

In Season Opener

Braves Tie Baltimore 14-14



REFRESHMENT TIME—A group of Chowan College Braves take time out during a recent practice session to get a drink of "Gator-Aid." The entire

team has been in vigorous practice drills this week to get ready for Saturday night's game at home with the East Carolina Buccaneer Club.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Jimmy Thomas' 25-yard field goal try with seven seconds left sailed wide, to the right and Chowan had to settle for a 14-14 tie with Baltimore Community College in the season opener for both teams here Saturday afternoon, Sept. 18.

Baltimore had scored first in the first quarter on a one-yard plunge by running back Mike Lacika to climax a 43-yard drive. The kick was no good and the Red Devils clung to a 6-0 lead until midway in the third quarter when tailback Rocky Dunbar ran the last yard of a 54-yard drive. The Braves used 12 plays, all on the ground, as the offense sought to establish superiority over Baltimore's mammoth defense, which averaged 255 pounds.

Thomas kicked the extra point to give Chowan the lead, 7-6.

"We're rolling now," commented an excited Chowan fan. "We'll score at least once more and maybe twice and they won't cross our goal line again," he predicted.

His prophecy appeared sound when middle linebacker, Stuart Christian, returned an intercepted pass 48 yards for the Braves' second score in the fourth period. Thomas kicked the ball into the heavens and Chowan lead, 14-6.

On the first play following the kickoff to Baltimore, Christian intercepted again and the Braves could smell victory. Chowan drove deep into Red Devil territory but a costly fumble quickly changed the complexion of the game. On an end sweep, reserve tailback Cooper Alston fumbled and an alert defender scooped the ball up and raced over 50 yards before quarterback Paul Black could make the tackle 24 yards short of the Braves' goal.

The Red Devils needed five plays with Lacika covering the final four yards to pull Baltimore within two points of Chowan. Baltimore called upon its ace passer, John Turner, and he responded with a bullet to wide receiver Tony Jones, who speared the ball just within the boundary and across the goal to tie the game at 14.

After Chowan received the kickoff, Black and split end Tom Wright teamed up on a 30-yard pass play to advance the ball deep into Red Devil ground. Wright and a defender both snagged the ball and tumbled to the turf fighting for possession. The referee gave it to the offensive team and after running plays put the ball in front of the uprights. Thomas entered with seven seconds left.

Thomas had a stiff wind to contend with. The kick was high but sailed to the right and Chowan's players and fans groaned.

Chowan had other opportunities to score but lost them through fumbles. Quarterback Dale McCafferty gave one away on a fourth and one situation from Baltimore's 15 in the first half. The Braves fumbled again on Baltimore's 22 late in the third quarter. In all, Chowan lost the ball four times by fumbles.

On the other hand, the defense picked off five passes. However, many of the 10 passes Turner completed for Baltimore were key ones. When Baltimore's first drive for a score appeared to be bogged down, Turner, on fourth and eight from Chowan's 11, completed a 10-yard pass to set up Lacika's plunge for the touchdown.

But Turner's biggest pass of the day was his strike to Jones for the tying points. Turner, no doubt one of the best passers the Braves will face all year, was almost untouched throughout the game by the Braves who could not break through a wall of blockers.

The outcome had its ironic overtones. The last time Chowan played at Baltimore, in 1969, the result was the same, a 14-14 tie. In that game, it was Chowan that came from behind to knot the score. But, as was the case Saturday, Chowan tried a field goal late in the game that would have won it. With 40 seconds left, the ball was resting on the Red Devils one. Robert Kilborne's kick was blocked and the tie became history.

As the statistics reveal, the game was close in all departments. The Braves held the edge in rushing with Dunbar and halfback John King leading the way. On several crucial third down plays, King picked up short yardage for first downs slamming his 5-2 frame into 6-5 and 6-6 giants. The results of these confrontations would have confused any computer as King, rather than ending up 10 yards behind his line of scrimmage, moved the ball a step further toward the Red Devil goal. Against one defender, he was 120 pounds lighter than the listed weight of 280 for the Baltimore player.

One Baltimore reserve defender, not listed on the roster, appeared to be heavier than the 280 pounder. He was only as high as a halfback but as wide as two tackles. Quipped one Chowan fan, "I bet the Baltimore Colts just cut him from their squad."



Since the first edition of the Smoke Signals came out last Wednesday, I have been questioned by several individuals about the title of this series.

I have tried to explain that since the articles are to be of interest to hunters and fishermen in specific, and "others" in general (the former group being notorious for "truth-telling" and "under-exaggerations"), I feel the title is well earned.

The continuation of our hot, dry spell has provided us with one of the best Dove seasons that anyone in the area remembers. This certainly wasn't expected, since we got off to such a gloomy start. However, the birds have been very hard to find, but once one has located a feeding area, an afternoon of enjoyable shooting will be available.

It is interesting to note that the birds don't seem to object to being shot at during the hunt; however, if you return to the area the next day you will find all the birds have left (they seem to move at night). When this is the case, one must start all over again in order to relocate the feeding area of a migrating flock. If continuous hunting pressure is applied the birds will "pack up" and may move as far away as 500 miles during a single week-end.

If we were making an honor roll of campus shooters, it would have to contain such illustrious names as (in alphabetical order) Ben Babb, Bill Brown, Steve Burnette, Ach Harden, Bob Herfort, Ed Lucas, Robert Taylor, and Wayne Taylor. The above list would be totally inadequate without the name of George Mitchell, who to my knowledge has fired six boxes

shells (150 rounds) and killed six birds (some of which were shot on the ground and out of trees). This kind of shooting must be based on conservation or a boost for our economy.

The hot, dry weather that has been so kind to the Dove hunters has been detrimental to the bow hunter. The deer haven't been moving until late evening when it begins to cool down. Usually by this time it is after sunset and legal hunting time is over. Morning finds them already bedded down in the dense, cool thickets of almost inaccessible swamps. The woods floor is so dry that a man trying to slip along quietly sounds like a fire in a canebrake, making it impossible to even attempt a stalk. Several other factors that are being influenced by the weather are: snakes, red-bugs, ticks, mosquitoes, and biting flies... all of which seem to be in unlimited numbers. These make it impossible to sit still in order to avoid giving away ones position. Unless we can get some rain and cooler weather, the bow hunter has some miserable days ahead.

It is important to remember that the first half of Dove season comes to an end on October 9. However, on October 11 (the Monday closest to October 15) the local season opens on deer, bear, boar, racoon, opossum, and wildcat.

Last week the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission voted to have an either-sex deer hunt in the following counties:

Gates County, that portion west of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad from October 11 to Jan. 1; that portion east of the railroad from December 3 to January 1.

In Hertford County, that portion of the county north of the Meherrin River from October 11 to January 1, and that portion of the county bounded on the south by S. R. 1160, from the Northampton County line to S. R. 1142, along S. R. 1142 to its intersection with S. R. 1137, then along S. R. 1137 to its intersection with S. R. 1139. Along 1139 to its intersection with U. S. 13 and along U. S. 13 to the Chowan River.

In Northampton County, the entire county from December 3 to December 16.

Try to remember that there will be many more people in the woods during the general hunting season; therefore, everyone will have to be very careful in order to avoid hunting accidents. Good luck and try to bring back a double limit...one of game and one of litter.

Desdemona Goes Nude

LONDON (AP)—Actress Sarah Stephenson slipped off her nightgown before a packed theatre audience recently in the first production of Shakespeare's "Othello" featuring Desdemona in the nude.

The attractive 24-year-old blonde drew applause from the first night fans and some praise from London critics.

Miss Stephenson had taken over the role during rehearsals at the Mermaid Theatre after the original Desdemona refused to appear nude.

She stripped for the final scene of her murder by Othello, then climbed into between black satin sheets. One of the sheets was wrapped around her as she died in Othello's arms, and she wore it when she took her final bow to the audience.

Michael Billington of the Times called the production "lamentably crude and rough edged," but said the nude scene was fine.

In Final Two Minutes

Potomac State 'Cats' Defeat Chowan 27-24

A 64-yard "picture-perfect" scoring pass in the final two minutes dashed a valiant second half comeback of Chowan as Potomac State edged the Braves, 27-23, in a wide open game Saturday night, September 25, here in Keyser, W. Va.

Only minutes earlier, Chowan quarterback Paul Black had seemingly snatched victory from defeat by throwing a 17-yard bullet to split end Tom Wright who made a diving catch in the endzone. The kick by Jim Thomas gave Chowan the lead the first time since the second quarter, 23-20.

The score was delivery of a promise by Black who said on the sidelines, when Chowan was trailing, 20-16, "I'll make another one." He had already passed and guided Chowan to one second half score. In the end, his prediction was true but it wasn't enough.

Chowan had trailed at intermission, 20-6. The Braves scored first on a 24-yard field goal by Thomas in the first period but

the Catamounts roared back for three second quarter scores.

The first dazed Chowan as Potomac blasted a field goal try and raced 57 yards to the touchdown. Quarterback Eddie Williams, whose passing was a major factor in the Potomac win, ran for the conversion from the one. The first attempt, a pass, had failed, but a Chowan penalty had given the Cats new life. The other scores were registered by speedster Phil Hughes, who swept left end seven yards, and on a 17-yard pass by Williams.

Chowan was denied a scoring chance when a 49-yard run to the Potomac one by halfback Julius Smith, following an interception by middle linebacker Stuart Christian, was nullified by a penalty. Thomas ended scoring with a 41-yard field goal.

The second half was all Chowan through 28 minutes. Third quarter scoring found Black passing 16 yards to tailback Rocky Dunbar and Thomas kicking the extra point

and 28-yard field goal, his third of the game.

In the final period, Chowan and the Cats traded touchdowns. Chowan scored first, on Black's toss to Wright with 3:28 left. Black put Chowan ahead by completing passes totaling 45 yards during the 60-yard drive. A Potomac penalty accounted for the rest.

Chowan's defense, which had returned to form after the second quarter let down, now accepted the burden to maintain the victory. But Potomac refused to fold. Williams ran for a first down and then on the next play teamed with Hughes to help Potomac create history. It was the Cats first game under their new lights and the results left their fans delirious and Chowan's downcast.

On the play, which would have given even the pros envy, Hughes outran the Braves' defender,

OFF PROBATION
BARNSTABLE, MASS. (AP)—Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and R. Sargent Shriver, III, have been taken off probation.

Judge Michael J. Donahue, sitting in juvenile session of Barnstable District Court, released the cousins from a 13-month probationary period on Thursday of last week.

Kennedy, son of the late New York Senator, and Shriver, son of the former Peace Corps director, were charged in August 1970 with being delinquent by reason of possession of marijuana. Both were 16 at the time.

"They completed all of their probationary terms, according to the report of the probationary officer," Donahue said. "In fairness to the boys the cases were dismissed."

Football Game of Mistakes, Coach Says

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"This was a game of mistakes" sighed coach Jim Garrison, and that was no exaggeration. Mistakes were a dime a dozen as Chowan committed 11 turnovers, 7 fumbles and 4 pass interceptions. "We were real fortunate to tie with the many mistakes we made" said Coach Garrison.

All in all it was not a bad day for Chowan. The offense rolled up 201 net yards despite the 11 turnovers. Rocky Dunbar, the star running back, scored his

snagged the ball over his shoulder, and raced in for the score. The suddenness with which Potomac covered the 64 yards stunned the Braves.

Potomac kicked the extra point with 1:53 on the clock to lead, 27-23. A desperate pass by Black following the kickoff was intercepted and Potomac was content to let the clock run out.

The final Cat score not only denied Chowan victory but took the edge off an outstanding performance by Black. The Camp Lejeune sophomore was starting his first game after working behind injured Dale McCafferty through Chowan's nine games last year and 1971 opener at Baltimore last week. He responded by completing 12 of 25 passes for 214 yards and two touchdowns.

Television Helps Big Gorilla

TOKYO (AP)—Burburu, an 18-year-old gorilla, has been cured of neurosis by watching television in his cage, officials at Tokyo's Ueno Zoo said last week.

"Burburu suffered from a nervous breakdown because he was taken care of too well," the officials said. "He lives in an air-conditioned cage and is well fed."

He began to show signs of nervous frustration and on May 8 the zoo installed a color television set in his cage and kept it turned on from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

"At first, he was restless but gradually got used to it," the officials said. "He is now enjoying programs, particularly those showing wild animals."

The 1970 Coach of the Year is a

good and the Braves settled for a tie.

The game proved to be quite costly with quarter back Dale McCafferty and defensive halfback Bill Soots suffering injuries. Neither are expected to see action Saturday against Potomac State.

"Moral is still high, and we expect to get our first win under our belt next Saturday" confided Coach Garrison. Chowan plays its second game on the road against Potomac State Saturday.

The first home game will be played Saturday, October 2

Bands Announced For Grid Games

Clayton Lewis, Dean of Students, has announced a listing of marching bands which have been invited to perform during halftime at Chowan's home football games. The dean has also announced special groups which will be invited as special guests for the grid contests.

For the Braves' opener at home Saturday night, the East Carolina Buccaneer Club will provide the gridiron opposition. Dean Lewis invited the Boy Scouts of this area to be guests of Chowan for the day and will be granted free admission to the game. During halftime, the marching band of Kempsville High School of Virginia Beach, will perform under the direction of Jerry Cole, Band Director.

For Parents' Day on October 16, Plymouth High School will provide the entertainment in a pre-game show and at halftime when the Braves take on the Lees-McRae Bobcats. All parents of Chowan students will be special guests for the event.

Homecoming Day
Princess Anne High School of Virginia Beach has been invited for Chowan's annual Homecoming festivities. The popular marching band will provide pre-game and halftime

entertainment at the homecoming game, and is expected to be an entry in the traditional homecoming parade earlier in the day. The Royal Ambassadors will be special guests for the event.

On November 6 Chowan will be host to the Wesley College Wolverines, and Chowan's "Old Timers" will be special guests for the game. The Bertie County High School Band, of Windsor, under the direction of Miss Martha Boamer, will perform during the intermission.

Dean Lewis points out that plans are developing well for the annual Homecoming Day Parade. In addition to the Princess Anne High School Band, three other high school groups have indicated they will perform in the jaunt through Murfreesboro.

Neighboring Aoshkie High School Band, with Philip Green as Director, has accepted an invitation to perform. Also Smithfield High School, Smithfield, Va., Goldsboro High School, East, of Goldsboro. The popular Southampton High School group of Courland, Va., has been invited for the event, but at press time their confirmation had not been received in Lewis' office.