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Bowman for a double-header with the Bulldogs. The Warhawks edged the Bulldogs 6-3 in the first game to move ahead 1-0 in the series. In the next game, the Warhawks gave the First Baptist Hurricanes a 16-0 thrashing. On April 6, John C. captured a 7-0 truimph over arch-rival Thomas Heyward to put them in the State Playoffs. The Hawks concluded their regular season with a 13-1 victory over First Baptist and a disappointing 4-7 loss to Country Day; however, the defeat did not dampen the Warhawks' spirits. They traveled to Orangeburg and took an extra-inning 9-6 decision over the Willington Patriots, thus gaining their third straight conference title, and a top seed and a home-field advantage in the state playoffs.

In the first game of the Lower State playoffs, which is a best of three series, John C. posted a 6-3 win over Thomas Sumter at Warhawk Field. The Hawks then played the Thomas Sumter Generals in Sumter. The score was tied 10-10 after five innings, but the Warhawks rallied and again triumphed over the Generals by a score of 17-10. The win put the team into the state finals with Willington Academy.

The baseball team and Warhawk fans traveled to Orangeburg for the first game of the state finals, also a best of three series. The Hawks jumped out to a 4-0 advantage after two innings and held the lead for a 6-3 victory. The Patriots evened the count in Walterboro by defeating the Warhawks 12-21, prompting a third and final meeting between the two teams. The finale was no more fitting of a championship game. In the sixth inning, the score was 3-3. With the Patriots batting and the bases loaded, the batter was walked, forcing in a run and giving Willington a 3-4 lead. The Warhawks were unable to score and ended their season on a very disappointing note. For the second time in three years, John C. Calhoun Academy found itself in the title game of the Independent Association baseball championship. On this occasion, the Warhawks unfortunately came up just short of becoming the AAA state champions.