

Defeat Hagerstown, Westchester

Braves sweep NBC Classic with impressive victories

By Alfred Biddlecomb
The Chowan Braves put on an impressive display of basketball during the National Businessmen's Classic, January 24 and 25, at the Helms Center. The Braves boosted their record to 15-2 while outscoring their opponents by an average of 17 points.

The pre-arranged pairing format of the N.B. Classic pitted Chowan against Hagerstown Junior College on Friday and Westchester, New York Community College on Saturday.

Chowan 91 Hagerstown 73

Friday night's game could have been called the Wilbert Hunter show. The 6'-5" sophomore scored 33 and grabbed 13 rebounds. Many of his baskets came just as Hagerstown seemed to be making a run at the Chowan lead. The play that summed up the game for the Braves came at the 13:22 mark in the first half. Hagerstown had pulled within four points of the Braves by making one out of two free throws after a technical foul on Coach Burke. This was as close as Hagerstown would get as Hunter broke away on a fast break and scored on a high percentage slam dunk as the Braves led 18-21.

With eight minutes to go in the first half, the Braves had stretched their lead to 10 points. With Hunter's presence on the court, the pressure was taken off of 6'-5"

forward Andy Kelly, who scored nine points during the final 10 minutes of the half. But it was the tenacious Chowan defense that broke the game open in the first half. Hagerstown was given few clear shots at the basket and turned the ball over several times. At halftime the score had Chowan leading 39-22.

The pace of the game picked up in the second half as both teams ran up and down the court with little regard to the 45 second clock. The Braves extended their lead to 25 points during a 10-1 run in which Hunter scored on three straight baskets. Hagerstown attempted to cut the Braves' lead, but never came any closer than 17 points. The game ended with the Braves winning by a score of 92-73.

Wilbert Hunter led all scorers with 33 points. Andy Kelly finished with 19, Tyson had 12, and guard Marlon Jones finished with 9 points. Damell White, filling in for the injured Corey Baker at point guard, provided the offense with some exceptional ball handling and scored six points by game's end.

Chowan 97 Westchester 81

Saturday night's finale featured some intense action from the court as well as from the bench. Andy Kelly scored 22 points, 12 of which came from the free throws, to lead the Braves to a 97-81 win over Westchester, NY. The decisive

play of the game came during a disputed call by the officials in which Westchester head coach Ralph Arietta was ejected after several technical fouls.

Both teams were running early as Chowan took a 10-6 lead after four minutes of play. The zone defense of Westchester seemed to keep the Braves offense out of sync during the early stages of the game. Westchester took an 18-16 lead on a Kevin Blue tip-in at the 11:31 mark in the first half.

During the next three minutes the Braves outscored the visiting New Yorkers 15-4 to take a 31-22 lead. Westchester refused to fold and used their zone defense to slow down the Braves while they closed the score to 35-30. As the first half ended, Damell White delivered a high arcing 3-point basket from nearly half court that brought the crowd to its feet. At halftime it was the Chowan Braves over Westchester 38-30.

Just as the night before, the pace of the game picked up in the second half. The Braves started the half with a 20-2 run. The events that led up to the impressive scoring streak centered around an overturned call and the ejection of the Westchester coach.

The pandemonium started when a Chowan player made a move toward the basket and was fouled as the shot went in. The official called the foul but did not count the basket. After the officials discussed the play, the basket was counted. Coach Arietta of Westchester began to argue the call and was promptly given a technical foul. This only made matters worse as Arietta ran onto the court to present his case face to face with the official. Arietta was restrained by his players and assistants and retreated to the bench. Then, in a fine display of sportsmanship, Arietta darted back on the court with a folding chair. It was obvious that the coach was not offering the official a place to sit. Again the players held Arietta back. Chowan Athletic Director Jim Garrison then took control of the situation and escorted the Westchester coach to the locker room.

After order was restored, the second half went on without incident. The closest Westchester ever came to Chowan was 66-54 at the 11:00 mark. The Braves seemed to match W.C.C. shot for shot down the stretch. When the game finally ended, the final score was Chowan 97 Westchester 81.

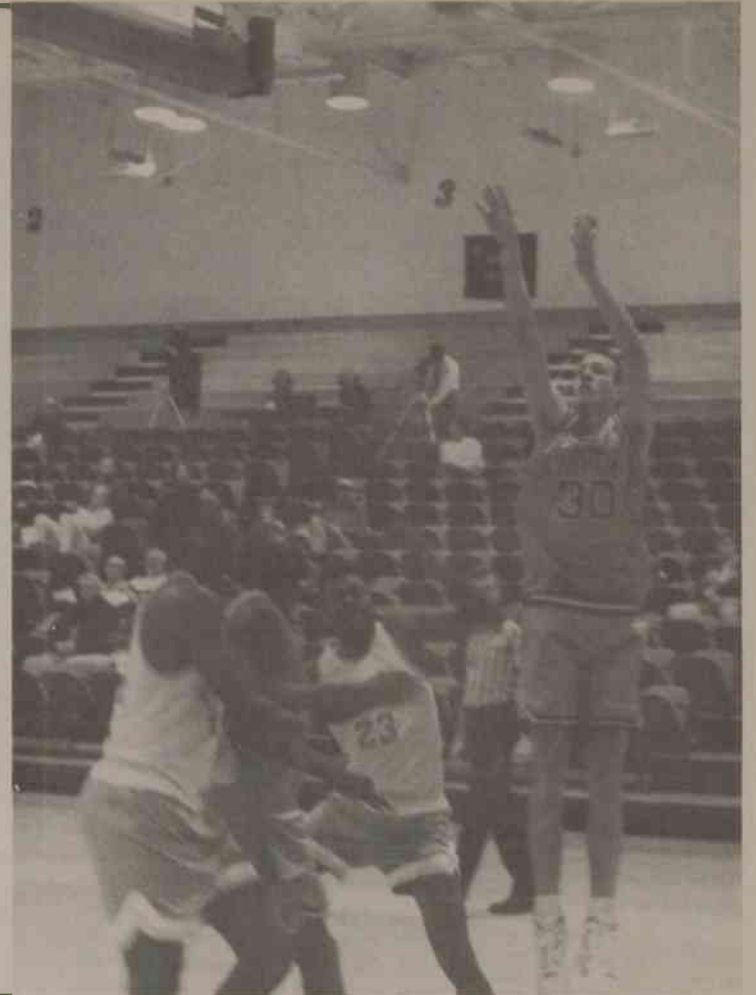
Leading the Braves was Andy Kelly with 22 points. Albert Telfair came off the bench to score 18. Wilbert Hunter also had 18 points, Marlon Jones provided 16, and center Harold Tyson scored 11 points.

Three Braves made the all-tournament team. Wilbert Hunter, who averaged over 24 points during the two games, and Andy Kelly, who averaged 20 points during the classic, were selected as forwards. Darnell White, who ran the Chowan offense with maximum efficiency, was named to the all-tournament team at the point guard position.

Chowan Braves in Action

Andy Kelly (No. 30) shoots a two-pointer for Chowan during the "NBC Classic" tournament in Helms Center. The Braves were victorious in the annual classic, defeating two strong rivals.

—Photo by Trey Booker



Lady Braves compile 6-6 record, resume play against Spartanburg

The Lady Braves dribbled their way into the new year January 17, hosting Spartanburg Methodist College in their Carolina Junior College Conference and Region X opener.

Fueled by Angie Allen's (Virginia Beach, Virginia) 16 first-half points, the Lady Braves went into the locker room with a 35-22 lead over the Lady Pioneers. The second half was an entirely different story as Spartanburg employed a full-court press to enforce numerous turn-overs in quickly getting right back into the game. The Lady Pioneers overtook the Braves to lead by seven at the 10:40 mark before Chowan rallied to ease by Spartanburg Methodist 65-64.

Sparking the come from behind win was freshman Moneka Huntley (Jefferson, South Carolina) who scored five of nine points while pulling down six rebounds during Chowan's 14-4 spurt which enabled them to regain the lead they would never relinquish. Allen lead three Braves in double figures with 23 points, while Sara Jones (Hampton, Virginia), and Rose Ellis (Wytheville, Virginia) chipped in 13 and 11 points respectfully in the Braves' hard-earned win.

The following afternoon, the Lady Braves hosted Sue Bennet College, a non-conference opponent from London, Kentucky. The Lady Dragons took the lead midway through the first half enroute to an 82-68 victory. The Lady Braves trailed 11 points at intermission (41-30) and were hanging tough four minutes in to the second half as they were behind by 12 points at 50-38. Suddenly, the Braves went ice cold from the floor as they went without the benefit of a field-goal over a stretch of six and one half minutes.

By the time sophomore Rose Ellis finally ended the scoring drought with her basket at the 9:41 mark, Chowan found themselves starting at a 24 point deficit, 65-41. The lady Dragons would stretch their advantage to 31 points leading 74-43 before Chowan chipped away at the big lead. Following a Chowan timeout, the Lady Braves heeded to the advice of Head Coach Tammy Perry, coming to out score their guests 25-8 during the game's final seven minutes.

Sophomore center Charstina Burke (High Point, North Carolina) tailed 11 of her team high 18 points during Chowan's stretch run while freshman teammate Moneka Huntley popped home all eight of her points

during the same period of time. Besides Burke's team-high effort, Sara Jones added 17 for the Lady Braves followed by Rose Ellis (13) and Angie Allen (12).

The Lady Braves loaded up the vans and headed west January 23-25 making a stop in London, Kentucky, to play Sue Bennet College, Madisonville, Tennessee, tangling with

Hiwassee College and wrapping up there journey in Brevard, North Carolina, taking on Brevard College in a region and conference encounter. The Lady Braves are 6-6 overall, 1-0 Region X and Carolina Junior College affairs. Chowan will not return to the Helms Center until February 21, hosting Anderson College in a Region and Conference encounter.

TENNIS TRY-OUTS

If you are interested in trying out for the 1992 Chowan College Tennis Team, contact Dr. David Gowler in Marks 229 (ext. 325). Tennis season begins February 21, with a scrimmage against Christopher Newport College.

Wrestlers face tough competition in tourney

By Amador Padilla
Sports Editor

The Braves wrestling team matched up against Anderson College and Wilkes Community College on January 16, 1992. The classic tri-meet got off to a good start but the Braves came up on the short end, being handed a 24-21 setback by Anderson and a 32-11 setback by Wilkes Community College.

Scoring for the Braves against Anderson College were:

Chowan 21, Anderson 24

118: Amador Padilla (C) d. Simmons, 7-3; 126: Corey Dye (C) d. Bailey, 8-1; 134: Nathan Ludke, Pin. Watts, 4:49; 142: Ken Ranfone (C) d. Dreher, 10-5; 150: (A) d. Sean Overa (C), 5-3; 158: Frost (A) p. Nestor Varona, 1:47 (C); 167: McGee (A) p. Vasquez, 1:30; 177: Richard Gray (C) pin. D. Phjillips, 6:34; 190: Peacock (A) by forfeit; Hwt.: E. Phillips (A) d. Mieke Dryer, 8-1.

Against Wilkes Community College, the Braves could only compile some wins, but the team

wrestled a lot better than they they met Wilkes C.C. at Wilkesboro where they were handed a loss. Scoring for the Braves were:

Wilkes 32, Chowan 11

118: Harris Lawton (C) drew Jackson (W), 8-8; 126: Dye (C) d. Moore, 7-3; 134: Ludke (C) d. Shackleford, 7-6; 142: Burns (W) p. Ranfone (C); 150: McCord (W) d. Overa, 13-6; 158: Durham (W) p. Varona, 5:00; 167: Wilson (W) p. Vasquez :45; 177: Gray (C) d. Henson, 4-2; 190: Garner (W) by forfeit; Hwt.: Jones (W) d. Dryer, 9-3.

Although the Braves were setback with two losses, sending their record to 4-5, what really counts is the work that the team is putting in, working towards the Mid-Atlantic Tournament which will decide if some of the Braves will go to the National tournament being held in Bismark, North Dakota, on February 28-29.

Coach David Maas is pushing the team harder and harder every day to make the team more competitive than it already is.



Taurus Smith gets ready to put his opponent in a cradle at the Maryland tournament. —Photo by Nestor Varona

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