

Braves claim honors post for '82 play

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Don Baker, NJCAA Region X director, has announced members selected to the All-Coastal Conference and All-Region-X football teams for 1982. In making the player announcement, Baker indicated that selection was made on the basis of votes cast by coaches of the region's teams.

The Braves placed three players on the 14-member first team offensive squad. These are tackle Ricky Hilburn of Chadburn, running back Joe Greene from Warrenton, and punter Mark Royals of North, Va.

Hilburn has been a starter and steady performer at the tackle spot for the Braves during the entire season. Greene was a team leader with 1,028 yards rushing and 1,601 yards total offense, with 15 touchdowns. The statistics on Royals, who consistently kept the opponents backed inside their 20-yard line, shows 53 punts for 2,106 yards with his longest kick being 61. Eighteen times his punts ended inside the 20 yard line.

Honorable Mention

Braves making Honorable Mention on offense were Sean Cummings, guard of Herndon, Va., and Robert Jefferson, tight end of Virginia Beach, Va. Jefferson caught 9 passes for 335 yards and 3 touchdowns.

On the 12-man defensive first team, Kirk Woods was selected at the tackle position. Woods, of Ware Shoals, SC, had 72 tackles on the year, 46 of these being solos, and 2 pass interceptions. Braves players Raymond Ryals, end of Angier, and Tim Pittman, safety of Scotland Neck, were selected to the second team.

Named to the Honorable Mention defensive team were Tom Bellamy, end of Loris, SC, linebackers James Brock of Orlando, Fla., and Curtis Thompson from Charlotte, backs Lawson Cottingham of Florence, S. C., and Jeff Gethers, who hails from Cross, S. C.

Joe Greene was named Coastal Conference Runner-up Player of the Year.



JOE GREENE
Offensive First Team



KIRK WOODS
Defensive First Team



RICKY HILBURN
Offensive First Team



MARK ROYALS
Offensive First Team

Matmen plan team record improvement

This year's prospectus looks very promising for the college wrestling team. The Braves will have experience in every weight class from 134 pounds up and will look to improve upon their third place finish in the Mid-Atlantic conference last season.

Leading off the lineup of sophomores will be Dwane Partman. Dwane is the slickest wrestler in the practice room and should be a tough competitor this season.

Brian Lloyd (142) was a 13-7-2 winner last season and was undefeated in the second semester.

At 150, Kevin Riggins returns with his patented granby system. Kevin has been working out hard in pre-season and will provide constant leadership in the middle weights.

Dudley Nesbitt comes off a redshirt year to wrestle in the 158 pound class for the Braves. He is a remarkable athlete and should provide excitement in his class.

At 167, Mike Thomas comes back as the only returning place winner in the National Tournament. Mike will be looking to capture his second Mid-Atlantic Championship and continue his All-American status.

At 177, Scott Gregory comes off a redshirt year and should be very strong with his upperbody series.

At 190, Curtis Thompson returns to provide a large amount of spirit and hustle.

At heavyweight, the Braves will rely on Ed McCoy, who finished third last season in the conference, and will be working to capture a ticket to the national competition.

Coach Colin Steele is optimistic for the '82-83 season, saying "our lightweights look strong but inexperienced. We have lots of depth which should provide great competition in the practice room. The freshmen look tough and perhaps four or five will crack the starting lineup. Hopefully, they will gain experience quickly to give the team a banner season."

Volleyball Squad Takes Runner-up Slot

The women's volleyball team finished with runner-up honors in the Region X Tournament held in Spartanburg last month. The girls dropped the first round and were forced to play five matches the following day, before falling in the finals to the host team. The team members are, front row, left to right: Karen Summers, Pura Puertas, Kynette Williams, Judy Lingard, Johanne Young, Marcia Taylor. Second row: Janet Collins, Coach, Deneen Tatum, manager, Cathy Lippy, Sharon Shank, Charleen Lingard, Michele Thomas, Berta Harmon, Mary Barnum, Stephanie Lewis, manager, and Sherri Lloyd, manager.

