

Catawba To Be Elon Foe For Homecoming

Elon Baseball Nine Getting Fall Practice

The Elon College baseball squad, which has a new coach and many new faces this year, has been putting in plenty of serious work in fall practice for the past three weeks and is slated to wind up the autumn drills with a full-scale Maroon-Gold game at 2 o'clock today.

Coach Jerry Drake, who assumed the Elon baseball reigns this year, has had more than 35 diamond prospects working since October 3rd, among them being seven of the eleven lettermen who are back in school this year from the varsity team of the past season.

Lettermen listed on the fall roster include Paul Amundsen, Sam Moon, and Jimmy Daily, pitchers; Joe Byrtus and Ron Tugwell, first basemen; and Marshall Montgomery and Bobby Bulla, outfielders. Four other letter vets are with the football squad this fall, among them pitcher Burgin Beale, infielders Dempsey Herring and H. L. Robinson and outfielder Ron Foresta.

Coach Drake expressed himself as well pleased with the work of his squad during the fall drills and mentioned the possibility that Joe Byrtus may be switched from first base to the mound in seeking to fill the need for a good left-handed pitcher. The loss of southpaw Larry Collins due to academic reasons left a glaring need for a left-handed hurler.

In discussing the work of the Christian nine this fall, Coach Drake pointed out that Paul Amundsen and Sam Moon, pitchers from last spring, have been working to remedy shortcomings that hampered this season. He also mentioned Jimmy Dailey, a letterman of two years ago, who missed last spring's play and is back out for his final season eligibility. Dailey did mostly relief before but looms as a starter this year.

Freshman mound prospects mentioned by the coach included Ed Kirchgessner, a big 210-pounder, who throws hard and may bid high for a starting call, along with Bill Adams, Bryant Hinson and Chris Pecora, all of them being right-handers. There are several other young mound prospects with the squad.

Graduation and transfer took all letter catchers, leaving reserve Tom Fulcher to battle for the receiving job with youngsters such as Drew Coble. Marshall Montgomery and Bobby Bulla are anchors in the outfield, with several promising performers among the freshmen.

Tugwell and Byrtus have been the only lettermen infielders this fall, and several newcomers have shown promise. Other veterans, now out for football will be available next spring.

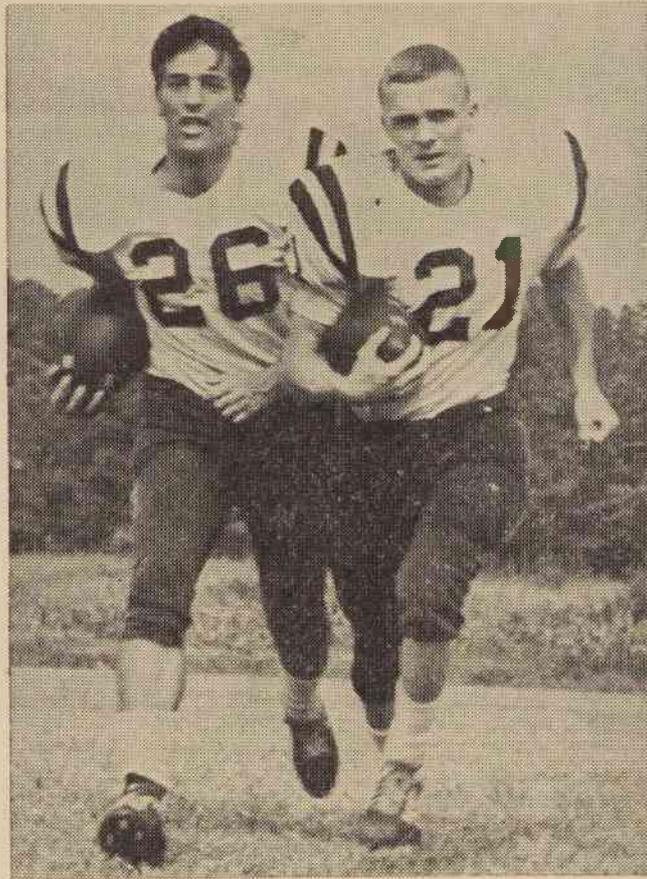
Elon Football

Elon 12, Emory and Henry 14.
Elon 13, Guilford 35.
Elon 2, Appalachian 8.
Elon 6, Presbyterian 21.
Elon 0, Carson-Newman 14.

(Remaining Games)

Oct. 22—Catawba, home.
Oct. 29—West Carolina, away.
Nov. 5—Newberry, home.
Nov. 12—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
Nov. 19—Frederick, away.

VETERAN DEFENSIVE HALFBACKS



A pair of veteran defensive halfbacks with the Elon College grid squad is shown above. They are (left to right) Ron Forest, a 175-pound junior from Brooklyn, N. Y., and David Oliphant, a 160-pound junior, who is also a sprinter on the Elon track squad. Both have been starters as defensive halfbacks since their freshman seasons.

Christian Basketball Outfit Will Be Lacking Experience

Basketballs have been bouncing and ripping the cords over in Elon's Alumni Memorial Gymnasium for the past few days as the Fighting Christian cagers swing through early practice for the upcoming 1966-67 hardwood campaign. It will be a young crew of cage warriors who carry the Maroon and Gold into the winter warfare this year, perhaps the youngest team ever to wear the Elon colors on the basketball floor.

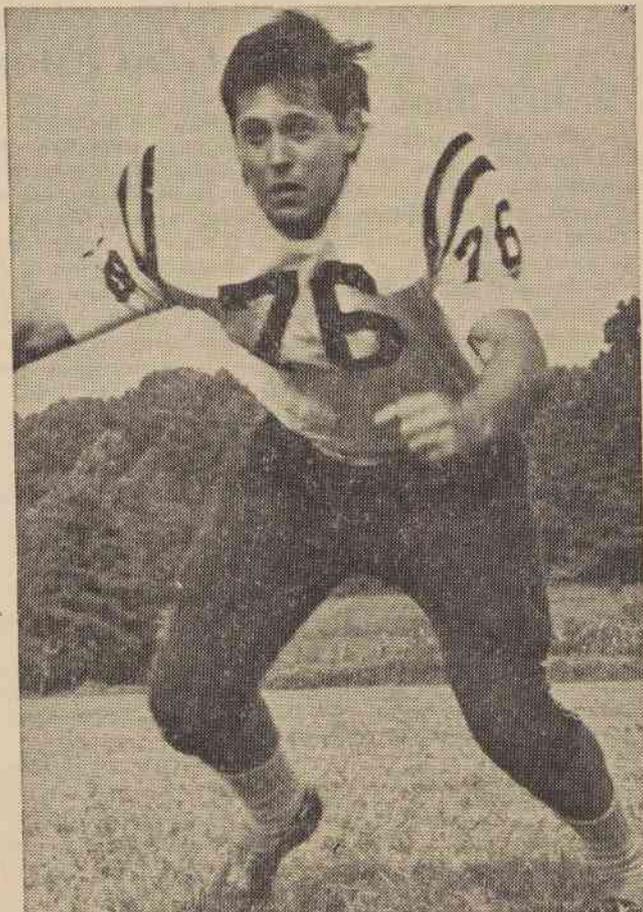
Coach Bill Miller, who enters upon his seventh season as mentor for the Fighting Christians in basketball, has only five lettermen working in the early-season sessions, and four of those five lettermen are sophomores and the fifth one is a junior who saw very little service during his freshman season. One might say it will be a second-year team.

The only lettermen on hand and working at this time are Tommy Davis, a junior guard from Leaksville; Henry Goedeck, a soph center from Central Islip, N. Y.; Bill Bowes, soph forward and center from Virginia Beach, Va.; Dannie Joe Pendry, soph guard from North Wilkesboro; and Steve Caddell, soph forward from Rocky Mount. Two other letter vets expected back were lost because of academic and health reasons.

In discussing the season prospects, Coach Miller listed four newcomers who are expected to see much service with the Christians, including Tom McGee, a 6-1 guard from Deer Park, Long Island, N. Y.; Rick Hare, a 6-4 forward from Camden, N. J.; Jim Andrews, another 6-4 forward from New Jersey; and Noble Marshall, a 6-0 Virginia All-Stater from Roanoke, who played his high school ball under the coaching of Hank Hamrick, who was himself one of Elon's all-time

great cagers. Other candidates for the Elon Quint are still untried and must be uncovered as the season progresses.

BOTH OFFENSE AND DEFENSE



Wes Gilliam, a 220-pound sophomore stalwart from neighboring Western Alamance High, is one of the Elon Christians who goes both ways on offense and defense. Gilliam, who has always been a hard-nosed competitor, plays offensive tackle and middle guard and is one of the most valuable Christian forwards.

Ancient Foes To Meet In Tilt Here Saturday

The Elon Christians and the Catawba Indians will renew an ancient rivalry for the benefit of Elon's Homecoming alumni in a Carolinas Conference tilt in Burlington Stadium at 2:15 o'clock Saturday, with the Elon gridders seeking to avenge a 21-6 loss suffered at the hands of the Indians at Salisbury last fall.

The Elon-Catawba rivalry dates back to 1928, with the two teams all knotted up in the series at 14 victories each and with two games having ended in tie scores. Several of the games have been among the most thrilling in Elon grid annals, notably the 1960 Homecoming tilt here at Elon when George Wooten, Elon's Little All-American quarterback, raced 108 yards in the final eight seconds to give Elon a 13 to 12 win.

The Indians won the series opener back in 1928 by a similar 13 to 12 count, and that game set the tempo for years to come. After that opening loss to Catawba, Elon won 26 to 7 in 1929. There was no game in 1930, but Catawba won 38 to 0 in 1931. There was a lapse in rivalry until 1934, but after a tie in 1934, Elon grabbed three straight wins 32-0 in 1935, 33-13 in 1936 and 22-2 in 1937.

The rivals split the four final games

prior to World War II, with Catawba winning 20 to 6 in 1938 and 13 to 0 in 1940, while Elon copped wins by 7 to 0 in 1939 and 8 to 7 in 1941, with the latter win giving Elon the Conference title. There were no games during World War II, and Catawba dominated the series right after the war, when the Indians won 40-0 in 1946, 38-0 in 1947 and 35-0 in 1948.

A turn of the tide came at that time, and Elon won three consecutive thrillers by 20 to 14 in 1949, 26 to 12 in 1950 and 21 to 14 in 1951. The Indians won 12 to 0 in 1952, and then came a 21-21 tie in 1953. Elon won 36 to 12 in 1954, but Catawba reversed the count 19 to 0 in 1955. Elon grabbed a 14-13 thriller in 1956, followed by a one-year break due to influenza.

The Indians posted wins by 14 to 8 in 1958 and 21 to 8 in 1959, but Elon then grabbed three in a row, first on Wooten's thrilling dash in 1960, by 23 to 8 in 1961 and 15 to 0 in 1962. The Indians tied Elon for the Conference title in a 12-7 battle in 1963, but Elon's champs of 1964 won 22 to 17, and then the Indians took last year's battle 21 to 6. This week's 31st annual meeting promises plenty of thrills.

Presbyterian Is Winner Over Elon In 21-6 Tilt

Power running and pinpoint passing by the Presbyterian Blue Stockings proved too potent for the Fighting Christian gridders as they went down to a 21 to 6 defeat before the Palmetto State eleven in Burlington Stadium on Saturday night, October 8th.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Presbyterian
13	18
129	241
11	15
118	226
25	19
12	12
133	168
251	394
2	4
28	41
4	3
30.5	31.3
98	44
1	2
40	35

Score By Periods:

Elon	0	6	0	0-6
Presbyterian	7	0	7	7-21
Elon Touchdown	— P. Williams, (3-run). Presbyterian Touchdowns — Smith (34-pass from Kirtland), S. Williams (4-run), Eckstein (23-run). Extra Points — Reed 3 (Placements).			

The Presbyterians struck early for their first touchdown, moving from their own thirty-two after the opening kickoff on a drive that ended with a 34-yard scoring pass from Bill Kirtland to James Smith, with Richard Reed kicking good on the first of three placements to grab a 7 to 0 lead.

The Christians came back for a touchdown of their own late in the second quarter after Mike Ray recovered a fumbled punt on the Blue Stocking 16-yard marker. The Elon gridders moved to a first down at the five, and Perry Williams scored from there in two plunges through the middle. Bobby Ferrell's kick was wide, and Elon still trailed 7 to 6 at the half-time.

The Elon gridders moved the ball well at times, posting 251 yards in combined running and passing, but the Christian defense was unable to halt the power running of Eckstein nor the deadly throw of Kirkland.