

Basketball Roundup

By Tommy Carella

Braves 65 - Mt Olive 58
 2-2- the Braves lead by Lonnie Payton and Billy Martin beat Mt Olive C.C. at Calypso N.C. The Braves who controlled the tempo of the game had Days at the controls as he fed Higgs and other Braves for quick baskets. Payton in foul trouble all game spent much time on the bench while the Braves held leads of as much as 10 points in the second half. The Braves record's 7-8 over all and 5-2 in the conference. Payton 20, Goffigan 8, Liverman 0, Higgs 10, Bobby Martin 2, Billy Martin 20, Days 5.



CHOWAN ROUTS SANDHILLS

Five Braves scored in double figures as Chowan College blasted Sandhills 108-88 in a conference basketball game here Saturday night, Jan. 24.

Forward Lonnie Payton was high for Chowan with 22, followed by center Reggie Higgs with 20, guards Bobby Martin with 15 and twin Billy with 12, and reserve forward Joe Liverman with 13.

The Braves held a 45-32 half-time lead. Payton, Higgs, and Bobby Martin hit almost 75 per cent of their shots as Chowan played one of its best games of the season increasing its league mark to 2-1 and overall record to 6-7.

Due to its accuracy from the floor, Chowan was not given much practice in rebounding, its chief weakness according to Braves' Head Coach Bill McCraw. He said the team will be severely tested this week when it meets the conference leaders, Ferrum twice, and Louisburg.

Ferrum and Louisburg have swapped victories, each winning on its home court and losing on the road, en route to 5-1 marks. Chowan collides with Ferrum in the Panthers' gym Monday night. Chowan returns home for encounters with Louisburg Thursday and Ferrum Saturday.

McCraw is pleased with the play of the front line of Payton, forward James Goffigan, and Higgs but is looking for more rebounding from the trio. McCraw is leaning to starting the same five that destroyed Sandhills, with Liverman his top reserve.

McCraw was pleased with the play of his starting five against Sandhills. For the first time, he started the Martin twins at guard and they responded with their trademark, excellent team work. Billy had been a starter, while Bobby saw action as a reserve.

McCraw knows its an uphill struggle when any team plays on the Panthers' court. Louisburg lost by six at Ferrum, but College of the Albemarle by only one. Chowan has traded victories with COA.



FMA 72 BRAVES 71

(1-19) The Braves lead by Payton, Higgs and Billy Martin opened up a 25-14 lead against FMA. The Braves, unable to convert many opportunities to win, played a super game, shooting 58 percent from the floor. The Braves were beaten by Wright with 34 points effort.

The Braves, down 71-68 with less than two minutes left made a comeback attempt, with a steal by Bobby Martin and free throws by Goffigan, to tie it at 71. FMA converted a free throw with 7 seconds as the Braves lost a close one. Presently the record is, 5-7. Payton 14, Smith 6, Goffigan 12, Roseboro 0, Higgs 17, Gregory 4, Bobby Martin 2, Billy Martin 16

Higgs Shows the Way.
 (1-24) Lead by Lonnie Payton and Billy and Bobby Martin the Braves routed Sandhills C.C. The Braves shooting a blistering 61 percent from the floor, lead 47-33 at the half.

In the second half Coach McCraw cleaned the bench, and stated "We played one of our best games of the year." Presently ther Braves record is 6-7 overall and 4-6 in Region 10. Final Braves 108 Sandhills C.C. 88 Payton 22, Smith 3, Gregory 7, Mathias 2, Brinn 0, Goffigan 6, Bobby Martin 15, Billy Martin 12, Stancil 4, Liverman 13, Roseboro 3, Higgs 20, Days 1

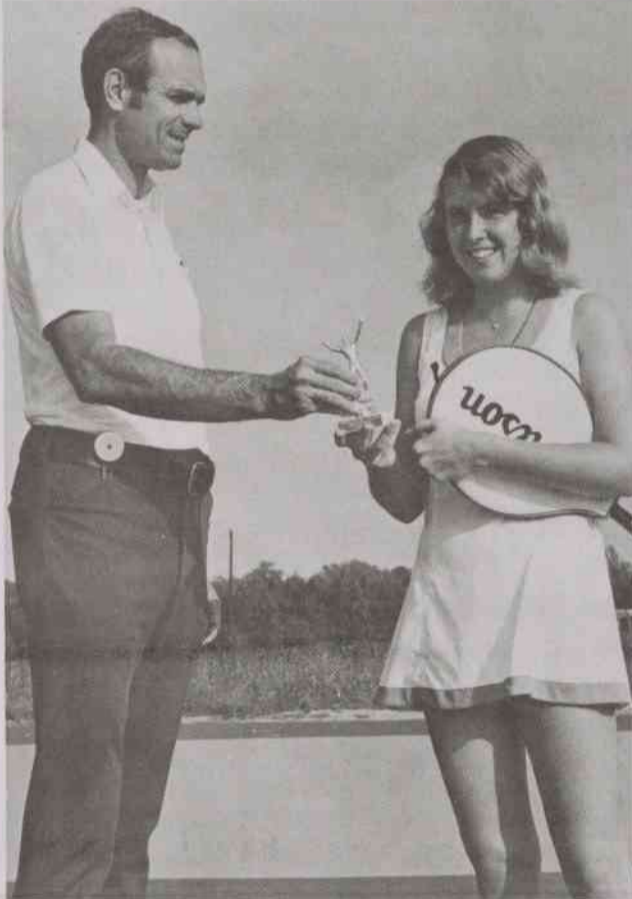
Ferrum 76 Braves 53

(1-26) The Braves lead by Payton and Stancil stayed with Ferrum College the first half, behind by 5 at the half the Braves committed numerous errors as Ferrum turned a highly contested game into a rout. Presently the Braves stand at 6-8 overall, 4-7 in Region 10 and 2-2 in the conference.

Payton 12, Smith 0, Brinn 0, Goffigan 9, Mathias 0, Stancil 12, Liverman 2, Roseboro 4, Higgs 6, Gregory 0, Billy Martin 4, Bobby Martin 2, Days 2



Chowan College's women's basketball team. Members are, from left, front row: Cindy Ward of Tyner and Marla Jones of Lawrenceville, Va., captains; middle row, Jeannette Stephenson, Severn; JoAnn Light, Mechanicsville, Va.; Jean Bilski, Mechanicsville, Va.; Kathy Stover, Williamsport, Md. Back row: Susan Ferebee, Camden; Jo Ann Johnson, Prospect, Va.; Annette Guyton, Oxford; Cheryl Gantt, Columbia, S.C.; Lisa Dabney, Staunton, Va.; and Mrs. Janet H. Collins, coach. Chowan will play six of its 15 games in the Bravess' gym.



Diane Keough of Vienna, Va., defeated two male opponents to capture a singles title in the Sandhills Invitational Tennis Tournament. Diane was the only member of Chowan College's team to win. Diane gained the finals with a 6-2, 6-4 win over her Sandhills opponents. She lost the first set in the finals, 2-6, before whipping her Mt. Olive competition 6-2, 6-1. She was the only coed in the tournament, and is the first girl to play for Chowan in a tournament and score a point. Diane also played on the girls' team at George C. Marshall High School, and she will play for Chowan during the spring competition. A secretarial administration major, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Keough of 9345 Sibelius Dr., Vienna, Va. Chowan is coached by Bill McCraw, shown admiring her trophy.

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Girls Down CNC 47-37

Breaking Losing Streak

After losing its first game by a lopsided margin, Chowan College's women's basketball team threw a scare at North Carolina State JV's, leading at the half, before finally falling, 57-49, on the Braves' court Jan. 21.

Forward Aleph Woodard has pace Chowan in the two games, scoring 20 points in the season opening 70-57 defeat to College of the Albemarle, and 13 points against State.

Against COA, Chowan trailed by only five, 33-28, at the half. COA switched to the zone and this resulted in their runaway. Forward Lisa Dabney scored 11 points, and guard Kathy Stover 10.

Chowan reacted just the opposite against State's defense. The lady Braves has no trouble against the JV's zone defense in the first half, building up a 24-19 advantage over the tall visitors. But Chowan had difficulty in the second half against State's full court man to man defense.

Good shooting from the free throw line kept the Braves in the second half. For the game, Chowan shot 7 made 73 percent of its free throws.

Through the two games, Woodard is the leading scorer with a 16.5 average. Stover is averaging nine points, and Dabney 8.5. The leading rebounders are Woodard, center Annette Guyton, and Stover.

The Braves meet Peace Monday afternoon in Raleigh before playing Louisburg at home Thursday at 6:30 p.m. prior to the men's game against Louisburg.

Lady Braves Triumphant

Chowan College's women's basketball team snapped a four-game losing streak defeating a senior college, Christopher Newport, 47-37 away Jan. 31.

A second-half rally provided the Lady Braves the win. They trailed at the half, 18-16. Chowan made 54 percent of its shots from

the floor after intermission, while throwing up a tenacious defense to take CNC.

Chowan's improved floor play, cutting down on its turnovers was a key to the win. The Braves were not intimidated by Newport's full court press, which they used throughout the game. Chowan aided its own cause with six successful fast breaks during the rally.

Sophomore forward Aleph Woodard led an excellent team effort, scoring 19 points and pulling down 16 rebounds. Sophomore guard Lisa Dabney added 12 points and seven rebounds, while center Annette Guyton, also a sophomore, scored seven points and added 11 rebounds.

Others scoring for Chowan were guard Kathy Stover, six points; guard Cindy Ward, two points; and forward Susan Ferebee, one point.

In other recent play, Chowan lost to Peace, 87-37, and Louisburg, 76-30. Guyton scored 14 points and Woodard 13 and each snared seven rebounds to pace Chowan against Peace. Woodard's nine points was tops against Louisburg.

After five games, Woodard is leading the Braves with a 14.8 average, followed by Dabney with eight, and Guyton with 7.4. Woodard is also leading in field goal percentage, 41, followed by Stover and Guyton with 31. The top free throw shooters are Ferebee, 75 per cent, Stover, 69, and guard JoAnn Light, 67. Woodard leads in rebounds, 9.8, followed by Guyton, Stover and Dabney.

Braves' Coach Mrs. Janet Collins believes the win will help Chowan when they meet College of the Albemarle at home Wednesday at 7 p.m. "We were greatly improved over our other games," she noted. The players hustled and really played an outstanding game."

Chowan has two road games this week, at Wingate Friday, and Brevard Saturday.

Girls Lose to COA

Chowan College's women's basketball team continued a trend of playing well in one half and slipping the other while losing its fifth game, 65-43, to College of the Albemarle here Feb. 4.

The Lady Braves fell behind in the first half, 35-15, but rallied for 28 points after intermission. Chowan had used a second-half rally in its previous game to record its season's only win, 47-37, at Christopher Newport Jan. 31.

This time Chowan had too far to go after allowing COA a 20-point first half advantage. The Braves out rebounded COA in the second half but were hampered by making only 26 per cent of their shots. Chowan's coach, Mrs. Janet Collins, is convinced her players can shoot much better than this. She believes improvement will hinge on more accurate shooting and reducing turnovers.

Mrs. Collins was pleased with the spirit of the team. "We did not give up," she noted. She is confident the team will soon be playing two good halves of basketball.

Sophomore forwards Aleph Woodard and Lisa Dabney with 16 and 12 points respectively led the Braves. Others scoring for Chowan were center Annette Guyton, seven; forward Susan Ferebee, five; guard Cindy Ward, two; and center Cheryl Gantt, one.

Woodard improved her team-leading scoring average to 15. She is followed by Dabney with 8.8 and Guyton with 7.3.

Woodard is also the leading rebounder, averaging 9.6. Guyton's average is 6 and Stover's 5.3.

Chowan plays powerful East Carolina University JV's at home Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Chip Herring Named Most Valuable Player

Sophomore Chip Herring of Wilmington, named Chowan College's most valuable football player for the 1975 season, receives his trophy from Braves' Head Coach Jim Garrison. Assistant coach Jerry Hawkins looks on. An offensive guard, Herring played in the Coastal Conference all-star game and was named to the district all-star team. Garrison said Herring, a co-captain, was the team's best blocker and inspirational leader.



Featured Speaker Earl Cleghorn

Temple University assistant football coach, Earl Cleghorn, was the featured speaker at the annual football banquet, at the end of the season, sponsored by Joe and Stanley Dixon and their families. Cleghorn played on Chowan's football team during the 1963 and 1964 seasons. He has been on Temple's coaching staff for 10 years. He credited Chowan as "the turning point in my life." He said he got his "basics" at Chowan which prepared him for transfer to a senior college. He challenged the sophomores to continue their education at a senior college, and he challenged the freshmen to have a winning season in 1976. "Winning is important, but more than that I want you to prepare for life and getting you a degree," he told the players.



Cummulative Games 17

	G	FG	FG	FG	Free	Reb.	Pts.
	Att	Made	Percent	Made	Avg.	Avg.	
Payton	17	203	110	54.2	48	8.4	15.7
Smith	6	17	4	24.0	3	1.0	1.8
Brinn	4	1	0	0.0	1	0.0	0.3
Goffigan	17	161	79	49.1	28	4.7	11.0
Stancil	5	15	8	53.0	4	0.0	4.0
Liverman	11	30	24	80.0	3	1.1	2.5
Roseboro	15	69	24	34.8	19	0.7	4.5
Higgs	17	148	70	47.3	18	8.5	9.4
Gregory	14	21	12	57.0	15	0.7	2.7
Martin Bobby	16	72	34	47.3	7	0.6	4.7
Martin Billy	17	155	95	61.9	15	1.9	12.1
Days	15	52	21	39.6	19	0.7	4.1
Mathias	14	23	10	43.5	8	1.4	2.0
Braves	17	971	481	49.6	180	32.2	73.2