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Lady Braves continue winning volleyball streak

The Lady Braves volleyball team concluded their regular season the weekend of October 25-26 hosting non-conference foe Catonsville Community College and conference rival Anderson College.

In its opener against Anderson, the Lady Braves were dealt a 2-15, 10-15, 15-11, 10-15 setback which left Anderson with the Region's number one seed (both teams finished regional and conference play at 5-1 to share conference honors, but Anderson was awarded the higher region seed due to total points scored).

Following the loss, Chowan rebounded to defeat Catonsville Community College 15-10, 15-4 before concluding its regular season the next day when the Lady Braves again clipped Catonsville 15-10, 15-3.

The Lady Braves, armed with an outstanding 30-8 regular season record, competed in the Region X Tournament in Greenville, South Carolina, October 31 through November 1.

Seeded second in the five-team affair, Chowan took on third-seeded Spartanburg Methodist during Thursday's opening round where the Lady Braves posted a 10-15, 15-4, 15-9 victory.

With the first round win, Chowan

advanced to Friday's winner's bracket matchup against top-seeded Anderson College where they dropped a tough 15-6, 9-15, 15-9 match.

The loss forced the Lady Braves into an elimination contest against North Greenville where they topped the Lady Mounties 15-10, 12-15, 15-8. With only a 30-minute breather between matches, Chowan was forced to quickly move into the championship round against Anderson College. The Lady Braves gave it their best shot, but on a grueling day in which Chowan was forced to play three matches, it proved to be their downfall as the Lady Trojans captured the Region X title by virtue of its 15-9, 15-8 victory.

Chowan, who finished with an outstanding 32-10 record, placed a trio of its players on the All-Region X team as sophomore Captain Patty Trudel, sophomore Mary Grimm, and freshman Jody Lindstrom were named to the prestigious squad.

Lady Braves coach Janet Collins also saw two of her performers tabbed as members of the All-Tournament team with the inclusion of Trudel and Lindstrom.



Members of the Chowan golf team are, left to right, kneeling, Rick Peel, Albert Flanagan, Don Donatello. Standing, Coach Bill Sowell, Lance Wilton, Woods Woolwine and Scott Shingler.

Chowan golfers rule the links, post 25-3 record

The Chowan Braves' golf program capped off an excellent fall scheduled by winning the Central Carolinas Invitational Tournament held in Clayton, North Carolina October 28-29. By virtue of its two-day total of 627, the Braves were a runaway winner in the five-team event as their first place total

was 21 strokes better than runner-up performer Cape Fear Community College's team score of 648. Sophomore, Rick Peel, was the tournament's individual medalist as he toured the Pine Hollow Country club course in 154 strokes (36 hole total). Peel's performance landed him a spot on the All-

Tournament team where he was joined by teammates Woods Woolwine and Don Donatello.

Under the guidance of veteran Head Coach Bill Sowell, the Braves this fall, have won several tournament's featuring four-year and junior college's from

Virginia and North Carolina in stroking out an outstanding 25-3 record. With a very successful fall as a cornerstone, the Braves are anxiously looking forward to their spring schedule where they will challenge for regional and national honors.

With experienced squad

Basketball coach Burke beginning twelfth season

The dribbling of basketballs in the Helms Center can now be heard as the Chowan Braves prepare to open their 1991-92 season. Veteran Head Coach Bob Burke, beginning his twelfth season, finds himself with his most experienced team ever, returning four starters from last season's 22-8 squad, as well as six other players who contributed significantly their freshman season. Burke will look to Wilbert Hunter (Raleigh, NC), Harold Tyson (Charlotte, NC), Melvin Brooks (Elizabeth City, NC) and Corey Baker (Charlotte, NC) all starters last season

to lead the Braves on the court this year. Hunter, a 6'5" swingman who averaged 11 points and 4.3 rebounds a game his freshman year, was named All-Tournament in three out of five tournaments Chowan participated in last year. According to Burke, "Hunter has improved his strength by putting on weight this summer and I am looking to him to have an excellent year while serving as our perimeter defensive specialist." Tyson, a 6'5" interior player of a season ago, averaged 10.3 points and seven rebounds an outing to lead the team in that category. Tyson, voted

team's Most Outstanding Defensive Player last year, is expected to be one of the premier interior players in the league his sophomore year. Brooks, a 6'8" center, averaged 10 points while snaring five rebounds a game through the second half of last season after recovering from a serious leg injury. Coach Burke will look to Brooks to team up with Tyson to produce a nice one-two punch in the Braves interior game.

Team leader and back court ace, Baker, who averaged six points last season while dishing out five assists, will be counted on heavily this year. "Baker's leadership in the backcourt will be a key to our success this season," stated Burke. Complimenting the Braves this season will be sophomores Andy Kelly; (Carthage, NC), Marlon Jones (Falls Church, VA), Greg Taylor (Richmond, VA), Terry Williams (Winterville, NC), and Andre Nixon (Four Oaks, NC). Kelly, a 6'5" guard, averaged five points a game as the Braves' first substitute last season, finishing the year tied for the team's leading free throw shooter. "Kelly has improved his strength level and perimeter skills and will be looked upon to be the Braves key three point shooter," Burke commented. "The return of these five players who all played last year will only strengthen our team and must contribute for us to be successful," stated Burke. Coach Burke has bolstered this year's team with a solid freshman class. According to Burke, "the obvious experience of our sophomores are showing up through our early practices and making it difficult for our freshmen to showcase their skills. I

think in time, however, there are several freshmen who will make solid contributions to our team's success." When asked about his impressions of this year's squad through the first three weeks of practice Burke commented, "we are further ahead in all aspects of our game due to our experience, and I hope that experience will give us the edge in some early season National Tournaments which could give us a high national ranking."

The Braves will once again feature a national schedule playing program's from 11 different states and participating in four major tournaments. Chowan, this season, besides hosting their own very successful NBC Classic, will play in the Pepsi NIT, Hagerstown Hawk Invitational and the Walker JUCO Classic in Alabama, where Chowan will play defending National Championship Aquinas Junior College of Nashville, Tennessee.

With experience as the cornerstone, Burke is looking for another successful year getting into the finals of the Region X and hopefully getting the opportunity to win the Region and compete in the National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

In a recent publication of "The Sporting News," a national publication, the Braves were ranked No. 14 among the pre-season Top 40 Teams in the Nation.

The Braves tipped off their season November 15, participating in the Hagerstown Hawk Classic in Hagerstown, Maryland.

CHOWAN COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1991-92

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
Nov. 15	Allegheny C.C.-Pittsburgh	Hagerstown, MD	5:30 PM
Nov. 16	Hagerstown Junior College	Hagerstown, MD	TBA
Nov. 22	USC Salkahatchie	Home	7:30 PM
Nov. 28-30	Pepsi NIT Central Florida Community College	Ocala, Fla.	TBA
Dec. 4	Richard Bland College	Home	7:30 PM
Dec. 5	Craven Community College	Home	7:30 PM
Dec. 8	Pembroke State U. JV	Pembroke, NC	3:00 PM
Dec. 11	Hargrave Military Academy	Home	7:30 PM
Jan. 6, 7	Walker Junior College Invitational	Jasper, AL	TBA
Jan. 9	Pembroke State JV	Pembroke	6:00 PM
Jan. 14	Lenoir Community College	Home	7:30 PM
Jan. 18	Brevard Junior College	Brevard, NC	2:00 PM
Jan. 25-25	N.B.C. Classic (Spartanburg Methodist, Westchester C.C.-NY, Hagerstown JC)	Home	6:00-8:00 PM
Feb. 3	Lenoir Community College	Kinston, NC	7:30 PM
Feb. 7	Anderson College	Home	7:30 PM
Feb. 8	Spartanburg Methodist	Home	7:30 PM
Feb. 12	Guilford Tech. C.C.	Home	7:30 PM
Feb. 15	Brevard College - N.C.	Home	2:00 PM
Feb. 17	Wayne C.C.	Home	7:30 PM
Feb. 21	Anderson College	Anderson, SC	7:30 PM
Feb. 22	Spartanburg Methodist	Spartanburg, SC	7:30 PM
Feb. 26	Louisburg College	Home	7:30 PM
Mar. 5-7	Region X Tourney	Anderson, SC	TBA