

Dixon, Cherry Pace Win

By HARRY PICKETT

It was freshmen Sandy Dixon and Jennifer Cherry who powered the Chowan College Lady Braves to an exciting come-from-behind victory here over St. Paul's College November 28.

Dixon and Cherry tossed in 23 and 22 points respectively for the winners with their winning buckets coming in the last seven minutes of play, to lead the young Chowan team to a 92-80 triumph in its season's opener.

Chowan coach Roy Winslow said he was surprised his team trailed most of the game. "I thought we would be more poised" he revealed. "I expected to better than we did, even though I knew they (St Paul's) had a pretty good ball team."

Chowan trailed at intermission 43-36 to the experienced Tigerettes, and 68-61 after Shelia Allen put her team up by seven with a layup at 7:56 left in the second half.

But then Winslow made a change in his offense. He installed 6-2 center Judy Douglas at a low post position, and sent 6-1 forward Donnie Stephens high in an effort to get some back-door passes against the St. Paul's zone.

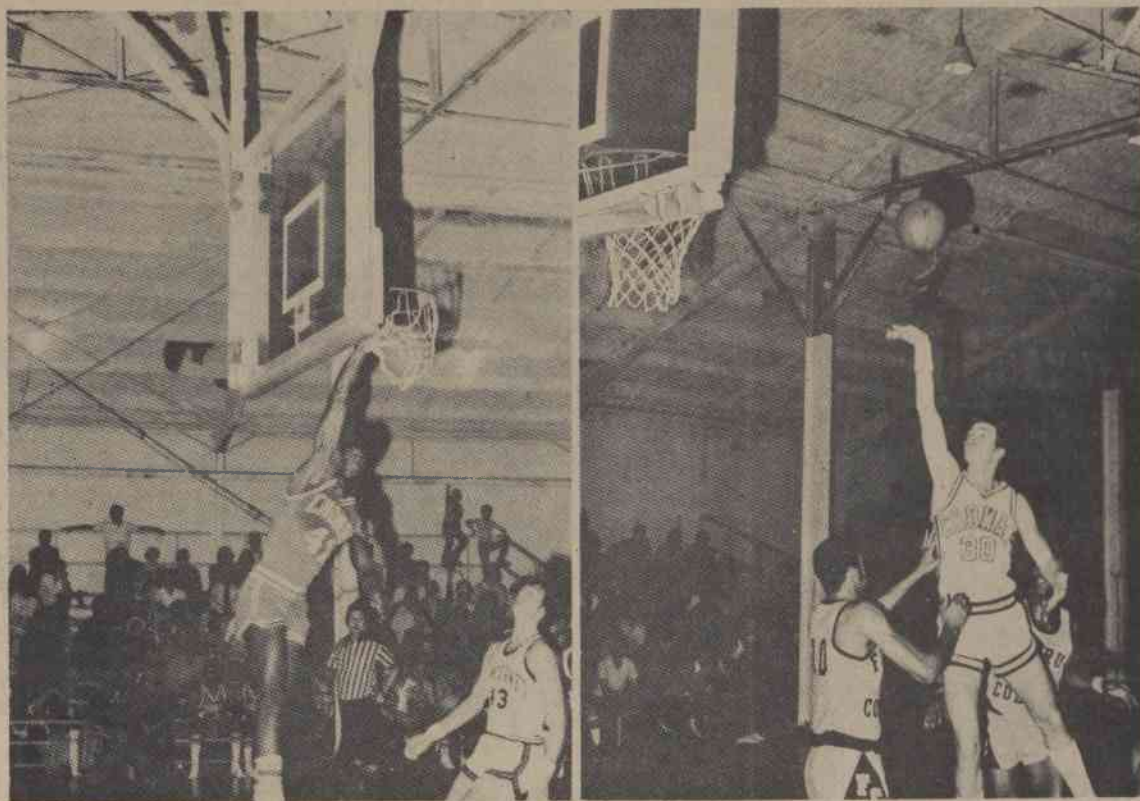
And it worked! But the Braves also got their offense to work with timely steals layups and jumpers off the fast break, led by guards Tina Midiri, Wilhemena Wilson and Dixon.

With Cherry netting on 12 of her 22 points and Dixon and Douglas adding another eight apiece during the spree, the Braves outscored St Paul's 32-12 in 7:44.

Winslow, who started an all-freshman lineup, said he told the youngsters to "loosen up" at halftime and to "move the ball, rebound and get aggressive."

"Everybody was tight and intimidated at the beginning, but they ran well the last seven minutes," he offered!

Stephens scored 16 and Douglas finished with 12 points and five assists. Dixon at 5-5, was the leading rebounder, grabbing nine boards. Midiri's five assists equaled Douglas's for the lead.



Johnny Johnson stuffs one of his patented slam dunks in the Tip Off final against Louisburg (at left) and Kim Griffin shoots over the head of a Ferrum defender who appears rooted to the floor. (Photos by Bill Williamson)

Lady Brave Spikers End Season With Best Tournament Finish

By KATHY FISHER

The Lady Braves finished second in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region X Volleyball Tournament and placed three players in All Regional and one in All-Tournament.

In the three years that the Chowan volleyball team has been in the NJCAA this is the first time it has placed second and sent three players to All-Regional. These are Georgia Ross, Wanda Bacote and Terri Tyler. Georgia Ross also made All-Tournament.

In the first round match the Lady Braves faced Spartanburg and lost 15-17; 11-15. Spartanburg out-served Chowan 7 to 5. Putting over the most serves for Chowan were Susan Whalen, Terri Tyler and Ross.

At the net Chowan out-played Spartanburg 7 to 1. Belva Tharpe, Ross, Tyler and Bacote made the most spikes and Ross and Tharpe, the most dinks. Whalen made made six drives.

Good defensive plays were made by Ross, Tyler and Tharpe. Heather Holt and Bacote were outstanding in serve reception.

The Braves had problems in the areas of serve reception, illegal hits

and missed spikes and sets. In spite of these problems, Mrs. Collins stated that it was still a competitive game with both teams equally matched.

In the semi-final match Chowan defeated Spartanburg 15-5; 15-3. The Braves out-served them 4 to 1 with Tyler, Ross, Holt, Tharpe and Whalen putting in the most serves.

Chowan also out-played them at the net 4 to 1 with Bacote and Holt spiking. Dinking consistently were Tharpe, Bacote and Tyler. Whalen also put in the most drives.

Holt was most consistent in serve reception. Ross, Tyler and Tharpe made the most defensive plays. The Braves encountered problems with their serving. Mrs. Collins said, "It was a beautiful match as far as Chowan making a comeback to beat this team solidly."

In the finals Chowan faced Louisburg and lost 7 to 15 : 11-15. Chowan was out-served 7 to 4 with Tharpe, Ross, Bacote and Holt being the most consistent servers. According to Mrs. Collins there was an excellent team effort on service.

At the net Chowan was out-played 6 to 4 in the first game and played evenly in

the second. Spiking well were Bacote and Ross.

Making good defensive plays were Tharpe, Tyler and Ross. Serve reception was the Braves major problem in this match along with illegal hits.

Mrs. Collins explained that the game was very competitive especially the second game when Chowan cut down on errors and improved the playing at the net.

The Chowan volleyball team will lose sophomores Cathie Pickens, Susan Whalen and Georgia Ross. There will be eight returning players next year-four of whom were starters.

Mrs. Collins believes that, assuming the freshmen return, the team will be in good shape next year. She would like to see the addition of five more players: one setter, one defensive player and three hitters.

Braves Hit Century In Season Opener

By HARRY PICKETT

Admiring the fervent yelling, screaming and chanting of "We want a hundred", freshman guard Elton Mosley calmly sank a pair of free throws with three seconds left, giving the Chowan Braves basketball team a 100-87 decision over Smithdeal Massey Business School here Friday, November 16.

The victory was the first for Chowan, coming in two-day doubleheader action. Chowan's debut triumph came after Craven Community College clipped Newport News Apprentice School, 67-52 in the first game.

On Saturday night, playing before a packed house, the Braves thought of capturing another 100-point performance was stymied by Craven's stall. It took a little gas out of the Chowan offense, but the Braves gave the Panthers some of their own medicine, installing its own "Cat and Mouse Game," and clinging on to a 42-38 victory.

Smithdeal Massey bounced Newport News around in the first game of Saturday night's action, 79-52.

Smithdeal gave the Braves some trouble in the first half after being down by as much as 13 (48-36), and coming on the last minute to reel off three straight baskets, cutting the halftime margin to 49-42.

Chowan coach Jerry Smith felt his team could have blown the Richmond school off the court early: "We were on the verge of putting them away—but we kept passing it to them."

"I don't think it was the passing as much as the mental mistakes, though."

Chowan played most of the contest without its big lettermen, 6-7 forward Johnny Johnson and 6-8 center William Barnes, who were in foul trouble. Freshmen forward Larry Canady and center Douglas Stevenson filled the sophomores' shoes without much trouble.

Canady scored 6 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the reserve role, and Stevenson scored 7 points and snared 5 rebounds. "I thought Larry and Doug did a good job," Smith reflected. "We played 40 percent of the game without Barnes and Johnson."

Chowan's largest lead of the game was 22 after freshman forward Mark Hunter laid one in with 1:29 left to give the Braves a 98-76 margin. "We want a hundred!" The crowd chanted,

and the Braves rushed to get the magic number for their fans, but, in the process, gave Smithdeal 11 unanswered points (98-87), before Mosley filled the cords.

"We were in too big of a hurry," Smith confessed. "We're going to be better once we learn."

Johnson scored a team-high 16 points to lead the Braves. Barnes and Kim Griffin each netted for 10. Mark Moore collected 9.

Craven went into its stall-type offense with 4:50 remaining in the half Saturday night and wound up with a surprising tie at intermission with the defending Eastern Tarheel champions, 25-25. The slow-down offense was a tactic used by Craven coach Si Seymour to keep Chowan from running up the score.

After the score was knotted three times in the second half, with freshman center Douglas Stevenson doing most of the damage underneath for Chowan, Smith decided to go with his stall with 9:10 left, and the score at 38-all.

Chowan proceeded to run the clock down to 3:55, where William Barnes was fouled. Barnes then hit both ends of the 1-and-1, putting the Braves ahead, 40-38.

And then it was "Keep the ball from Chowan Time" again. Craven went back into its stall, looking for one last shot to tie it with over three minutes left. But it wasn't until with 12 seconds left in the game that Craven made its move the basket, and then they were called for a traveling violation with three ticks left.

Haywood Evans sank two freethrows, after being fouled before a roaring crowd with one second left, tallying the final score at 42-38.

"The difference between this game and Friday night's game is that we played their (Craven) game, and last night (Friday) we played our game," Smith Explained.

Haywood Evans dropped 8 points to lead the Braves in the low-scoring contest. Barnes had 7 and Kim Griffin followed with 6.

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All Share In Big Win

By HARRY PICKETT

Jerry Smith didn't have a worry in this world.

During its game with non-conference team N.C. Wesleyan College Monday night, Chowan College's basketball team's biggest objective was to see that every member played—and they did—and every player scored, except one, to power the home team to a lop-sided 106-69 victory over the junior varsity team.

Coach Smith's undefeated Braves rolled to their seventh triumph of the season, while the Rocky Mount four-year school dropped its season opener.

"I knew before the game," Smith said, "that the freshmen would get to play. They play against a better team every day in practice."

"I knew they (N.C. Wesleyan) weren't going to be that strong, and I figured we would play 60 percent of the game with freshman. This game helps the freshmen, not our region rankings."

Chowan ran away with the game early, converting on five straight baskets to roll up a 10-0 lead before the visitors realized what hit them.

With 6-8 center William Barnes and 6-7 forward Johnny Johnson doing most of the damage underneath, the Braves were able to overpower the visitors, plus outquick Wesleyan with guards Haywood Evans and Andre Cobb on the fast breaks.

A Johnson steal and slam dunk put the Braves up 18-4 with 16:57 remaining in the half, and The Braves Coasted on to a 66-44 halftime lead, with the freshmen working the last 13 minutes.

With Chowan's freshmen doing most of the damage in the second stanza, the Braves outscored Wesleyan 40-25.

"It's hard to say we played a good game," Smith observed. "After the first 10 minutes, they (Wesleyan) weren't in the ball game."

Barnes and Johnson both netted 12 points for the winners, while grabbing 13 and six rebounds respectively.

Freshmen Elton Mosley, Larry Canady, Andre Cobb and Chuck Maness each chipped in 10. Mosley dished off, also, for a game high five assists, and Canady snatched nine rebounds. Freshman Mark Hunter added nine and Douglas Stevenson pulled 11 boards.

Johnson's Best Game Leads Over Ferrum

By HARRY PICKETT

Johnny Johnson had his best game as a Chowan College Brave basketball player November 26, as the muscular 6-7 forward powered the Braves to a 99-76 victory over Ferrum College.

The leaping sophomore from Tarboro dominated board play, hauling in a career-high 26 rebounds, 24 points and five assists to lead Coach Jerry Smith's defending Eastern Tarheel Conference champs to their fifth straight victory this season without a loss.

"Johnny played a super, super game," Smith reflected following the team's victory. "He made a few mistakes out there, but he realizes the ones he made."

Johnson added, "I made a couple of mistakes, but I'll look over them and work on them at practice." Johnson noted that because rival Ferrum was Chowan's opponent Monday, it gave him and his teammates the extra incentive to crush the smaller Panthers. "I was just ready for them."

Johnson's play wasn't the only bright spot for the Chowan team. Freshman

guard Mark Moore of Halifax, Va, continued to impress the Chowan partisans with his surprising offensive prowess. The 6-3 reserve knocked in 22 points and took over team leadership in scoring, averaging a respectable 13.3.

Moore, who yanked six rebounds on the evening, said he felt better on the court Monday night than he had all season "especially since it was Ferrum."

Smith says emphatically of his young team: "If we aren't the best team in the region, we're close."

"If we keep our poise, and don't fold, we're going to beat a lot of people." Other impressive performers for Chowan included freshman forward Larry Canady of Kinston, who netted for a season-high nine points and snatched an identical number of rebounds.

William Barnes, sophomore center out of Greenville, scored nine points and grabbed seven boards. Sophomores Jean Earl Williams of Lewiston and Mark Murdock of China Grove each scored nine, while Tarboro's Haywood Evans dished out five assists.

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Barnes Leads

Led by William Barnes' 17 points and 15 rebounds, undefeated Chowan College picked up its sixth victory of the season November 30 in a sloppily played game here, 63-50, over Smithdeal Massey.

Chowan took a 42-28 advantage at the half, after having at one point, a 20-point lead (42-22) with 3:51 left. Smithdeal outscored the Braves in the second half 22-21. Both teams shot below the .500 mark in the second stanza.

Andre Cobb netted 14 points for the evening from his guard position. Johnny Johnson followed with 11 points and 14 rebounds.