

# Elon Tops Guilford 68 To 67

CHRISTIANS PUT THREE BIG MEN ON ALL-CONFERENCE HONOR SQUAD

## Christian '5' Wins Battle At Guilford



Richard McGeorge, Henry Goedeck and Captain Bill Bowes, pictured left to right in that order in the above picture, were all three named to the official Carolinas Conference all-star team at the conclusion of the regular 1969 season. It was the first time that Elon had placed three All-Conference men in a single season since 1956, and Elon was the only team to put three men on the honor list this year. McGeorge, junior forward from Roanoke, Va., averaged 17 points per game during the 25-game season; Goedeck, a senior forward from Central Islip, N.Y., averaged 15.3 points per game; and Captain Bowes, a senior center from Lenox, Mass., averaged 13.5 points and 12.5 rebounds per game. McGeorge topped the Conference in field goal accuracy with a 61.1 per cent mark, and Bowes led the loop in free throw accuracy with an 83.1 percentage.

The Elon Christians closed out their finest basketball season in recent years with a thrilling 68 to 67 victory over the Guilford Quakers on the Guilford court on Saturday night, February 22nd, with the Christians having to battle all the way for the one-point win.

That victory, clinched by Elon free throws in the closing minutes of the game, gave Coach Bill Miller's cage squad a record of 19 wins and 6 losses in a 25-game schedule, and it gave the Christians a second-place rating in the always tough Carolinas Conference with a mark of 13 wins and 4 losses in games with Conference foes.

The Christians got their last field goal of the tight battle with Guilford when Tommy Cole hit with 2:41 left in the game for a 62-61 lead, but six free throw baskets out of eight attempts in the final moments of the game kept the Fighting Christians in competition.

Noble Marshall hit the last two charity tosses for Elon with 46 seconds left on the clock, and they put Elon in front by a 68 to 65 margin. The Quakers came back after that and cut the Elon edge to a single point, and Marshall missed two charity tosses with twelve seconds remaining. Guilford missed a last-second floor shot that could have won the game.

Big Richard McGeorge, Elon's rugged junior forward who proved to be exceptionally tough on the inside, led the Elon forces to victory as he hit four of seven floor shots and sank 14 of 17 chances at the free throw line for a total of 22 points for the night.

Other Elon players who were in double figures for the night were Tommy Cole with 13 points and Henry Goedeck with 13 counters. Bill Bowes, who had missed a week of practice due to a death in his family, turned in a fine game in spite of that fact and pulled down 14 rebounds for the Christians.

### THE LINE-UPS

Pos. Elon (68) Guilford (67)  
F. McGeorge (22) Crow (6)  
F. Goedeck (12) Crocker (10)  
C. Bowes (4) Smith (30)  
G. Cole (13) Ennis (8)  
G. McGee (6) Feik (6)  
Half-time: Elon 35,  
Guilford 35.

Elon subs -- Marshall 2, Berry 3, Johnson 6.  
Guilford subs -- Dixon, Dyer 7, Simmons.

## Elon Places Three All-Conference Men

The Fighting Christian basketball squad placed three men on the official Carolinas Conference all-star team for regular season play, which was released from the conference offices in Winston-Salem by Jerry McLeese, the statistician for the loop.

The three Christians who won berths on the team were Henry Goedeck, who made the All-Conference team for the fourth straight year; along with Richard McGeorge and Captain Bill Bowes, both of whom won the all-star recognition for the first time.

In addition to their spots on the official All-Conference team, Henry Goedeck and Richard McGeorge also won spots on the squad named by the Greensboro Daily News, with Bill Bowes getting a high honorable mention on the newspaper squad.

The official All-Conference included 11 men, since there was a tie for the tenth spot in the voting by the loop coaches. The Elon quintet was the only team to place three men, with Catawba and High Point each winning two spots and with single players from Lenoir Rhyne, Western Carolina, Atlantic Christian and Guilford.

The three All-Conference berths marked the first time in thirteen seasons for Elon to place three men on the honor group, and it is one of the few times that any team has placed three men. The last time Elon had three all-star picks in one season was in 1956

when the Christians won the Conference title.

The three Christians who won All-Conference positions that year were Dee Atkinson, Ed Juratic and Ben Kendall, and all three of them also won spots on the five-man first team at the close of the Conference tournament held in Lexington.

Other All-Conference players named this year were Gene Littles and Jim Picka, of High Point; Dwight Durante and Garland Davis, of Catawba; Greg Wittman, of Western Carolina; David Smith of Guilford; Ed Carraway, of Atlantic Christian and Bill Davis, of Lenoir Rhyne.

Henry Goedeck became one of the very few men in the Conference cage history to win All-Conference honors for four successive years and became the first Elon player since Ben Kendall to make the honor team four years. Kendall's honors did not come in successive years, for his cage play was broken by a tour of military duty.

The other two Elon All-Conference men well earned their spots, for they proved themselves to be the most accurate in the Conference in shooting. McGeorge led the Conference in field goal accuracy with a 61.1 per cent on 165 baskets in 270 tries, and Bowes topped the loop in free throwing with 83.1 per cent on 69 baskets in 83 tries.

## COLE FIRES SHOT AT GUILFORD



Tommy Cole, brilliant freshman guard for the Christians, wearing Number 35 in the dark jersey above, is shown as he fired up a crucial field goal in Elon's hard-fought 68 to 67 win over the Guilford Quakers in the closing game of the regular season on the Guilford court. Cole hit 13 points that night to give him more than an 11-point average for regular-season play.

