

New Faces, New Hope For 1958 Braves

Baseball Boys Look Ahead to Good Season

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New faces and new hopes are the keywords for the '58 Braves. The Braves are introducing 18 Freshmen along with a new coach, Gig Lloyd, who has high hopes for his freshman-studded team.

Chowan has only four returning lettermen from the dismal '57 season, which saw the Braves win only seven games.

If the Braves are as good on field as they are on paper there isn't any reason why Chowan shouldn't have their finest team in several seasons. As a whole the team has a batting average of .338, while the pitching staff has a fine record of 46 wins and 10 defeats in last years competition.

The following are the boys who made the team and what each did in their last active season before coming to Chowan.

Bob Darden: pitcher, a graduate of Broadway H. S. Bob comes to Chowan after pulling two years in the service. Darden played mostly softball in the service, but in his last baseball season he had a respectable 7-1 record. He stands 5'11" and is a right-hander all the way. In high school Bob played four years of varsity baseball and had a pretty fair season with the stick in his senior year as he hit .325.

Carroll Hawkins, 6'2" right-handed pitcher from Aycock High School. Last season Hawkins posted a deceiving 6 and 8 record. He was a one man team at Aycock as he won all the games the team won. He led the team in strike outs with 80 and he compiled the most complete games. During the summer he pitched semi-pro, but did not get any decisions in the win or loss column.

Murphy Smith, 6'2" 162 pounds, a right-hander who pitched for Robertsonville High School and posted a 5 and 4 record. Murphy played three seasons of varsity baseball and demonstrated his power by belting three home runs.

Jim Woodruff a 5'11", 200 pounder from Alexandria comes to Chowan with only one varsity season behind him. At Mt. Vernon last season he pitched in nine of fourteen games and lead the staff with a 1.75 earned run average.

Vance Pittman is a graduate of Gatesville H. S., where he played four years of varsity baseball. Vance is 6'1", 165 pounds and bats and throws right. In high school he won 17 and lost 7. He led the team in extra base hits and had a .330 average at the plate. He was the captain in his senior year.

Kenneth Odem starts the '58 season with a very impressive high school record. In four years of varsity ball he won 28 and lost only 2. As a hitter he proved just as talented as he hit 448 in his junior year and 338 in his last season. In his senior year he won 10, lost 2, and he struck out 116. Kenneth stands 6'3" and 182 pounds, he received his diploma from Conway H. S.

Clyde Morgan is the only regular pitcher back from the '57 team. He is six feet tall and weighs one hundred and eighty pounds. Clyde was bothered with arm trouble last season and never really got going; poor backing didn't do that flipper any good. As of late his arm seems to be feeling good and Clyde hopes to get back the form that made him a winner at Weeksville.

John Hogan is a 5'8", 160 pound switch hitting catcher from New Bern H. S. Last season he lead his team with a respectable .350 batting average, he also lead the team with 18 stolen bases and 4 triples. He hit two home runs. John hit over .300 in three seasons of varsity



BASEBALL BRAVES—The baseball team has started practice for the '58 season with high hopes of a winning team. The team is composed of; left to right, first row: Joe Sumler; Ray Rose; James Foster; Jimmy Parker; Harold Smith; John Hogan; Lawrence Kearson. Second row: Coach, Gig Lloyd; Vance Pittman; Richard Murray; Sally Thomasson; Kenneth Odom; Woody Hill, manager. Third row: Jonas Edwards; Carol Hawkins; Clyde Morgan; Coy Tillet; Joe Bland; Bill Steele.

baseball and hopes that this season will be no exception.

Jonas Edwards a 5'10", 160 pound catcher from South Edgecombe High School. Jonas, a right-hander all the way, played three years varsity and hit a respectable .285 in his senior year. He hopes to be an asset to the team and land a regular job.

Bill Steele is one of the few Braves back from the '57 season. He is a graduate of Seaford High School. Bill, a left-hander all the way, led the Seaford team with a .388 average in his senior year. Bill is an agile 5'9", 165 pounds around the first sack. With three years of varsity baseball in H. S. and one year at Chowan, Bill is hoping to have his best season yet.

Joe Bland is a 6', 210 pound, first baseman who packs a lot of power from the right side of the plate. Joe is 23 years old and a graduate of Windsor H.S., where he played four years of varsity baseball. Bland spent two years in the service and was chosen to the All-Service team both years. Last season he had a terrific year at the plate. He slammed 12 home runs, led the team with 93 rbi's and compiled a .371 batting average.

Joe Sumler is a right-handed hitting first baseman from Mt. Vernon H. S. Last season he reached his all time high as a hitter. Sumler hit a sizzling .421, hit 2 homeruns and lead the team with 45 rbi's and 36 hits. In three years at Mt. Vernon he compiled a .383 lifetime average. He was team captain in 1956 when Mt. Vernon won the state championship.

Jim Parker graduated from Morehead City H.S. Jim had a fine season in his senior year as he lead the team with a healthy .361 batting average and clouted four home runs. Just to prove he wasn't a flash in the pan, Jim hit Junior College pitching last season at a .386 clip. Parker is a solid 180 pounds on a five foot seven inch frame.

Coy Tillet is a five foot eleven inch, 175 pound second baseman who starts the '58 season with a very fine '57 season behind him. Coy is a right-handed hitter who lead the Manteo varsity in four departments. Coy not only lead the team with a highly respectable .417 average he also hit three homers and seventeen triples, he also lead the team in total extra base hits.

James Foster is a graduate of Hargrave where he hit .267. James is a five foot eight inch, 150 pound left-handed hitting shortstop. He showed his speed as he lead the team with twenty-

one stolen bases. Before he attended Hargrave he played three years of varsity baseball at South Hampton H.S. where he hit over .300 every year.

Lawrence Kearson has the distinction of being the shortest man on the Braves club. Lawrence stands five foot five and 160 pounds. He is a graduate of Henderson H. S. where he was the varsity second baseman for two years and captain his last year. He hit .300 last season and hits and throws right-handed.

Ray Rose is expected to be one of the brighter studded prospects on the freshman studded team this season. Last season Ray rapped high school pitching to the tune of .382 and three home runs. He is a graduate of Princeton High School, and is right-handed all the way. He stands five feet and eight inches and weighs 160 pounds.

Richard Murray is one of the bigger boys on the ball club. He stands six feet and four inches and weighs 180 pounds. A graduate of Hampton H. S., Murray throws right and bats left. He could be the left-handed power that Chowan has been looking for. In his senior year he lead his team with 17 rbi's, 13 stolen bases, total extra base hits, 4 homeruns, and a .345 batting average.

Sally Thomasson is another one of the Braves speed boys in the outfield, Sally stands six feet, 165 pounds and bats and throws right. He had a fair season as he lead the Hargrave team with a hefty .365 average. He also lead the team in the most hits, rbi's 20, home runs 3, and 4 triples. Sally also attended Bluestone H. S.

Harold Smith is one of the few returning regulars. Harold graduated from Cary H. S., where he played four years of varsity baseball. His best season was his senior year when he hit .356 and clouted five home runs. Last season at Chowan, Smith hit a respectable .280 which included a home run, two triples and four doubles. Harold is right-handed all the way and stands five feet nine inches and weighs 160 pounds.

JUDGE IS A JUDGE

On a recent quiz given in one of the bible classes the students were asked to list the judges before the reign of kings. It seems that one student was listing the judges and at the end of the list inserted the name of Judge Dare Boone of Winton, judge of Hertford County.

Track Team in Practice Tilts

The "Chowan Thinclads" are practicing in full swing in preparation for the 1958 track season. The team, under coach Ike Davis, is expecting a successful season, despite the lack of proper facilities. The team is predominately freshman, with a few boys back from last year.

Coach Davis has divided the events into four groups: sprints, mid-distance, distance, and field events.

The sprints are the 100 and 220 yard dashes. The boys participating in these events are Jacky Pettit, Mike Hicks, Mark More, and Jimmy Duell.

Included in the mid-distance are the 440 yard run and the 880 yard run. Ed Norris, Jimmy Duell, Al Lassiter, Floyd Morgan, Carl Wimbish, Carlton Debnam, and Bill Dansey will be entering these events for Chowan.

The events of distance are; the mile run, mile relay, and two mile run. The boys who are trying for these grueling tasks are Leon Carlisle, John Parker, and William Bowling.

The field events include the shotput, discus, javelin, high jump, broad jump and the pole vault. Participating in these events are Jim "Red" Martin, Ray Clyburn, Gary Henman, Dwight Compton, and Jimmy Hooks.

The schedule for the meets (some indefinite) is as follows: March 20 — Intermural March 27 — State Freshman (indefinite) April 3 — Carolina Freshman (indefinite) April 11 — Open April 17 — Wake Forest & Duke at Durham May 7 — Randolph Macon at Ashland May 17 — Carolina's A.A.U. Meet at State College, Raleigh

will be with the Roanoke Rapids Nurses Home who also is undefeated. Both games will provide thrilling entertainment for the spectators.

Many thanks to Coach Jimmy Parker who helped to organize and train the girls in this season's competition. Also, thanks to the players who have done a fine job so far and here's hoping that next year will find Chowan College with a legal and scheduled girls team. Thanks Bravettes.

—Chloe Ward.

Girl's Defeat Ahsokie 45-40

In a terrific downpour of rain, the Chowan girls' basketball team defeated the Ahsokie girls by a score of 45 to 40, in the Chowan gym.

At the end of the first quarter, the score was 11 to 10 Chowans favor. Half-time score had Ahsokie in front by an 18 to 25 margin. However the final score brought Chowan it's tenth victory.

Superb guarding was done by Jessica Vann, Margaret Strickland, and Sandra Liverman. The guards had an extra hard time not only guarding the players but in keeping off the wet spots of the floor that were caused by the beating rain, which was forced through the roof.

High scorer for the game was Joanne White with 27 points. Other scorers were Ruby Webb and Reba Hale.

The Chowan girls remain undefeated. Next game to be played is with the All-Conference seniors of Northampton County at Conway. Then the last game



CHOWAN'S BEST TEAM—The girl's basketball team holds the best record of any team at Chowan this year. It has won ten out of eleven games this season. The team members are, left to right, first row: Ruby Webb; Jessica Vann; Reba Hale; Margaret Strickland. Second row: Jimmy Parker, coach; Sandra Liverman; Joanne White; Vivian Pugh; Hilda Melton.