

Sometimes Rebuilding is Necessary

This year's varsity squad had its work cut out for it after losing seven starters from last year's team. In what was going to be a rebuilding year from the very beginning, Coach Mac Smith concentrated on teaching the younger players that are going to be the backbone of the program in years to come. Many sophomores and four freshmen got a great deal of game experience this year, which should prove to help in preparing to play next year.

"What has to be realized is that all programs have years like this ever so often, so what you have to do is develop a strong nucleus of young players and start building your program around them," Coach Smith points out.

The '88 squad loses just three seniors this year - Brad Douglas, Guerry Hensley, and Doug Raley. All were quality young men, each of whom will be greatly missed.

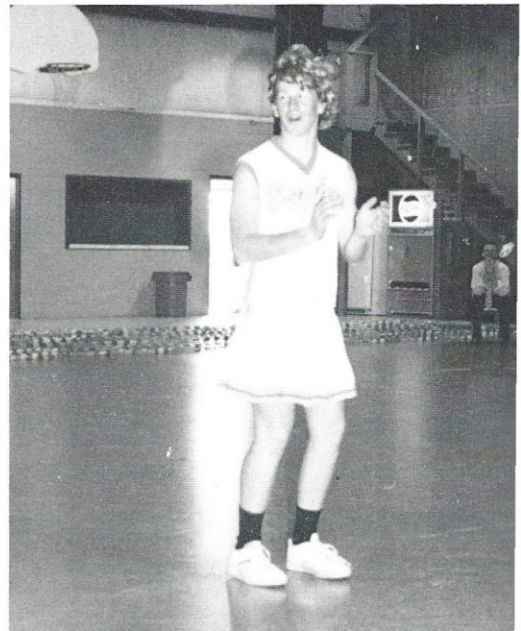
Hensley was a selection to the

North/South All Star Game played in Orangeburg. He joined other outstanding athletes from the different conferences and it proved to be a great experience for him.

Jef Raley, Bryan Holmes, and Guerry Hensley, were selected All-Conference Football members. These three were outstanding players throughout the year and this honor designates that they contributed a great deal to the team.

"I was satisfied in that we started some things that we will be able to build on over the next few years. Nobody likes to have the type of year we had, but, in retrospect, we did accomplish many positive things on which we'll be able to rely in the future. There is no substitute for experience, and we got plenty of that all year. I think we're all looking forward to redeeming ourselves next year," concludes Coach Smith.

Does this cheerleader look familiar? Lineman, R Barrineau tries to cheer, but decides it's not as easy as it looks.



The 1988 Varsity Football Team (1st Row) David Albert, Chris Bass, Guerry Hensley, Jef Raley, Steven Murray, Hank Harrison; (2nd Row) manager Rion Fetner, Randy Wilkes, Ray Barrineau, Ron Hornsby, Bryan Holmes, trainer Brian Bonds (3rd Row) Coach Randy Stogner, Brad Douglas, George King, Doug Raley, Bubba Surratt, Heath Cope, and Coach Mac Smith.



Linebacker, Guerry Hensley, comes from behind to tackle Jefferson Davis's running back.