

Love, Braves Quarterback, Named MVP

Chowan College quarterback Xavier Love passed for two touchdowns, one to teammate Harold Williams, to lead the South to a 24-17 win over the North in the annual Coastal Conference all-star game played here in the Mini Dome of East Tennessee State University Saturday, Dec. 1.

When Love entered the game at the start of the second quarter, the South team had been blanked by the North. In addition to passing for two scores, the Miami, Fla. sophomore also directed his team to another touchdown. He had two TD passes dropped in the end zone. Love was named the game's outstanding offensive player.

Third Win for Coach

The win was the third in as many tries for as head coach for Jim Garrison. The Braves' head coach was assisted by Dan Surface, Chowan's defensive coordinator.

Garrison said all of Chowan's 12 all stars played well.

Running back Percy Godette picked up 93 yards. Linebacker Walter Poston intercepted two passes and back Mike Sheppard stole one. Chowan's coach said defensive ends Hal Henderson and Robert Brown and tackles Keith McFadden and Danny Jones also played an outstanding game.

"At one time, eight of the defensive ball players on the field were from Chowan," Garrison commented.

The South team was made up of players from Chowan, Lees-McRae and Potomac State. North players came from Wesley, Nassau, Hudson Valley and Westchester. Ferrum players who normally play for the South, were absent since the Panthers were playing in the first Eastern Bowl game. Ferrum won, defeating College of DuPage, Ill., 28-16.

Lees-McRae's nose guard, Tim Novak, was named the game's most valuable defensive player.

Other Braves who saw action were guard James Fraser and defensive backs Elliott Washington and Richard Cox.

Braves Win Tip-Off Tourney Crown

By HARRY PICKETT

The Atlantic Coast Conference isn't the only league in the country with a Big Four tournament. Just ask Jerry Smith.

The first Eastern Tarheel Tip-Off Tournament was played here and the winner was the host team, Chowan College.

Participants in the newly formed ETC tournament, included conference foes Louisburg, Mt. Olive and Southeastern. "This tournament was just like the Big Four, except we have the top four teams in

the Eastern Tarheel Conference," the Chowan coach quipped.

Smith, who's team wrapped up an undefeated weekend, posting victories over Smithdeal Massey (100-87) and Craven (42-38) in doubleheader action here, were impressive in tournament play, rolling over a surprising Southeastern Community College team, 90-74, and conference arch-rival Louisburg 82-61.

A jubilant Smith, after claiming the tournament championship, said he was

"very pleased" with his team's showing. "These four games have taught our kids so much that practice couldn't."

"I'm pleased at where we are right now," he said.

Chowan's victory over Louisburg wasn't as much a surprise to the Brave coach of three seasons, as was the final score (82-61), considering Louisburg is one of the favorites to capture the conference crown.

"How much better can we get?" Smith asked his team after displayed tenacious defensive job on the Hurricanes. "I thought we played super defense. We had two 30-point halves, how much better defense can you ask for?"

In consolation action, Southeastern upset Mt. Olive 96-79 in a game that saw the cagers from Whiteville "out-quick" the larger Trojans. The Rams pulled to 1-1 on the season, while Mt. Olive dropped to 0-2.

First Round Victory

Mark Moore, a freshman from Fairfax, Va., came off the bench to notch a season-high 24 points in the Braves opening victory over Southeastern.

Moore, who got his shots mostly from back-door passes underneath, was followed by freshman center William Barnes' 17 points and 14 rebounds. Mark Murdock and Kim Griffin each netted 10.

In the second half Southeastern managed to tie the Braves at 50, on a jumper with 13:18 left by Clayton White. But Moore and Barnes went to work, scoring 11 of the Braves' next 15 points, as the Braves spurred to a 65-54 lead.

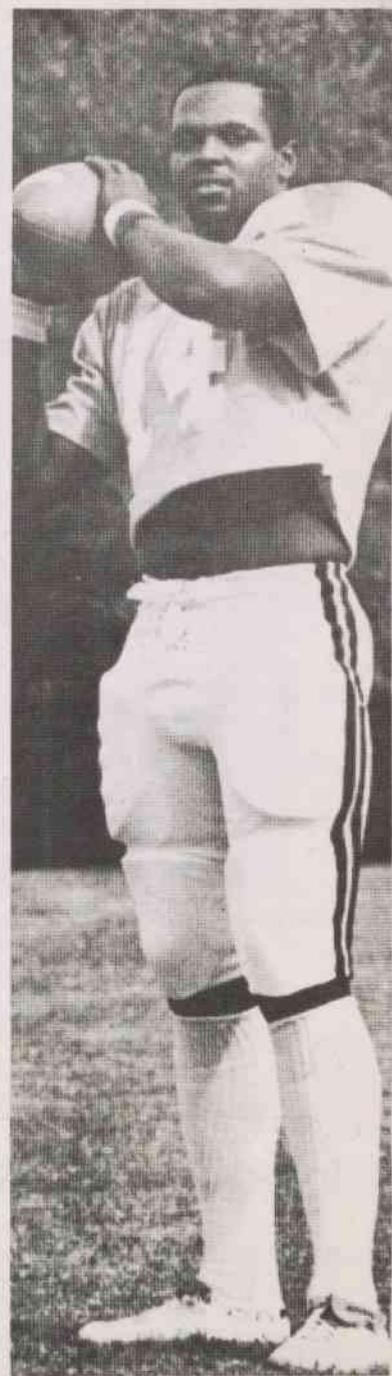
Southeastern was paced by Mike Southland's 32 points.

Smith said Southeastern scared him more than any of the rest because you never know what to "expect" from them.

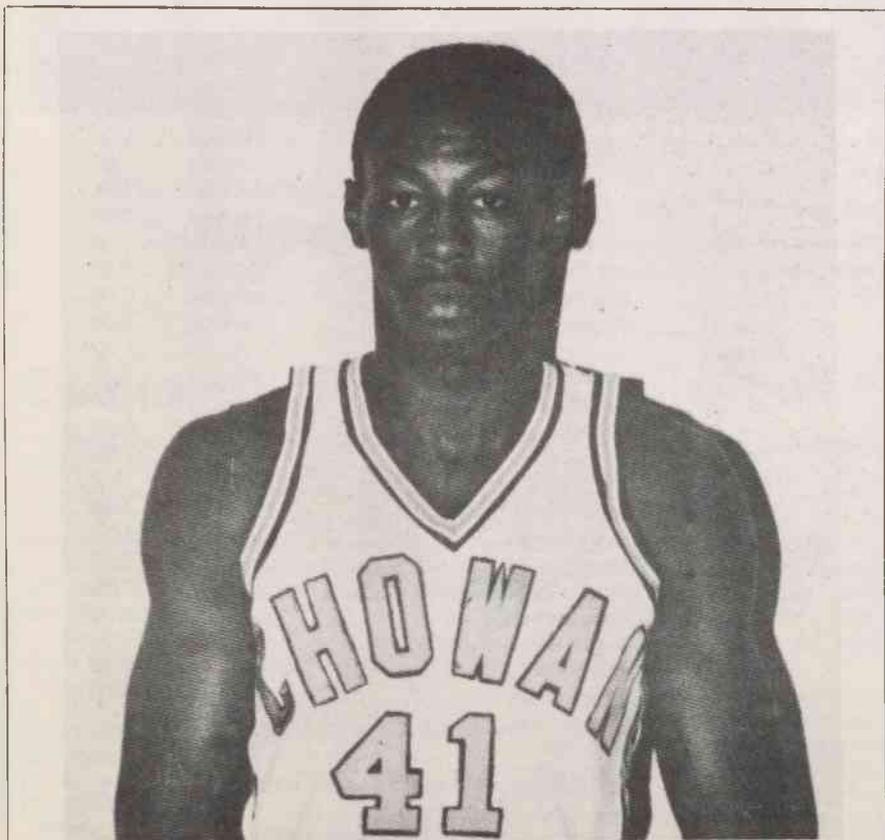
Championship

During the first six minutes, the score see-sawed back and forth, and then tied at 12-12. But after William Barnes went to the hoop with a layup of his own, with 14:01 left in the first half, it was Chowan all the way, never relinquishing the lead.

After leading 44-30 at the half, the Braves lost their composure a bit, and Louisburg's Craig Rhew pumped in five consecutive baskets for his team, com-



Braves' quarterback Xavier Love was named the most valuable player in the Coastal Conference All-Star game. He passed for two touchdowns in guiding the South, coached by Jim Garrison, to a 24-17 win over the North.



Johnny Johnson played his best game at Chowan in the Braves' 99-76 win over arch-rival Ferrum College. Johnson led Chowan with 24 points and 26 rebounds.

pared to two for the Braves, and the Hurricanes pulled to within eight at 48-40.

Then Chowan guard Haywood Evans got his act together, pumping in 10 of his 11 points in a four-minute span, aiding the output of a 62-40 margin with 9:55 left.

"Haywood showed more leadership, ability and poise than he has all year," Smith lauded the quick guard from Tarboro.

The Braves, who pulled to 4-0 on the year, were led in scoring by Johnny Johnson's 16 points, 11 rebounds and three assists. Barnes followed with 15 and Jean Earl Williams netted for 12.

Louisburg, dropping to 1-2 on the year, were led by Craig Rhew's 24 points.

How does this Chowan team rank with last year's Region 10 finalist, Coach?

"This year's team would beat last year's team."

Sounds impressive, but can they beat a Big Four team, Coach?