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The Lady Bulldogs had yet another successful season, finishing with a 23-2 mark and yet another Region 6-AAAA championship. Comprised of mostly seniors, the team was expected to have a fine season. Undefeated throughout the regular season, the Lady Dogs ended the regular season and headed into the state playoffs with something no other team at WHS has ever had — the number one ranking in the state. "It was nice knowing that there were people out there that felt we were deserving of such a ranking," said Coach Rusty Adams, who was chosen as the Region 6-AAAA Coach of the Year. "It was an honor to have that ranking near the end of the regular season, but the one that really counts is the final ranking."

After going undefeated through the regular season, the ladies claimed the number three seed in the state playoffs. They beat West Florence 12-0 in the first game, but lost to Lancaster 3-1 in the second game. Tracy Reeves, who was

named both an All-Region player and Co-player of the Year, stated, "The loss made us realize that we aren't unbeatable, but it could have happened at a different time." They quickly rebounded, defeating Richland-Northeast 14-0, and advanced to the fourth round of the playoffs to meet conference rival Summerville, whom they defeated 7-0. The Lower State championship game pitted the ladies against Lancaster once more. This game proved to be just as exciting as the first, but Lancaster prevailed again with a 7-4 victory.

Seven of the team's starting line-up, including Tracy Reeves, Monica Linder, Christy Moseley, Christy Bashnan, Lanette Polk, Nicole Holmes, and Gina Johnson, an All-Region selection, graduated after the end of the season. Even after losing these seven starters, Coach Adams expects to have another fine season next year.

By Jason Dandridge



BOTTOM ROW: Rhonda Mingo, Kayo Morita

MIDDLE ROW: Michelle Minton, LaWanda Aiken, Misty Linder, Missy Bennett, Vivian Kirkpatrick.

TOP ROW: Coach Rusty Adams, Christy Bashnan, Monica Linder, Christy Moseley, Gina Johnson, Tracy Reeves, Nicole Holmes, Lanette Polk, Coach Marsha Coe