

Coach says wrestlers to be best in history

The Chowan Braves Wrestling team, under the direction of second-year Coach Paul Anthony, look to have the best team in school history. Fifteen sophomores, including thirteen lettermen, return this year along with the strongest group of freshmen ever assembled.

The Braves are coming off a 10-3 regular season record, including a 13th ranking nationally in the final N.J.C.A.A. poll. The 1986-87 schedule is tougher than last year, but the outlook is still promising. Anthony, a Virginia Tech graduate, is excited about the personnel he has and the chance to go back to the National Finals.

Returning Matmen

Returning from last season's Mid-Atlantic Conference runner-up team are several outstanding wrestlers. Tom Elphick (118) and Chris Moore (190) both qualified for the N.J.C.A.A. tournament. Tracy Foster (134), Billy Webster (150) and Tim Curran (167) all placed in the M.A.C. Tournament. Eian Kelley (126), Chris Conti and Tim Penhollow (134), Sal Bosco (158), Carl Scammell (177) and Jim Cullinane (HWT.) are all expected to provide experience, depth and to fill in holes in the starting line-up.

Coach Anthony had a very successful recruiting year and several freshmen will have the opportunity to make the starting line-up.

Joining the Squad

The freshmen recruits came to Chowan with some impressive credentials. Lenny Bono (118) was State AAA champ in Virginia; Mark Orfield (118) qualified for the state championship in Florida; Scott Conti (126) finished 4th in AAA in Virginia; James Moorer was a three-time State 4-A champion in South Carolina; Terrence Washington

(142) placed 3rd in South Carolina 4-A; Larry Carwise (142) was state champ in Florida; Randy Watson (142) will also contribute to the squad; Art Moser (150) was a Virginia 3-A State qualifier; Doug Walters (150) finished 6th place in Pennsylvania 3-A; Charlie Parker (158) had a 2nd place in Virginia 3-A; Ernest Harris (167) finished 5th in Virginia 3-A; and Heavyweight Martin Williams was State runner-up in South Carolina 4-A.

The Braves have a difficult schedule against a majority of senior colleges, and Anthony is gearing his wrestlers for the M.A.C. tournament in February.

Ken Bunker accepts ODU cage post

Kenny Bunker, former assistant basketball coach at Chowan, has accepted the position of assistant coach at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va. By receiving the ODU post, Bunker has realized one of his primary coaching goals, which is to reach the Division I level.

"I think all coaches want to reach the top, and in college basketball that means coaching on the Division I level," said Bunker. "ODU is one of the top fifty basketball programs in the nation and naturally, I'm well pleased."

At ODU, Bunker will be working under head coach Tom Young, who according to Bunker, "has been a winner everywhere he has coached." And it would seem that Young and his staff have their work cut out for them, as the team graduated seven of its top nine players. "There will be a lot of new faces there, and the team will be young and inexperienced. But the talent definitely is there."

Wrestler	Hometown	Weight Class
Bano, Lenny	Virginia Beach, VA	118
Bosco, Sal	Coral Springs, FL	167
Campbell, Michael	Benson, NC	118
Carwise, Larry	Lake City, FL	142
Conti, Chris	Annandale, VA	142
Conti, Scott	Annandale, VA	126
Cullinane, Jim	Purcellville, VA	HWT
Curran, Tim	Wall, NJ	177
Cutchens, Brian	Portsmouth, VA	177
Edwards, Curtis	Portsmouth, VA	142
Foster, Tracy	Canandaigua, NY	142
Harris III, Ernest	Chesapeake, VA	158
Moore, James	Charleston, SC	134
Moser, Arta	Oakton, VA	150
Orfield, Mark	Jacksonville, FL	126
Parker, Charles	Virginia Beach, VA	167
Penhollow, Tim	Washington, NC	134
Stuckey, Chris	Charleston, SC	150
Watson, Ronald	Jacksonville, FL	147

Elphick, Tom	Prospect Park, NJ	126
Kelley, Eion	Fairfax, VA	126
Moore, Chris	Gowsin, NC	190
Scammell, Carl	Canandaigua, NY	177
Walters, Doug	Howard, PA	150



President Bruce Whitaker, right, assisted by Professor Bob Brown, third from left, presented the trophy and \$500 from Belk Tyler Store of Ahsokie to Menchville High School of Newport News, Va., named Band

of the Day during the Fall Festival of Marching Bands during the 1986 Homecoming. The band presented the halftime show as the Braves defeated their homecoming opponent, Potomac State, 20-7.

Lady Braves optimistic

The Lady Braves are optimistically looking forward to the 1986-87 basketball season. Coach Belinda McKeel is confident that her team will be able to rebound from last year's disappointing 4 and 20 record.

Two years ago, the Lady Braves went to the National Finals and Coach McKeel's squad would like to return to that level of success. It was a good recruiting year last Spring as new faces have arrived on campus to go with 3 returning sophomores.

Face Traditional Foes

Chowan will be young and inexperienced as they engage in tough Region X play. The Lady Braves will battle traditional foes such as Lees-McRae, Anderson, North Greenville, Brevard, and Louisburg. Chowan will, also, participate in the Jackie Ammon Classic in late January.

Coach McKeel will look to her 3 returning sophomores to provide leadership and scoring for the 86-87 team. Barbara Lewis, Rosalyn Flood, and Melanie Sawyer bring needed experience to a freshmen laden squad.

Barbara Lewis, a 5'10" Murfreesboro native, is very aggressive on defense and has a good outside shot for a player her size. Lewis, an excellent rebounder, has made the biggest turnaround of any player ever coached by Belinda McKeel. Barbara is being counted on to help control the offensive and defensive boards.

Division I Prospect

Belhaven, N.C. native Melanie Sawyer, a product of Pungo Academy, is being highly recruited by Division I schools. The 5'10"

forward was All-Conference last season and one of the leading scores last year. Melanie will be expected to shoulder the offensive and defensive burden this season. A team leader, Sawyer is being counted on by Coach McKeel for good overall play.

Another Murfreesboro native is sophomore Rosalyn Flood. Rosalyn at 5'8" led Region X last season in steals and was one of the leading scorers on the Chowan Squad. Flood makes things happen on the hardwood and, according to her coach, is one of the most aggressive players she has ever had.

These 3 young ladies will be expected to provide the leadership for a talented class of freshmen. The tallest recruit for Coach McKeel is 6'0" center, Lisa Thomas from Coral Gables, Florida. The Female High School

Armstrong award established

The Mary Lou Jones Armstrong Business Award has been funded by her husband, Noble B. Armstrong of Houston, Texas; her son, Boyd Armstrong; and family friend, Dr. Lee R. Polk.

Mrs. Armstrong is an alumna (Class of 1929) and was instrumental in establishing the Department of Business.

The award will be presented annually to the outstanding graduating sophomore in the Department of Business.

Athlete of the Year has tremendous leaping ability and has been very strong in pre-season practice.

To See Action

Charlene Cutrell is a good shooter and the 5'7" player has shown great desire and hustle.

Amy Pierce, 5'7" led her high school team to the 1-A Eastern Regions semi-finals. With an excellent shooting touch, Amy plays taller than her actual size. Miss Pierce will probably have the role of the first or second sub off the bench.

Kim Rogers is the only walk-on that Coach McKeel has on the '86 team. The Rowland, N.C. native is developing into a solid player and will be a valuable reserve.

Stephanie Elliot, at 5'6", plays the important point guard position. A good jumper and shooter, Stephanie will be a valuable backup player.

Regina Cox, 5'9", from North Pitt High School and Bethel, will play center and forward. A member of the 1985-1986 All East Team, Regina has good quickness and will be a help this season for the Lady Braves.

Tammy Donahue, a 5'4" point guard from Moyock, N.C. and Currituck High School, is the shortest player on the roster. A point guard who will be asked to handle pressure defenses and run the offense. Tammy is probably the best passer on the team and should be a leader in assists for Chowan.

Three returns and seven young freshmen, the 1986-87 Lady Braves are eager to get started. Coach McKeel and her squad hope to recapture the magic and return to the national form of two years ago.