



PERSEVERANCE

If At First You Don't Succeed . . .

There is an old wise saying that states, "Good things come to those who wait." This quote can be said of the junior varsity football squad. The team struggled through a year of hardships and disappointments cumulating in heartfelt victory in their last game of the season.

The Bullpups opened their season by stomping North Charleston 13-8 and launching a bright future for the team. The visions were quickly shattered, when the team, filled with hope and excitement was atomized by Wando 0-23. This devastation led to a seven game losing streak.

The team suffered from more young inexperienced players than they ever had before. The backfield showed only the experience found in

veteran tailback Eric Stephens. The team had only five returning players and many eighth graders.

The few returning players were a big asset to the team as most played both ways. Veteran tenth grader Miquel Koger assumed the hard-hitting duties of offensive tackle as well as nose-guard. Veteran Ninth grader Jeff Hickman acted as offensive guard and linebacker. Not only did the team lack experience but they lacked size as well. The entire offensive line was much smaller than it was in past years.

Throughout the long and tiring season the Bullpups strived for that one moment of victory that was always fleeting from their grasp. The team struggled through one-sided

games with Berkeley, Summerville and Stratford but the hunger for that one win was growing in their minds and their hearts. When the last game of the season arrived most thought that all hope was gone but the young men of the junior varsity football team had no intentions of losing another game.

As the Burke Bulldogs took the field the pulse of every player began to race and it did not stop until the time went off the scoreboard and Walterboro had reigned victorious. This last chance victory, being achieved by an one-hundred percent effort from every player, cumulating in a win for the young inexperienced squad.

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