

SPORTS

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Chowan Takes Tourney Runner-up

Chowan's Basketball Braves were the runners-up in the Invitational Tournament played at Gardner-Webb College during the Thanksgiving Holidays.

The Braves won their opener Friday night, taking the favored Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb by a 66-57 count, and moved into the finals against a Wingate five that downed number one seeded North Greenville, 86-88.

Gene Page, tiny letterman guard, led the Braves scoring with 15 points. Veteran center Carlton Debnam got 11, and two rookies—Garland Caudle and lanky John Smith—poured in 8 each.

In Saturday night's championship clash, the Braves could not get going in the first half, and they left the court at intermission trailing 48-30. In the second half, the blue-and-white men came to life and played their Wingate Baptist cousins to a standstill, but the 18-point first-half deficit was too much and Wingate walked off with an 83-63 championship win.

Carlton Debnam was the chief Brave in the finale, hitting the nets for 22 points. Letterman Richard Murray added 11 to the total, and veterans Norman Phillips and Donnie Upchurch got 8 apiece.

North Greenville captured the consolation crown by subduing Gardner-Webb's stubborn Bulldogs in a thrilling 73-72 contest.

Coach Jim Garrison was encouraged by the way his Braves played in their openers, with only three weeks of practice under their belts prior to the tourney. He expressed confidence in his squad and predicted a highly successful season for the team.

The Braves began their home season Friday night, December 5, in the Chowan gym at 8 o'clock, when they played their first conference game against their old rivals, the Cadets of E.M.I. On Saturday night, Dec. 6, the Braves traveled to Richmond to tangle with the Baby Spiders of Richmond University.

Spiders Take Braves 84-50

RICHMOND, VA.—A band of Chowan College Basketball Braves entered the home nest of the Baby Spiders of the University of Richmond Saturday night, Dec. 6, and received an 84-50 shellacking for their efforts.

From the opening tap to the final buzzer, the issue was never in doubt. The five Richmond freshmen were a smoothly-operating unit. All five of the starters whipped the nets with uncanny accuracy, and, on defense, they completely stifled the Braves attack.

Gary Justice, the Baby Spiders' ace back court man, was their leading point-getter. Hitting nine from the field and six out of eight from the line, Justice put a total of 24 points on the scoreboard for his team.

RICHMOND FRESHMEN

Rajeski	6	2-3	14
Floyd	3	2-3	8
Morchower	5	1-1	11
Haymore	4	5-5	13
Justice	9	6-8	24
Sayers	3	2-2	8
Moore	1	0-0	2
Carter	0	0-0	0
Herr	0	1-1	1
Moreau	0	0-0	0
Wrenn	0	2-2	2
Totals	31	21-27	84

CHOWAN COLLEGE

Phillips	1	0-1	2
Murray	1	3-4	5
Debnam	1	4-5	6
Caudle	0	1-1	1
Page	1	0-0	2
Wrenn	1	2-3	4
Hawkins	0	4-5	4
J. Smith	1	1-2	3
Upchurch	3	1-3	7
Towe	4	1-1	9
Pittman	1	0-0	2
Lowe	0	1-1	1
Elks	2	0-0	4
Totals	16	18-28	50



Captains of Chowan Braves and EMI Five shake hands before game. EMI won the game by the wide margin of 73 to 51.



EMI sharpshooters in action, making one of the numerous baskets that took game from Braves.



Murphy Smith, Chowan Braves forward, loops one in the basket. What happened to the other players, Murphy?



Cheerleaders take it easy at EMI game.

EMI Five Shellack Braves

The sharp-shooting Cadets of EMI romped to their fourth straight conference victory Friday night, Dec. 5, in the Chowan gym when they rolled over a sluggish band of Braves by a margin of 73-51.

Led by their veteran front court marksman, Harvey Oxendine, who hit nine field goals for his evening's work, the Cadets poured it on in the first half and were out in front 41-23 at the midway mark.

In the second half, the two teams played on equal terms. At one point, the Braves cut the Cadet margin to 12 points, but were never able to make a serious threat in the final stanza.

Co-captain Norman Phillips was the only Brave to hit in the double figures. He led the scoring with 10 points, followed by Richard Murray with 8.

The win gave the Cadets a 4-1 record for the season, their only loss coming at the hands of Portsmouth's new Frederic College, a non-conference opponent. The loss left the Braves with a

record of one victory in three starts.

EMI	FG	FT	TP
Oxendine	9	0	18
Winfree	4	2-4	10
Hinton	4	3-4	11
Newsome	2	4-4	8
K. Johnson	1	4-5	6
Goodman	3	2-5	8
D. Smith	3	1-1	7
Miller	1	2-3	4
Formydual	0	0	0
J. Johnson	0	1-1	1
Totals	27	19-27	73

CHOWAN

CHOWAN	FG	FT	TP
Murray	3	2-5	8
M. Smith	0	1-1	1
Debnam	3	1-3	7
Phillips	3	1-3	10
Page	2	0-2	4
Pittman	1	0	3
Wrenn	0	0-1	0
Upchurch	3	0	6
J. Smith	0	3-4	3
Hawkins	2	0-1	4
Lowe	0	0	0
Towe	0	0	0
Caudle	2	2-2	6
Elks	0	0	0
Total	19	10-22	51



STARTING LINEUP—The Braves' basketball starting lineup, left to right, Murphy Smith, Robertsonville; Richard Murray, Hampton, Va.; Carlton Debnam, Zebulon; Norman Phillips, Sanford; and Eugene Page.

SPORT SLANTS

By TONY LEE

Despite the slow start of the basketball team, we're confident, along with Coach Garrison, that Chowan will end up with an impressive record this season.

Basketball is a game that requires a lot of coordination and skill, not to exclude team work. You can't just go out on the court, select five men, and say "let's play"; there is much more concerned. The long, hard hours of practice and drill that goes on every night is something that would make even the spectators tired.

Chowan has a number of home

games this season and most of them are during the week. There is no reason why the student body can't come out and pack the gym at each home encounter.

Moral support is one of the greatest attributes in a person's life, and one of the best ways to lend your moral support toward the school is with your participation and cooperation at the game. Cooperate with the cheerleaders, the faculty, and with your fellow students.

Sportsmanship is another thing to stress as far as players and spectators are concerned. If a referee makes a call that you think unjust, don't start booing or ridiculing him. He is human and warrants a few mistakes, even if he had to make them against our team.

See you at the games!