Bulldogs To Be Inexperienced

BELHAVEN — At the end of the 1988 school year, John A. Wilkinson High School will consolidate with Bath to form Northside High School.

Mike Proctor, who heads into his second year at the Bulldog football helm, is well aware of

Proctor present concern, however, is getting his team ready for the season — a curtain-closing season that will open at Beaufort County rival Washington.

"I'm not worrying about the fu-ture," Proctor said. "I'm leaving that open."

He did say he liked the area and would like to remain.

Thus far in the preseason, Proctor has been surprised.

He opened camp the first day of August with 16 players. Now there are 40 — including 15 lettermen from last year's 2-8 edition.

Proctor is quick to point out only six lettermen were starters.

"We are going to start a lot of upperclassmen," he said. "But a lot of them haven't played be-

How quickly they mature will be a factor in Belhaven's success this season, Proctor said.

The preseason practice attitude has been impressive, Proctor said. "They are hustling and we are

getting good leadership from the seniors," he said.

Kenny Davis, a 6-2 senior, and Maurice Green, a 6-foot junior, are locked in a battle for the nod at the quarterback slot in the Bulldogs' I-formation offense.

Davis throws well and has "adequate" quickness while Green is a "burner," running the 40-yard dash in 4.8 seconds, Proctor said.

Dexter Dills, another speedster, and Demetrius Sadler are slated for the tailback slot.

"Dexter has strong legs and he's a good running back," Proctor said. "Sadler is a hard-nosed kid. He only weighs 150 pounds but 50 pounds of that is pure, solid

The Bulldogs' leading returning rusher, Horace Griffin, and firstyear performer Mike Cox are squaring off for the fullback spot.

Griffin was moved from the offensive line last season and placed at fullback. He rushed for 300 yards and is one of the strongest players on the squad with a 325-pound bench press. Griffin may be moved to the offensive line while Tony O'Neal and Eric Canady will man the tight

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end spots, Proctor said. For the Bulldogs, the key, Proctor surmised, would be how well the offensive line comes on.

'Last year, we had a line that could do it but no backs," he said. "This year, we have some backs

Dax Hawkins, a senior, will lead the Bulldog defense.

"Dax will light you up if he gets a shot," said Proctor. "He likes to hit. He'll play linebacker."

The strong candidates for the secondary are Maurice Green, a junior, and Skeet Spencer, another junior.

Slated for the line are: Thomas Griffin, Horace Griffin, Lester Pierce and Stephen Barber.

Andreas O'Neal, an all-TBC performer on the defensive line, has departed for North Carolina State on an athletic grant-in-aid.

"We aren't very deep," said



Members of the 1988 Belhaven Bulldog football team are: front row, from left, managers and trainers; on the second row, from left, Chuek Foster, Josh Hopkins, Matthew Wilkins, Maurice Greene, Hendrick Ehron, Tony Williams, Matt Jordan; on the third row, from left Dexter Dills, Ron Black, Tyrone Peele, Demetrius Sealer, Terrell Windley, Dalton Williams, Ryan Spruill and Kevin Gibbs; on the fourth row, from left, coach John Jones, Jermine Sutton, Ronnell Cooper, Jessie Respess, Lamont Perry, Eric Cannady, Thomas Griffin, Branden Fritzer, Darren Miller, Scott Brinn and coach Mike Proctor; on the fourth row, from left, Mike Cox, Danny Marslender, John Brinn, Peter Allen, Tony O'Neal, Dax Hawkins, Steven Barber and Kenneth

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