

Varsity Football

By CMA's high standards, 1998 was not a banner year: the Spartans won only once. Ironically, this was a team loaded with talent. Cap Carter and Desi Melvin were explosive out of the backfield with All-State Offensive Lineman Bobby Dingee leading the charge. All-State Punter Lyn Chambers was a potent kicker. On defense, Brent Boyd and Rick Lewis led the way. But inexperience was the Spartans' strongest opponent this season, and it showed on both sides of the line. "We're really looking forward to next year," said Coach Boland, "when talent combined with experience will pay off."

High points in the action were the victory over Westminster-Catawba, a tough 25-13 contest with Oakridge, and a disappointing 15-14 loss to Christ School in the final minutes. The Spartans always played hard, but grit and determination could not overcome lack of experience.

Winning honors this season were Bobby Dingee, All-State, All-Conference, Most Valuable Offensive Lineman; Lyn Chambers, All-State, All-County Punter, Most Valuable Player; Shaun O'Connor, Most Valuable Offensive Back; Brent Boyd, Most Valuable Defensive Lineman; Rick Lewis, Most Valuable Defensive Back; Josh Barna, Most Improved Player; Bryan and Whit Johnson, Coach's Award.



All-State Lineman Bobby Dingee protects quarterback Lyn Chambers as he lofts a pass downfield.



Outstanding on defense this season, Gray Curry bears down on the quarterback as Austin, Watson, and Pavy come in to assist.



Bobby Dingee leads the way as fleet running back Desi Melvin breaks through for a long scamper toward the goal line.