

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL



Bottom Row — Left to Right: Asst. Coach Nick Kindel, Marty Litwiller, Dave Oberlitner, Brian O'Dell, Roger Freed, Brian Shaw, Randy Stehlik, Chad Bearup, Coach Jim Dion. Second Row — L to R: Artie Wallen, Andy Swanchara, Will Lacker, Buck Faber, Buddy Howes, John Mills, Greg Lacker, Al Terrell. Third Row — L to R: Marty Nelson, Joe Yelsik, Bob Houghton, Marvin Stoneman, Rod Reist, Sam Bearden, Dean Evans, Jeff Gross. Top Row — L to R: Mgr. Aaron Burk, Dave Schneider, Jim Custer, Rod Burke, Rod Oberlander, Jay Gavenda, Jason Custer, Mgr. Don Houghton.



The 1981 Varsity Football season started in August with high hopes of a winning season, but could only manage 3 victories in 9 tries. The Bears had 11 Seniors on this team, which is the most an Ashley team has fielded since 1974.

The Bears offense was led by Junior signal caller Buddy Howes who passed for 990 yards. He also rushed for 310 yards.

Randy Stehlik was the leading rusher and receiver with 420 yards rushing and 282 yards receiving.

Chad Bearup playing right middle linebacker was the leading tackler with 120 followed by Brian O'Dell playing right outside linebacker with 95.

Dave Oberlitner was the leading scorer with 32 total points.

Chad Bearup was selected on the First Team All-Conference squad as a defensive linebacker and as a offensive guard. Brian O'Dell made All-Conference Honorable Mention as outside linebacker and as offensive tackle.

At the fall athletic banquet, Chad Bearup received the team's MVP trophy and Brian Shaw was given the MIP trophy.