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A Nucleus for the Future

This year's soccer team basically consisted of new players who concentrated on improving as a whole team. It attempted this by incorporating the experience of the few veteran players with the finesse of the younger rookies. The combination of these two fundamental characteristics was astounding; however, experience and finesse did not make up for the inexperience of not playing together on the same team in the past.

Ricky Wilson, Cliff Warren, Darren Seigler, and Bennie Hutto provided the necessary leadership as the only four returning senior players. These players were exceptional members of the team. Wilson, Seigler, and Hutto made All-Tournament in the Beaufort Soccer Classic, and Coach

Don Carr described Warren as a "team player" because he could play several positions well. Warren broke his right arm during a match with Goose Creek and was unable to finish the season. This, however, was not a fatal blow to Warren as he, Seigler, and Hutto qualified for All-Region at the end of the season. Toward the end of the season, Warren commented that the members of the team were "just starting to play like a team, and if we just had one more year to play together, we would be undefeatable." Coach Carr reinforced this statement by comparing Walterboro's soccer program with that of many other schools, including Summerville.

Carr pointed out that "Summer-

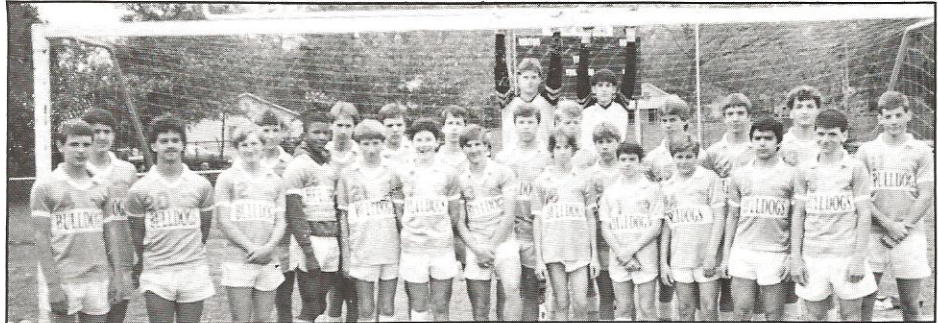
ville's players play all year as well as having played together for many years because of other soccer programs that are separate from the school." Coach Carr added that the team was about "two years down the road from the play-offs." He attributed the skill of the young rookies to the recent formation of the Recreation Commission Soccer League and the intramural program at the high school. Carr commented that first year senior player Jim Miller was a fine example of Coach Burke's accomplishments in founding the intramural program.

"In perspective," Carr observed, "this team is a nucleus for the future."

by Leah C. Bell



Starting goalie Ricky Wilson leaps high into the air in order to save the ball from surrounding Summerville opponents.



The 1987 Bulldog Soccer Team



Bennie Hutto, a senior, watches the ball descent as he tries to gain a foothold against his opponent.