

Dolch, Bulldogs Set To Gain "Respect"

By Malcolm A. Pharr

The 1988 edition of the Bowie State University Bulldogs will continue to improve as the 1987 club did a year ago. Coach David Dolch, who is entering his third season, is an optimist who appears to be more of a teacher and friend than a coach. Dolch's leader-

ago Bowie State was on the heels of Columbia University for the nation's longest losing streak. (32 consecutive losses)

One can not help but to be optimistic when you have all twenty-two starters back. At one point during this decade size and overall

season.

The offensive line, where football games are won, is where Bowie's improvement began. Tackles Marcus Williams (6-6, 275) and Winston Lattboudere (6-2, 260) are one of the best pair of lineman in the conference this season. Runningbacks Tony Atwater and speedy tailback Tim Styles promise to excite fans throughout the CIAA this season. The spark of the Bulldogs has to be 5'11", 180, Don Janey. Janey was All-Conference as a punt returner last season, and also doubles as a cornerback.

Defensively, the Bulldogs are as solid as a rock with linebackers Chaun Gunter (6-3, 238) and Jim Working (6-2, 260). Gunter had 11 1/2 sacks a year ago despite missing two games.

The secondary features one of the premier defenders on the east coast in 6'1", 197 pounder, Rodney Belfield. The All-CIAA Belfield garnered 110 tackles last season, while nabbing eight interceptions. Cornerback Sam Muse is no slack in the secondary either. Muse had 89 tackles to go along with seven interceptions in the '87 campaign.

What most people don't realize is that Bowie State had an excellent recruiting class of twelve. Five of those twelve are JUCO transfers. The Bulldogs will get immediate help from Maurice Jenkins (6-3, 287), Tim McDuffie (6-2, 260), Randy Norris (6-1, 208), Darnell Rankin (6-0, 290) and Tony Bennett (6-1, 230), Jenkins is an offensive guard who at-

tended Potomac Junior College, where he was selected All Coastal Conference. McDuffie is a defensive end out of Chowan Junior College who was selected All-Conference. Norris, perhaps the most herald, is a high school All-American as well as All-Conference JUCO performer at Lees McRae as a strong safety.

Rankins, was an All-State performer in Pittsburg, PA's Westinghouse High School.

Blue-chip freshmen Richard Thomas (QB), Butch Wilson and punter/kickers Jason Herold and Mark Fitzpatrick could see light before the Bulldogs season reaches the end of this seasons tunnel.

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ship turned a club that has been a doormat into a respectable team while posting a 4-6-1 overall. Don't laugh at this record because less than three seasons

ability evaded the Bulldogs camp, but now there is a feeling of seriousness at Bowie and along with it come those necessary ingredients for a winning

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Bowie State University
Livingstone College

Livingstone's Bears Hope To Change History

By Anne Little

Coming off a 2-8-0 1987 season that saw many close games slip into the loss column, the Livingstone College "Fighting Bear" gridiron squad will be expecting more in 1988. Fielding the entire '87 defensive

will again in '88 be looked upon as the "mainstay and backbone" of the Bear attack.

A difficult schedule looms on the horizon for second year general Coach William Spencer and his troops - facing the top five finishers of

leadership from the upperclassmen is essential," says Spencer, "if we are going to challenge for the CIAA title." "To improve our record we must be more productive on offense, improve; our secondary play and our kicking game."

Top returning players for the Livingstone offensive unit include top ground gainer Carl Robinson (FB-Jr.-5'9-207), Ben Coates (TE-SO.-6'5-217) linesmen Kevin Caldwell (OT-Sr.-6'1-283) Milton Griffith (C-Sr.-5'11-223). Back to key the defense will be DE's Greg Bacote (Sr.-6'4-205) and Walter Lowery (SO.-6'3-228), DB Wayne Cromartie (Jr.-6'2-185), and the

"dynamic duo" twins James (NG-Jr.-6'0-221) and John (LB-Jr.-5'11-223) Cunningham. ALL-CIAA in his first two years on the collegiate scene, punter James

Simpson (Jr.-5'11-200) should continue to be a Bear staple.

The 1988 recruiting efforts have focused on offensive additions Delwin Clark (QB),

Marshall Cherry (WR) and Robert Moore. Defensive back Melvin West will look to complement the "Fighting Bear" secondary.



unit that successfully shut down seven of ten opponents during second half action, this veteran half of the team

last years' CIAA battle on consecutive week-ends. "The team will have to show a lot of maturity and great

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