

Garrison begins 28th year as football coach

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His record speaks for itself — 23 winning seasons and a won-loss record of 150-109-10.

Chowan College head football coach Jim Garrison has become a part of the college and will probably finish out his career at the school where he has been pacing the sidelines for 28 years.

After coaching at Gardner-Webb College (then a junior college) for three years, Garrison made the move to Chowan and it has been a love affair ever since. Both the school and Garrison know a good thing and that's why the relationship between the two has lasted as long as it has.

Early Decision

"Very early in my career here at Chowan College, I made a decision with my family not to move here and there all over the country," recalled the coach. How settled is the coach? Well, after 28 years of coaching and his current status as a member of the coun-

ty's board, it appears Jim Garrison is here to stay.

Yes, there have been plenty of opportunities to move up the ladder. Big name football schools have been after Garrison to come to their institution in one capacity or another. While some of the offers meant more money or more exposure, Garrison remained true to his commitment to his family.

Therein lies the secret to his 23 winning seasons at Chowan and the reputation the football team carries year after year.

Honors Commitments

A commitment from Garrison is like money in the bank — you can count on it being there when you need it.

Garrison admits he has "never been one of big ambitions," but success seems to have found the coach in the small town of Murfreesboro. While maybe not big on ambition, you can ask one of many (probably hundreds) coaches about Garrison and find out he is well respected as a motivator and

molder of young men, getting the best out of them on the field.

Garrison is no stranger to taking athletes nobody else wants or knows about and turning them into quality players. The Philadelphia Eagles' linebacker Jody Schulz is a case in point.

The former Queen Anne's high school player received little attention in his prep days, but Garrison saw something he liked and Schulz, who almost did not play ball after high school, joined the Braves. Under Garrison's direction, and with talent unseen by others, Schulz went on to join other former Chowan players in the pro ranks.

Coaches His Sons

Garrison has been at Chowan long

enough to see sons of former players attend their fathers' alma mater.

Speaking of sons, this season has to hold some special meaning to the Chowan mentor. Garrison's son, Darrell, is on the team and making his father proud. At first Darrell thought there would be too much pressure from various sources if he played under his father, but taking a chapter from his father's book the young athlete accepted the challenge.

Darrell is not the first son Garrison has coached. His oldest son played for him in the '70's.

Darrell is listed as a split end, but played quarterback in high school. He will have to earn his way into the starting lineup, but one advantage he has is

he has had many years to learn his father's system.

"He's just another one of the players," says Garrison. But you can't tell anyone Garrison wouldn't be smiling a bit broader when his son scores a touchdown. The coach says his son expects to be treated as "just another one of the players."

After 28 years, 23 winning seasons, former players in the pros and winning titles, honors and accolades, one would think Garrison has seen it all. Such thoughts would be wrong.



Head Coach
JAMES GARRISON
Beginning his
28th Year as Coach

Meetings to focus on high school drug, alcohol use

In hopes of heading off alcohol and drug abuse among high school athletes, officials say they will use meetings next month of high school officials around the state to address the issue.

"We're going to find out is there a drug problem, is it a problem in the student body itself or among athletes and if so, what can we do at the state level," said Charlie Adams, executive director of The Carolina High School Athletic Association.

"We don't think it is as big a problem as in other states, but we're not going to be naive and say it doesn't exist," Adams said.

Adams said alcohol appears to be more widely used by high school athletes than drugs such as marijuana.

"More and more, it appears that they're going back to alcohol," Adams said. He also said there has not "been a lot of involvement in heroin or cocaine

because they don't have the funds to pay for them."

Adams said concerns are also being raised about whether the problems some professional athletes are experiencing began in high school—or earlier.

"The attention the pros have given to the number of athletes...who use drugs raises the question of whether it began in junior high or high school," Adams said.

Perhaps the most important aspect of drug and alcohol prevention, Adams said, is communication.

"The approach we've tried to stress is an open line of communications," Adams said. "We need to discuss what drugs are all about and what they do to you."

"We also need to be very observant about what's going on in your school. If it's happening, you do as much counseling as you can," he said.

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| Date | Opponent | Location | Time |
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| Sept. 7 | Newport News Apprentice | Home | 1:30 PM |
| Sept. 14 | Harford Comm. College | Home | 1:30 PM |
| Sept. 21 | Hudson Valley Comm. College | Away | 1:30 PM |
| Sept. 28 | Lees-McRae College | Away | 1:30 PM |
| Oct. 3 | E.C.U., JV's | Home | 2:00 PM |
| Oct. 11 | VA Tech JV's | Away | 2:00 PM |
| Oct. 19 | Wesley College | Homecoming | 2:00 PM |
| Oct. 26 | Potomac State | Away | 1:30 PM |
| Nov. 2 | Nassau Comm. College | Home | 1:30 PM |
| Nov. 9 | Newport News Apprentice | Away | 2:00 PM |



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