

# Brave Grapplers Enter Top 20 List First Time

By JANE BRIDGFORTH

Chowan College's wrestling team has been ranked 17th in the nation by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

This is the first time the Braves have earned a place in the top 20, according to Brave's coach, Steve Nelson.

Chowan also is the top ranked team in the South. The Braves earned their recognition by compiling a 9-1 dual meet record including a defeat of one of the South's top squads, Broward of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

The Braves continued their success by placing second to the host school in the Liberty Baptist Tournament January 19-20. As runnersup, Chowan defeated senior college varsity teams from George Washington University, Hampton Institute, Catawba College, and Furman University.

Six Braves made it to the finals and three won. Doug Saunders won the 134-pound crown, Roger Randall the 150 championship and Mike Neilands the 177 title.

Charles McCook (118), Mike Ferrara (142), and Steve Miltakakis (193),

placed second. Tim Edwards (134) finished third, while Andy Galarza (126), Scott Brumley (142) and Anthony Leonard (167) finished fourth. Liberty won with 147 points to Chowan's 81 3/4.

But Chowan paid a price for its outstanding showing against senior colleges. Two Braves were injured. Ferrara, with a knee injury, is lost for the season. Leonard injured his ankle and missed the Braves match Saturday, Jan. 27, at home against Newport News Apprentice School. Edwards was moved to 142 to replace Ferrara. The Braves won this match also.

In all, Nelson missed the services of three starters as Saunders was sick.

Nelson said the Braves "have some real good wrestlers. The senior colleges that saw us wrestle at Liberty Baptist College were very impressed."

One Brave is undefeated, Randall who has a 7-0 dual meet record. Randall, the reigning regional champion, is 15-0 overall. Right behind Randall is Virginia state high school champion, Neiland, with a 7-1 dual meet record and 10-2 overall.

The Braves' coach noted that Saunders is 6-0 in dual meets and 11-1 in all action. McCook is 6-1 and Miltakakis 5-1 in dual meets.

With the three starters missing from the lineup Monday, Jan. 22, Chowan lost its first dual meet, 27-19 to Elizabeth City State.

# King's College Hex Works Third Time

by HARRY PICKETT

RALEIGH — Chowan College lost a seven point lead in less than six minutes here January 24 in non-conference play, and bowed to King's College for the third time this season in as many games, 73-71.

The Braves, leading 65-58 at the 6:54 mark in the game, committed several turnovers and failed to connect on free throws, which caused the Murfreesboro college to go in a slow-down offense with 3:56 — trying to savor a victory as the score dwindled to 69-65.

Braves' sophomore forward Greg Dawson who led all scorers with 24 points, was fouled with less than three minutes remaining — went to the line for the one-and-one opportunity — but failed on the first try, sending the big Kinston product's freethrow average to 0-5 on the evening.

King's forward Donald Sinclair, in return scored on the end of a fast break to cut the lead to 69-67.

Again in the stall, the Braves' 6-7 sophomore center, Randolph Bell, converted on the first end of the one-and-one, but missed the second. However, Chowan retrieved the ball and immediately went back to its stall, trying to hang on to a precarious three point lead.

But disaster struck. King's guard Tim Wiggins popped the cords from 20-feet out to cut the lead to one after a Braves missed free throw, and put the Raleigh business college out in front for the first time since the six-minute mark in the first half when he stole a would-be pass from Bell. The 6-2 sharp-shooter made a dash for his basket, and drilled it from 15-feet with 44 seconds left.

King's jumped in front 71-70, and in a matter of seconds the game had a different complexion.

Back in the stall, and a last ditch chance of pulling the game out with a basket, Chowan threw the ball away.

Yes another turnover. Two freethrows by freshman Walter Hughey sealed the victory for Coach J.C. O'Neal.

"It's unbelievable to beat a team like Chowan," O'Neal offered. "It's beyond my dreams of ever doing this (beating Chowan three times)."

"The team (King's) kept it poised under the situation (down by 7). A team with less character would have blown it." King's climbed to 10-5 with the victory, while the Braves dropped to 12-5.

O'Neal said that his players have a tendency to play harder against stronger teams and possesses a lackadaisical disposition when tackling weaker opponents.

King's outbounced the Braves 38 to 23, and connected on 17-of-27 at the free throw line, while Chowan could manage only 2-of-11.

"We played with the fear of losing instead of with the pride of winning," expressed Chowan head coach Jerry Smith.

"We shot 2-for-11, only had to make one (in the minute) and we missed that. "Defense was poor." We haven't played defense since the Louisville game. We haven't played any defense in two weeks!" he blasted.

In the game, which saw the lead change 11 times and had eight ties in the first half, the Braves were swamped with 14 turnovers, which prompted Smith to comment:

"We don't play with the confidence that we should, we don't play like we're the best team in the league."

Dawson's game-high 24 points was followed by William Bogues who chipped in 14 points and Robin Hoey's 10. Jeff Bledsoe scored 20 and teammate Tim Wiggins sported 19 to lead King's.

# Foul Line Accuracy Does Job

by HARRY PICKETT

MT. OLIVE — Chowan College, after suffering its worst free throw shooting game of the season against King's College of Raleigh the previous night, came to form January 25 by hitting on 11-of-13 free throws in the last five minutes here to dispose of Mt. Olive College, 63-56 in an Eastern Tarheel Conference clash.

The Braves of Chowan, were almost flawless from the line. The Braves posted a blistering 19-of-22 mark, shoving its record to 13-5 and a sparkling 4-0 in league play, Mt. Olive fell to 9-5 and 2-2.

"I thought that this was the best game we've played all year," beamed jubilant head coach Jerry Smith.

Smith said that he would have liked to have beaten King's, but he wanted a victory over Mt. Olive more than anything because it was a conference match. He noted that there's more at stake.

"We've played well when we had something to win for," Smith said. "We'd rather beat this crowd more than anybody else."

The lead changed hands several times in the first half, and ended with Mt. Olive on top 29-27. This was to be the last lead of the game for the Duplin school, however.

Sharp-shooting from forward Greg Dawson and William Bogues enabled the Braves to go up by five, 36-31. Mt. Olive later tied the score at 38-all.

"Defensively, we kept them off balance," Smith noted. "We changed defenses every time down court."

Chowan shot an even 50 percent from the floor (22-44). Braves point guard Robin Hoey led all scorers with 20 points. Hoey connected on 10-of-10 from the line, most of them clutch singles.

Dawson followed Hoey with 16 points and eight rebounds, and Bogues brought up the rear with 12 and nine. Morris Allen and Harry Mills each tacked on 14 for the Mt. Olive cause.



Against Southeastern, the ball went into the hoop many times and in many ways. From left, Ron Williams powers in for a two-handed stuff shot,

William Barnes uses one hand for another dunk and Ron Porter eases one in off his finger tips. Photos by (left) Reza Mobarhan Mahallaty and Paul Kelly.

# Barnes, Hoey Dazzle As Southeastern Falls

By HARRY PICKETT

Chowan's 6-8 center William Barnes came off the bench, knocked in 17 second half points, snared eight rebounds and played havoc January 20 against Southeastern Community College Rams in an Eastern Tarheel Conference skirmish.

The lanky freshman from Greenville teamed up with guard Robin Hoey of Shelby in the last half to hold off a stubborn outside shooting Ram squad and win 84-74 before a capacity Brave crowd.

Barnes cracked the lineup when starting center Ronald Williams, who was replacing an ailing Randolph Bell, was ineffective on the boards. Chowan head coach Jerry Smith thought Williams would feel comfortable at the center spot, especially since the big sophomore teamed up and played with many of the opponents while in high school. "He wasn't rebounding," Smith said dejectedly. "He didn't play well at all."

Chowan improved its record to 12-4 with the victory and stayed atop in ETC play with an unmarred 3-0 standing. The Rams dropped to 7-8 and 0-5.

Smith seemed most delighted with his young freshman's play, but noted that it

wasn't his top recruit's best game. "He had his best game against Fork Union." Barnes scored 20 points and hauled in 12 rebounds against the Virginia school. "Barnes took over for Williams and sparked the team," Smith went on.

The Braves, with a couple of layups from Hoey and Greg Dawson, stretched its halftime lead to seven, 52-45, after the Rams had closed the gap to three on a layup from Ram freshman George McKoy to narrow the Chowan lead with 4:11 in the half.

The seven point halftime lead dwindled however when the Braves went into their stall at the top of the second half. "We didn't want to play against their zone," Smith explained. "We wanted to force them to play man-to-man."

The Rams went to a man-to-man defense, forced the Braves into turnovers — yanked a couple of defensive rebounds — and hit on three layups and a jumpshot to go ahead, 53-52 with 14:47 remaining in the half. It was the Rams' first lead since taking over 6-4 early in the game.

Then emerged the 6-1 Hoey and Barnes.

Hoey sent the Braves ahead with two 20-foot jumpers in less than a minute to lift the Braves up by three, 60-57.

Southeastern center Noland Pearsall then drove past Barnes, made the

layup, and was fouled on the play. He went on to turn it into a three-point play, knotting score at 60-all.

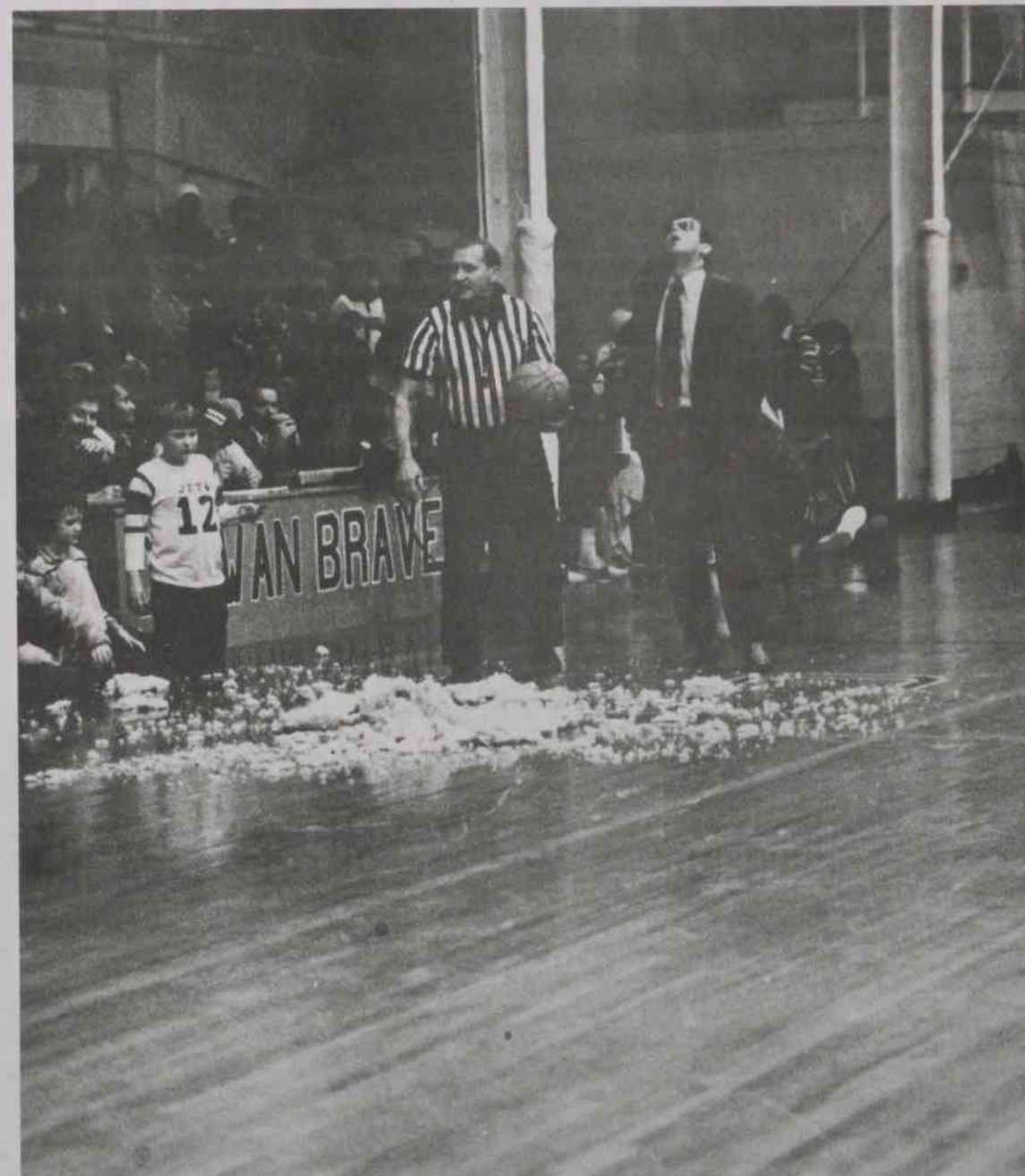
But Barnes struck back. The big center retrieved a pass, faced the basket, and launched a soft shot that kissed off the glass. Bingo! The Braves took the lead for good with the basket.

Barnes went on to knock in 4-of-6 from the line and an identical 4-of-6 from the field for a total of 12 points in the last 7:48.

Hoey, who netted for a game-high 23 points, played perhaps his finest game of the season. The slim playmaker led the Chowan fast-break for most of the evening — stealing would-be passes, feeding for several assists and scoring on twisting drives before fouling out late in the second stanza.

"We came out in the first half running," Smith explained. "...and came out in the second half and slowed it down. We can play both ways."

Barnes followed Hoey on the scoring chart with 19 points. All-conference forward William Bogues, the teams' leading scorer, dropped to 13 points after scoring over 20 points the previous four games. Bogues, however, snatched nine rebounds to lead both clubs. McKoy led the visitors with 22 points.



Referee Pasco appears to be calling for the man with the mop while Coach Jerry Smith stares agape at the ceiling just after a portion of the newly installed insulation came tumbling down during the Southeastern game. Photo by Reza Mobarhan Mahallaty.

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## Braves Basketball Stats as of January 25

PLAYER	G	FGA	FGM	PCT.	FTA	FTM	PCT.	PF	REB	AS	MP	TP	AVG.
Bogues	18	224	122	.545	62	45	.726	36	160	46	656	289	16.1
Dawson	18	211	106	.502	34	19	.559	35	84	18	506	231	12.8
Hoey	18	169	86	.509	55	44	.800	61	27	50	583	216	12.0
Porter	16	129	72	.558	26	20	.769	39	58	36	544	164	10.3
Williams, R.	16	93	43	.462	55	30	.545	32	78	5	392	116	7.3
Barnes	16	76	38	.500	39	29	.744	33	61	2	230	105	6.6
Bell	17	78	37	.474	45	28	.622	55	76	16	353	102	6.0
Lewis	10	42	20	.476	13	6	.462	10	24	0	81	46	4.6
Williams, L.	18	78	31	.397	26	17	.654	29	13	6	244	79	4.4
Armstrong	10	15	9	.600	9	8	.889	9	9	2	32	26	2.6
Evans	13	18	7	.389	20	13	.650	11	1	0	60	27	2.1
Johnson	17	44	16	.364	6	2	.333	15	37	4	155	34	2.0
Murdock	12	20	7	.350	7	5	.714	9	5	5	66	19	1.6
Williams, J.	7	8	3	.375	3	2	.667	3	0	0	26	8	1.1
TOTALS	18	1200	589	.498	407	269	.660	375	731	204	—	1465	81.4

### OPPONENTS TOTALS

G	FGA	FGM	PCT.	FTA	FTM	PCT.	PF	REB	ASS	TP	AVG.
18	1150	533	.463	396	261	.659	397	568	150	1327	73.7

### SCORES BY PERIODS

	1	3	10T	20T	—	TOTAL
CHOWAN	845	589	19	12	—	1465
OPPONENTS	659	645	19	4	—	1327