

Bulldogs Greet Elon Wednesday

AC Shakes Patsy Label With Newly-Found Punch

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Coach Jim Pfohl, never worried about his fine pitching staff, thinks his hitters have finally broken the slump that made them the pasties of the Carolinas Conference early in the season.

Atlantic Christian College, getting the hitting of Cleveland Williams trying to punch Cassius Clay, fell in five of their first six games. Then third baseman Chuck Fleet came to life.

Good Example

Fleet obviously set a good example with his hitting heroics in a 3-1 win over Guilford for the Bulldogs traveled to Newberry, S. C., and swept a doubleheader — behind some hardy hitting as well as the usual top-notch pitching.

At Newberry, center fielder Watt Moore and right fielder Rick Arrington finally started connecting for base hits, Ed

Carraway got his first starting assignment and the sophomore left fielder made good with a dangerous bat and a pair of swift feet.

Hitting Team

These join second baseman Vic Camechis and catcher Joe Willis, the only two Bulldogs who were hitting earlier, to suddenly make AC a hitting baseball team.

With that in mind, Pfohl sees no reason why the Bulldogs can't extend their winning streak to four games at Fleming Stadium Wednesday against conference foe Elon.

Besides, right-hander Wade Johnson, 2-0, will be pitching and the little junior doesn't usually need much batting support. He's allowed only one earned run in 19 innings in establishing himself as the ace of the AC staff.

Unexplainable

'Our poor hitting was unexplainable said Pfohl. "I felt all along we were hitting

the ball well, but nothing was falling for hits. That's obviously changed now and I hope it stays that way.

Despite their poor start, the Bulldogs revived themselves only one game late in the conference schedule. Therefore, AC is 3-1 in league play (4-5 over-all) and in a good position to make the conference's post-season four-team playoff.

Potential

"With our pitching and the potential of our hitters," beamed Pfohl, "we can be one of the best clubs in the conference, I think we should, and will, make the playoffs."

The pitching is in the hands of the Johnson boys — Wade and Ronnie, Charlie Stovall, Dee Glover and Frank Harper.

After Wednesday's game with Elon, the Bulldogs host Pfeiffer in a doubleheader Saturday.

Optimistic Pfohl sees no reason why the Bulldogs can't make a clean sweep.