Elon Tops Appalachian 8 To 3

The Fighting Christian baseballers closed out their home diamond play in great style as they whipped the Appalachian Mountaineers 8 to 3 on the Elon field on May 4th. It closed out Elon with an 8-10 mark in the Conference.

The Christians started the scoring in the second by plating one run on a pair of singles and an error. They added other singleton counters in the third and fourth, the one in the third coming on a walk and a triple by Mel Cliburne and the one in the fourth on a solo homer by Jerry Madkiff.

The visiting Apps got their first two runs in the top of the fifth on a interference penalty, a base on balls and a booming triple by Catcher Bob Billings. The Mounties scored one in the sixth but no more as Burgin Beale turned in a 4-hit mound job, marred only by a tendency to wildness which notched nine walks.

The Christians really put the game on ice when they plated four runs in the fifth. Three walks filled the bases, and catcher Don Brady boomed a grand-slam homerun to clear the bases. A single Elon run in the sixth ended all scoring for the day.

The scores: Appalachian... 8H, 1 E, Elon........ 8R, 9H, 0 E, Dolecki, McLean(5), Crossmer (6) and Billings; Beale and Braddy, Bulla (9). Hit--Brady, Madkiff (both of Elon), WP--Beale.

Joe Freve, Elon College hurdler and middle-distance star from Virginia Beach, Va., took turns with Rusty Roberts in setting new Elon records in the 440-yard hurdles during this 1968 indoor campaign, but Freve took the last turn in the record-setting when he raced the long hurdle event in an even 60 seconds in the Elon victory over Atlantic Christian College at Wilson.

Ralph Moore, who has broken the old Elon College discus mark this season and bettered the old Elon javelin record, has played a big part in the scoring for the Fighting Christian track squad during its very successful 1968 season. Moore, who hails from Schenectady, N. Y., and who transferred to Elon from Notre Dame, set a new discus mark in the very first meet of the year and then upped the record to 142 feet 2 inches in the Carolina Conference track tournament. The Elon mark was away in front in the early racks, scoring a single count in the first and three others in the third for a 4 to 0 lead, but the Christians were able to get only two hits after that time and saw their lead fade.

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Pembroke Is Winner Of Contest Here

The Pembroke Braves used some potent hitting and took advantage of eight Elon errors to turn back the Fighting Christian baseballers 12 to 10 in a ragged diamond battle on the Elon field on May 2nd.

The game opened on the ragged note that dominated play all day, for the Pembroke outfit plated four runs on a single, walk, error and a booming home-run by Tom Williams; and Elon came right back on the bottom of the inning for three runs on a hit batsman, a pair of singles by Jim Friseling and Mel Cliburne and a single by Bob Godfrey. Both teams got single runs in the third, and Elon also added a solo score in the sixth, but the Pembroke outfit had scored a run batted in from Elon's starting pitcher, Alan Colenda, in the fifth before the Mounties had scored and forced him to the showers. Burgin Beale came on in relief and gave up another run before he retired the side.

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