



The snap! The spot! The kick! They were all good during the homecoming game. Keith Myers of Palmyra, New Jersey booted a school record four field goals and added three points in the Brave win over Lees-McRae. "Sugar-foot" puts another one on the way out on the hold of Jim Fisher (5). (Photo by David Winstead)



Chowan's Jeff Ritenour (18) clamps onto the leg of a Lees-McRae runner in the homecoming game as Jeff Knox (23) closes in for the tackle assist. At this point, Brave fans thought it was beginning to look like a long afternoon, as the scoreboard indicates. Head Linesman Joe Edwards moves in on the play. (Photo by David Winstead)



The 1961 Football Team may be gone, but they weren't forgotten homecoming weekend as they once again heard the roar from the crowd as they were introduced at halftime. The team that year (5-3-2) turned out Junior College All-American, Bobby Gray, third from right. (Staff photo)

Braves Ride Myers' Toe To Homecoming Win

By ROBIN BRINKLEY
Special To Smoke Signals
Keith Myers kicked a school record four field goals Saturday, rallying Chowan to a 33-27 junior football victory over Lees-McRae.
Myers hit on all four of his attempts from 43, 27, 38, and 35 yards. He also kicked three extra points.
It took a sustained, game-ending drive, however, for the Braves to clinch their fourth straight victory and fifth in six games.

The Bobcats had trimmed and 18-point lead deficit (30-12) to the final margin when Chowan took over with 3:56 left to play. The Braves marched 52 yards in 10 plays, picking up three first downs along the way, to run out the clock.

Lees-McRae (2-3) burst to a 12-0 lead on its first two possessions of the game, confirming Chowan coach Jim Garrison's hunch that his team might experience a let down. The Braves upset then second-ranked Ferrum, 14-10, for the second year in a row last week.
"I talked about a let down all week,"

said Garrison, "and then we came out flat."
A defensive adjustment slowed down the Bobcats, however, and Chowan's offense responded with four straight scoring drives.

An imaginative attack produced 419 yards total offense, 226 yards rushing 193 passing.
The Braves had to drive only seven yards, however, to score their first touchdown. A fumble recovery set up Chowan at the Lees-McRae's seven, and after the running play lost three yards on first down, wingback Fred Banks raced 10 yards on a reverse to make 12-6.

The Bobcats couldn't touch Banks, despsits having 12 men on the field.
Chowan's next offense series was highlighted by 46-yard pass from quarterback Perry Agee to tight end Greg Harrell. The first of Mayers' four field goals trimmed the deficit to 12-10.

The Braves continued to roll, and finally moved in front with 2½ minutes left in the half on a 51-yard flea flicker pass from Banks to Curtis Bond.
A converted quarterback, Banks bedeviled the Bobcats all day. He rushed nine times for 66 yards to lead Chowan. He gained most of his yardage on reverses.

"The reverse were planned and they never really got used to them," said Banks. "Lees-McRae was pursuing so well," said Garrison, "that we felt we needed to install some misdirection (thus, the reverses). We tried the flea flicker last week, but the receiver dropped the ball on the five-yard line."

Chowan got the ball back once more in the first half and Myers kicked his 27-yard field goal with one second left to make it 20-12.

"This was my best day by far," said Myers, the Palmyra, N.J., kicker. "Everything went perfectly, punting and placekicking."

Myers' 29-yard punt, which went out of bounds at the Lees-McRae one-yard line, indirectly led to Chowan's first touchdown of the second half.

The team's leading scorer with 33 points, Myers confessed to a dismal practice session before the game. His confidence had already been shaken last week when he missed two short field goal attempts at Ferrum.

But Garrison and some of his major college counterparts think Myers deserves a shot at the big time.

"Keith did today what he's capable of doing every time he steps on the field," said Garrison. Myers added that he's been contacted by Temple and received a recruiting letter from the University of Pittsburgh Saturday before the game.

The second half began in much the same manner as the first half had ended. Agee tossed an eighty yard touchdown pass to Ray Byrd with 6:49 left in the third quarter and then 65 seconds later Myers concluded Chowan's 30-point salvo with a 38-yard field goal.

That's when Lees-McRae starting coming back. The Bobcats drove 77-yards in nine plays to make it 30-20 with 1:09 left in the third quarter.

Myers' fourth field goal at 11:22 of the fourth quarter stemmed the Bobcats' momentum, just long enough, as it turned out, for the Braves to hang on and win.

Chowan is undefeated in the Coastal Conference with two games both at home left to go.



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Burke Quintet Preps

By JOE MCGARRITY
With practice set to start officially on October 1, Coach Bob Burke's men's basketball team appears to be strong once again.

The defending Eastern Tarheel regular season and tournament champions will be returning six sophomores with a good nucleus of freshmen coming in to pick up the slack.

The Braves finished with a school record of 27 wins and 6 defeats in their first year of playing home games in the beautiful Jesse Helms Athletic Center under then first year Coach Burke.

"I know what to expect from our conference this year," declared Burke, who took on the head coaching job on August 1, 1980.

This is one of the reasons why the Braves will be playing in such facilities as the spacious Cameron Indoor Stadium at Duke University; Minges Coliseum, home of the East Carolina Pirates; Raleigh Civic Center in Raleigh; and the beautiful Robins Center, home of the University of Richmond Spiders.

Getting a chance to play in these places will be some familiar faces as well as some new ones.

The Braves lost three valuable starters - including All-Conference, All-Tournament and All-Region X Larry Canady, who also received honorable mention for All-American - from last year's great 27-6 team, but the current squad will be much bigger.

Canady joins former Brave Coach Jerry Smith at Campbell University

this year. The other lost starters are Elton Mosley, now at Atlantic Christian, and Mark Moore, now at Appalachian State University. Reserve Mark Hunter is at North Carolina Wesleyan and Jimmy Deans, who backed up Mosley at point guard as a freshman, has transferred to Roanoke College.

All Eastern-Tarheel Conference guard Winfred Basnight (6'2") heads the list of returnees. Basnight averaged 14 points a game last year in the Braves' will-balanced attack.

Also back are 6'6" forward Melvin McCray, a starter last year. He will be depended on heavily this year for board strength. Part-timer Ray Witiak, 6'7" is also back, along with 6' guard Kenny Capel; 6'2" super-sub Vance Marsh, and 6'5" forward Greg Exum, who Burke calls "the best leaper on the team."

Looking to replace Mosley, last year's star point guard, are a quartet of gifted freshmen.

Matt White (6'2"), 5'11" Thomas Umphrey, 6' Andre McGee, and lightning-quick 6' Jimmy Spencer, who, says Burke, "can play defense all day and all night."

Burke also recruited four freshmen who are vying for a spot "down low." They are, 6'6" Jeff Ervin, 6'8" Tracy Myles, 6'5" Robert Riddick and 6'5" Jimmy Thomas. Junior college transfer Tim Hubert (6'3") will swing from guard to forward, as will 6'3" Greg McKenzie.

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Cheer for Chowan

Braves Upset Ferrum

By FRANK GEE
The Chowan Braves posted their biggest victory of the season beating their rivals Ferrum 14-10 at Ferrum in Virginia. Ferrum ranked third best in the nation had not lost at home since 1975 and had not lost at home to Chowan in 18 years. Chowan now boasts a modest two game winning streak against their rivals; the Braves beat Ferrum last year 20-7 at homecoming.

Chowan is in second place in the conference with a 4-1 record behind undefeated Nassau (from Long Island, N.Y.) 4-0 and ahead of Ferrum which is also 4-1.

The 14-10 score does not truly indicate how well Chowan dominated the Ferrum Panthers. The Braves had advanced to the Panthers one-yard line and 10-yard line but were stopped by penalties. Two chip-shot field goals of 27 and 37 yards just went wide. Fullback Isaiah Hill's 49-yard run down to the two-yard line was brought back on a penalty and Fred Banks 54-yard flanker-pass was dropped in the endzone.

Chowan opened the scoring late in the first quarter. With 29 seconds left, tight end Curtis Bond of the "Ahoskie Connection" caught a 43-yard bomb from quarterback Perry Agee and Keight

Myers kicked the extra point to take an early 7-0 lead. The drive covered 63 yards in six plays; Bonds reception was one of three on the day and is now tied with Flanker Fred Banks for the team lead.

Ferrum tied the game in the second quarter on Monzell Jefferson's 40-yard run. The drive began at Chowan's 45-yard line due to a Brave fumble. The Panthers went ahead 10-7 with only 11 seconds left. Rocky Martin kicked a 33-yard field goal for the Panthers. Rocky's field goal was his sixth consecutive field goal for Ferrum.

The third quarter was a battle of defenses as neither team could achieve a sustained drive. The only highlight of the quarter came in the last couple of seconds when Chowan's defensive end Robert Williams intercepted a Panther toss which set up Chowan's go ahead touchdown.

After Williams' interception Perry Agee hit Fred Banks with passes of 14 and 12 to bring the ball to Ferrum's 4-yard line. The next play Isaiah Hill bullied his way in for the winning score at the 14 minute mark. Myers kicked his second extra point and that was all she wrote for the Ferrum Panthers. The

Braves picked on four passes and sacked Ferrum QB Greg Robertson five times in the fourth quarter as the Panthers tried to come back.

Robertson was effective in the first half completing four of nine for 49 yards; Robertson also completed all six of his passes in the second half, but five of them went to the Braves secondary defensemen.

Safety Jeff Ritenour intercepted two (he has four interceptions in his last three games); Curtis Schofield, Scott Finch, and Williams had one each. Williams had a great all around game with eight tackles, a recovered fumble, and knocked down a pass to go with his interception. Chowan's All-American candidate at defensive end Kevin "Killer" Banks was the standout on defense with a game high 15 tackles and two sacks. There were many defensive stars in the game. Linebackers David Wood and Curtis Schofield had 13 tackles apiece and Carl Johnson added 12 tackles and two more sacks. The Braves defensive tackle tandem of Lynn Smith and Joey Edwards stacked up the middle on Ferrum. Between the two of them they accounted for 17 tackles.



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