

SPORTS TODAY

Lady Braves finish fourth in Region X

The Lady Braves softball team concluded their season finishing fourth in the Region X Tournament held in Rock Hill, SC the weekend of May 4-5.

Friday, May 4 Chowan opened tournament play tangling with the top seed Louisburg College. In a pitchers duel, Louisburg scored two first inning runs in defeating the Lady Braves 2-0. Chowan had several chances throughout the game to score, but could not cash in despite a strong pitching performance by Sue Straw (Fairlawn, NJ).

Saturday, May 5 the Lady Braves found themselves in the loser's bracket. Led by All-Region performer Straw, the Braves put together timely hitting, solid pitching, and good defense to defeat Anderson College, 4-1, to stay alive in the double elimination tourney. It was not to be, however, for Osborne's "fighting nine" were eliminated three hours later by Spartanburg Methodist 7-1.

Post-season honors were awarded to sophomore right-hander Straw, who was named to the All-Region X team for the second consecutive year.

Head Coach Rene' Osborne's ladies played nearly .500 ball for the season against both conference and Region opponents alike as their 10-11 record indicates. Despite falling in the Region Tournament, Osborne was satisfied with his ladies' performance this year. "We rode the arm of, in my opinion, the best pitcher in the league. With a few lucky breaks we could have won the Region, but looking back now, I feel the Lady Braves represented themselves very well," stated Osborne.

Next season will be a rebuilding one as only three players with experience return for their sophomore year, but there is one thing you can count on, come next season the Lady Braves' softball team will be just as competitive and over-achieving as they have been noted for through the years.



The Lady Braves Softball Team

Hawkins passes 500 victory mark

By JACK GOLDBERG

A coaching career spanning 32 years and 853 games took a historic turn Monday, April 23 when Coach Jerry Hawkins marked his 500th career victory. Veteran Chowan College skipper Hawkins watched calmly from the dugout at Newport News Apprentice School as his Braves recorded a twinbill sweep of their hosts, 14-3 and 6-3, which in turn rewarded "The Hawk" with career victories number 500 and 501. "Basically, it's just two more ballgames to me," quipped the Shelby native who took over the Chowan program in 1958. "I'd much rather talk about this team's new school, single season record for victories at 23-13. My 500 career victory mark definitely takes a back seat to that."

This year's squad set many individual records, one of which was at the beginning of the season, when the Braves ran off 12 consecutive victories without tasting defeat. According to Hawkins, "this year's team has been a joy to coach, their never give up spirit



has won a lot of games in which we trailed going into the final inning."

Individually, freshman shortstop Scott Rawlins (Newport News, VA) set a new R.B.I. record for the Braves, knocking in 38 runs. Rawlins, flexed his muscles for a team-leading eight homeruns. Fleet-footed sophomore centerfielder Antonio "Buffy" Holloway (Petersburg, VA) put his name in the record book by stealing 29 bases this year while hitting over .300.

The Braves concluded their season losing to Lenoir Community College 9-6 and Anderson College 9-1 in the Region X Tournament held in Aiken, SC the weekend of May 10-13. Post-season honors were awarded to Holloway, Alec Snead, and also Rawlins. The same trio also were selected to the Carolina Junior College conference 1st Team.

Year in review

Sunday, May 13 Chowan College closed the doors on the 1989-1990 school year with graduation of the class of 1990.

The Chowan College Athletic Department fielded nine intercollegiate teams in '89-'90 and eight of the nine teams posted winning records. The wrestling program finished the year ranked 5th in the country, women's volleyball won 35 games finishing 11th in the nation, while men's basketball won 23 games finishing 2nd in the Region X. Chowan competed in 197 intercollegiate athletic contests winning 131 for a 66% success rate.

The Braves had numerous All-conference and All-Region X performers, plus 14 All-Americans. Steve Smith (football) and Melvin Crosby (wrestling) were named 1st Team, Curtis Whitley (football), Stockton Williams (wrestling) and Tyrone Goins (wrestling) were named to 2nd Team All-American in

their sport. John Reynolds (wrestling) and Joe Hawkins (wrestling) were 3rd team All-Americans. Steve Smith (football) and Curtis Whitley (football) were named J.C. Grid-Wire Honorable Mention All-Americans while Tom Wilkerson (football) was selected 1st Team J.C. Grid Wire Scholar/Athlete All-American. Victor Balmececa, Tony Sansone and Martin Horn, all members of the wrestling squad, were named Academic All-Americans.

With two programs participating in National Tournaments, wrestling finishing 5th in the nation, and volleyball 11th, 58 wins in men's basketball and volleyball, 10 All-Americans and four Academic All-Americans and an overall 66% winning record, 1989-1990 was another successful year for the Braves. Next year should be even better for Chowan College.

Alumni Day

Lady Braves
Power Volleyball

Saturday, September 22, 1990 has been designated as "Alumni Day" in the Jesse Helms Physical Education Center.

The Lady Braves take on Hagerstown Junior College and Spartanburg Methodist College. Both schools have strong competitive programs, and the Lady Braves expect plenty of action!

9:00 a.m. Chowan vs. Hagerstown Junior College
10:00 a.m. HJC vs. Spartanburg Methodist College
11:00 a.m. Chowan vs. Spartanburg Methodist College

The 1990-91 Volleyball season with (40) matches will be a demanding challenge. Matches include junior and senior colleges in North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, and Virginia. Our aim is to better last year's record: 35-13! Region X Champs! District 9 Champs! National Tournament—11th in the nation! We invite you to participate!

The Lady Braves play Power Volleyball. This is more than something you do at the beach to kill time while you wait for the hot dogs to roast. Lady Braves Volleyball is zig-zagging floater serves, slicing-spinning spikes, overpowering blocks and exhausting dives. Volleyball for the athlete is explosive power and prolonged endurance and, for the crowd, it's excitement and fun.

Alumni who are receiving this edition of Chowan Today are invited to clip the special General Admission Tickets found below, complete the information asked for, and present them at the gate on September 22, 1990. Otherwise, regular admission rates apply.

Make "Alumni Day" a part of your plans!

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