

# Varsity Football

"It was a dream season," said Head Coach Eric Boland. "To go undefeated and never have to punt the football the entire season is a remarkable achievement for any football team. I have had more talented teams, but none more team oriented, who pulled together better as one unit." At the beginning of the season, the coaching staff did not really know what to expect. They thought that a 6 and 3 record might be realistic, but everything came together: the right team chemistry, no key injuries, and no discipline problems. As fortunate circumstances evolved, the Spartans were able to field at least ten players with scholarship potential

One of the largest numbers of players in school history turned out to play one of the toughest schedules and to score the most points. Wins over perennially strong private schools Charlotte Latin and Cardinal Gibbons were complemented by victories over public schools Elore and Hunter-Kinard-Taylor, which went deep into the playoffs. "The coaching staff did a great job in both scouting and team preparation," Coach Boland added.

Coach Roberts attributes much of the Spartans' success to team speed and player football knowledge: "As a group, they were fast and they were very easy to coach; they knew a lot about the game already."

Next year looks promising for Spartan football too. A core of experienced and talented players will return, including Charles Harrington, Xavier Littleberry, Joe Miller, Robert Palmer, and Brooks Sharpe. Fans can look forward to another exciting season.



Quarterback Akim McMullen barks out signals as the offensive line is poised to surge: Doug Stewart, Justin Old, Pat Williams, Robert Palmer, Jacob Chandler, and Daniel Calkin.

Running back Tommy Martin takes the handoff from quarterback McMullen as Marcus Brown leads the way. Martin is headed for East Tennessee or Elizabeth City after graduation.



Daniel Douglas kicks off after one of the many touchdowns the Spartans scored this year. Daniel was a consistent performer at his position all season.



Speedster Tommy Martin outpaces his pursuers and finds running room around left end.