



Sports



McMillan doing for Wolfpack what he did for Chowan

By Mike Voss

Nate McMillan, who led Chowan College to the junior college Final Four two years ago, is doing for Jim Valvano's Wolfpack what he did for Bob Burke's Chowan Braves for two years.

And that's combine talent, leadership and court savvy into a winning combination no matter where he plays on the court.

The former Chowan great put what was once a well kept secret (Chowan's second-to-none program) on the map. Since it's been on the map, coaches of four year programs have been beating a path to Murfreesboro to see who the next promising player will be to come out of the Chowan program.

There is no doubt that Chowan's success helped McMillan land at N.C. State and there is no doubt that having a former Chowan player on an ACC team and a team that has national reputation has been a boost to Burke and Chowan's program.

And that's what makes Chowan tick—the beneficial relationship between former players and Chowan.

But there were four other players that were on the court with McMillan, most notably Virginia Tech's David Burgess. Although he saw little action last year, Burgess has proven himself one of the toughest 6-8 centers you'll ever see. In a recent game he held Virginia's Polynice in check and did a

few things that didn't show up in the stats.

There was John Thomas, who led the nation in field goal percentage for a while and finished among the nation's best at hitting shots from the floor. There was Jerome Cooper, Jim Dillard and Greg Hollingsworth.

But it was McMillan who provided the spark, the leadership and the personality. While working their way to a fourth place finish in the nation, the team made alot of fans and friends while in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Wolfpack faithful will remember turning out two years ago to see Chowan play Laurinburg Institute. Chris Washburn, the savior of N.C. State basketball, was playing for Laurinburg. The faithful came to see the big man do his stuff.

Washburn got enough points to satisfy the critics, but it was McMillan who left Wolfpack fans wondering "Who was that?" A few knew the guard had signed early in his last year at Chowan with the Wolfpack, but very few knew just how good this hometown (Raleigh's Enloe High) kid was.

Nate showed'em. Not to mention the way Burgess played Washburn and the Chowan team's victory in the matchup. McMillan and Company opened alot of eyes that day.

The Brave's program had arrived.

McMillan's two year's at Chowan are over and the record speaks for itself. But in his last year at N.C. State, McMillan still has time to etch his name even deeper in the Wolfpack's basketball lore. McMillan might not set many, if any new records. But it is what he does that is not measured which makes McMillan, and teams he plays with, a winner.

McMillan's versatility allows him to play where he is needed—point guard, second guard or small forward. Positions if needed and be effective. It's difficult to play against him, if only because you never know where he'll pop up in a game.

McMillan is either first or second in most of the statistical categories for the Wolfpack. The hometown kid (through six games) leads the club in steals with 17, leads in free throw percentage with an 88 percent accuracy mark (15 of 17 from the line), assists with 26 and second in dunks with two.

He is second in rebounds with 34, just nine behind Washburn, with a 5.8 average per game. Remember, this is a guard we are talking about. He is second behind Washburn's 10 blocked shots with five of his own.

He is scoring at a 10.8 points per game clip, the second highest scoring average on the team. Again behind Washburn. McMillan has been leading

scorer in two games, while Washburn took the honors in the other four contests.

He also took rebounding honors in the Florida State game with 11 snares.

If Washburn's right hook is not effective, then look out for McMillan's left jab. McMillan's importance to the club is evident by the amount of time he is on the court. Through the first six games McMillan has played 200 minutes, 10 minutes more than the nearest teammate, who just happens to be Washburn.

McMillan's stats would probably be more impressive, if he was kept in one position. But each game finds the former Chowan player possibly facing a different role than in the previous game. But he is the Wolfpack's best weapon.

Washburn may be the most publicized player on the Wolfpack team and Valvano may be one of the best young coaches in the game, but McMillan is the best all-around player on the team and is a coach on the floor.

The sad part is the Wolfpack will have had McMillan for just two years and Chowan couldn't keep him for another two years.

The opponents of each school are glad of it.

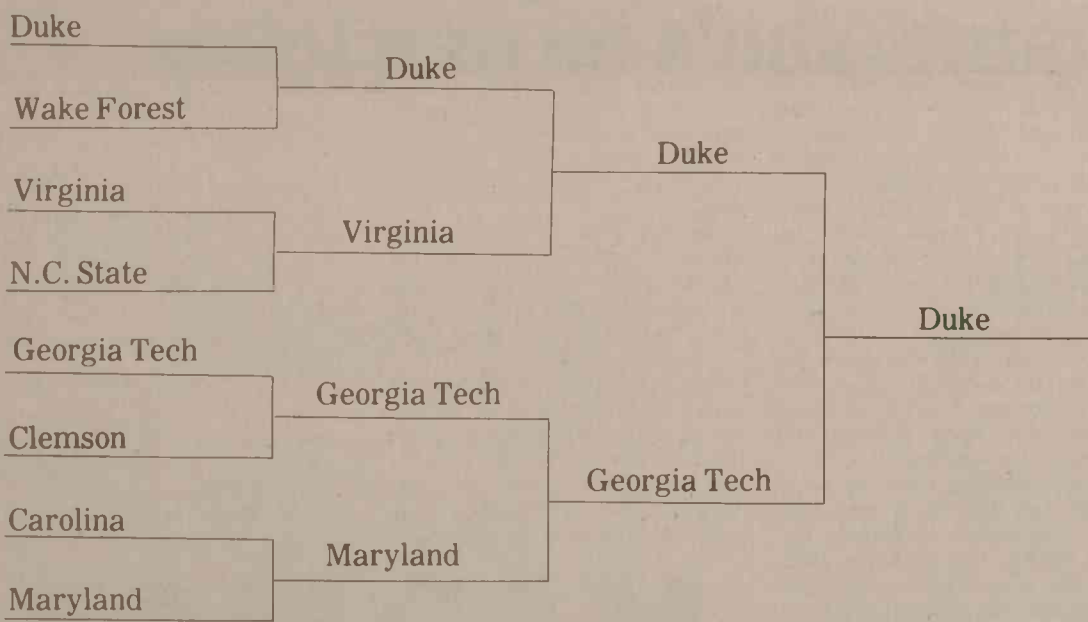
Braves on a roll!

- Chowan 64 at Frederick C.C. 58
- Chowan 85 Newport News 50
- Chowan 117 at Southeastern C.C. 56
- Chowan 76 Craven C.C. 73
- Chowan 67 Louisburg 62
- Chowan 76 Lenoir C.C. 66

Chowan Sports Calender

MARCH	
13	Golf: Chowan vs. Lenoir C.C.; Falling Creek Country Club; Kinston, N.C. 12:30 pm
13	Softball: Women-Chowan vs. Anderson College; Anderson, S.C. 6:00 pm
14	Softball: Women-Chowan vs. N. Greenville; Greenville, S.C. 3:00 pm
15	Softball: Women-Chowan vs. Spartanburg Methodist College; Spartanburg, S.C. 1:00 pm
17	Basketball: Women-NCAA National Finals; Northwest Miss. J.C., Senatobia, Miss.
18-22	Basketball: Men-NCAA National Finals; Hutchinson C.C., Hutchinson, Kansas
18	Golf: Eastern Division Match; Wake Forest Country Club 1:00 pm
18	Softball: Women-Chowan vs. St. Paul's College; Lawrenceville, Va. 1:00 pm
19	Baseball: Chowan vs. Duke Univ. Club Team; Durham, N.C.
20	Softball: Women-Chowan vs. Meredith College; Raleigh, N.C. 3:00 pm
22	Baseball: Chowan vs. County College of Morris; Chowan College 1:00 pm
22	Softball: Women-Chowan vs. Virginia Wesleyan College; Chowan College 2:00 pm
24	Golf: Eastern Division Match; Louisburg Country Club 1:00 pm
25	WINTER SPORTS BANQUET: Thomas Cafeteria; 6:00 pm
26	Baseball: Chowan vs. Newport News Apprentice; Chowan College 1:00 pm
26	Softball: Women-Chowan vs. Longwood College; Farmville, N.C. 3:00 pm
27	Softball: Women-Chowan vs. Louisburg College; Chowan College 3:00 pm

Duke Wins ACC Tournament!



Webb wins Slam Dunk Title

Larry Bird wins Three Point Contest

Not 5-foot-7 Spud Webb, or anyone else present, could describe the perfect dunks he performed to unseat Atlanta Hawk teammate and defending champion Dominique Wilkins in the National Basketball Association's Slam-Dunk Championship.

"I can't describe them it's just something I do," said Webb, who just electrified a crowd of 16,500 in Reunion Arena with his acrobatics that included a dunk off a 360-degree spin.

"I didn't think he could hang in the air long enough to do the 360," said Wilkins. "I'm proud to be his teammate. He's the best little guy I ever saw."

Webb, who is from suburban Wilmer-Hutchins near Dallas, scored a perfect 100 points with two dunks in the finals. Wilkins had 98 points.

Webb's second dunk involved bouncing the ball off the floor and off the glass and catching it with one hand to slam the ball through.

"The crowd helped me get more power into my jumps," said Webb. "I really didn't have a plan. I didn't know what I was going to do until I got the ball."

Wilkins said "I scored over 45 on all my dunks but he got 50s so what are you going to do? Everybody likes to see a little guy do well. And he did a lot of dunks guys 6-7 and 6-8 can't do."

Webb's vertical leap was measured at 42 inches when he was a junior at North Carolina State.

The 6-foot-7 Wilkins, who has a vertical leap of 48 inches himself, said "Spud's leap was 50 inches today."

Webb won \$12,000 and Wilkins took \$7,500.

Terence Stansbury of the Indiana Pacers won \$5,500 for finishing third and Gerald Wilkins of the New York Knicks, Dominique's younger brother, won \$2,500 for fourth place.

Ask how he jumps so high, Webb answered "I haven't the slightest idea. When I find out I'm going to write a book about it. I guess it's just a God-given talent."

He said 5-9 Calvin Murphy, a former NBA player for the Houston Rockets, was his hero.

"I saw Calvin and he said he had his house bet on me," said Webb. "I hope he was just kidding but I was glad he got to see it."

Murphy said later "It was the most incredible thing I've ever seen. I never dunked a ball."

In another competition, Larry Bird confirmed what everyone has long suspected—that he is the best long-distance shooter in basketball.

Bird barely survived the first round of the three-point shooting contest and then went on to win the competition easily with a display of pressure shooting in the finals.

"I'm the king of the three-point shooters," Bird said. "I always thought I was, and I proved it."

Bird won \$10,000 for outshooting

seven other NBA gunners.

Bird missed the first of his 25 shots in the finals against Milwaukee's Craig Hodges, then made 10 straight, and finished with 22 points out of a possible 30. He made 18 of 25 shots in the final round.

Hodges, who had 25 points in the first one-minute round to only 16 for Bird, had 12 points in the finals.

In th NBA Legends Classic, 48-year-old Oscar Robertson led the West to a 53-44 win over the East. The "Big O" hit two free throws in the middle of a 13-point run that closed out the East, who went the last six minutes without a point.

"In the last quarter you could really see the true emotions of the players," said West Coach Johnny Kerr. "They really wanted to win. However, the mind tells the body what to do but it won't always mind."

Robertson added, "It was fun but boy am I tired."

Calvin Murphy also aided in the West rally from an 11-point deficit.

Pete Maravich had a game-high 15 points and Gail Goodrich added 10 points for the East, while the West scoring was more balanced. Zelmo Beaty and Murphy each had nine points while Robertson scored eight points.

The oldtimers played 10-minute quarters with the clock running except for timeouts and the last minute of each period.

