

# A LOSING SEASON

Spartans chalk a final mark of 0-7. George Pagan's running. Sean Boone picked off a good pass and Jonathan Hill's tackles were a defense standout.

"That Number 22 ate us up," Coach Emory Bowers observed after we dropped our opening game 41-0 to Lewisville on their turf September 19. Number 22 was Wesley McFadden, high on college recruiters' lists, and only one of many carnivores to come, we discovered, as the season progressed. "We didn't play too badly. We fumbled deep in our own territory and gave 'em three touchdowns."

Bowers said of Charlotte Latin's Hawks in a 35-0 home field loss on September 30, "They ate us up on passes." Between Latin's scoring thrusts, we moved the ball well at times, mostly behind

Bethune took us 18-0 on October 10. Just before the end of the first half, with Bethune 12-0, we moved from our 49 to a first and goal at the Wildcats' one. Quarterback Richie Cannon lost the handle on the snap, Bethune recovered, and the Spartans had nothing. "I tasted that touchdown," Bowers said.

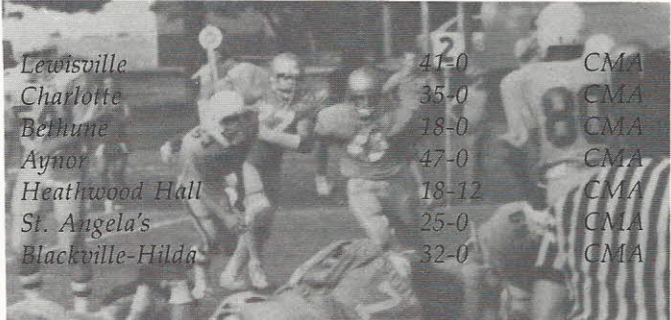
Aynor's Blue Jackets struck early and often on October 17, a 47-0 triumph for them. The Spartans enjoyed little success offensively, having lost our entire starting backfield to injuries.

Scoreless in four games, the

Spartans finally put 12 points on the board against winless Heathwood Hall on 21 October. The Highlanders, however, managed one more score — a touchdown in sudden death overtime — to claim an 18-12 victory and the Palmetto Athletic Conference championship.

"We started off looking pretty good, but then we'd hold it one

down and fumble," Coach Bowers said of the St. Angela's Academy 25-0 victory on October 28. Quarterback Steve Witter completed seven of 16 passes for 120 yards in that contest, and Jonathan Hill led the Spartan defense with 18 tackles. Football season ended at home on November 4 with a 32-0 loss to Blackville-Hilda, a final season mark of 0-7.



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Charlotte	35-0	CMA
Bethune	18-0	CMA
Aynor	47-0	CMA
Heathwood Hall	18-12	CMA
St. Angela's	25-0	CMA
Blackville-Hilda	32-0	CMA

Right: Spartan Defense, led by Number 7 Tyler McCreery, stops Bethune back with assist from Number 77 Frank Hanna and Number 53 Bill Collins. Below: CMA fullback Gene Callaway #44 gains rough yardage with Number 68 David Whitley leading the blocking.

