



David Green, left, Most Valuable Player in the Canadian Football League, is interviewed by Phil Royce, director of college relations, and Harry Pickett, editor of the student newspaper.

Former Brave Gridder Named Most Valuable Canadian Player

David Green, a running back on Chowan College's 1973 football team, has been named the Canadian Football League's Most Valuable Player for the 1979 season.

Green won the prestigious Schenley Award as Canada's top professional player after gaining 1,678 yards and scoring 11 touchdowns during the season. He led Montreal to victory in the East Division championship game and was named the Most Valuable Player.

Compares to America's NFL

Although Montreal lost 19-7 to Edmonton in the Grey Cup, which compares with the National Football League's Super Bowl, Green was again named the Most Valuable Player. He gave the car he won in the Grey Cup to his mother. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross David Green of Richlands.

Green played his high school football at Richlands. After graduating, he served in the military for several years before coming to Chowan.

Appreciation for Chowan

In a telephone interview, Green expressed appreciation to Chowan "for giving me the opportunity to play when no one else would." He said Chowan gave him the chance to prove his ability as a football player.

As a Brave running back, Green gained 418 yards on 93 carries for a 4.6-yard per carry average. He scored four touchdowns.

Another Classmate in Canada

Green impressed a number of senior colleges. He decided to follow his Chowan teammate, fullback Rich Holmes of Smithfield, to Edinboro, Pa. State College. Both Holmes and Green gained all-American honors at Edinboro. Holmes also paved the way to the Canadian Football League, and now plays with Winnipeg. He was the League's Rookie of the Year in 1977 at Ottawa.

Green said that Canadians "love their football." Montreal's games are played to near-capacity crowds in the 65,000-seat Olympic Stadium, he noted.

The star running back regrets that the

Canadian Football League receives little publicity in the United States. "When I return to Richlands, several of my friends will ask me if I've made the pros yet. I just tell them I'm still trying."

But he tells high school and college players to consider playing in Canada. "It's a good opportunity for a player who is fast and strong but perhaps a little smaller. The financial rewards can be the same as playing in America."

Green's roommate in 1978, Veron Perry, is now the Houston Oiler's free safety.

To Remain With Alovettes

A number of National Football League teams have shown an interest in Green. But he said he is content to remain at Montreal, and is presently negotiating a four-year contract with the Alovettes.

Football is not all of Green's life. During the off-season, he works with handicapped children at Cerebral Palsy in Erie, Pa. His involvement stems from his student days at Edinboro. After graduation, he worked as program coordinator at Erie's Cerebral Palsy before moving to Montreal.

Green said he also enjoys speaking to groups of students and parents. He noted he is planning to visit Chowan in late January. He has agreed to speak to an assembly of students and to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Freshman Class Elects Steve Laney President

Steve Laney, a freshman Printing Technology major from Charlotte, has been elected President of his class for the 1979-80 academic year.

Other class officers are Debbie Grose, vice-president, and Bernadette Campbell, secretary and treasurer.

Laney has indicated that he plans to be a candidate for the Presidency of the Student Government Association in an election to be held later this year.

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