

Ashley Loves Its Football Football, Football!

Yes, the game is exciting and every family loves to root for their team, the Bears. Our team is small, like the size of the community it lives in. But each Friday night they leap into the game with high spirits. Sometimes, though, they start to lose some of their hope when it seems that the game is destined to fall to the rivals. That's when the fans of Ashley become one big family, and where the team goes, the town goes, in heart and spirit. As the band starts to warm the air with victory songs, the fans glance at the scoreboard then watch as the tired, disappointed players trudge to the sidelines, one by one. Hands start clapping, cheerleaders begin shouting, the band plays louder as the damp air permeates each spectator. Moisture collects on the cold seats, but the weather is ignored by intense eyes fixed on the football.

JOHN HENDRICKS SCRAMBLES from Morrice's linemen on Homecoming night. The Bears' weak defense contributed to the 2-7 season.

IT'S A TOUCHDOWN! Running back Tom Lamey racked up a total of 289 yards during the season.

At no time was this "community and team" spirit more apparent than at Homecoming. When the guys met Morrice, the fans roared as the bears made touchdown after touchdown.

The screams do seem to help, according to wide receiver, Pat Cordray, who remarked "The cheers make me feel proud, a feeling that everyone is behind you!"

As the season winds down, so does the community of Ashley, but the games are not forgotten. The spirit does not fade away but simply is hidden until the first trembling game of 1988.

ASHLEY	0	FLINT ACADEMY	30
ASHLEY	6	MPSH	8
ASHLEY	21	MORRICE	6
ASHLEY	6	WEBBERVILLE	20
ASHLEY	0	DANSVILLE	14
ASHLEY	8	GENESEEE	43
ASHLEY	0	BYRON	36
ASHLEY	12	VESTABURG	6
ASHLEY	0	TEKONSHA	33