

Breaking Even

The Bulldogs' baseball season was characterized by a fluctuating win-loss record and its many unexperienced players. The team looked promising after its opening game which was a walloping line drive win over James Island, but it went into a tail-spin losing its next four games. As the season progressed, the team became stronger and more experienced. The strong defeats of Burke (13-1), Georgetown (6-2), and Goose Creek (17-4), along with a glorious victory over Summerville, gave the team a rewarding season.

The 1986 season brought many new aspects to the baseball team as long time head coach Earl Applebee retired

and Athletic Director—Varsity head coach Gyles Hall took his position. Also new to the team were its two assistant coaches Russell Polk and Ralph Martin joined the baseball staff in 1986, but both had helped coach the junior varsity football team during 1985.

Senior, pitcher, and home-run hitter Ronald Robinson along with power-hitters Keith Green and Shawn Brown led the team in spirit and motivation. Coach Hall felt the team improved greatly over the course of the year and summed up their performance by commenting, "They played pretty good baseball."



THE 1986 VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM: front row: Greg Jenkins, Jerome Williams, Larry Penfield, Jamal Bodison, Denny Hall, Joey Robertson. back row: Kelly Johnson, Alphonso Brown, Robbie Carter, Keith Green, Shawn Brown, Ronald Robinson, Earl Evans, Johnny Williams. Not pictured are Head Coach Gyles Hall and assistant coaches Russell Polk and Ralph Martin.

WARMING UP BEENN INNINGS, third baseman Kelly Johnson often stepped in as an occasional starting pitcher.

