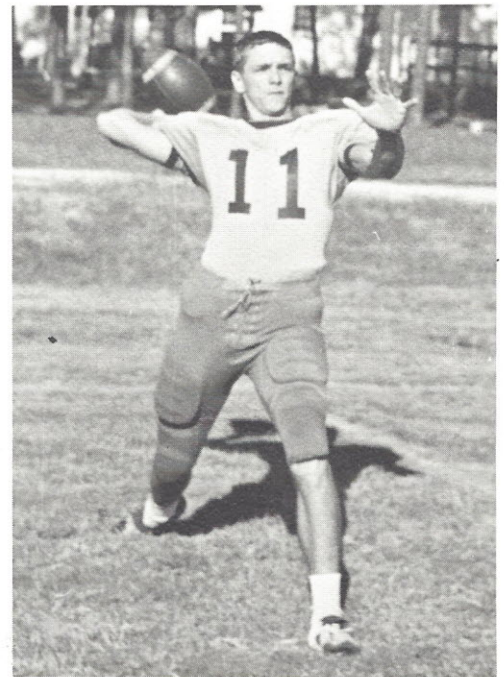




KEITH JACKSON
Fullback



BOBBY EBENER
Quarterback



DAVE MAREE

With only three and a half weeks to go before the first game, the coaches set to work to try and mold a football team out of five returning lettermen and eighteen new ball players. The boys worked desperately trying to make a comeback from the 2-7 season the year before; but nobody really knew what combination we had. With only a day to go and a 135-mile ride ahead of us, the team felt ready to test their skills against Spartanburg Day School.

A cold sweat was felt by all the players as they awaited the starting whistle at Spartanburg for they all knew that this game would tell whether or not they had a winning team. With few players having the proper experience that their positions required, the Spartans set to work as a team and grabbed an early lead. Bobby Ebener, a first year senior, played an outstanding first half at quarterback and led the team into the dressing room with the scoreboard showing the cadets ahead 12 to 0. The cadets scored once again in the second half to win the ball game 21-13.

The cadets, suffering from the pride of winning, fell prey to the strong, fast Bishopville team. Before the final whistle blew, the cadets lost five starting players. Although the Spartans put on an outstanding defensive show the first half, they were unable to contain the running attack which lead Bishopville to a 30-0 win. All the players walked off the field that night with the pain of their first loss, but Coaches Dukes, Webber, and Johnson and the five returning lettermen, Johnston, Coleman, Emerick, Smith, and Jackson remembered the night a year ago as now they fell victims to Bishopville two years in a row.