

Gettin' A Bit Defensive

Looking back on the 1993 football season, one can see that the key to the Dogs' seven wins was defense. Coached by James McLendon, Philip Bryan, Rusty Adams, and Greg Kinsey, the defensive unit was primed for every week of hard-edged playing. Experience from very talented juniors and seniors led to what was a great defensive showing for the Dogs. It was such a total defensive effort that, after all was over, the team had outscored its opponents 226-189 in yet another successful season for the Dogs.

While the main focus of the team seemed to concentrate upon the Dogs ability to score, their ability to prevent others from scoring was just as important. Goal-line stands and

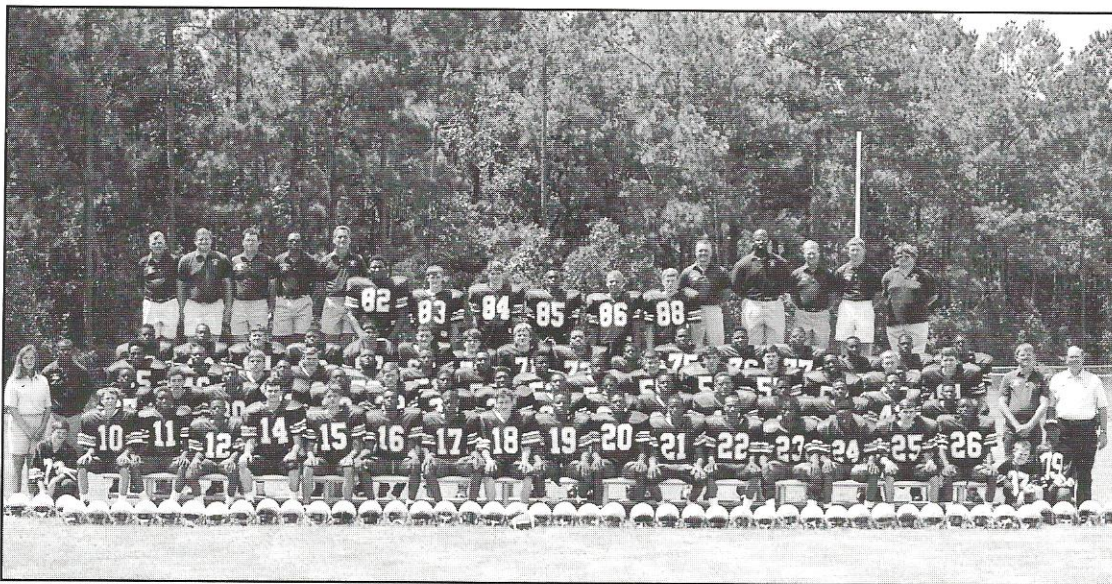
fourth-down holds were the highlights of the defensive efforts every Friday night. As the season progressed, the performance of all defensive players vastly improved. The Dogs' biggest game not only of team rivalry but also of a testing of strengths, weaknesses, coaching, and just pure luck came on the only Saturday game against the Summerville Greenwave November 6. As expected, Summerville quickly jumped out in front of the visiting Dogs, but the coaches adapted the defense to slow down the onslaught of the large Greenwave offensive line. Summerville persisted but the Dogs gave their total effort to stop the opponent. Eventually, the defense of the Dogs did succeed in holding off Summer-

ville in what was a tough battle, hard fought despite the loss.

What the defense of the 1993 football team had to flaunt was speed, strength, agility, and experience. Because of great defensive efforts from such key players as Lemiah Sanders, Clay Robinson, Kenya Simmons, Epe Smalls, and Darwin Walker, the defense did an outstanding job against some of the Lowcountry's most talented teams.

"I felt we had the most able defense ever," said senior Kenya Simmons. "We were a very close group and worked well together."

— Kevin Crosby



Players: Front Row: L. Penfield, B. Davis, V. Wiggins, B. Kinard, F. Prentis, E. Daniels, J. Green, S. Morris, D. Salley, L. Lewis, K. Grant, L. Ferguson, M. Calloway, C. Robinson, D. McDonald, A. Booker, (2nd row) K. Booker, D. Grissler, D. Davis, R. Washington, M. Windom, W. Caison, K. Simmons, Q. Chisolm, V. Sweat, J. Robinson, C. Lisbon, D. Walker, H. Frances, T. Fishburn, C. Holmes, T. Moore, (3rd row) L. Sanders, D. Green, A. Montjoy, B. Floyd, J. Dais, C. Magwood, D. Green, E. Smalls, D. Clark, M. Wilson, T. Corbett, D. Marion, J. Smalls, R. Bunton, D. Horn, (4th row) J. Sheppard, T. Goodwin, C. Roberts, A. Brown, B. Harley, H. Crosby, B. Hayes, M. Demers, O. Adams, D. Wadlington, C. Sharpe, S. Roberts, K. Williams, D. Lucas, R. Brown, D. Brown, (5th row) G. Cochran, F. Ulmer, S. McDowell, R. Holmes, J. Martin, P. Bryan. Managers, Trainers, Chaplin: (standing) N. Alexander, T. Williams, T. Padgett, G. McWilliams, J. McLendon, Rev. J. Preveaux. Coaches: (top row) T. Wilson, M. Starnes, B. Strickland, C. Hopkins, L. Riley, J. McLendon, G. Kinsey, P. Bryan, R. Adams, M. Coe

