

Team Unity

An Important Asset

To Bulldogs

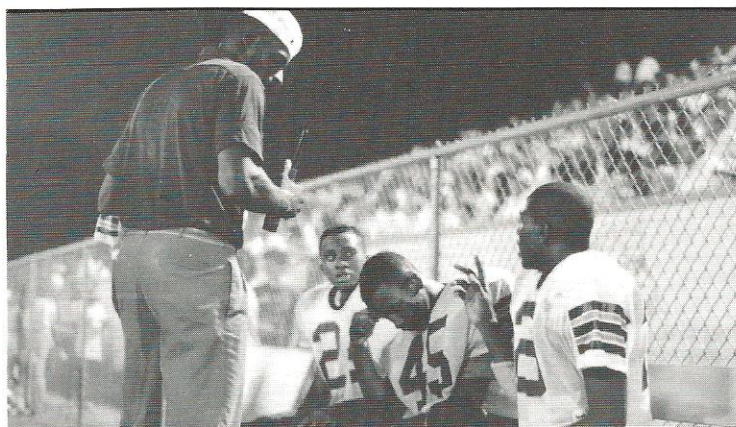
Team unity was a point of strong emphasis for the Bulldogs the past season. It proved to be a very important asset in a long year filled with countless injuries and numerous setbacks. The team managed, however, to stick together in the face of these adversities and finished the season strong, although it did not reflect on the scoreboard. Coach Leroy Riley says, "Team unity is very important when going through a tough season. Although our record was nothing to brag about, I'm proud of the way the players represented themselves, the school, and the community. They gave their best effort as a team and were winners in every sense of the word."

According to Coach Riley, the Berkeley game was the crucial turning point

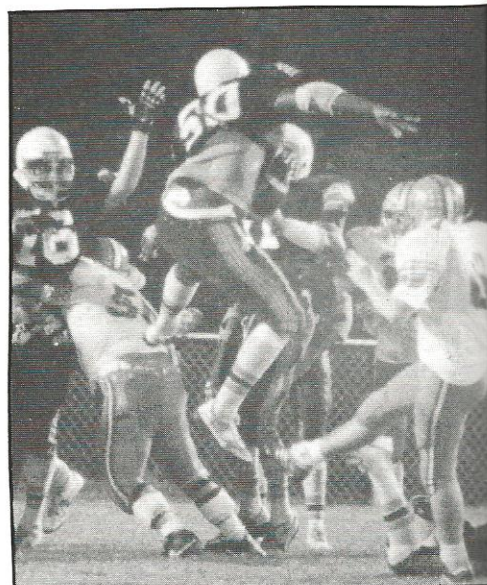
of the season for the team. After this game, the players seemed to play much harder and showed much more togetherness. Team spirit began to improve steadily and peaked during the final two games of the season, resulting in one badly needed victory against Middleton and a hard-fought game against Summerville, two of the top teams in the conference.

How did the players feel about team unity? Junior Jeremy Ware stated, "The team unity was very admirable seeing as how we stuck together throughout a disappointing season." Senior Kenny Bowman best described the team's unity saying, "The team was more like a family this year and, despite what the record shows, went down fighting."

COACH BURKE DISCUSSES strategy with Leron Allen, Clarence Robinson, and Jay Davis. This trio composed the defensive backfield most of the season.



NORMAN HAND gives the needed effort to block this James Island kick.



JEFF HICKMAN, selected to the All-Region team, attempts to tackle this Northwest running back. Hickman was one of the team's leading tacklers.

