

'84 Season

After defeating the Mims Academy Patriots 7-6 in the annual Sertoma Classic on August 24, the Warhawks traveled to Manning to take on the Laurence Manning Cavaliers. Starting the season with about thirty players, the Hawks came up on the short end 18-26. The second game brought the Patriots of Mims Academy to Warhawk country. Because of the earlier defeat of the Patriots, head coach Tony Orsini said that he felt "comfortable" about that game. But, the aftermath of the battle resulted in a disappointing 7-12 loss and left the Hawks with a 0-2 record. For their third game, the Hawks hosted the Wade Hampton Rebels and once again, the Hawks came up on the short end 0-37. Although this was their third loss in a row, the Hawks pulled themselves together and prepared for the fourth game which was against Patrick Henry. This road trip gave the Hawks their first victory with a 32-0 score, and brought back the once-lost spirit at John C. For the next game, the Hawks traveled to Ridgeland to battle arch-rival Thomas Heyward. This classic game brought yet another defeat for the Hawks with a score of 0-26. The sixth game, which was against East Copper, gave the Hawks their second victory. Because it was Parent's Night, the boys were especially pleased with the game ending with a score of 40-22. The next Friday night took the Hawks to visit the Calhoun Academy Cavaliers in St. Matthews. Even though the two football teams were almost equal in size and talent, the Cavaliers prevailed 13-27 over the Hawks. Coach Orsini then noted that everybody on his team was "not playing 100 percent." For Homecoming, on October 19, the St. Angela Saints,



Coach Orsini's alma mater, traveled to Walterboro to try to beat the Hawks. Fortunately they did not succeed, and the Hawks won 48-7. Needless to say, "the hardest week of practice" had been well worth it. On the following Friday, the Hawks welcomed the May River Patriots, and unfortunately, another loss was added to the Hawks' record when the Patriots won 7-26. The last game, which decided which team went to the play-offs,

left the Hawks with a crushed dream when the Country Day Rebels defeated the Hawks 15-34. Even though the John C. Warhawks ended their season with a 3-7 record, Coach Orsini was pleased with his boys and is looking forward to a big improvement in the 1985 season.

Senior Robbie Free (40) tries to break away from the defender's intended grasp as fellow classmate Barry Stewart (50) notices that Robbie is in trouble and rushes over to help.