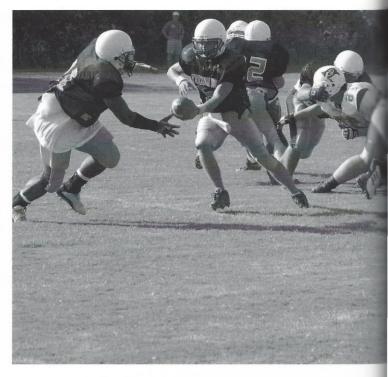
Varsity Football

The goals of the Spartan Football Team at the beginning of the season were to have a winning record and to play tough, hard-nosed football. "The team accomplished both of those goals," said Coach Rice, "but of course we were disappointed in not having a better record. The players battled in every game. I was very proud of them." Although the Spartans posted a 4-3 record, they played their best games against their toughest opponents. The highlight of the season was beating a very tough Weddington (NC) High School Team 14-7 at their homecoming. Awards this season went to Quint Beasley, MVP; Bobby Johnson, MVD; Rodgerick Nabors, MVO Back; John Hough MVO Lineman; Quint Beasley, MVD; Josh Killen, MVD Lineman; Josh Cummings, MVD Back; Kyle Ellerbrock and Lance Jordan, Most Improved; and JR Young and John Hansil, Coach's Award. Several juniors stood out this season: Josh Cummings, Josh Killen, and Marco Romoli. Coach Rice looks forward to all of the underclassmen coming back next year.

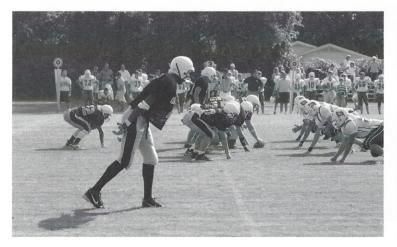




Captains of the day Talon Rawls, Michael Wilson, and Quinit Beasley head for the coin toss to open the game.



JR Young avoids two tackles and breaks through the line.



Wide receiver Bobby Johnson and the offensive line get set for a third and long play.



Travis Isaacs surveys the scene as big men Michael Wilson and Corey Sm prepare for the assault.