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Braves finish 2nd in Conference, 21-9

By JACK GOLDBERG

The Braves finished in second place in Region X and the Carolinas Junior College Conference with an overall 21-9 record. In Region X, they finished with a 13-4 record; and a 10-2 record in the Carolinas Junior College Conference.

The Chowan Braves were seeded No. 2 in the Region X tournament Feb. 28 - March 3 at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C.

The 21 victories mark the 10th consecutive season that the Braves have won 20 or more games under the direction of Head Coach Bob Burke.

Burke has an overall record of 247-67, since coming to Chowan ten years ago. This year's squad is one of Burke's youngest ever with eight freshmen on the roster; blend that with three returning sophomores and they make a formidable foe to all conference and non-conference opponents. Chowan has played a national schedule including ranked teams from Maryland, Florida, and Texas, this year, one of which was a 61-59 victory over the No. 8 nationally ranked Allegany Community College in Cumberland, MD.

With the season winding down, Chowan defeated two Region and Conference opponents, Spartanburg Methodist and An-



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person College, the weekend of February 10-11 to remain in the thick of things for the Conference championship.

One of the keys to Chowan's success this year can be attributed to their balanced scoring as five members average in double figures, led by sophomore Bernard Terrell (Raleigh, NC) 14.4 per game, followed closely by fellow sophomore James

Doggett's 12.6 output per night. Rounding out the high scoring quintet are three freshmen, Ken Scroggins, 12.3; Tim Davis, 10.8; and Bryan Hill, 10.0. Doggett is also among the Region's top rebounders, pulling down 8.8 per game for the No. 2 slot in the sweeper of the boards.

With three of the five remaining games on the road, the Braves have proven to be

very efficient on hostile courts, winning four of their Conference and Region games while only losing one, that coming to Craven Community College in double overtime. In basketball terminology, this time of the year is referred to as "Crunch Time" and you better believe Burke's Braves know the task ahead, and that is, to win it all.

Lady Braves dribbling into a winning season

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The true mark of any athletic program is its improvement from year to year. Never was a case more evident than this year's women's basketball team. Head Coach Rene OsBorne, in only three short years, has steadily developed this program from his first team, which only won three games to last year's edition, which doubled their victory total to seven. Under OsBorne's tutelage, the Lady Braves, heading into their final five games of the season, have already won 13 games and are challenging for a second place finish in the Conference and Region X standings. What can be attributed to the steady climb to respectability you might ask? Well, if hard work, intense recruiting, the installment of pride in oneself, and team goals are any indication, then OsBorne has his ladies on the right track. The Lady Braves play tenacious defense as evidenced by their league leading 67.2 per game surrendering of points to their opposition.

Chowan features a well balanced attack with five ladies averaging in double figures. Top scorer for the Braves this year is freshman Lisa Kier (Staunton, VA) who is ranked among the Region leaders with a 16.2 average. Steady performances have been turned in by sophomores Michelle Carpenter (Standardsville, VA), Bobbie Fluellyn (Martinsville, VA), and point guard Doris "Machine Gun" Kelly

(Durham, NC) who lend experience at the key positions as well as averaging in double figures. Carpenter, 11.8; Fluellyn, 11.3; and Kelly, 10.9, combine with the "big girl" in the middle, freshman Amy Washington (Harrisonburg, VA) who averages 10.3 per game while pulling down 10.1 rebounds an outing go give the Braves a formidable offensive team night after night. Another member that is making considerable contributions to this year's winning team is sophomore Rebekah Reason (Chilhowie, VA) who combines size and confidence while chipping in 7.7 points per game from her forward position. Rounding out the offensive arsenal which averages 82.1 points per outing, ranking them second in the Region, is freshman Joyce Williams (Hopewell, VA). Williams adds a dimension of quickness to an already very quick team while possessing a deadly jump shot off the fast break which Chowan will unleash at any given opportunity.

The Region X Tournament, from which the winner will advance to the National Championships, also held here at Chowan March 8-10. The Lady Braves, 14-11 overall, are fully aware of the task ahead and with the guidance of the "Wizard of Oz," as he is known by his ladies, Chowan will be right there playing their up-tempo game with aggressive defense, a team to reckon with.



Michelle Carpenter lays in two of her 14 points in the Lady Braves 92-74 win over Peace College.