

**The 1995  
Lady Braves  
Softball  
team ready  
for Division III  
competition**



A talented group of performers have been assembled to carry the Chowan banner through the 1995 softball season under the direction of Coach Jack Goldberg. Pictured are, sitting from left, Sergio Serrano (trainer), Anita Gaskins, Kim Hetherington, Kim Gracia and Kathryn Rigsby (trainer). Kneeling, from left, are Michelle Lonsway, Heather Britt, Stacy Matkins, Kim Annis,

Heather Cahoon and Mandy McCain. Standing, from left are head coach Jack Goldberg, Michelle Mitchell, Meredith Davies, Jennifer Murden, Jennifer Mongold, Cindy Rash, Billie Rae Pullen, Kelly Rothery, assistant coach Shane Crandall and hitting instructor Danny Davis. Not pictured is assistant coach Tim Wilson.

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## Lady Braves to build on last year's softball success

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Chowan's women's softball team has a tough act to follow — themselves.

After shattering all existing team records as a fast-pitch program last season with their excellent 27-9 mark, the Lady Braves enter their second season at the NCAA Division III level searching for ways to improve upon last year's success story.

The team won't have to search very far to find answers as nine lettermen, including eight starters, return for coach Jack Goldberg's club.

Two seniors, outfielder Anita Gaskins and infielder Billie Rae Pullen, return for their fourth and final seasons in the famed "Blue and White" uniforms. Due to their senior leadership, both will serve as honorary co-captains.

Mandy McCain, Chowan's two-time "Pitcher of the Year," set a new standard of excellence for the Lady Braves last season on the mound where she recorded 14 wins and a 0.94 ERA. She also swung the bat at a healthy clip with a .354 average.

Meredith Davies collected the prestigious Female Athlete of the Year honors last season en route to leading the club in hitting (.452 average) and home runs (4). The former Currituck High

School standout has fully recovered from off-season surgery to repair a torn ACL ligament.

Meanwhile, a veteran sophomore class of which four of the five earned starting spots last season, returns to form a solid nucleus for this year's club.

Jennifer Murden, who earned the nickname "Hoover" due to her vacuum-cleaner style of play at shortstop, has been very impressive during early season workouts and is expected to once again anchor a very solid infield.

Her excellent speed not only was a plus on defense, but the offensive side as well as she set a new school record in 1994 with 21 stolen bases.

Joining Murden as sophomore starters are Kim Hetherington, Michelle Mitchell and Michelle Lonsay.

Hetherington, who manned the "hot corner" last season, underwent shoulder surgery over the summer. She will move over to second base where she has looked strong in early season workouts as well as looking tough at the plate following the 1994 season which saw her finish second on the team in hitting with a .422 average while setting a new team RBI record with 31.

Mitchell, an outstanding catcher with a solid work ethic, hit a healthy .391 before missing the final two weeks of the 1994 season due to a knee

injury. A three-sport athlete, Mitchell will join the team full-time at the conclusion of the basketball season where she plays guard for the Lady Braves.

Lonsay blends speed with a strong throwing arm to form a solid outfield with Davies in center and Gaskins in right.

Heather Britt rounds out the returning sophomore class and has been very impressive at second base after seeing limited action last season during her first taste of fast-pitch softball.

A pair of sophomore transfers, Jennifer Mongold, Timberville, VA, and Cindy Rash of Jasonville, IN., have both joined the Lady Braves with high hopes of playing major roles.

Mongold was the Old Dominion Athletic Conference's Player of the Year while finishing sixth in the nation with eight home runs.

A Southern Indiana University transfer, Rash is a hard-throwing right-hander who will combine her talents with those of McCain and freshman Kelly Rothery of Newport News, VA, to form a solid 1-2-3 punch on the mound.

For the third consecutive season, a solid recruiting class has been assembled as five new faces hope to continue to build upon the Lady Braves' firm foundation.

Kim Annis of Birdsboro, PA, is a slick-fielding infielder who has won a starting spot at third base with her aggressiveness.

Rothery, an All-State selection in last season's annual Virginia East-West All-Star Game, could prove to be the next dominant hurler in the Lady Braves' arsenal. She may also see some duty at both third and first base.

Kim Gracia of Virginia Beach, VA, with great speed and a strong arm, will add depth in the outfield and will only get better with playing time.

Rounding out the freshman class is a pair of walk-ons — Heather Cahoon of Chesapeake, VA, and Stacy Matkins of Louisa, VA.

Cahoon has been very impressive with her hustle and eagerness to learn and will add even more depth to a talented group of outfielders.

Despite getting a late start on practice, Matkins has worked hard and will lend a helping hand in the infield and on the mound.

Shane Crandall and Tim Wilson will again serve the Lady Braves as assistant coaches. Danny Davis, a Chowan baseball standout who is spending this season on the sidelines due to an injured wrist, has joined the club as a hitting instructor.

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**Management  
hunt to raise  
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department**

## Controlled deer hunt scheduled

Chowan will sponsor the first "Management Hunt for Science" on Friday and Saturday, October 27-28, to raise funds for the Department of Science.

The deer hunt will be held in the historically game rich section of northeastern area of the state in the counties of Hertford, Gates, Bertie and Northampton.

More than 50 local landowners and supporters of the college are providing 20,000 acres of private land for the weekend of controlled hunting. The landowners or their representative will serve as the hunter's host guide.

The proceeds of the hunt will be used to supplement the budget of the science department. Students majoring in biology and those enrolled in ecology courses will assist the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in the

collection of scientific data on the local deer herd.

The entry fee of \$200.00 per hunter includes a luncheon and banquet, trespass fee to private land, insurance, and guide service. Hunters will have the weapon choice of bow and arrow, black powder or modern firearm.

The hunters will also have a choice of stand hunting or still hunting. Each hunter must possess a state hunting license and big game stamps.

A free shoulder mount of the highest scoring buck will be provided by Greene's Gun and Tackle, of Eure.

Further information and entry forms may be obtained by contacting Clayton Lewis, Chowan College, Murfreesboro, NC, telephone (919) 398-4101.