

Varsity Football

Everyone thought that 1994 would be a rebuilding year for CMA football. Not so. The Spartans showed what working hard and playing with heart can produce — another conference title. After a 28-20 opening win over Charlotte Latin came an incredible game with Christ Church. The Spartans gained close to 800 yards, yet lost 44-45. The next game brought another loss — to a strong Hammond team. But the Spartans would lose no more in regular season play, tallying five straight wins before falling to Ravenscroft, the eventual state champions.

The highlight of the season was a hard-fought 8-7 victory at Riverside in front of a big Parents'

Weekend crowd. Josh Pressley scrambled for the lone CMA touchdown, and Lynard Gardner rammed in the two-point conversion for the win.

Led by seniors Rod Gonzalez and Allen Sinkler, the whole line was outstanding on offense and defense this year. With Josh Pressley at quarterback, the offense posted big numbers. Lynard Gardner rushed for 1,200 yards in eight regular season games. Ceasar Wright added 750; and Ron Tanner, 300 — plus another 500 on pass receptions.

Although they lost their bid for a state title, the 1994 football Spartans were winners all the way.



Quarterback Josh Pressley drops back under pressure, scanning the field for an open receiver.



Wide receiver Ron Tanner breaks a tackle on one of his many long punt returns this year.



CMA's all-time leading rusher, Lynard Gardner, brushes off defenders for another impressive run.