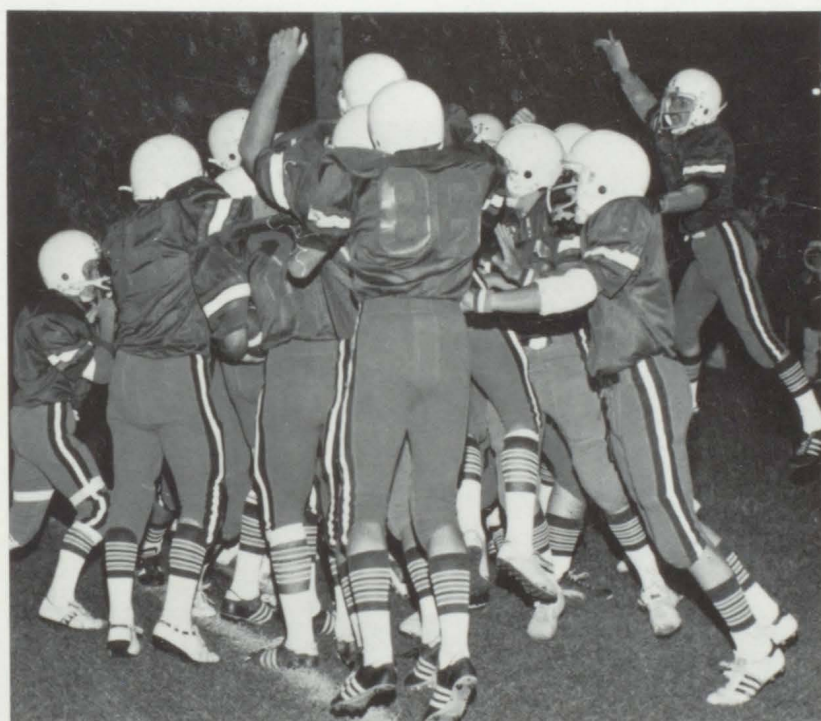


VARSITY FOOTBALL



The 1979 varsity football season was a disappointing one. After a successful 5-4 1978 campaign, the Bears defense slipped to allow 209 points while only producing 136 points.

The Bears finished the season on the short end of a 3-6 record.

The leading rushers were Greg Paksi with 396 yards, followed by Chris Kindel with 387 yards.

Paksi was also the leading scorer with 45 points, followed by Kim Bigelow with 20.

Chad Bearup was the leading tackler with 75, followed by Kim Bigelow with 54.

The All-Conference selections were made and Ashley was represented by three players, Greg Paksi and Kim Bigelow each made the first team, Paksi as an offensive back, and defensive safety, and Bigelow as a two-way end.

Chad Bearup made All-Conference Honorable Mention as a defensive linebacker.

At the Fall Sports banquet, Kim Bigelow was given the team MVP, while Chad Bearup was awarded the MIP trophy. Paksi, Bigelow and Bearup all made the all county team put out by the Gratiot County Her-