

NATIONAL CHAMPION

Doug Saunders Sweeps Five Matches in NJCW Tournament

Chowan College wrestler, Doug Saunders of Woodlawn, Va., has been crowned the national champion in the 134-pound division after sweeping all five of his matches in the National Junior College Wrestling Tournament in Worthington, Minn.

Saunders formed one half of the Braves' one-two punch with Steve Miltsakakis of Raleigh which enabled Chowan to finish seventh in the national tournament. Miltsakakis won five of six matches to place third in the 190-pound division.

Saunders was named to the all-American first team and Miltsakakis to the second team after they turned in a "super performance" according to Coach Steve Nelson. This is the first time Chowan has had a national champion and all-Americans in wrestling.

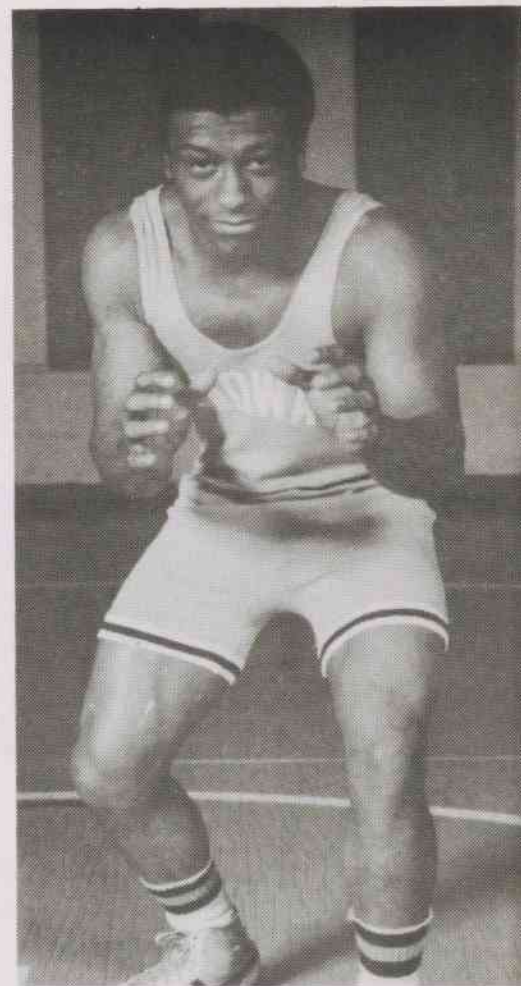
"Both had wrestled in the national tournament last year. This gave them the poise and experience they needed. Both were in top shape, mentally and physically. This is a great accomplishment for them and Chowan," Nelson declared.

Nelson said Saunders overwhelmed his opponents. He won his first two matches with pins and his next three by wide margins. He decisioned Rich Anderle of Columbia Basin, Wash., 19-4, in the championship match.

Miltsakakis faltered only in his fourth match when he was pinned by the eventual runnerup in his weight division. He then bounced back to win his next two matches for third place.

Nelson said fans treated Chowan as the Tournament's Cinderella team. "We only had two wrestlers, but both were doing so well that they received a lot of attention," he explained. He said the two sophomores are being heavily recruited by senior colleges.

Chowan also finished as the East's top team. The Braves completed their regular season with a 12-0 record and won the Southeastern Regional championship. Saunders and Miltsakakis won individual regional championships to advance to the national meet.



DOUG SAUNDERS

\$2.5 Goal Reached for New Gymnasium

Chowan College has reached its goal of \$2.5 million in its campaign for a new gymnasium-physical education center.

President Bruce E. Whitaker said the amount includes a \$500,000 challenge grant made in August by an anonymous donor. The donor stipulated that the college raise an additional \$400,000 to complete and equip the facility at a total project cost of \$2.5 million.

Whitaker said Chowan qualified for the \$500,000 challenge grant when it completed its drive for the additional \$400,000 on Dec. 31.

At the request of the donor of the \$500,000 challenge grant, the facility will be named in honor of Jesse A. Helms, Baptist layman and United States senator from North Carolina.

Whitaker thanked the many different individuals and groups who assisted the college in reaching the \$2.5 million goal, which he called a "victory."

Noted Chowan's president, "We were successful because many, many people worked, prayed, and gave. Those who served as volunteer leaders and workers and contributed to the campaign include alumni, trustees, advisors, parents, faculty and staff, and other friends and groups. To all of these and others our victory is due."

He expressed "special gratitude" to General Chairman E. L. Hollowell of Edenton; Honorary Chairman Mrs. Texie Camp Marks of Boykins, Va.; State Sen. J. J. Harrington of Lewiston and Mrs. Mary Matthews Holt of Nashville, co-chairpersons, and other members of the leadership gifts committee; members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, to include Chairman H. D. White of Rocky Mount of the Board of Trustees; and Dr. Melvin Kunkle of Portsmouth, Va., chairman of the Board of Advisors.

Dr. Whitaker said "numerous student generations and the area will be the beneficiaries."

The new facility will be open this summer. It will be used both for Chowan's intramural program for men and women and for varsity sports in men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, and wrestling. Chowan's students will also have access to the facility for recreational activities including swimming, handball, paddle tennis, and basketball. Space will also be provided for a weight room, mini-gym, faculty offices, and two classrooms.

Chowan's president said the pool will be named for the late Ruth Camp Campbell of Franklin, Va. He said she "devoted a lifetime of service to her church, community and region."

Whitaker said "plans are being formulated to provide an endowment for the maintenance and operation of the gymnasium-physical education facility."

He said the new facility will strengthen the entire program of the college. "On the last day of the new decade of the seventies, we have become successful in our drive to provide the last major facility envisioned on our campus. This culminates over two decades of intensive physical growth and assures that future generations of Chowan students will have the benefit of studying and learning on one of the most beautiful and well equipped campuses in the nation.

"Now we face the exciting challenges of the eighties optimistically. We do so by recommitting our energies to strengthening our service to students and the entire area."

By raising the \$2.5 million, Chowan doubled its previous largest campaign to construct the Carrie Savage Camp Hall science-engineering facility, opened in 1974.