



The 1996 men's soccer team posed for the photographer following their final contest for the season.

## Men's soccer team posts first winning season, 12-5-1

The Chowan men's soccer program put finishing touches on a record-shattering season by defeating North Carolina Wesleyan 3-1 Saturday, November 2nd.

The Braves struck early on a penalty shot by freshman Richard Tacaraya at the 17:30 mark of the first half. Tacaraya, who led the Braves the entire season, became the all-time leading scorer with 10 goals for the season. The Bishops of NC Wesleyan knotted the score a few minutes later before the Braves took the lead for good at the 27 minute mark on a goal by freshman Andy Langston. The Braves left no doubt on the outcome of the game as senior Ricardo Arias, playing his last collegiate game, found the net with 32 seconds left in the game.

With the win, the Braves finished the year with a five-game win streak including victories over Hampden-Sydney, Ferrum, Bridgewater, Shenandoah University and NC Wesleyan. Jon Lindsay, in only his second season as head coach, guided his squad to their first tournament championship defeating Western Maryland 3-1 to win the Lynchburg College Invitational Tournament held Aug. 31-Sept. 1. The Braves also tasted success in their only other tournament appearance by finishing second in the Goucher College Soccer Invitational.

This year's program came of age as five seniors, Sean McClafferty, Aaron Fenn, Randy Smale, Ricardo Arias and Louis Amigo displayed their leadership and guidance to their younger teammates. Fenn, Smale and McClafferty etched their names in the record book by becoming the first student-athletes to play all four years in the famed "Blue and White." The combination of senior leadership and a solid class of recruits completed the turn around as the Braves improved from one victory just a season ago, to this year's record-setting 12 wins. Another key to their outstanding season was the play of junior goal keeper Chris Swanner. In only his first season, Swanner turned away 205 shots while allowing only 24 goals for an outstanding 1.3 goals per game.

With a solid foundation, Lindsay will return a sound nucleus of players to join a group of eager recruits looking to build upon the success set by this season's record-setting men's soccer program.

**Finish season with a five-game winning streak**

**Men's JV basketball squad faces tough season with 19 games**

### Chowan College BRAVES JV BASKETBALL 1996-1997

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
<b>November</b>			
Mon., 25	Reinhardt Jr. College	Home	5:15
<b>December</b>			
Tues., 3	Methodist College JVs	Fayetteville	5:00
Wed., 4	Louisburg College	Home	7:30
Tues., 10	Hargrave Military Academy	Home	5:15
<b>January</b>			
Mon., 13	Methodist College JVs	Home	5:15
Wed., 15	Craven Community College	Home	5:15
Fri., 17	Hargrave Military Academy	Chatham, Va.	7:00
Tues., 21	Virginia Wesleyan College	Home	7:00
Thurs., 23	Lenoir Community College	Home	5:15
Sat., 25	Louisburg College	Louisburg	7:00
Wed., 29	Roanoke-Chowan College	Home	5:15
<b>February</b>			
Mon., 3	Craven Community College	New Bern	7:00
Wed., 5	Fork Union Mil. Academy	Home	6:00
Thurs., 6	Roanoke-Chowan College	Home	7:00
Sun., 9	Brunswick College	Home	2:00
Mon., 10	Bonner Prep. Academy	Home	5:15
Wed., 12	Fork Union Mil. Academy	Fork Union, Va.	6:30
Sun., 16	Virginia Wesleyan College	Home	3:00
Tues., 18	Lenior Community College	Kinston	7:00

Head Coaches ..... Rob Dooley, John Marion  
President ..... Dr. Stanley Lott



Five seniors, who played their final game with the Braves soccer team, were the first to be four-year veterans of the program. Pictured are, kneeling, Aaron Fenn and Sean McClafferty; standing, Ricardo Arias, Louis Amigo and Randy Smale.