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This football season will definitely be remembered by all for years to come. Not only was the season interrupted for a couple of weeks by Hurricane Hugo, but the team soundly defeated the Green Wave for the first time in fourteen years. The victory guaranteed the Dogs a share of the conference championship and a playoff berth, neither of which had happened often in the history of the Walterboro football program.

The team returned only fourteen seniors from last year's 2-9 squad and was expected to finish in the conference cellar. What caused the big turn around from last season? Several things, according to Head Coach Leroy Riley. "The coaches knew how the players performed more than last year. The players were stronger, and they kept a good attitude throughout the season," he continued. "We also had good, skilled people with talent in positions they had never played. The emergence of James Walker and Clarence Robinson at running back, Gianni Garret at quarterback, and Norman Hand at tight end were prime examples of this."

The regular season was certainly filled with its ups and downs for the Bulldogs. After winning two of their first four games, Hugo hit and delayed the season for a few weeks. The layoff did, however, provide the team with an opportunity to get in a little extra practice time. It forced the Dogs to do something no other Walterboro football team had ever done before — play three games in a span of eight days. This proved to be a tremendous undertaking since many of the players ended up with a few minor injuries that would not have had adequate time to heal between games. Junior Norman Hand, one of the team's captains, commented, "It was tough, but we were prepared for it. The games helped us get better as well as giving us a good shot at making the playoffs."

The Dogs finished the year with a game that will never be forgotten. Playing in the Citadel's Johnson Hagood Stadium, the Bulldogs thrashed the Summerville Green Wave 32-13.

— Jason Dandridge



JUNIOR FULLBACK Kenny Rivers plunges hard into the hole looking for extra yardage. Rivers ran hard for the Dogs all season.



JAMES WALKER and Jeremy Ware celebrate an electrifying touchdown run by Walker against Dillon. Walker ran two

touchdowns against a Dillon defense that had not been scored upon in just over eight games.

