

Brave interception

Chris Aiken, defensive back, joins another Brave in an attempt to intercept an East Carolina Pirate pass. The Braves went on to win the home season opener against the Greenville jayvees.

Phelps leads team to 7-3 home win

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After beating Newport News Apprentice 30-12 in their first game contest of the season. The Braves then came back the next week to again beat another good team. It was the first home game, Saturday September 15, 1984, when the Braves defeated E.C.U.'s J.V. 7 to 3.

Chowan received first possession of the game. The offense moved the ball well until quarterback Bryan Phillips threw an interception, one of 3 total thrown the whole game by the Braves. The defense had held off the series of plays first ran by the E.C.U. offense, which resulted in them punting the ball. A fumble on the Braves receiving team effort in turn, gave the ball right back to E.C.U.. In only seconds later the E.C.U. then fumbled the ball and the Braves recovered it. At this time in the game the score remained not showing any points from either team. Following the fumble, the next Braves offensive drive again resulting in a big major mistake on the quarterback part. Quarterback Bryan Phillips again

threw an interception, after moving the offense down to E.C.U.'s 10-yardline. E.C.U.'s offense finally got going moving the ball well against the Braves defense. Having got stopped short of the goal line, E.C.U. scored one field goal, making them the first to get points on the scoreboard.

Second quarter action had the Braves still playing a turnover game. This long game struggle for the Braves had again made a big turn around. Following another Braves fumble, the E.C.U.'s offense then like the Braves, fumbled the ball. The Braves recovered the ball deep in their own territory, but marched the ball right down the field to score a touchdown. Quarterback Bryan Phillips found tight-end Mark Wells all alone in the endzone. The kick conversion was good by Terry Kemp.

Following the half the offensively still come not come alive. There was again another interception thrown and also two fumbles. The game ended with the Braves just winning by four points, 7 to 3.

Braves stop Builders in season opener, 32-20

Chowan running back Maurice Phelps only had 17 yards in 10 carries for the Braves Sept. 8 but the Newport News Shipbuilders wished that they hadn't come when they did.

A hardnosed runner, Phelps pushed into the Builders end zone four times to provide most of the points in Chowan's opening 32-20 win over the Apprentice school.

"When this kid gets a little experience and gains his confidence, he's going to be something," Coach Jim

Garrison said following the win. "He runs hard and isn't afraid to throw his body around. He didn't have many yards but they were tough yards."

Game Highlight

Phelps running and an excellent nine-for-14 passing performance by Brian Phillips highlighted the game. Garrison got a balanced running attack with Steve Boyd and Danny Cribbs each accounting for 64 yards, but it was Phelps' 17 yards that provided the difference.

Greg Chandler, a defensive end, got

the Braves on the scoreboard first by blocking a Builder punt and covering it for a safety and a 2-0 Chowan lead.

The Braves then drove the ensuing kickoff back to the Builder goal line and Phelps carried in from the one for a 9-0 Chowan lead in the first quarter.

Newport News engineered an opening drive in the second quarter pulling to 9-7 on a seven yard scoring pass before Terry Kemp gave the Braves a 12-7 halftime lead with a 36 yard field goal.

The Builders aired it out in the second half taking a short lived 14-12 lead midway into the third quarter. Chowan ignited an 80 yard scoring drive after an exchange of possessions with Phelps again vaulting over from the one.

The Builders, who amassed a 25-54 passing attack, came storming back to open the fourth quarter and took a 20-19 lead in the opening minutes. The try for two points was no good and Chowan got another chance with six minutes remaining.

Phelps Stars

Taking over on their own 45, Phillips led the Braves toward the Builder goal line once again and Phelps did his job once more to put Chowan in front for good 25-20.

Phelps added icing to the cake in the closing minutes skirting end for a nine yard scoring run.

The Braves piled up 304 yards in total offense in the opening game to 264 for the Builders. Airing out 54 passes the Builders seemed determined to test the young Braves' secondary.

"We made typical first game mistakes," Garrison said. "He (former NFL quarterback Norm Snead) really wanted to test our secondary but we responded well except for those mistakes that cost us scoring opportunities."

Brave pass defenders picked off five passes but the Builders completed 25 for 210 of the 264 offensive yards they gained.

Braves bop Bobcats for parents, 21-7

Despite overcast skies and periods of rain, the Chowan Braves lightened the Parents Day crowd on September 29, and capped a three game home stand with a 21-7 win over a stubborn Lees-McRae Bobcats team.

Quarterback Brian Phillips, the Coastal Conference's leading signal caller, hit 11 of 19 pass attempts for 85 yards, including a 5 yard scoring connection with his favorite receiver, Mark Wells. To add even more icing to the performance, Phillips scored on a two yard quarterback keeper play.

Miles Gray, inserted into the starting lineup to replace injured Maurice Phelps, scored the other touchdown by capping the drive with a two yard plunge.

Gray took full advantage of his first start driving for 105 yards on 27 carries in addition to his touchdown run.

Running Attack

The Braves established an awesome running attack with a 264 yard ground game. Derrick Smalls rushed seven times for 82 yards. Danny Cribbs got seven carries that netted 47 yards and Tim Green got 26 yards with five carries.

"I think that was the most complete game we've played to date," Coach Garrison said after the game. "We always try to establish the running game and then open it up in the air. We've had great success with the pass so far but this is the first time we've really run with the football like we really wanted to."

Defense Strong

Despite the offensive fireworks, it was the Braves' defensive unit that held the Bobcats at bay most of the afternoon. The Cats were averaging 235 yards in offense per outing coming into the game but, inspired by a fired up performance by Thomas Squires, who had 10 tackles and 10 assists, the Chowan defenders limited Lees-McRae to only five first downs all afternoon and a paltry 127 yards in total offense.

Squires Leads Defense

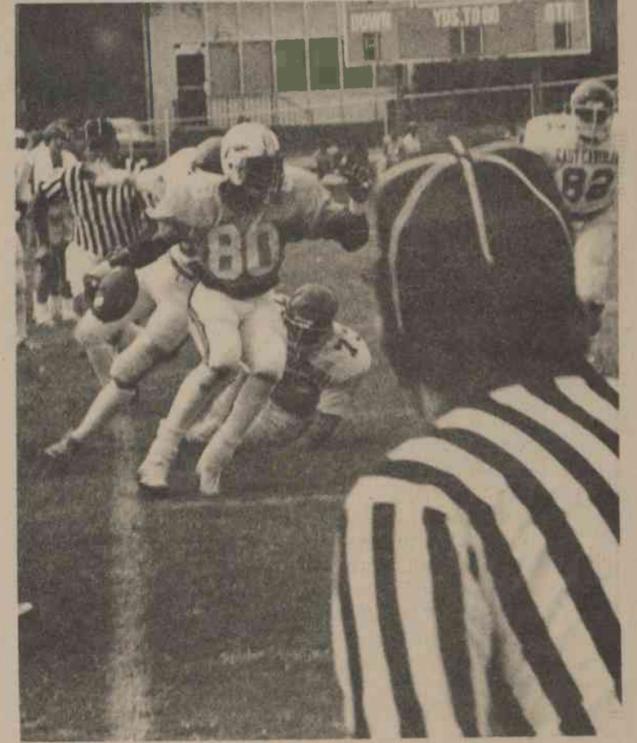
In addition, Squires was getting his first start from linebacker, having played defensive end the first four games, sacked the Bobcats' quarterback twice. Danny Beasley, Squires' mate at the other linebacker position, racked up 15 tackles.

The win improved the Braves to an unblemished 4-0 mark, with a 2-0 conference record. Chowan will be on the road next week with Saturday being an open date. Monday football will be the fare as the Braves square off against the James Madison JVs in a non-conference matchup October 8, with the Ferrum College rivalry renewed Saturday, October 13, at Ferrum.

The Chowan-Ferrum rivalry is one of the most intense in the country, at least in the junior college ranks, and the Monday-Saturday scheduling has Coach Garrison concerned.

"They ought to fire the Athletic Director who set up that schedule," Garrison said of the coming week. "Effectively we will be preparing for two game plans in the same week and that's a tough thing to do."

Athletic Director Garrison defended the schedule by saying "it was the only way we could get in a ten game schedule."



A sideline tip-toe

Richard Kershaw, split end for the Braves, picks up valuable yardage on a punt return during the first half of the Chowan-East Carolina JV game, as the referee keeps a careful eye on his footwork.

Over Hudson Valley

4th quarter explosion ends with 37-0 victory

The Braves extended a 14-0 halftime lead with 23 unanswered fourth quarter points for a 37-0 pounding of Hudson Valley Sept. 22.

The defensive unit that has sparked the Braves to an unblemished 3-0 start this season forced three fumbles, a safety and a blocked punt in the final period and the Braves offense turned all of them into points.

A Brian Phillips to Mark Wells 34 yard down and out pattern had given Chowan a 7-0 lead in the opening period and Maurice Phelps made in 14-0 at halftime with a three yard plunge. Neil Gillis made both PATs.

Defense Comes to Life

After a slow punt exchanging third period played in its entirety between the 20 yard lines, the Braves defense

came to life in the final stanza as the 95 degree heat began to take its toll on the gallant but inept, at least on this September afternoon, Vikings. The closest either team came to the scoreboard in the period was when Gillis missed a 32 yard field goal attempt with 4:27 remaining in the quarter.

The fourth quarter was all Chowan however as Coach Jim Garrison's depth made the difference. Wilburt Burton got things kicked off when he forced a Viking fumble on the four yard line and Henry Tool who had been instrumental in the defensive trenches all afternoon made a lineman's dream come true and recovered the fumble in the end zone at the 13-09 mark. Gillis' kick made it 21-0 and the Braves were off to the races.

Squires Forces Fumble

At 12:09, Lonnie Mister, replacing Phillips, connected with Wells following a blocked punt on the Viking 15 by Clifton Waters. Thomas Squires forced another fumble deep in Viking territory a few minutes later and Tim Green carried in from the one.

Offensively, the Braves more than made up for the error prone performance of the week before against the ECU JVs. There was only one fumble by the team in Blue and they recovered it themselves and Mister and Phillips were hitting their own receivers this time. The pair combined for 182 yards passing on an 11 for 15 performance with no interceptions. Each had a scoring toss, Mister's of 15 yards.

Phelps, who finished the day early in the third quarter with a thigh injury, rushed for 56 yards and a touchdown in 11 carries. Danny Cribb, seeing plenty of second half action, put on a blocking clinic.



Chowan Brave

Ted Scarpino, a sophomore from Fayetteville, dressed in Indian attire, waits on the sidelines for the beginning of Chowan's opening football game. The "Chowan Brave", with streaks of "war paint", joined the cheerleaders in helping the Braves post their first victory of the 1984 season at home.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES

According to college policy and regulations, Friday, October 5, is the last day classes may be dropped without academic penalty. The necessary forms to officially drop a class must be signed by all appropriate parties and turned in to the Registrar's Office by 5:00 P.M., October 5.

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