

SPORTS TODAY

Braves basketball opens season on winning note

The Chowan Braves men's basketball team opened its season on a winning note November 14, humbling Pitt Community College, 104-46. Sophomore Fred Vinson, (Murfreesboro, N.C.) led four Braves in double figures frying the nets for six three pointers en-route to a game high 24 points.

The weekend of November 16 and 17, the Braves participated in the Hagerstown Invitational held at Hagerstown, Maryland. Friday night, the Braves defeated Allegany Community College of Pennsylvania, led by the record setting performance of James Thompson (Culpeper, Va.). Thompson shattered the Braves' record of three point shots he had set last year with seven, by connecting on eight long-range bombs. He led four Braves in double figures with 24 points. Saturday night, the Braves fell to the host team, Hagerstown Community College, 98-78. despite freshman Wilbert Hunter's (Raleigh, N.C.) 24 points and Thompson's 20. Hunter and Thompson were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Braves loaded their vans and headed South to participate in the Pepsi-Cola National Invitational Tournament held in Ocala, Florida, November 22 through 24. The opening night the Braves dropped a tough 72-69 decision to the host school, Central Florida Community College. Chowan was led by sophomores James Thompson and Fred Vinson with 16 points each. The second round saw the Braves knock off Palm Beach Community College, 91-89, in an offensive display. Chowan's "long-range bomber" James Thompson led four Braves in double figures, setting a new tournament record, while tying his own school record with 8 three-pointers en route to a team-leading 29 points. The Braves concluded their tournament dropping a tough 56-46 decision to number 8 nationally ranked Butler County Community College. In a defensive battle, the Braves held Butler to only 20 points in the second half. Chowan was led by James Thompson who pumped in 12 points in a losing cause.

With the Christmas holidays



Chowan Braves men's basketball team

quickly approaching, the Braves now prepare for their Conference and Region X opponents, hosting their final four games before the break in the Helms Center. December 3, the Braves hosted Craven Community College in a non-conference encounter. Chowan hosted two Conference and Region X rivals Friday and Saturday nights, December 7 and 8. In

their conference opener Friday night, the Braves tangled with Anderson College; Saturday evening, Chowan battled the boards with Spartanburg Methodist College.

The Chowan Braves conclude the first half of the basketball schedule on December 10 entertaining Lenoir Community College in a Region X game.



Chowan Golf Team

Golf team finishes with best fall record ever: 42-5

The Chowan College men's golf team placed the finishing touches on an outstanding fall campaign by capturing top honors at a four-team tournament at the Sleepy Hole Golf Course in Portsmouth, Va. recently.

The Braves teamed to card a 314 which was four strokes better than second placed Averett College. Newport News Apprentice was third at 333 while Hampton University checked in at 367 for fourth place.

Lance Wilton won medalist honors for the Braves as he toured the 18 hole course in 75 strokes. Finishing close

behind him was Don Donatello (77) while Joe Sibley and Philip Smoak each carded an 81.

Under the watchful eye of veteran coach Bill Sowell, the Chowan duffers finished with the best fall record (42-5 in overall competition) in the school's history.

"I'm very proud of the accomplishments of this year's team," stated Sowell. "Freshmen comprise the majority of this team and if they do their classwork over the winter, they'll be in contention for both regional and national honors next spring."

Men's Basketball Schedule

| DATE | TEAM | PLACE | TIME | DATE | TEAM | PLACE | TIME |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Nov. 14 | Pitt C.C. | Home | 7:30 PM | Feb. 2 | Lees-McRae College | Home | 7:30 PM |
| Nov. 16, 17 | Hagerstown Invitational | Hagerstown, MD | TBA | Feb. 8 | Anderson College—S.C. | Anderson, S.C. | 7:30 PM |
| Nov. 22-24 | Pepsi Invitational | Ocala, FL | TBA | Feb. 9 | Spartanburg College | Spartanburg, S.C. | Home |
| Dec. 3 | Craven C.C. | Home | 7:30 PM | Feb. 16 | Brevard College—N.C. | Home | 7:30 PM |
| Dec. 7 | Anderson College—S.C. | Home | 7:30 PM | Feb. 18 | Craven C.C. | Newburn, N.C. | 7:00 PM |
| Dec. 8 | Spartanburg College | Home | 7:30 PM | Feb. 20 | Lenoir C.C. | Kinston, N.C. | 7:30 PM |
| Dec. 10 | Lenoir C.C. | Home | 7:30 PM | Feb. 23 | Lees-McRae College | Banner Elk, N.C. | 3:00 PM |
| Jan. 11 | Richard Bland | Petersburg, V.A. | 7:30 PM | Feb. 27 | Louisburg College | Louisburg, N.C. | 7:30 PM |
| Jan. 14 | Garrett C.C. — M.D. | Home | 7:30 PM | Mar. 5-8 | Region X Tourney | Murfreesboro, N.C. | TBA |
| Jan. 17 | Columbia Jr. College—S.C. | Columbia, S.C. | TBA | Head Coach: Bob Burke | | | |
| Jan. 18 | N. Greenville College—S.C. | Tigerville, S.C. | 7:30 PM | Assistant Coach: Jim Tribbett | | | |
| Jan. 19 | Brevard College—N.C. | Brevard, N.C. | 7:30 PM | Colors: Blue and White | | | |
| Jan. 25-26 | N.B.C. Classic | Home | 6:00-8:00 PM | Athletic Director: Jim Garrison | | | |
| Jan. 30 | Louisburg College | Home | 7:30 PM | Athletic Dept. (919) 398-4101 ext. 244 | | | |

Chowan records 27th winning football season

The Chowan Braves football squad ended their season dropping a tough 14-10 decision to North Greenville in a defensive battle. The Braves held the Mounties in check the majority of the afternoon giving up only 160 yards of total offense.

Chowan's "Phenomenal freshman" David Perry, entered the game with 1,113 yards rushing and was 83 yards short of the school record of 1,196, set by Ervin Bryson in 1987, when he suffered a collarbone injury and left the game in the first quarter after gaining only 13 yards. For the year, Perry finished his first season as a Brave with 1,126 yards, while scoring 12 touchdowns.

Sophomore defensive end Tim Canada, who had 10 tackles and a blocked punt, got Chowan on the board in the first quarter when he picked up a blocked punt and returned it 36 yards for a touchdown.

North Greenville got six points on a blocked punt in the first quarter to tie the score. The Braves took a 10-7 lead on a 35-yard field goal by Chuck Komegay in the second quarter. Chowan recorded its 27th winning season in Coach Garrison's 33 seasons, finishing with a record of 5-4. Garrison is currently tied for third in career victories among active coaches in the NJCAA with 182.