

Golfers tee up outstanding season finish 36-18

By Jack Goldberg

The Braves' golf program teed it up Tuesday, March 26 defeating Louisburg College on the Green Hill Country Club course in Louisburg, NC. The Braves shot a team total 309 led by medalist Don Donatello (Clearwater, FL) who shot a 76. Rick Peel (Winchester, VA) and Chowan's only sophomore, Chris Carter (Richmond, VA) both shot 77 as the Braves putted by the Hurricanes.

The weekend of April 6-7 found the Braves in the mountains of western North Carolina participating in the Brevard Invitational. Chowan battled the elements as fog moved onto the course limiting them to only 27 holes rather than the normal 36. Despite the

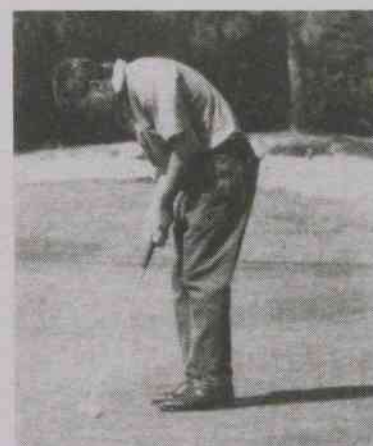
weather the Braves finished second out of nine teams that participated, shooting a score of 488.

Coach Bill Sowell and his golfers made the most of their only home appearance of this season, defeating Louisburg and Newport News Apprentice School April 18 at the Beechwood Country Club in Ahoskie, NC. Low medalist for the Braves was Rick Peel who shot a 77 while fellow freshman Greg Vaughan chipped in with a 78.

The following afternoon the Braves finished ninth out of fifteen teams in the Newport News Invitational held at the Sleepy Hole Country Club in Portsmouth, Virginia. Low medalist for Chowan was Don Donatello who

shot an 81, and Phil Abrams (Wilson, North Carolina) with an 84.

The culmination of an outstanding season occurred April 21-23 when the Braves teed up with their Region X counterparts at the Pine Hollow Country Club in Clayton, NC, site of the tournament. Led by medalist Rick Peel, who shot a two-day tournament total of 148 and Phil Abrams, 154, the Braves finished third in the conference and fourth in the Region X final standings. Post season honors were awarded to Peel who was named to the All-Region X and All-Conference teams for his impressive rookie season. Peel represented Chowan as their medalist at the National Tournament to be held in Odessa, Texas June 3-7.



Rick Peel

Lady Braves have building year, Yarborough named All-Region

The Lady Braves traveled to Rock Hill, South Carolina, site of the Region X Tournament, the weekend of May 3-4. Entering the tourney as the No. 5 seed, Chowan faced fourth-seeded Anderson College in Friday's opening round. Picking up four unearned runs in the first and three more in the fourth was enough to propel Anderson to a 9-1 victory. Freshman hurler Wendy Yarborough surrendered just two hits during the game but was

the victim of some shoddy fielding by the Braves. The Lady Braves banded out five hits as Chrissie Perkinson, Julie Jordon, Amy Collins, Mary Farley and Tracey Chapell all had one hit each.

With the opening round loss, the Lady Braves were forced to play the first game Saturday where they gave third-seeded Spartanburg Methodist all they could handle before dropping a 5-2 decision. Trailing 2-0, Chowan

tied the games thanks to a two-run single by sophomore co-captain Pam Synder in the fourth inning. Spartanburg then won the game by plating a pair of fifth inning runs and one in the sixth, all of which came off errors. Despite fanning 10 batters and giving up just four hits, Yarborough was charged with the loss as all five runs scored against her were unearned. Sophomore co-captain Lisa Byrum led

the Braves offensively with two hits

Following the tournament, Yarborough was an overwhelming choice to the All-Region X Team. During her 83 innings pitched this season, the Salem, Virginia native surrendered 87 runs mowing down 98 batters via the strikeout route.

The Braves, who finished their season with a 3-18 overall mark, lose only three players from the squad.



The Lady Braves

Sports year in review

By Jack Goldberg

Saturday, May 18, Chowan College closed the doors on the 1990-91 school year with graduation of the class of 1991. With plans already in progress for 1991-1992, now is a good time to reflect on the past year.

The Chowan College Athletic Department fielded nine intercollegiate teams in '90-91 and seven of the nine teams posted winning records. The wrestling program finished the year ranked tenth in the nation; women's volleyball won 33 games winning the conference championship, finished 18th in the nation; and men's basketball won 22 games, finished second in the Region X. Chowan competed in 245 intercollegiate athletic contest winning 143 for a 59% success rate.

The Braves had numerous All-Conference and All-Region X performers plus ten All-Americans. Tim Canada (Football) was named 1st Team, Danny Lindsey (Football), Stockton Williams (Wrestling), Darrick Peartree (Wrestling), and Turner Williams (Baseball) were named to 2nd Team All-American in their sport. Victor Balmaceda (Wrestling) and

Brian Richardson (Wrestling) garnered 3rd team All-American status, while David Perry (Football) was named to the J. C. Grid-wire Honorable Mention All-American Squad. Tim Canada (Football) was selected to the 2nd Team J. C. Grid-wire All-American Team, while Chuck Komegay (Football) was selected Honorable Mention J. C. Grid-wire Scholar/Athlete All-American. Fred Vinson (Basketball) was named Player-of-the Year in the Carolinas Junior College Conference.

Nine student-athletes were named to the prestigious Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges in 1991. They are: Chris Aycock (Trainer), Lisa Bunce (Volleyball), Mike Chrissie (Football), Tyrone Goins (Wrestling), Chuck Komegay (Football), Chris Pitt (Football), James Thompson (Basketball), Fred Vinson (Basketball) and Joyce Williams (Women's Basketball).

With two programs finishing nationally ranked, 91 wins in men's basketball, golf and volleyball, nine All-American and an overall 59% winning record, 1990-1991 was another outstanding year for the Braves.

Athletic awards presented at annual Sports Banquet

1990-91 Chowan College Head Athletic Team Awards
Most Outstanding Male Athlete - Fred Vinson, Murfreesboro, NC
Most Outstanding Female Athlete - Fonda Lyons, Raleigh, NC
Football: 5-4

Offensive Back - David Perry, Rich Square, NC
Offensive Lineman - Danny Lindsey, Wilmington, NC
Defensive Lineman - Tim Canada, Fredericksburg, VA
Line backer - Troy Fowlkes, Freehold, NJ

Defensive Back - Todd Conrad, Kemsersville, NC
Receiver - Jerry Scalzo, Coral Springs, FL

Special Team - Jim Greene, Boca Raton, FL
Volleyball: 33-12

18th Nationally Ranked
Best Offensive - Nicole Derkacz, Sterling Heights, MI
Best Defensive - Patty Trudel, Chelmsford, MA

M.V.P. - Fonda Lyons, Raleigh, NC
Women's Basketball: 6-18

Best Offense - Joyce Williams, Hopewell, VA
Best Defense - Amy Washington, Harrisonburg, VA

M.V.P. - Charita Burke, High Point, NC
Men's Basketball: 22-8 No. 6 Nationally Ranked Defensive Team

Best Defense - Harold Tyson, Charlotte, NC
Coach's Award - James Thompson, Rapidans, VA

M.V.P. - Fred Vinson, Murfreesboro, NC
Wrestling: 12-4 Tenth Nationally Ranked

Most Improved - Ken Worley, Evergreen, NC
Outstanding Freshman - Darrick Peartree, Newport News, VA
M.V.P. - Victor Balmaceda, Miami, FL

Softball: 3-18
Offensive Award - Wendy Yarborough, Salem, VA
Golden Glove - Pam Synder, Staunton, VA

Pitching - Wendy Yarborough, Salem, VA
M.V.P. - Lisa Byrum, Elizabeth City, NC

Baseball: 20-18
Hitting - Turner Williams, Virginia Beach, VA
Pitching - Billy Childress, Richmond, VA

Golden Glove - Scott Rawlins, Newport News, VA
M.V.P. - Turner Williams, Virginia Beach, VA

Tennis: 4-4
Coach's Award - Chris Hiserman, Waynesboro, VA
M.V.P. - Keisuke Matsumoto, Kohryo, Japan

Golf: 36-18
Coach's Award - Phil Abrams, Wilson, NC
M.V.P. - Rick Peel, Falls Church, VA

Cheerleading:
M.V.P. - Vanessa Bello, Manassas Park, VA

Trainers:
Outstanding Freshman - Scott Blizard, Kissimmee, FL
Outstanding Sophomore - Lisa Byrum, Elizabeth City, NC