

# Brave basketball players sign with quality programs

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Two members of Chowan College's basketball team have signed scholarships with out-of-state schools, with guard Greg Hollingsworth going to the University of South Florida in Tampa and Jim Dillard inking with Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Both were members of the 1983-84 team which advanced to the Final Four of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Basketball Tournament and are two of the sophomores who posted a 57-13 record, including only one loss at home during their two years on the squad. The pair also led the Braves to a new record this season, winning 25 games during the regular season.

Both picked up several honors during their careers at Chowan, with Hollingsworth earning the Hardee's Classic MVP award and named to the Eastern Tarheel All-Conference Team and the NJCAA Region X All-Conference Team. Dillard, a former high school teammate of N.C. State's Nate McMillan, caught the attention of scouts in high school and continued to do so this season, despite sitting out 10 games with injuries.

South Florida's assistant coach Everett Bass was at Chowan for Hollingsworth's signing and Middle Tennessee coach Bruce Stewart was on hand for Dillard's inking.

Hollingsworth will be joining a South Florida team which earned a NIT bid this season in which the Bulls defeated Wake Forest in a first round game and lost to Louisville in the Bulls' second game of the tournament. South Florida is a member of the Sunbelt Conference and posted an 18-12 record this year.

Dillard will be joining a Middle Tennessee State team which posted a 17-14 record and a 7-7 record in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Tennessee team earned a NCAA tournament bid after winning the OVC tournament and was defeated by North Carolina in the NCAA opening round.

Hollingsworth will be coached by Lee Rose, who led UNC-Charlotte and Purdue University to Final Four appearances as their head coach. Dillard will be coached by Bruce Stewart, the youngest coach in the NCAA tournament this year. This past season was Stewart's first year with MTSU.

Bass says USF "needed a shooting guard, an offensive guard" because the Bulls were losing 45 percent of their offense with the graduation of seniors Darrell Patterson and Charlie Bradley. South Florida learned of Hollingsworth when the Chowan player's former high school coach told USF about his former player. USF was recruiting a high school player of Hollingsworth's former coach.

Bass says USF feels they are getting a good player and says Hollingsworth will be used as a utility guard to perform all duties of a

guard — shooting, running the offense and playing defense.

Bass praised the Chowan program, calling the facilities one of the finest junior college facilities he has seen and noting the Chowan coaches had been "honest and up front" with USF during the recruiting efforts. Bass said with Hollingsworth coming from Chowan, "He knows how to win."

Chowan's assistant coach Kenny Bunker, filling in for hospitalized head coach Bob Burke, says, "Our loss is definitely South Florida's

gain." Bunker said the offensive power of Hollingsworth will be missed, but noted there were so many intangibles the guard added to the game which will be hard to replace.

Hollingsworth said he chose USF because of their winning tradition, coach Rose, and because he wanted to go somewhere where he could start. According to the sophomore, he will be given that opportunity at South Florida.

The Raeford native says he thinks he can help the USF pro-

gram and says, "I'm going to work harder than ever when I get down there." The Braves' guard says he has admired Rose's coaching style and predicts, "I'm going to give him all I've got."

With the departure of their two seniors, USF is looking for Hollingsworth to meet or exceed his 17.2 points per game average this past season at Chowan. The guard also handed out four assists per game and shot 57.2 percent from the floor as the Braves posted a 27-4 season.

Hollingsworth says Burke told him he could make a NCAA Division I team and pushed him in practice to reach the level of play needed for Division I. The Braves' trip to Kansas and their Final Four finish was the greatest sports thrill of his life, noted the guard.

The MTSU coach characterized Dillard as "game tested" and was "just what we were looking for." Stewart said Dillard had been taught to play defense and his total game will fit in with the style of play used by MTSU.

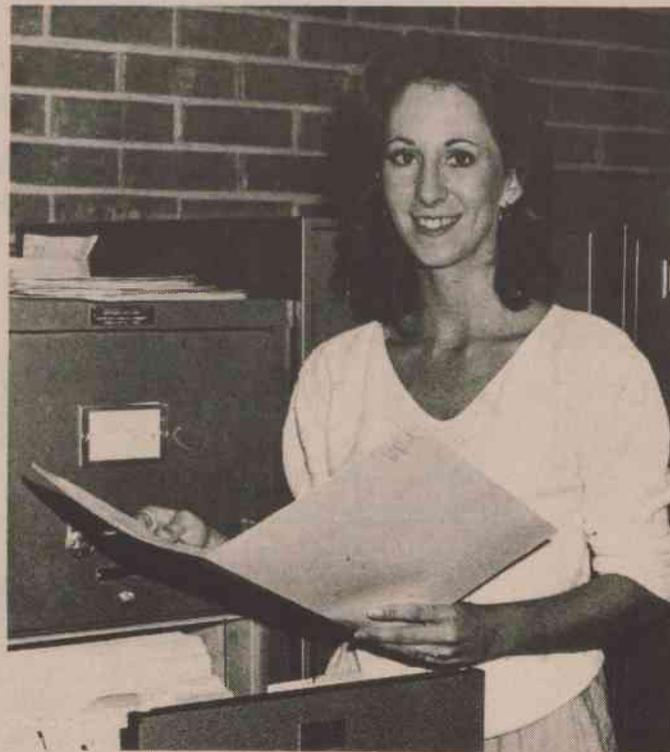
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