

Braves Scuttle Builders In Home Opener 21-3

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In Brave Stadium on September 10, at 1:30 p.m., probably the hottest part of the day, the Chowan Braves hosted the Newport News Apprentice football team to their first home season opening football game.

It was evident before the game got under way that the heat would have an effect on the game. The student body, parents and faculty filled the Chowan bleachers to watch their first Brave game.

Chowan kicked off to Newport News. The Builders could not move the ball. Neither could the Braves until the late minutes of the first quarter. Then at the 2:23 mark of the first quarter, the Braves got on the scoreboard on a reverse play for a forty-two yard run by sophomore flanker Marion Leach with help from a key block from sophomore offensive guard Carl Isaor.

The beginning of the second quarter was basically the same as the first quarter. Neither team could do much on offense. The Ship Builders scored on a twenty-eight yard field goal. A few plays later the Braves got a break on defense with an interception by sophomore defensive back Michael Bowser. This break did not result in any score with the Braves offense turning the ball over on a fumble. The half ended with the score seven to three.

As the second half opened the Braves looked like a different team. With just three minutes into the quarter, sophomore quarterback Anthony Baynard connected on a pass to sophomore tight-end Anthony Hill to move the ball down the four yard line. A run by freshman running back Steve

Boyd increased the score. After a punt the Braves offense regained the ball and started from their own forty yard line. A few plays later, Baynard found sophomore flanker Curtis Ivey running wide open down the side line and hit him for the game clinching touchdown. The score was now 21 to 3.

When asked about the Braves passing game, Coach Garrison said "We discussed it over at halftime, but we felt that we could run the ball and run it consistently and on the first drive we did just that."

We added some play action plays in just before the half and in the second half because we felt that we could hurt their right side on defense and that's what we did."

The Braves defense got tough and stopped Newport News with great defensive plays from Jeff Getters, (the Milton's Pizza player of the game) good line penetration from defensive tackle David Kramer, and top defensive performances from linebackers Jerry Brandon, Thomas Herring and Terry Blowe.

Head Coach Jim Garrison stated, "We made mistakes even though it was a great win for us. Another day and playing the same ball club we played today, with our mistakes we probably wouldn't have won." Head Coach Snead of Newport News had little comment as he walked off the field. The scoreboard told the story.

Final Game Statistics

	Chowan	Newport News
First Downs	15	12
Rushing Yards	235	118
Passing Yards	73	163
Total Offense	308	281
Passing	5-9-0	17-40-1 int.
Turnovers	2	1
Penalties	10-67 yards	8-55 yards

Go Braves



Go Brave Go...When Chowan athletes take to the field or court they know twenty strong voices are behind them. Those voices belong to Chowan's Cheerleader Squad. Providing the pep for the students and players are from left, Jill James, Stephanie Hardy, Patricia Little, Elvin Simmons, Laura Dickerson, Kim Hawkins, Debbie Langston, Sam Lowe, Beth Frazier, Jake Shelton (Brave), Mark Moore, Wendy DeMao, Ted Scarpino, Janine Papworth, Mike Barrett, Ann Glendenning, Doug Dickens, Julie Ward, Joe Gregory, and Tammy Taylor.



All eyes are on Ann Hunter as she sets a shot for the Chowan Lady Braves Volleyball team in a match against Norfolk State at the Helms Center. Looking on are her teammates on the bench, Marcia Taylor (10), and members of the Richard Bland squad warming up in the background. (Staff photo by John Loughhead).



Michele Thomas (23) soars above the Helms Center court during a recent match with Norfolk State. Moving in to back up Michele are Karen Summers (11) and Mary Barnum (13). (Staff photo by John Loughhead)

Spiker Win

Sporting a one and zero record in the conference and a nine and three mark overall as of September 29th, Chowan's volleyball team is rolling along. Two of those defeats came at the hand of Western Maryland College on September 24th in the Mary Washington College Invitational. The ladies from Western Maryland slapped Chowan's spikers with the 15-7 and 15-2 games.

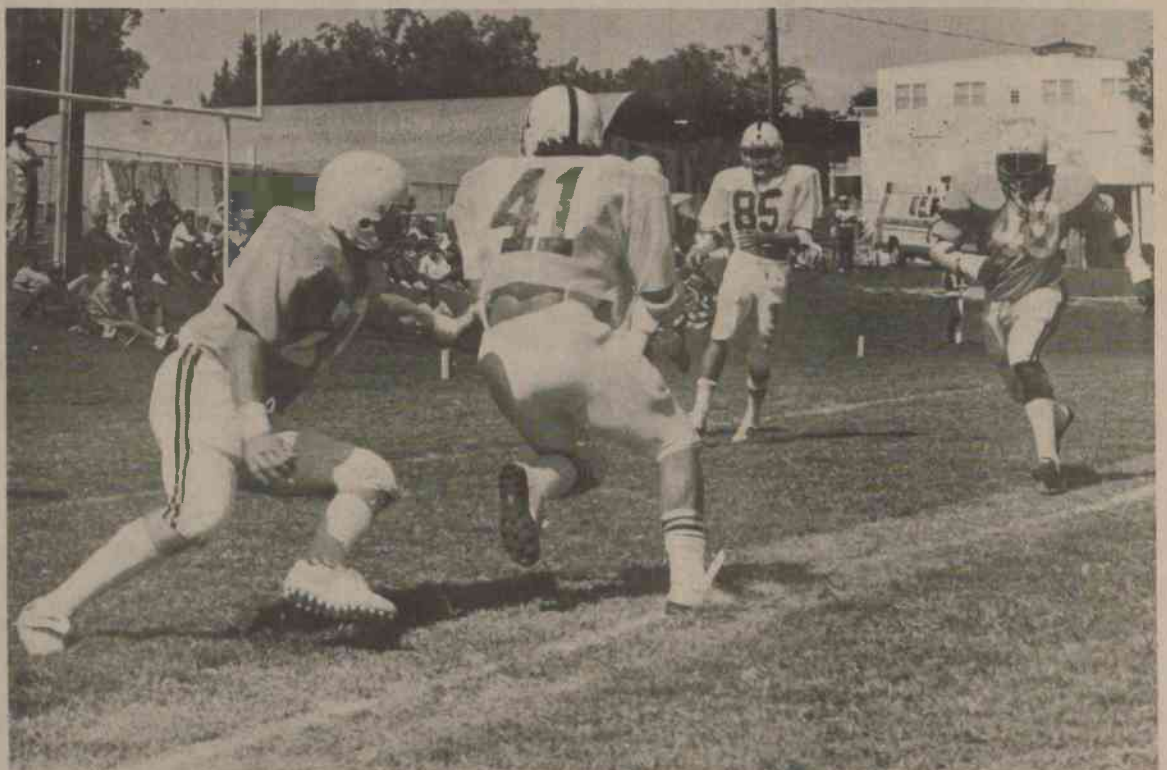
"Western Maryland is a very good team," commented Coach Janet Collins after the match. "We need to improve our defense and stay out of the nets on blocks. We made too many errors and that was because we got tired."

In the third match of the Mary Washington tourney, Chowan lost to Radford, 7-15, 15-11, and 7-15. Radford is one of the strongest teams in Virginia. The determination of Chowan was evident in taking Radford to three games.

In the second match of the tournament, Chowan downed the host squad, Mary Washington, 14-16, 16-14, and 15-2.

In the opening match, Chowan won over N.C. Wesleyan 14-16, 15-7, and 15-6.

Chowan placed third in the tournament and Charleen Lingard was named to the All-Tournament Team.



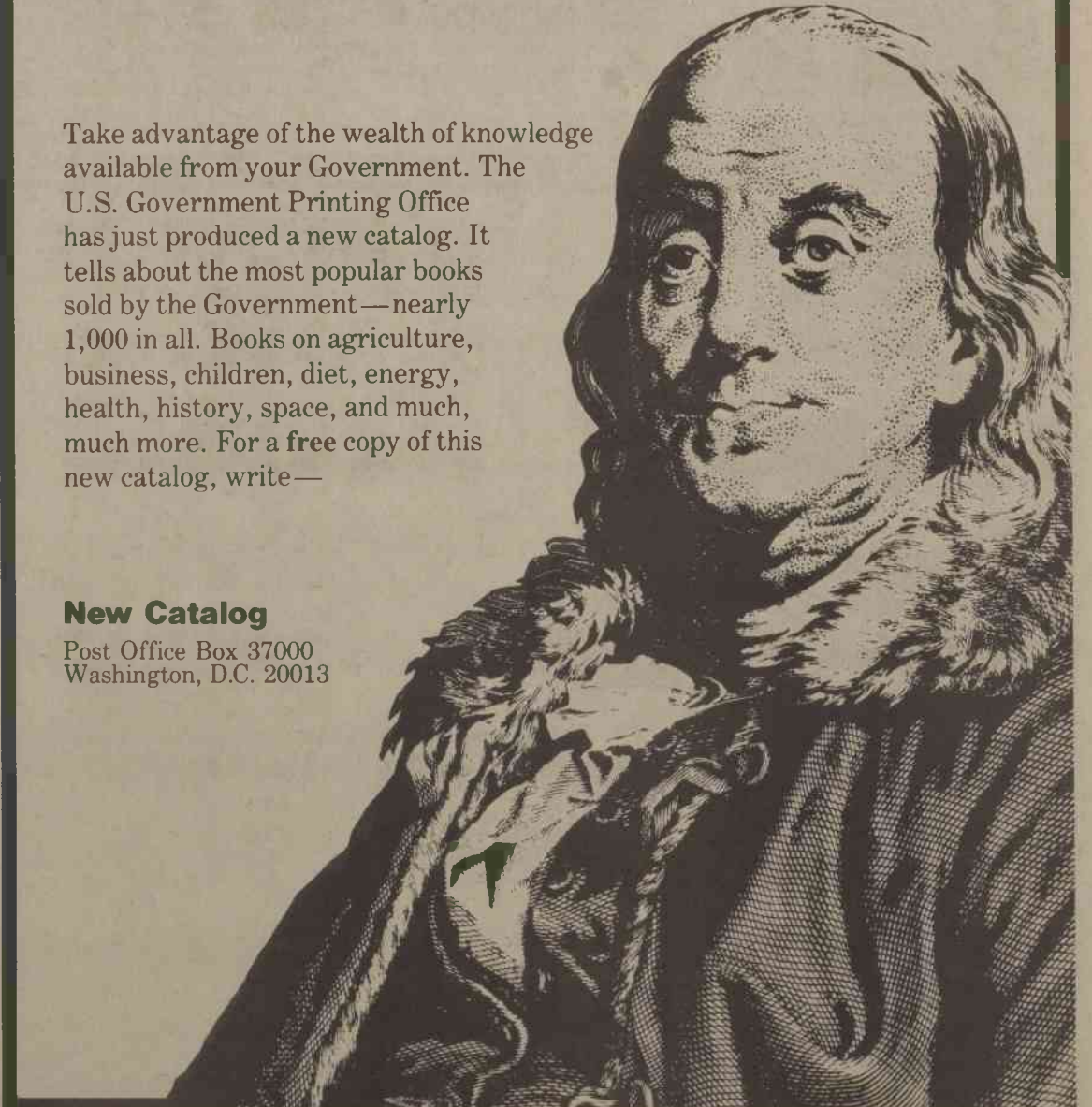
Paul Smith (27) and Terry Blowe (49) close in on a Harford running back during the Braves third game of the season. (Staff photo by Norman Bostic.)

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