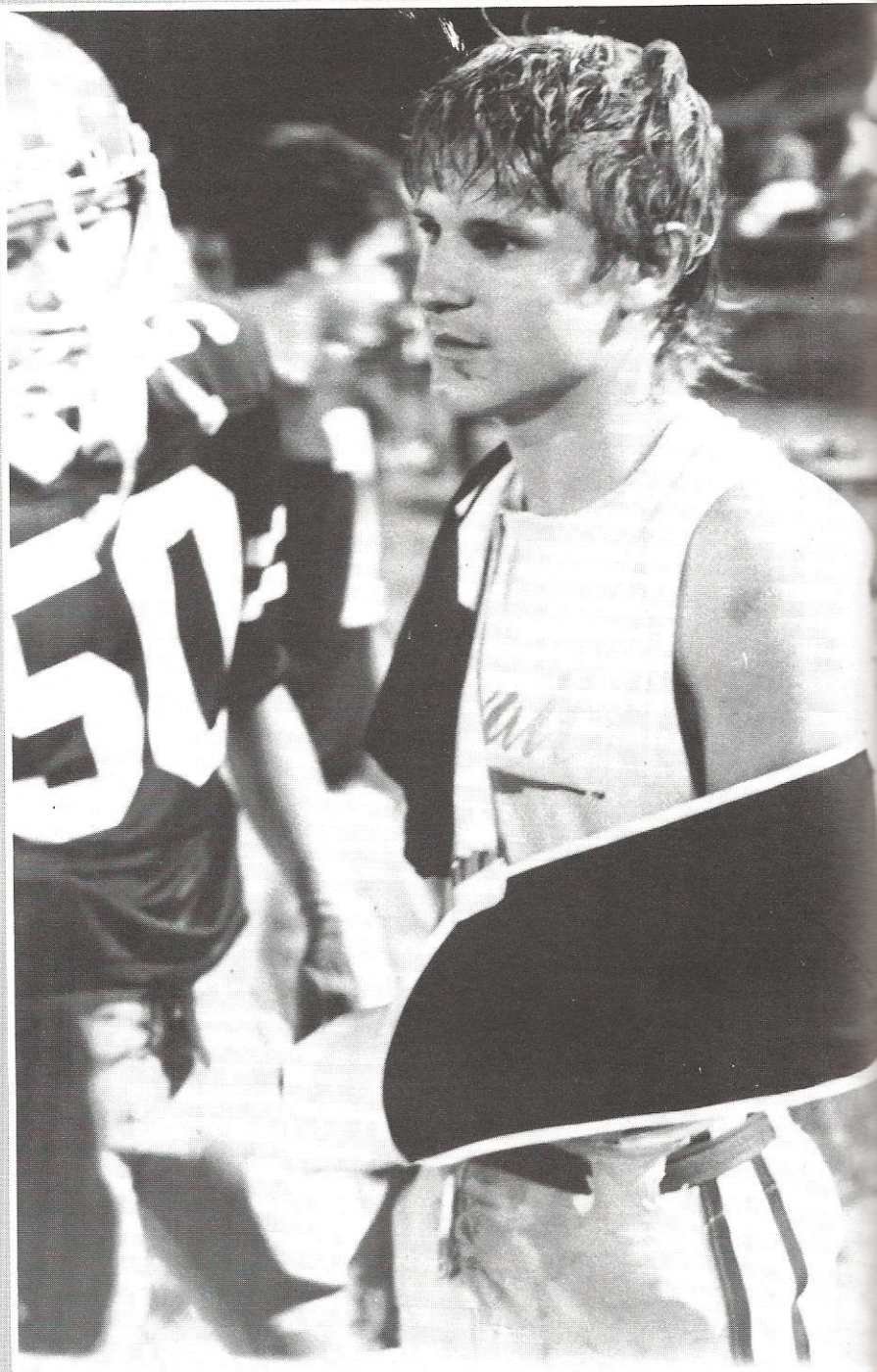


'83 Season

After being defeated by the Wade Hampton Rebels in the annual Sertoma Classic, the Warhawks traveled to St. George to take on the Dorchester Academy Raiders. Starting the season with about twenty players, the Hawks came up on the short end 14-20. The second game brought the Calhoun Cavaliers to Warhawk Country. The aftermath of the battle resulted in two disappointments. First of all was the loss with a 6-32 score. Second, junior running back Robbie Free broke his hand and was expected not to return for the year. Arch-rival Thomas Heyward came for the third game. This classic battle brought on another disappointment with a score of 0-13. Although this was the third loss in a row, Coach Robert Axson was "real pleased with the boys' emotion" and felt that "the defense couldn't have played much better. It was a team effort. The kids are getting hungry. They want to win." Well, the Warhawks proved their coach to be right. The fourth game, which was Parents' Night, gave the Hawks their first victory. They beat the Sea Island Devils 26-0. Following that victory, the May River Patriots came to try to beat the Hawks. Unfortunately, they succeeded with a 0-27 victory. The next Friday night took the Hawks to visit the Willington Patriots. This was Willington's Homecoming and they felt that running up the score to 6-62 would add to their happiness. Maybe it did, but according to Coach Axson, "it killed the kids." The seventh game, against Wade Hampton, took the Hawks to Orangeburg for another homecoming. The Hawks added to the Rebels' happiness by getting beat 6-46. The overpowering team of Hammond traveled to Walterboro the following week. They added to the Hawks' losses with an 8-34 vic-



tory. The Hawks traveled to Sumter next but the top-ranked Wilson Hall Barons managed a 6-36 victory. Things looked pretty grim for the last game, the Homecoming game. At halftime, the score was 0-12. During the fourth quarter, with the score 7-12, Robbie Free, who had returned, ran into

the endzone for the winning touchdown. The Hawks ended the season with a 13-12 victory.

During the second half of the game against Calhoun Academy, Robbie Free, who had broken his hand, looks toward the field wishing that he could be participating. Fortunately, Robbie returned for the last few games.