

Coach Hughes and Coach McLellan watch the Eagles snatch a victory from Pee Dee.

Eagles Reach State Playoffs

The 1986 Richard Winn football team advanced to the Division 3 State Playoffs despite a disappointing 2-8 regular season record. In their first play-off game, they met the Cavaliers of Robert E. Lee, who had an identical record. The Eagles posted a dramatic come-from-behind victory with less than three minutes left on the clock. Rion Burley, who missed part of the season with a leg injury, kicked the game-winning field goal, and the defense held on to preserve the victory, 10-9.

The Eagles then advanced to the semi-finals against the Dorchester Raiders on the Eagles' home field. Rod Taylor and Brad Brantley each scored a touchdown and Rion Burley kicked the PAT's. Strong defense played a key role in the win.

The state championship game was played in Manning against conference opponent Laurence Manning Swampcats.

The Eagles got off to a good start in the game by scoring first with a one-yard plunge by Quarterback Paul Patrick. However, LMA's experience and quickness proved too much for the Eagles, and the Swampcats took control of the game. The Eagles ended their season with a 4-9 record as they brought home the Division 3 State runner-up trophy.

Seniors Rod Taylor, Crawford Hughes, Jonathan Rambo, Brad Sanders, Manager Lee Dixon, and Trainer Bob Barnett contributed greatly to this year's team and will be hard to replace next year.

Four football team members received individual honors at the end of the season. Todd Childers was named All-State and All-Conference. Also receiving All-Conference recognition were Rod Taylor, Crawford Hughes, and David Godelock. The team was coached by Mike Robinson, Bobby McLellan, and Ernie Hughes.



The 1986 Varsity Eagles: (bottom) Benny Clowney, David Godelock, Guerry Hensley, Crawford Hughes, Scott Nichols, Brad Brantley, John Spence (second row) Freddie Glenn, Brian Bonds, Jody Wingard, Coaches: Mike Robinson and Bobby McLellan, Doug Raley, Paul Patrick, Jonathan Rambo (third row) Rod Taylor, Paul Gardner, Mac Johnson, David Scott, Brad Sanders, Todd Childers, Rion Burley.