

Varsity Football

At the beginning of the season, neither Coach Boland nor any of the assistant coaches felt confident about Spartan football in 1996. "The players were young and inexperienced," the head coach observed. "We lost a ton of seniors to graduation last year, and we were loaded with freshmen and sophomores."

But as the season progressed, optimism surfaced. The Spartans opened with two wins and fought hard in every outing. They worked hard in practice, and even when they were outmanned, they played with heart. "This season has been a pleasant surprise," said Coach Boland. "In spite of our youth and inexperience, we earned a share of the conference title." The turning point of the cam-

paign was the win at home over Asheville Christian. That victory carried the Spartans into the conference championship.

Outstanding on offense was David Moore, a converted tight end who rushed for almost 1,000 yards and won All-State honors. Repeating as All-State Tackle, Clint Pressley anchored the defense. And another potent weapon was All-State Punter Dean Mathias, who had kicks of over 60 yards.

All the coaches are looking forward to next year, when young players with valuable experience should vault CMA into a successful season.



All-State Tackle Clint Pressley hauls down a Westminster player as Amanlou comes in to help.



David Moore finds a gaping hole and explodes through for the touchdown.



Fullback Blair Smith struggles for some hard-earned yardage against a tough Westminster defense.