

Learning fundamentals and teamwork, the Junior High Spartans laid a solid foundation for next season. Most players will return in 2003. The team got off to a good start, playing well on both sides of the ball and controlling the game. All players contributed to a successful campaign, but some deserve special mention. At quarterback, Kyle Strickland led the team well and was a consistent player. Curtis Rogers did an outstanding job at running back. He is fast, ran the ball well, and scored a lot of touchdowns. At the linebacker position, Amos Curry was a hard hitter and made his presence known in every game. Playing defensive end, seventh grader Travis Isaacs surprised many a runner who came his way. "It was a real pleasure to watch these young men learn the game and gain confidence this season," said Coach Watson. Winning awards this year were Kyle Strickland, Coach's Award; Curtis Rogers, MVP, Offense; Amos Curry, MVP, Defense; and Travis Isaacs, Most Improved Player.



Spartans: A Irwin, B McDaniel, T Isaacs, B Carter, J Ferrell, F Blaze, A Maybank, M Sowell Row 2: J ((mgr.) C Debler, B Proctor, A Curry, C Rogers, J Smith, D Beasley, L Taylor, S Jeffress, Head Coach Wats Row 3: R Millwood, N Cabrera, B Arnhart, J Kornacki, W Pattison, K Strickland, J Frazier Row 4: T Wo J Robertson,. C Cockfield, R Fetzer, J de la Vega, G Jones, C Howard, T Graham



Running back Solomon Jeffress runs behind his lead blocker, fullback Carter.



The offense lines up, getting set for a running play



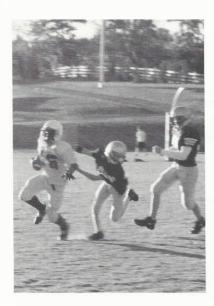
No gain! The defense stops a running play.



The defense successfully blitzes the a posing team's quarterback.



The Spartans gang-tackle the ball carr



Running back Curtis Rogers breaks a tackle and heads for the goal line.



Quarterback Kyle Strickland avoids a tackler for a long gain around right end.

The players listen intently as the

