

# Young Trojans Hope To Contend With D

Fourth-year Jones Senior head football coach Tony Ciamillo has set out his team's goal for its first four games.

"We want to come out .500 going into the start of the conference season," he said.

The Trojans, which finished the season last year with a 3-7 record, will open the season with three consecutive games on their recently renovated field.

In a rematch of last year's season-opener, Jones hosts defending Eastern 1-A champion Columbia Friday. The next weekend, Class 2-A rival Pamlico will invade followed by Class 3-A West Carteret. Then its on the road to Rosewood before the opening game of the Coastal Plains 1-A season — at home against Richlands.

Going into the season, the Trojans will be buoyed by an outstanding defensive performance in the New Bern Sun Jamboree — a seven-team scrimmage.

The Trojans left their mark on the scrimmage which included Williamston, West Craven, Pamlico, New Bern, Goldsboro and Havelock.

After the scrimmage, Ciamillo said the New Bern head coach came over to him and shook his hand — complimenting him for the Trojans' "hellacious" defense.

"Our intensity and enthusiasm were very good," Ciamillo said.

He said his players, after a 10-down defensive set against Class 4-A New Bern, petitioned the officials for five more defensive plays.

That, of course, was not allowed.

In other developments from the scrimmage, Ciamillo said he was bothered by the number of small injuries his squad suffered. But, he said, he thought most players would be ready by the season

opener.

The scrimmage answered one question for the Trojans — Arvin Rhodes, a 5-8, 185-pound senior, earned the starting slot at quarterback after a preseason battle with Jimmy Meadows, a 5-9, 150-pound senior.

Ciamillo said Meadows performed so well on defense that he earned a starting position on that side of the ball. And, he would give the Trojans the luxury of having a strong backup at quarterback to run the split-back veer offense.

Ciamillo said Meadows directs the option attack "a little bit better" while Rhodes throws "a little bit better."

"Both do something a little better than the other," Ciamillo said.

"It (offense) is not going to be too confusing," he said. "We'll run the basic plays. We'll have five or six to the left and five or six to the right. If we execute, we'll be okay. We're going to be simple."

One thing is certain — a number of the running plays will be directed behind lineman Tracy Williams, a 6-0, 225-pound junior tackle who earned all-Coastal Plains honors last season.

Ciamillo said Williams bench presses 300 pounds and is one of the strongest players on the Trojan squad.

But, Ciamillo promised, not all the running plays would go to Williams' side.

"We will want to run to the backside with the same confidence we have when we run behind the big tackle," he said.

"We have a lot of work to do on the line. We have to learn to come off the ball and to sustain our blocks. We are not exceptionally big — except for Tracy. We will have to make it through aggressiveness and speed."



The members of the 1988 Jones Senior Trojan football team are: first row, from left, Vadra Harris, Everett Rhodes, David Murrell, Steve Morgan, D.J. Jones, Patrick Kornegay, Linster Strayhorn, Tim Ingram and Issac Fonville; On the second row, from left, Mac Farrow, Chris Williams, Calvin Rhodes, Charle Koonce, Ramardy Smith, Keith Dillahunt, Derrick Franks, Tracy Williams, Tim Roberts; on the third row, from left, Jimmy Meadows, Dedric Ward, Phillip Norman, Arvin Rhodes, William Tharrington, Adam Nattocks, Sam Ervin, Chris Brown and Charles Banks.

Joining Williams on the line will be Linster Strayhorn, a 5-5, 155-pound senior. The other linemen on the roster are Charles Banks, Jonas Bender, Keith Dillahunt, Sam Ervin, Derrick Franks, Adam Mattocks, David Murrell, Everett Rhodes, Tim Roberts, Ramardy Smith and Dedric Ward.

Ervin will handle long snapping chores in the place of Banks, who will be slowed for two or three weeks by a chipped bone in his arm. Ervin will be snapping to Chris Brown on punts. Ciamillo said Brown also will handle place-kicking duties in addition to his receiving chores.

The Trojans' roster lists 29 players including 19 lettermen and 10 returning starters.

Ciamillo is pleased with the attitude his players have displayed thus far.

"They have hustle and enthusiasm and their attitude has been a plus," he said. "We are going to be an improved team. The biggest thing now is the jelling. Right now, we are trying to make that mold. We are trying to figure out who will play where. We have a lot of young kids who can play. And we have a lot of first-year-type seniors."

"We are going to be depending on a lot of kids to go both ways and we are going to have to have some juniors to come through."

"Jones Senior is going to be better — but, a lot of the teams we play are also going to be better."

Ciamillo said he hasn't timed his players in the 40-yard dash.

"We just have a race and whoever wins, that's who'll carry the mail for us," he said.

The Trojan mailman-apparent is Calvin Rhodes, a 5-8, 173-pound junior. Vadra Harris, a 5-9, 160-pound senior, is also slated for ball-carrying duties.

Defensively, Jones will line up in a 5-3 alignment with Issac Fonville and Ward at ends and Tracy Williams at noseguard. Ciamillo said Strayhorn would play in a down position. He added that Everett Rhodes, a 5-11, 270-pound senior, was also being considered. Charle Koonce and Harris are the leading linebacker candidates.

For Ciamillo, the secondary is a big question.

"It might be the strongest ever if our young kids come along," he said. "If they can be quick enough and react fast enough to help us out."

Ciamillo said the conference will be better.

"It (conference) is going to be much improved," he said. "We'll

## 1988 Jones Senior Roster

NO.	Player	CLASS	HGT.	WGT.	POS.
60	Charles Banks	Jr.	5-11	165	Line
63	Jonas Bender	Sr.	5- 8	155	Line
41	Chris Brown	Jr.	6- 0	140	End
	Reggie Bryant	Jr.	5-10	140	Back
30	Keith Dillahunt	Sr.	5-6	160	Line
73	Sam Ervin	Sr.	5-10	160	Line
86	Mac Farrow	Jr.	5- 9	155	End
81	Issac Fonville	Sr.	6- 0	180	End
66	Derrick Franks	Jr.	5- 8	150	Line
40	Vadra Harris	Sr.	5- 9	160	Back
31	Tim Ingram	Sr.	5- 6	155	Back
16	D.J. Jones	Sr.	5- 4	130	End
44	Charles Koonce	Sr.	5- 8	140	Back
46	Patrick Kornegay	Jr.	5- 5	130	Back
	Adam Mattocks	Jr.	5- 8	200	Line
13	Jimmy Meadows	Sr.	5- 9	150	Back
21	Steve Morgan	Jr.	5- 5	135	Line
50	David Murrell	Sr.	5- 6	140	Back
33	Phillip Norman	Sr.	5-10	180	Back
14	Arvin Rhodes	Sr.	5- 8	185	Back
20	Calvin Rhodes	Jr.	5- 8	173	Line
76	Everett Rhodes	Sr.	5-11	270	Line
51	Tim Roberts	So.	6- 0	200	Line
71	Ramardy Smith	Jr.	5- 7	200	Line
62	Linster Strayhorn	Sr.	5- 5	155	End
82	William Tharrington	Sr.	6- 0	140	Line
61	Dedric Ward	Sr.	6- 0	165	End
80	Chris Williams	Jr.	6- 0	170	Line
	Tracy Williams	Jr.	6- 0	225	Line

be tough but everyone else will be better.

"Southwest Onslow and Camp Lejeune have been really dominant the last five years," Ciamillo said. "Richlands had a fabulous season last year and they should be just as tough this year. Swansboro will be the dark horse. They have all their skill people returning. Dixon has pulled some kids out of the woodwork, they have some monsters over there. Topsail's coach has done a great job with the program."

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#### JONES SENIOR August

26	Columbia	September
2	Pamlico	September
9	West Carteret	September
16	at Rosewood	September
23	Richlands*	September
28	at Topsail*	September
7	Dixon*	October
14	Open	October
21	at SouthWest Onslow*	October
28	Swansboro*	October
4	at Lejeune*	November

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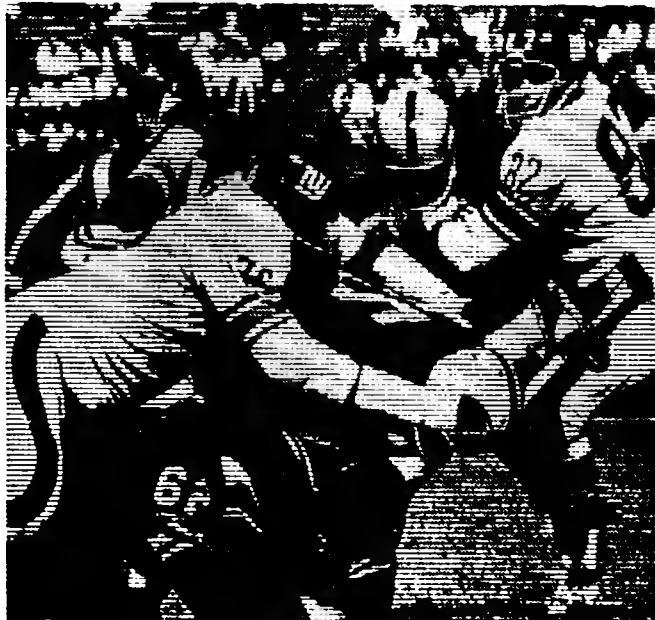
#### CRESWELL

0	Plymouth	50
0	Camden	27
20	North Edgecombe	26
0	Belhaven	6
13	Jamesville	14
6	Bath	44
13	Mattamuskeet	12
3	Chocowinity	30
0	Columbia	41
7	Jamesville	34

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