

Spartans Bring Home Championship

After last year's 3 — 5 season, this year's Spartan team knew that their goal was to bring home the conference title. And that's just what they did. After a slow start, the Spartans had a season that was nothing short of spectacular.

The team went into their first game, against Hammond Academy, with high spirits and a thirst to win but lost 21 to 7. The cadets' second game, against Heathwood Hall, also ended in defeat, with a final score of 21 to 0.

The Spartans were sure that their third game, against arch rival Thomas Sumter, would be the one to get them on track. The Generals took a large early lead, but by the second half the Spartans had caught up, and it seemed that this might be CMA's first victory. In the last minutes of the game, however, Thomas Sumter pulled ahead to win 35 to 28.

Victory at last was waiting when the Spartans met the Cyclones of Porter-Gaud for the fourth game of the season. CMA jumped out to a 6-0 lead on David Allen's 76-yard pass to Sam Bryant. The Cyclones responded with 10 unanswered points and things were looking bad when David Price picked up a fumble and carried it 46 yards in a game-winning return.

The following week CMA traveled to meet

the Asheville School Dukes. The Spartans went into the game with renewed confidence and the need for another win. The Dukes played tough and went for a 2-point conversion to tie the game. In the final quarter an important tackle by Rob Strickland stopped Asheville short and gave the Spartans the victory 14-12.

On October 21, the Spartans faced Christ School. The game was CMA all the way. Two pass interceptions by Price, both returned for touchdowns, shut down Christ School with a final score of 20-0 and gave the Spartans the conference championship.

On the first play of the next game, played at home against Hilton Head, Sam Bryant went 73 yards to help the Spartans build a 27-6 halftime lead. Lonnie Broome rushed 132 yards, while CMA's defense held Hilton Head to a minus 11 yard total. The final score was 48-6.

Asheville School came to CMA for a return match during Visitors Day weekend. After a poor first half, the Spartans stormed back to wrestle a 34-14 win.

The last game of the season brought trouble to CMA. Three of Sloan School's defensive

linemen weighed over 270 pounds — a piece, but even so, the Spartans did a tremendous job against the Sloan powerhouse. From the opening kickoff, CMA proceeded to march 60 yards to score on a one-yard plunge by Lonnie Broome. On their second possession, Sloan allowed a pass to be picked off by Price, who ran 65 yards to score. Sloan avoided a shutout with a 60-yard touchdown late in the game to bring the final score to 14-8.

With a 6-3 record and a conference championship, this had to be one of the best seasons CMA has seen in a long time.

VARSITY SCOREBOARD

7-21	Hammond Academy
0-21	Heathwood Hall
28-35	Thomas Sumter
14-10	Porter-Gaud
14-12	Asheville School
20-0	Christ School
47-6	Hilton Head
34-12	Asheville School
14-8	Sloan School



1989 Conference Champions: CMA Varsity Spartans. First Row: Broome, Serpas, Ellis, Butler, Balducci, DeWare.

Second Row: Gordon, Kaminer, LeVine, Wamer, Allen, Ragland, McDaniel, Third Row: Bond, Whisenhunt, Bryant, Strickland, Dial, Price, Isom, Coach Boland.