in 1956 at Lexington when Dee Atkinson and Ben Kenhall paced the Christians to the crown. They did not win the title again until last year, when Elon moved from a sixth-place season finish to a title victory over High Point in the tourney finals.

The Christians lost heavily from that championship team of last year, among the losses being twice All-American center Jesse Branson, but Coach Bill Miller came back with a young team that has shown streaks of brilliance this year as freshmen Henry Goedeck and Bill Bowes joined with the scanty nucleus of vets in pacing Elon through the season.

As of last weekend, with one week of the regular season remaining, the Christians were seventh in the Conference standings and appeared to be assured of a spot in the Conference tourney that is to be held at Lexington next week. Teams seemingly assured of spots in the tournament next week included High Point, Guilford, Western Carolina, Lenoir Rhyne, Appalachian, Pfeiffer, Elon and Catawba. Pairings will be made Sunday.

Elon Downes Falcon Five Here, 78-74

After blasting out to a 14-point lead midway the second half, the Elon College basketekers had to fight tooth-and-tongue down the stretch to hold back a determined flock of Pfeiffer Falcons and take a close 78-74 victory in a Carolinas Conference battle on the Elon court on Monday night, February 7th.

The two teams played it tight throughout the first half, with the lead swapping hands on almost every bucket, but Charlie Van Lear bagged a pair of quick baskets at the end of the half to give Elon a 28 to 24 margin at the intermission.

That four points proved just exactly enough for the win as the Elon sounds each hit for 40 points in the second half. The Christians took advantage of five minutes of frigid play by the Falcons away that final half and moved to a 14-point edge at 58-44, but the Pfeiffer cagers made a fine comeback from that point and pulled within two points at 76-74 with less than half a minute remaining in the game. Henry Goedeck bagged two free throws at that point to ice the Elon win.

Goedeck once more proved the big gun for the Christians as he hit 26 points for the night, running his total to 93 in three Elon games within five days. Bobby Atkins had 17, Richard Such 11 and Tommy Davis 10 points for Elon, while Harold Williford topped Pfeiffer with 22 counters.

The line-ups:
Pos. Elon (78) Pfeiffer (74)
F—Such (11) Williford (22)
F—Bowes (8) Smith (7)
C—Goedeck (26) Lawson (18)
G—Atkins (17) Courtney (14)
G—Davis (10) Worry (5)
Half-time: Elon 38, Pfeiffer 34.
Elon subs — Van Lear 6, Denhart, Caddell, Pfeiffer subs — Knapp 6, Lisk 2, Sherrill.

Christian Scratch Sheet

By JACK DeVITO

With the basketball season coming to an end in a week or so, the Elon College Fighting Christians are fighting for position in the standings. Aside from league-leading High Point, there are only three or four games in the lost column separating the second and eighth placed teams. At this time Guilford, Western Carolina, Appalachian, and Lenoir Rhyne are fighting for second, third, and fourth positions in the conference, and Elon, Pfeiffer, Catawba, and Presbyterian are fighting for the sixth, seventh, and eighth positions. One of these teams will not make the conference tournament next week. At this time, I am sure the Elon five will make it. Elon was five and four before Christmas and so far they are six and four since that time. Although this does not show too much improvement on paper, the team has come a long way since their opening victory over Wofford. Tommy Davis' return to the line-up has relieved the guard situation somewhat, and Coach Bill Miller's freshman prodigies are still improving each time they take the floor.

Elon Cage Games

Elon 97, Wofford 73.
Elon 66, A.C.C. 91.
Elon 87, Pfeiffer 96.
Elon 28, Erskine 58.
Elon 61, Lenoir Rhyne 58.
Elon 61, High Point 73.
Elon 80, Appalachian 73.
Elon 54, A. and T. 77.
Elon 54, A. and T. 77.
Elon 88, Guilford 68.
Elon 79, Wofford 69.
Elon 80, Guilford 96.
Elon 79, Campbell 53.
Elon 85, ACC 74.
Elon 71, Catawba 75.
Elon 69, Campbell 64.
Elon 59, High Point 88.
Elon-Frederick (Snow).
Elon-Catawba (Snow).
Elon 75, Presbyterian 74.
Elon 92, West Carolina 106.
Elon 78, Pfeiffer 74.
Elon 73, Appalachian 81.
Elon 76, Presbyterian 69.
Feb. 16—Lenoir Rhyne, Home.
Feb. 19—West Carolina, Home.
Feb. 23, 24, 25, 26—Conference Tournament, Lexington.

Christian Gridders To Play 10-Game Schedule During '66 Football Season

Christian 5' Topples PC In Elon Gym

The Fighting Christian cagers were cold as the ice that covered the ground in the early minutes but waxed warmer and warmer as the game progressed to grab a decisive 75 to 54 decision over the Presbyterian Blue Hose on the Elon court on Wednesday night, February 2nd.

The visiting Blue Hose opened with a blazing attack that moved to a quick 8-0 margin, and more than thirteen minutes had passed before Elon finally caught up at 20-20 on a steal and lay-up by Bobby Atkins. Thirty seconds later Atkins hit a jumper to put Elon ahead by two, but the Hose tied it at 24-all before Atkins dropped a charity toss to put Elon ahead for keeps.

The Elon College football squad hope to post a much improved record during the coming campaign as we met during the past 1965 season, according to the schedule released by Coach Gary Mattocks, head coach of the Fighting Christian gridgers.

Elon Loses To Mounty Five, 83-71

The Appalachian Mountaineers unleashed a quick scoring spurge in early minutes of the game and were never headed as the Mounties posted an 81 to 73 victory over the Elon Christians in a crucial Carolinas Conference battle at Boone on Wednesday night, February 9th.

GAME SCENE ON ELON BENCH



The above shot of Coach Bill Miller and Assistant Coach Dewey Andrew was snapped during a recent Elon cage battle on the floor of Elon's Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, and the view is typical of the close concentration of the men who guide the Fighting Christian cagers in action against their Carolinas Conference foes.

Pointers Win Loop Battle By 88 To 59

After roaring to a quick 10-point lead, the High Point Panthers held the front all the way as they rolled to a decisive 88 to 59 victory over the Elon Christians on the High Point floor on Saturday night, January 22nd.

The Christian shooters were colder than the freezing weather outside in the early minutes of the game, and a single basket by Henry Goedeck after three minutes of action was the only score that Elon could muster in the first six minutes, during which the Panthers pulled away to a 12-2 margin.

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