

1969 Chowan College Football Team

The 1969 edition of the Chowan College Braves are: front row, from left: Herman Henderson, Prince George, Va.; Joe Burton, Staunton, Va.; Greg Hartranft, Fulton, N. Y.; Donnie Phillips, Erwin, John Casazza, Old Bridge, N. J.; Nick Shook, Windsor; Bill Holt, Virginia Beach, Va., Lee Copeland, Cofield, Steve Driscoll, Charlottesville, Va.: Mike Swartley, Steelton, Pa.; Jim Fair, Norfolk, Va.: Pete London, Hampton, Va.: Dan Dayvault, Kannapolis. Second row, Steve Veasey, South Boston, Va., Morris Newlin, Greensboro: Claude Shell, Dinwiddie, Va.: Vince Maggio, Far Rockaway, N. Y.; Earl Gibson, Raeford; Mark Carnes, Steelton, Pa.: Ricky Eason, Ayden: Bob Kilbourne, Prince George, Va.: Jimmy Thomas, Murfreesboro: Ronnie Jarman, Durham: Bill Harris, Durham: Floyd Jackson, Hope Mills; and third row, Jerry Winnette, Virginia Beach, Va., Tim Dudley, Chesapeake, Va.: Kent Ferguson, Winston-Salem; Chip Isaacs, Manikin, Va.: Bob Underwood, Newport News, Va.; Ken Johnson, Erwin: Carroll Hart, Oxford; Greg Parks, Newport News, Va.; Bill Whymeyer, Scranton, Pa.; Tom Graham, Williamsburg, Va.; Donald Patton, Winston-Salem; and Norman Cage, Ashland, Va. The fourth row: Tom Gregory, Hertford, Charles Whitlow, Blackstone, Va.; Wayne Storey, Prince George, Va.; Joe Flora, Norfolk, Va.; Linwood Ferguson, Greenville: Bob Kent, Jr., Richmond, Va.; Ronnie Robertson, Suffolk, Va.; Danny Croom, Kinston, Mickey Outten, Eastville, Va.; Chip Burden, Annandale, Va.; Bob Comerford, Annandale, Va.; row five: Bill Jones, Dinwiddie, Va.; Ray Ewing, Hartsville, S. C.; John Bowles, Virginia Beach, Va.; Laverne Parker, Chocowinity: Peyton Barton, Tappahannock, Va.; Ivan Insignaries, New York, N. Y., Bob Daganhart, Richmond, Va.; Gary Mier, Alexandria, Va.; Lynn Spears, Richmond, Va.; Neil Peterson, Clinton, Va.; and John Llewellyn, Sandston, Va.

Strong ECU Freshmen defeat Braves

East Carolina University Freshmen reached into their bag of tricks and unleashed subfullback Leslie Strayhorn who streaked 78 yards for a touchdown midway in the fourth quarter to dash Chowan College's comeback bid and give the Baby Bucs a 33-27 victory Oct. 25 at Chowan Stadium.

Running from the unfamiliar single wing, East Carolina kept Chowan guessing with laterals, delayed runs, sleight of hand, and other deceptions.

However, in the end the Pirates won on the sheer power of Strayhorn. Chowan had scored two quick touchdowns in the fourth quarter to move to a 27-26 lead. What Strayhorn did after that shouldn't happen — not to Chowan anyway.

On the second play following Chowan's kickoff, the big back burst through the line, broke several tackles, and raced 78 yards for the winning score with seven minutes left.

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Chowan made one first down after receiving the kickoff and then was forced to punt. After

East Carolina made a first down, Chowan's defense stiffened and the Braves had another chance late in the game.

Starting on their own 44, quarterback John Casazza tossed 21 yards to favorite target, Wingate Burden, to advance to the Pirates' 35. Casazza was then thrown for a seven-yard loss. and on second down his throw to Dan Dayvault was no good. Casazza hit Morris Newlin for eight yards to East Carolina's 34. With no time outs left, Chowan lined up hastily without a huddle. Casazza's fourth down pass to Burden was incomplete and the ball went over to the Pirates who proceeded to run out the clock

Chowan started the game with the intention of disproving the claim carried on the Baby Bucs' chartered bus: "We're not good-WE'RE GREAT!" Chowan received the kickoff and after an exchange of punts, the Braves drove from their own 39 to East Carolina's 13 where Robert Kilbourne kicked the first of two field goals.

East Carolina grabbed the lead in the second quarter when Strayhorn rambled 11 yards at the end of a 52-yard drive requiring seven plays, all on the ground. The extra point attempt was blocked. Eight minutes remained, time for another field goal by Kilbourne, this time a 43-yarder to tie the score at 6-6, and solo TD's by East Carolina and Chowan.

With two minutes left in the half, Strayhorn scored from his one to climax a 77-yard, nine-play drive. Bill Daniels kicked the extra point but Chowan roared back 61 yards on six plays with Dayvault covering the last yard. Kilbourne's kick tied the score at 13-13. The big plays were a 22-yard pass from Casazza to Burden and 27-yard scamper by Casazza.

At halftime, the Bravettes, 12-member girls' drill team from Chowan and the Princess Anne High School band from Virginia Beach, Va. entertained the fans.

East Carolina threatened to break the game wide open in the third quarter on two attempts and the Baby Bucs lead stood at 26-13.

Chowan was shut out in the third quarter but an injury to Casazza in the fourth served as a spark to ignite a rally that resulted in two TD's and two extra points with the defense figuring big in both.

With East Carolina operating from their own 14, the fired-up Braves, maddened by the injury to Casazza, drove the ball-carrier back into his endzone where he was hit by three Braves. Bob Cumerford picked up the fumble for a TD and Kilbourne split the uprights on signal to narrow East Carolina's lead to 26-20.

After the kickoff, East Carolina lost the ball on the second play when a stray lateral was recovered by Nick Shook at the Greenville lads' 25.

Casazza rejoined his mates on the field and called on No. 10, Dayvault, six straight times. The last run was for four yards and the TD knotting the score at 26 all. Kilbourne's kick made it 27-26 before the jubilant home fans.

Their celebration was short-lived, however, when Strayhorn turned in his gem, his third TD of the game. Daniels' kick ended the scoring as Chowan suffered its third straight defeat. The Braves' record is now 3-3-1.

Chowan's leading ground gainer was Dayvault who gained 85 yards on 23 carries and scored two touchdowns. Carroll Hart added 22 yards on six tries. Burden caught eight passes for 107 yards.

STATISTICS CHOWAN

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0	Fumbles lost	2

Whenever you find you are on the side of the majority, it is time to reform. —Mark