

# 'Big Blue Braves' Battle Catamounts; Win 32-6

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Despite the ill omens of twice losing, the "Big Blue" Braves toppled a heavy Potomac State eleven, 32-6. The game was played Saturday night, September 19 on the Murfreesboro campus.

Clarence Murphy and Dave Kelly were the winning punch for the Chowan eleven's first win of the season. The Catamounts of Keyser, West Va., found the airways filled with footballs as Chowan's quarterbacks completed nine of 18 attempted passes.

The first quarter started to be a punters duel as Potomac State punted three times and Chowan two. Murphy, however, hit "pay dirt" within five minutes from the starting whistle of the first quarter to put the Braves on the score board.

Murphy found Tom Grayson all alone, as he threw a 62

yard pass. Grayson simply skipped across the goal line for the score. Grayson, a 5-10, 170 pounder, then kicked the extra point to make it 7-0 Braves.

In the second period Potomac State finally made the touch down route. Starting from the 37 yard line the Catamounts drove to the goal. Chowan put up a great goal line defense stopping Potomac State for six downs inside Chowan's three yard line.

Bill Mabbitt, though, could not be stopped and he plunged over for the score. The kick that followed failed and the Braves were ahead at halftime 7-6.

Murphy uncorked his arm again early in the third quarter and found Gary Tolley to complete a 70 yard pass to touch-down land. The kick failed to get the P. A. T., 13-6, Chowan.

A 13 yard run by Tolley ended the scoring for the Braves for the third quarter of play.

Tolley swept around right end to make the score. In the excitement of their first win the kick failed to get the point after, 19-6, Braves.

In the fourth quarter Coach James Garrison felt he was far enough ahead to put freshman quarterback Dave Kelly in the game. This was the first game the Harrisonburg player has played in because of pre-season injury.

An orgy of maladies plagued both eleven in the final quarter of play, but Kelly completed for the talented 195 pounder from several passes to set up a scoring drive. Grayson, who was at his best, then raced around left end for the score. He connected with a good boot next for the point after touchdown, 26-6, Chowan.

Late in the fourth period Chowan was on the move again. Despite an offensive holding penalty of 15 yards, which recalled a T.D. off the right side, the Braves went on the warpath and connected with a pass play down the middle for the final six points.

Kelly threw 35 yards to James Pulling, a 5'8" sophomore from Richmond, Va., for the final scoring of the night.

Chowan's defensive unit finally jelled into action. They held the Potomac State team to 46 yards rushing and 78 yards passing. The Catamounts could only make six first downs. The game showed the the "Big Blue" was now ready and will be tough to deal with in the future.

The offense for the Braves was also hot. They rolled up a total of 168 yards on the ground and 250 in the air for a total of 416 yards.

## Chowan Loses To Lees-McRae In Grid Opener

By TOM FOSTER

BANNER ELK—Halfback Tom Grayson's three yard plunge proved to be the Braves only scoring as they dropped their '64 football opener to Lees-McRae 19-7. The game was played Saturday night, September 12 at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk.

The Chowan Braves, who defeated the Bobcats last year and the year before, found the shoe on the other foot this season.

Chowan, ranked 10th in pre-season pick by the NJCAA, drew first blood with a 90 yard drive in the second quarter behind the running of Jim Pullin and Tom Grayson. Pullin carried four times for a total of 64 yards, but a penalty set the Braves back five yards. Pullin made a right end run for an additional 31 yards and Grayson slammed over from the 3 yard line for the score.

In the first half Chowan rolled up eleven first downs to the Bobcat's one. The Bobcats had over 25 yards rushing, as they had the ball only 16 plays in the first half.

Chowan dominated the first half by executing 35 plays and rolling up a ground game of 165 yards rushing. The Braves went to the dressing room with a 7-0 lead.

The Bobcats roared back in the second half and completely dominated play as Freddie Walton fired two long passes to hit Chris Maliska for both TD's. Captain Steve Tate cut back on a wide end sweep and raced to pay dirt from the eleven yard line for the finishing touch.



LEADING THE WAY—Rick Dudley, No. 75, blocks for ball-carrying Tommy Grayson in the Braves-Catamount game recently. Grayson reached "pay dirt" several times in Chowan's victory.

## SPORTS TEPEE

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For those who wish to know, this column will differ from most College Newspapers' Sports columns. In the next few months I will try to go into many different angles and sidelines on the sports trails.

While one month we might go into a story about a fishing trip, the next might be about the game of winter baseball.

Well, let's see what was written on the Tepee wall this first month of school.

### Don't Let The Cat In

If it smells fishie around Cabin I its because an old sailor living there by the name of Captain Ben Brooks. Ben and his brother own and operate the chartered boat Ocean Spray out of Harkers Island, N. C. They operate the boat in the summer for fun and profit.

Cap't Brooks can claim some records in the fishing books. In 1963 he caught the biggest Cobia fish in the waters off North Carolina for that year. The fish tipped the scales at 65 pounds even.

As Ben tells it he and his brother had taken a fishing party out one day. It was windy and the tide was high and choppy. He said, "The only reason we went out was because they n a g g e d us and we could use the money. Only for the money."

One of the m e m b e r s of the party got a bite but couldn't hold on to him. Some others tried but the big fish kept getting away. When our fearless Chowan Captain tried his luck he snapped the big one and took the prize.

Ben says that as far as he can remember they were fishing along the beach about two or three miles out in the water. The official records show that the fish measured fifty-six inches long. Whow, what a fish!

When Ben gets your ear he keeps it and tells one of his fishing stories. No, not about the one that got away, about the one that jumped in.

It seems that Brooks and his party were fishing just east of Cape Lookout. Just about 22 miles from the Cape on an old tanker ship wreck.

They were catching King Mackerel in a plenty. They were using a type of a Man-o-War lure for bait with Mullette tied to it. Ben claims that he was holding a mullete over the side of the boat when a 15 pound King Mackerel jumped up. The Mackerel grabbed the fish and fell into the boat.

Ben says that if he hadn't jumped out of the way, the fish would have bitten him.

Anyone else got a good TRUE fishing story? If you do, why not drop it by the Sports Office of the Chowanian.

### Six Man Football?

Has anyone heard of six man football? Well if you haven't then talk to Person Chrisman, in the Gibbs House. Person played halfback for Bath High School in Bath, N. C.

The school only had 200 students so a small squad was only natural, I guess. The team was the N. C. State Champion for six man football when Chrisman was there and he remembers helping his team by tripping over the goal line eight times.

Another of the Sportsmen in Cabin I is Jim Mercer. Jim is a transfer student from Randolph-Macon College in Virginia.

First squad, right guard was the position for Jim last year when he played for the R-M eleven. Jim took the blocks and tackles hard that year and ended up being benched with water on the knee.

Coach, sir: "I've cleaned off all that writing on the Braves Tepee wall so may I go back to my dorm now? Thank you."

## Blocked Punts Give Wesley College Victory Over Chowan

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DOVER, DEL.—Wayne Tucker's blocked punt, early in the top period, set up what proved to be a winning punch as Wesley beat Chowan 27-20. The game was played Saturday, September 19 at Wesley College.

The undefeated Wesley team handed the Chowan Braves their second straight defeat in a close game going down to the last whistle.

The Wesley eleven opened the scoring in the first quarter with a ten yard touchdown. The point after was good giving the Wesley team a 7-0 lead.

Wesley came across again in the first period on another ten yard plunge. The extra point was good and they moved further ahead of the Braves.

Chowan's eleven were not to be stopped though and late in the first quarter they made a move. Quarterback Murphy passed nine yards to Grayson for the Braves first touchdown of the game.

The point after was good and the Braves narrowed the Wesley lead to one T.D.

Chowan opened the second period with a score on a two yard plunge by Manning for the score. The extra point failed and the score stood 14-13 Wesley.

The Braves managed to squeeze ahead at the end of the second quarter to lead at halftime after

the Braves defense recovered a fumble on the Wesley nine yard line.

Two plays later Pulling crashed over the goal line for the score.

Again the extra point attempt was no good and the Braves had a 20-14 halftime lead. This is similar to the week before's game when Chowan went to the dressingrooms at half time with a score of 7-0 Chowan.

The third period of action saw the lead turn into defeat. Tucker was back to punt for the Braves. The whole Wesley line crushed through to block the punt. A Wesley defensive man picked up the loose pigskin and dashed 18 yards to score.

The extra point attempt was good and the Wesley team took the lead 21-20.

Again in the fourth quarter with Tucker standing on the one yard line to punt he was stopped. The Wesley defense pulled him down on the one yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage the Wesley team provided the final score. The extra point failed giving the Wesley eleven a 27-20 victory.

The Chowan defense held the Wesley team to only 91 yards on the ground while the Braves picked up 130 yards rushing.

The Braves attempted 19 passes which were good for 98 yards.

The Braves were penalized 110 yards. Wesley was charged 20.



READY FOR TRAINING—Wayne Myers of Richmond, Va., is busy unloading his gear when he arrived on campus in August. Wayne is a member of the Braves' defensive unit.