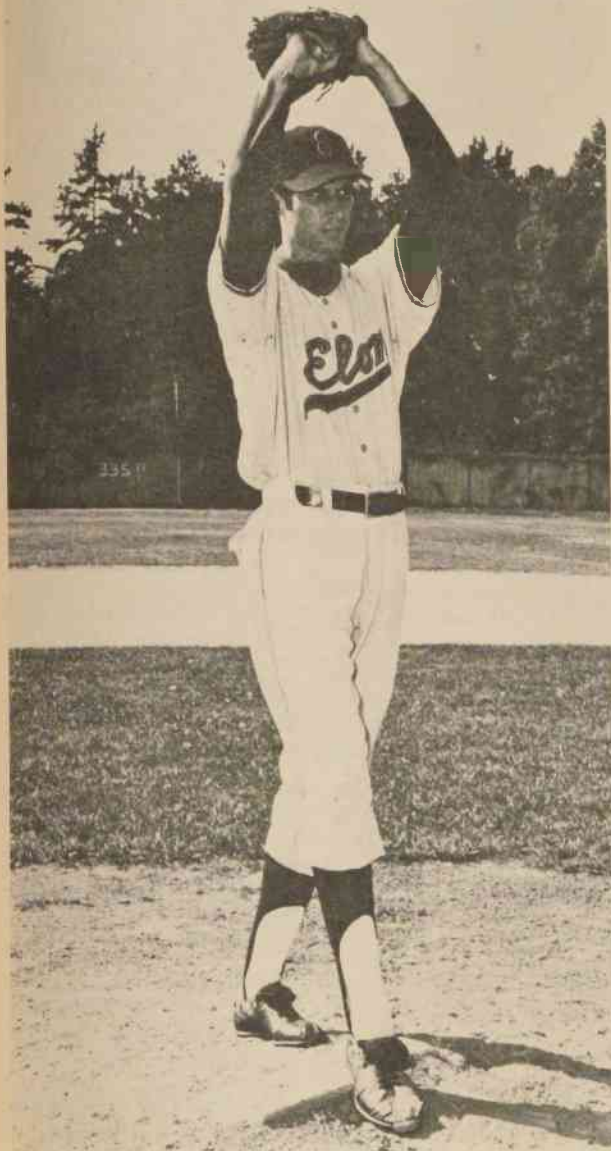


Elon Schedules 10 Grid Tilts

TWO FRESHMAN HURLERS MAY TOP ELON MOUND CORPS THIS SEASON



Two newcomers to the Elon College mound staff this spring are Dewey Capps (left) and John Austin (right above). Both of these new Christian chunkers are righthanded, and both are expected to prove valuable weapons for Coach Jerry Drake and his Fighting Christian nine this spring. Dewey Capps, who hails from Myrtle Beach, S.C., is a lanky youngster who came to Elon originally as a kicker for the football squad but has elected to throw his lot with the diamond squad. John Austin, who stands 6-4 and weighs a husky 210 pounds, had a 12-0 mound record with Northeast Guilford High last spring and went on last summer with the Greensboro Cone American Legion team to play both pitcher and outfield. With the Legion team he won All-State, All-Southern and honorable mention for All-American rank. He is the draft property of the Oakland Athletics for major league baseball.

Concord Is Newcomer On Schedule

The Elon College football squad, which has just wound up a highly successful spring grid program under the direction of Coach Red Wilson and his staff, will play a full 10-game schedule during the upcoming 1968 football campaign.

This was revealed by Coach Wilson, who has announced the addition of Concord State College of Athens, West Virginia, to the Christian schedule for the coming year to round out the 10-game slate. The West Virginia institution is listed with slightly over 1,500 students.

The Christians had only nine games last fall, when they wound up their first year under Coach Wilson and their first year with the colorful Single Wing system of play by chalking five victories, three losses and a tie.

Their record in the Carolinas Conference was four wins, two losses and a tie, a mark which placed the Elon gridders in third spot behind Lenoir Rhyne and Appalachian in the Conference standings.

However, the Christians were all tied up with Lenoir Rhyne for the top spot when they moved into Hickory to battle the Bears on their home field. A victory in that game could have given the Christians the title, but a close defeat slipped them back behind Appalachian in third place.

The Christian schedule for this next fall will feature the same nine teams that were met last fall, along with the Concord gridders from West Virginia, but there has been some shuffling of the nine teams that were played last fall.

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Win Or Lose

By BOB WILLIAMS



Spring is approaching rapidly at Elon College, and the baseball season is already here, with the Fighting Christian squad working under the skilled leadership of Coach Jerry Drake, who is looking forward quite optimistically to this 1968 diamond campaign.

Coach Drake, who took over the Elon baseball coaching last spring, has the assistance this year of Joe Teague, a former Elon standout, who comes to the Elon diamond staff directly from the Cleveland Indians farm system. Already this spring Coach Teague has played a key role in developing some of the younger players on the Christian roster.

After having suffered through a rough campaign last spring, when the Christians managed only eight wins against twenty losses, Coach Drake has been very pleased with the progress shown by this 1968 team in early season, and he is especially happy with the confidence and overall attitude of his boys.

One of the outstanding features for this 1968 outfit is the outfield. Coach Drake has labelled this

outfield combination "one of the best in the state, and thus far it has shown ability to back up his statement."

The outfield regulars during the season will probably show Co-Captain Larry Collins and lettermen Mike Spillane and Richard Smith, but Mel Cliburne and Joe Rinaca are a pair of newcomers who have been making impressive bids for starting roles. All these boys have strong arms and are exceedingly fast.

The Christian infield will be anchored by letterman Jimmy Freisinger at second base, and Coach Drake has hailed Jimmy as a definite prospect. The leading candidate for the first base spot is Bob Godfrey, with Mike Hailey providing strong competition.

At shortstop, the starting role appears a tossup between Ron Brown and Jerry Midkiff, and third base will show Co-Captain Dempsey Herring, who for the past two seasons has been one of the most dangerous hitters on the squad. The catching

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Collins And Herring Co-Captain Baseball

Larry Collins and Dempsey Herring, a pair of senior veterans, are co-captains of the Fighting Christian baseball squad, which got its 1968 campaign started this week with four games scheduled on the home field.

The initial week's card had Carolinas Conference tilts with Guilford and High Point on Monday and Tuesday and with Catawba this afternoon, followed by a non-Conference tilt with Campbell tomorrow. All games were set for the home field.

The two co-captains were slated to play strong roles in all these games and also in a full schedule of five tilts on docket for next week, when Rensselaer comes here Tuesday, followed by Atlantic Christian on Wednesday, followed in turn by road battles at High Point Friday and a double bill at Western Carolina Saturday.

The co-leaders of the 1968 Christian nine are both due to be regular starters, with Collins working in the outfield and Herring at third base.

Collins hails from Jacksonville, Fla., and was formerly a pitcher.

Wilson Contract Is Renewed 3 Seasons

Coach Shirley S. "Red" Wilson, who brought his Single Wing formation to Elon College just a year ago and moved the Fighting Christian gridders from a cellar position to a contender for the Carolinas Conference championship in his first season, has just been offered a new three-year coaching contract and at the same time has been named director of athletics.

This appointment and the new three-year contract was announced by Dr. J. E. Danieleley, Elon College president, who stated that Coach Wilson will take over the athletic director's duties on June 1st. In that position he will assume duties held by Dee Atkinson for the past two years.

Coach Wilson, a graduate and former grid star at Davidson, assumed his

coaching duties here on January 1st of last year, and last fall his Fighting Christian eleven posted a fine 5-3-1 record. The Christians finally finished third.

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