

BEGINNING OF A FUMBLE—Gary Tolley, No. 14 looks for an opening in the Ferrum line, but the ball has other plans. Chowan recovered the fumble, but dropped the final decision to the visitors.

Chowan Braves Drop Homecoming Game to Ferrum by Slim Margin

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Ray Harris, a kicking specialist at Ferrum, provided the winning tally with a third quarter field goal in their 10-7 homecoming win over the "Big Blue." It was Chowan's only afternoon home game of the season.

The Braves' homecoming was a hayday of penalties as the two teams suffered setbacks of 145 yards collectively. Chowan came out ahead in the penalty column with only 40 yards to their name. The Panthers suffered 105 yards lost.

The margin of victory for the Panthers of Ferrum came when Harris, a freshman from Vinton, Va., kicked a 23 yard field goal late in the third quarter to make it 10-0.

The "Big Blue" started the game off with a bang by intercepting a Panther pass early in the first period. One play later a Brave scampered over to pay-dirt only to have the T.D. recalled because of a penalty. On the next play, Ferrum recovered a Chowan fumble on its own 19 yd., moving the ball back to their 38 yd. before having to kick.

As the game proceeded, it became quite evident that a punters' duel existed with both

Chowan and Ferrum making use of their expert punters. As well as punting, the ever present penalties played an important role in the first half of play.

Ferrum scored its only touchdown in the third quarter of play on a 24 yard pass play Sorrells to Henry Keeton. Harris converted and things were looking bad for the Braves.

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Later in the third quarter with it second down and goal to go on the three yard line a Panther darted over for the T.D. To the relief of the Chowan fans, though, the touchdown was called back because of an offensive holding penalty. With the ball on the 18 yd. line Harris hit his field goal.

Chowan's touchdown drive came early in the fourth quarter of play. Dave Kelly teamed up with Robert Vernon on two long passes and set the stage for a one yard run by Bill Daughteridge.

Daughteridge, a 5-9, 180 lb Freshman, substituting for the injured Joe Manning at full back also scored the other Brave touchdown which was called back.

Tom Grayson converted the Braves extra point and the score read Ferrum 10, Chowan 7 with about half the fourth period to play.

The Braves were in charge of the pigskin several times before the game ended but the stubborn Panther defense refused to yield much yardage.

Interceptions seemed to abound. The Braves snagged two of the Panthers, while they took three of Chowans.

Quarterback Frank Dorrells of Ferrum had a great day passing as he completed nine out of 12 passes for 145 yards.

Defensive standouts for the Chowan Braves were Rick Dudley, John Ardents, Cary Shades, and Wayne Wrenn as they stopped the Panthers' attack for the Braves offensive play.

THE EXPLANATION

There may be nothing new under the sun, but with modern summer fashions there is a lot more of it showing.



BIG CHIEF CHOWAN—Ross A. Cadle, Director of Admissions at Chowan College, was crown bearer for the crowning of Miss Susan Gregory as Homecoming Queen.

Chowan Cross-Country Team Tops East Carolina Frosh

Saturday afternoon, October 24, Chowan College began its first interscholastic program in cross-country. The meet, against the East Carolina freshmen, ended with the Braves winning 26-29 (low score wins). Participating for Chowan were David Brown, Don Griffin, James Holt, Charles Twiddy, and Ross Whitfield. The sport, new to most Chowanians, consists of a lone race of approximately 3.2 miles in length, run over natural terrain involving about five runners from each team.

Chowan's Ross Whitfield led the Braves across the finish in placing second, although losing out a mere two feet. Trailing the leader about seventy-five yards with approximately one hundred fifty yards short of the finish, Ross tried hard to catch him, but fell short by less than

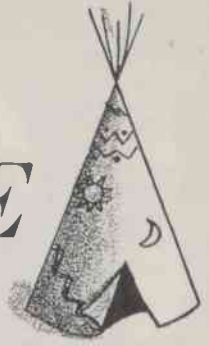
a stride. Nevertheless, the Braves, as the results show, seventh, and tenth; all adding to victory. Scoring, incidently, is figured by totalling points given the team according to the placing of its runners. Chowan received 2,3,4,7, and 10 points making its score 26. It becomes obvious that the winner is determined on team strength rather than winning the race.

Results of the meet are as follows:

1. Meyland E.C.C.	17:7
2. Whitfield Chowan	17:07
3. Griffin Chowan	17:22
4. Twiddy Chowan	17:24
5. Schlaich E.C.C.	17:45
6. Johnson E.C.C.	18:11
7. Holt Chowan	18:40
8. Whyte E.C.C.	18:48
9. Wilgan E.C.C.	21:30
10. Brown Chowan	22:15

SPORTS TEEPEE

By TOM FOSTER, Editor



Notes off the Great Teepee Wall:

With a certain air of a historian (?), let's look back ten years and see what the 1954-55 Chowan sports picture looked like.

FOOTBALL

For the '54 season Chowan had eight games on the schedule which included an annual Thanksgiving Bowl game. Gardner-Webb and the University of Richmond are the only two teams we played then that we still meet on the gridiron today.

Here are some notes from some of the contests:

The Braves dumped the Elon Frosh team 13-6. According to the *Northampton County News*' report of the game Chowan unveiled a 128-pound "secret weapon" on the Elon eleven. The *News* said, "Paul De La Cruze, a 5-2 halfback, looked like a 'fugitive from an elementary school team beside the behemoths around him, but he was like greased lightning as he sped around left for the score.'"

Chowan and Gardner-Webb battled to a 6-6 draw. The Braves were forced to withstand four goal line attempts by the Gardner-Webb Team.

Newport News Apprentice School's team fell prey to the Chowan eleven to the tune of 19-7. The *Hertford County Herald* gives this report of a portion of the game: (we picked up the story just after a touchdown has been made by Chowan with five minutes gone in the final period)

"Three minutes after Wright's plung, Chowan Fullback Al Pierce didlor to Deaton then had made nine yards to the Apprentice 24-yard line. Then Taylor tumbled and Apprentice recovered. Then Apprentice ran three unsuccessful plays and fumbled back. Then Pierce got into the act with a four yard line smash. Then Taylor fumbled—Apprentice recovered. Three more unsuccessful plays by Apprentice, they punted, or tried to. Two Chowan Braves blocked the kick and recovered on the Apprentice 21-yard line, three yards from where the whole mad story began.

"Four plays later, Pierce finally got in his TD plunge."

That's exactly why they reported the game.

The end to Chowan's two year winning streak came at the hands of Fork Union Military Academy with the score 30-0.

Two former High School teammates from no other town but Ahoskie meet on opposite sides in the game reported as the "Battle of the Baptists." The game was Chowan vs Mars Hill College. Al Pierce was an offensive fullback for the '54 Big Blue while David Leary, a former schoolmate of his, was an end for Mars Hill. OH! I guess you would like to know, Chowan also dropped that game 18-0. They dropped those two in a row without even getting a chance to score.

BASKETBALL

'54 saw the opening of the New (not now it isn't) gymnasium. In the first game the Braves (oh no!) lost to Oak Ridge to the tune of 68-63, at least we scored.

The Chowan Braves then dropped another game, but they had a good excuse: "we are all polite to the ladies?" The boys played the Olson Red Heads, a girls professional basketball team. The *Hertford County Herald* (bless its little heart) tells us. "The Chowan team lead for three quarters, but finally with the help of the second string, the 'officials' and just about everybody but the janitor, the girls managed to win 39-36."

The Braves did come up with a win though. They downed Charlotte Junior College 88-62. (I knew they could do it.)

BASEBALL

Now this is my kind of sport and this old (I just feel that way after all the work the teachers give me.) will never like the other sports as much as baseball.

The Braves bowed to the Newport News Apprentice School (they were just getting back at us since we beat them in baseball) 5-1. The leading hitter for the Chowan sluggers was a student by the name of Klatt (the *Northampton County News* doesn't give a first name) who went three for four.

Now in case you are wondering what all this has to do with the sports picture now well I don't know. But it does show what a sportswriter does when he should be working.