

Sports

Elon nine returns

By Danny Hubbard
Sports Editor

The Fightin' Christians baseball team, fresh from their Florida road trip, returned home after winning only one out of five games, two of those which were exhibitions.

Elon opened up their spring break trip in a doubleheader against perennial NAIA powerhouse, St. Xavier University, and came away with a split. The Christians dropped the first game 4-3, but regrouped for a 1-0 win in the final contest.

The highlight of the trip featured two exhibition games against the Triple-A farm teams of the Philadelphia Phillies and the St. Louis Cardinals. These two professional clubs were too much as the Phillies beat the Christians 6-2, and the Cardinals' Springfield club stopped the Elon nine by a score of 16-4.

Head coach Bob McBee, who coaches Cardinals farm club

during the summer, explained that the Triple-A players were fired up to beat his club.

Last Saturday, the Christians concluded their Sunshine State tour as they went across the border to play Georgia Tech. Elon played the Yellow Jackets evenly but fell short 11-8, when a Tech player homered in the last inning.

Although the Christians dropped two out of three games coach McBee explained, "We received good pitching the whole trip."

Elon's record is now 7-6, as the Christians prepare for tough conference games. As a team, they are averaging .279 from the plate, with center fielder Greg McDannold (.368) and first baseman David Donohue (.333) leading the attack.

Today the Christians face a crucial conference game against High Point College. The game starts at 2 p.m. on Newsome Field.

BACK IN GEAR: The Fightin' Christian football team started their spring conditioning under a new head coach, Macky Carden. Carden takes over a squad that has a dominating defense, compared to mostly inexperienced and unproven offense.



Photo by Paul Harris

Gridders prepare for season

By Danny Hubbard
Sports Editor

"Our goal is not to move on to anything new, until what we are doing now is done well," said head football coach Macky Carden, as he and his assistants are preparing for the 1984 season.

Carden explained that in spring practice the team is dwelling on simplification of drills, and that they "are trying to refine."

The new mentor, following in the footsteps of Jerry Tolley and Wright Anderson, said, "I'm anxious to see how the team will develop." As for the team status right now, Carden noted, "The offense is looking sharp, but the real strength of the team is the defense."

Heading the defensive line are three returning players, Ken Tatko, Grady Williams, and Lewin Bullock. Directly behind them as a linebacker will be Royce Fentress, who Carden said is "probably the most outstanding player on the team."

Other key players on defense are Ken Angel at Strong Safety, and transfer Jake Welburn at defensive back. One area which needs work is in the defensive end position which, Carden noted, is "terribly inexperienced."

As for the offense, the most solid position appears to be running back, where six veterans return. The offensive line, however, is very inexperienced with only two returning players in guard, Clay Hassard and center Thomas Kilcrease.

At tight end, Carden noted that the top four players are gone, leaving him without any experience. But transfers Chuck Ward, Eugene Woodbury, and Robert Jefferson are competing for the job.

The wide receiver position

looks strong with rising senior Jay Simmons leading the troops. Simmons, Carden said, is "one of our top players." Jessie Jones, another top receiver from last year, is injured right now but is expected to recover soon.

The signal caller for the team remains to be determined. None have stepped out so far, Carden said. But as Carden said, "the second half of training will let the leaders

emerge." Sam Fromhart, who started all 10 games in 1983, has the edge in experience over the other eight candidates.

The new coach said recruiting is running smoothly, with 12 transfers already committed, and the freshman signings could reach about 25.

The team practices daily on Rudd Field. Carden noted his main headache was "organizing the practice time around the class schedule."

Leftwich House

Bed and breakfast

215 E. Harden St., Graham
226-5978

Homelike atmosphere, delicious meals
for the traveller. Room reservations required.



DEL SUGGS Saltwater Music

Del Suggs with his Saltwater Style of music will be in the LRC Wednesday giving a seminar- "Presenting Yourself in the Music World" at 2:30.

He will be performing:

Tuesday, April 3: 4:00 - 6:30 in
the Harper Center Lounge
Wednesday, April 4, Noon- 1:30 in
the Grill.

Hardee's

**MAKE TRACKS FOR THE
BEST EATIN' ALL AROUND!**

The next time you stop by for the Best Eatin'™ bring along this money-savin' coupon.

**STEAK & EGG BISCUIT AND
ORANGE JUICE \$1.29**

Please present this coupon before ordering. One coupon per customer, per visit, please. Customer must pay any sales tax due. This coupon not good in combination with any other offers. Offer good during regular breakfast hours only at participating Hardee's Restaurants through May 31, 1984.

**REGULAR ROAST BEEF SANDWICH, REGULAR
FRIES & MEDIUM SOFT DRINK \$1.79**

Please present this coupon before ordering. One coupon per customer, per visit, please. Customer must pay any sales tax due. This coupon not good in combination with any other offers. Offer good after 10:30 AM, only at participating Hardee's Restaurants through May 31, 1984.