

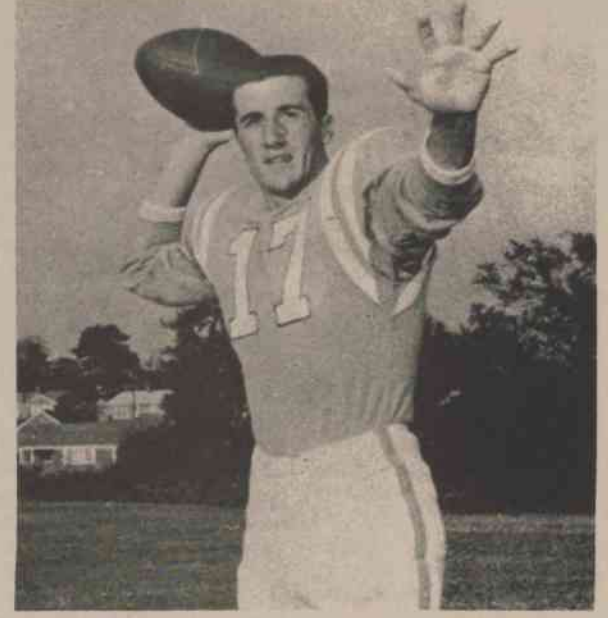
Chowan College Hall of Fame



Donnie Matthews

Donnie Matthews attended Chowan College from 1962 through 1964, and graduated in the Spring of 1964. Matthews was the 1963 NJCAA "Player of the Year" in football, and a NJCAA All-American at Chowan. He transferred and played football at Richmond University. Since graduation, Matthews attended the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas and serves as a Minister of Education and Associate Pastor at Bay Area First Baptist Church in League City, TX.

Chowan College made its first induction in the Sports Hall of Fame on November 2, 1985. He or she must have given outstanding performance as a student/athlete at Chowan College and or must have rendered outstanding service to the College's athletic program. We are indeed grateful for each of these men and proud to have them as a part of our first annual induction. There will be a banquet honoring these former Chowanians. Contact the Chowan College Athletic Department for information concerning the first banquet.



Al Vaughan

Al Vaughan was super in all three sports; football, basketball, and baseball and won post season honors in all sports. Vaughan was an exceptional leader. He attended Chowan College from 1955 through 1957. Vaughan transferred to East Carolina University, and played baseball for the Pirates. He coached football, basketball, and baseball at Franklin High School and Ahoskie High School. Vaughan is now in sales and resides in Ahoskie, NC.



Tommy Grayson

Tommy Grayson played football and baseball from 1963 through 1965. Grayson graduated in 1966 and went to Guilford College on an athletic grant. Grayson played football, basketball, and baseball at Guilford College. But baseball was Grayson's first love, and while at Guilford College he was first team All-American. Grayson was drafted and played baseball professionally for a number of years. He is a member of the Guilford College Sports Hall of Fame. Grayson is currently coaching football and baseball at Eastern Guilford High School and resides in Burlington, NC.



Hilliard Greene

Hilliard Greene played football, basketball, and baseball. He averaged 26.6 points per game in a day when this type of average was very unusual and led Chowan College to a 16-6 season in 1953. Greene went to UNC and was a member of the team that had national recognition under Frank McGuire. He was probably the dominant figure in basketball in junior colleges that year. Greene attended Chowan College from 1952 through 1954, and graduated in Spring of 1954. He resides in Raleigh, NC.



Pat Banks, Sr.

Pat Banks, Sr. was a long-time friend to Chowan College and its Athletic Department. Banks was instrumental in organizing meetings between Reverend K. Lonnie Sasser and members of Murfreesboro Exchange Club to discuss the reopening of Chowan College. He kept the football gate in all types of weather and picked up and repaired Chowan College busses on numerous occasions when the teams could not make it home. Dr. Herb T. Appenzeller, former football coach, says "Pat's exploits are legends." Banks passed away September 15, 1977.



1985 Golf Team

Front row kneeling: Terry Tierney, Hub Galbraith, John Pendleton. Back row: Coach Bill Sowell, Todd Heath, Gregg Armbruster, Tim Guffee, and Jerry LaForge.

The golf team has won 2 tournaments this fall. The first win came in a tournament hosted by the Old Dominion Golf Club and Hampton University in which 9 teams competed. An invitational tournament with 5 teams, hosted by Chowan, also resulted in a win.

Former Brave Waiting for His Chance at Richmond

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Kevin Whipp has seen it happen once before. He's hoping it doesn't happen again.

Whipp is a reserve offensive guard for the University of Richmond, the nation's top-ranked NCAA Division I-AA football team. The former Thomas Dale standout recalls what happened when the Knights were kings of the hill.

"It was my junior year," said Whipp. "We were supposed to be the top team around. Our line averaged about 205 pounds. Our quarterback weighed that much.

"Everybody got hot-headed. Of course, everybody was shooting for us too. Everybody's out to knock you off.

"We ended up 7-3 or 6-4 or something like that. We laid on the top seat too much."

For his Spider comrades, Whipp has the following advice. "If you want to stay on top, you have to work a little bit harder each and every time out," he said. "You can't sit back and get satisfied."

Following a standout career at Chowan Junior College, where he earned all-Coastal Conference honors, he transferred to Richmond last winter.

"Richmond made me the best offer," said Whipp, a 6-foot-3, 245-pounder. "Plus, I figured they were the closest to home, where Dad could come watch me play."

Whipp hasn't had time to stop and smell roses since joining UR. The fourth quarter of last Saturday's 38-20 romp over Western Illinois was his first live action in a Spider uniform.

The lack of playing time hampers his ability to learn the Spider system, Whipp says.

"The only way you get better is to get there and play. One of the coaches was telling me the other day that I was one of the best hitters here, but that I had to learn the steps before he could do anything with me.

"The athletes here are really good. There are no slouches," Whipp added. "At Chowan, it was more a matter of lining up and hitting people. Here, it's more technique. I've been trying to learn the proper steps and start here."

Since he left Thomas Dale, Whipp has worked hard enough to increase his strength while adding 30 much-needed pounds.

Dennis Wilt, a senior guard, currently holds down the first-string job that Whipp, freshman Mark Bell and junior Pete Mustacio all covet.

"Being one of the new kids on the block is a learning experience," Whipp said. "I'm kind of looking forward to spring, where I can set my standards and get ready for next fall.

"Of course, there's a lot left of this season. Somebody could go down with an injury. Hopefully not, but you always have to be ready. I'm just waiting for a good chance to prove myself."

The Spiders (4-0) travel to Norfolk to play in the 39th Annual Oyster Bowl game against James Madison (2-2) on Saturday.

This is the fourth meeting between the Spiders and the Dukes. UR leads the

