

What two things did this year's team possess that made them such an awsome competitive group? Indisputably, it was two things:

Determination And Experience

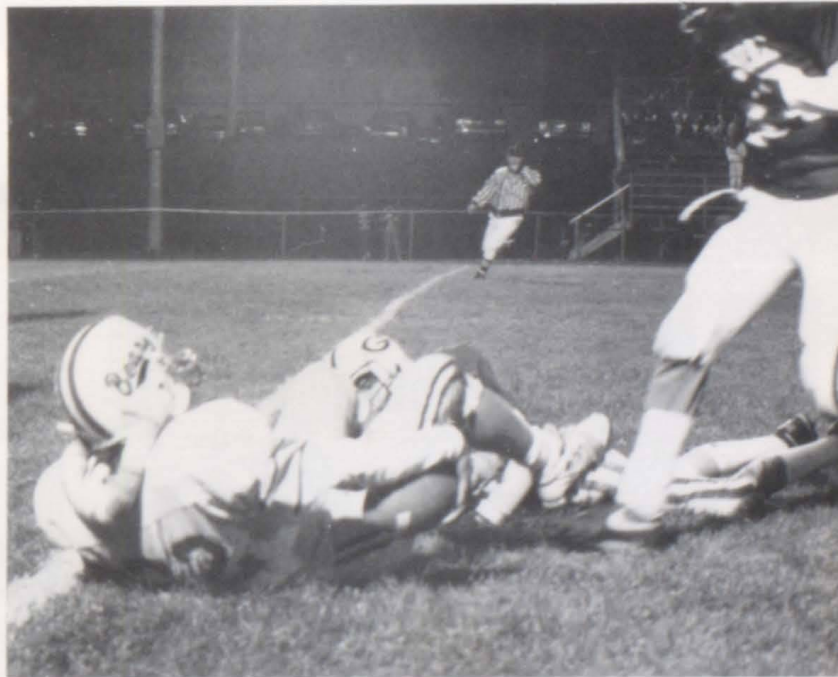
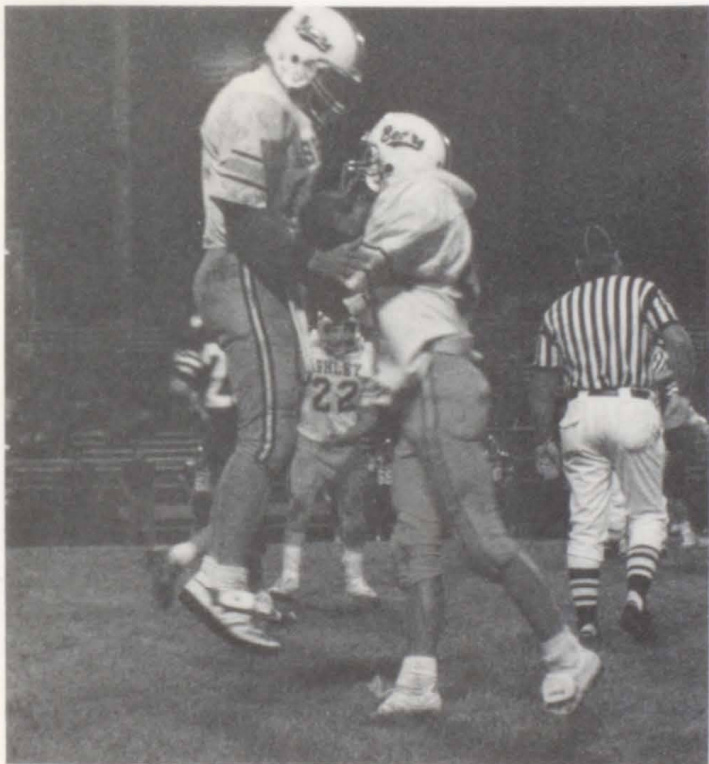
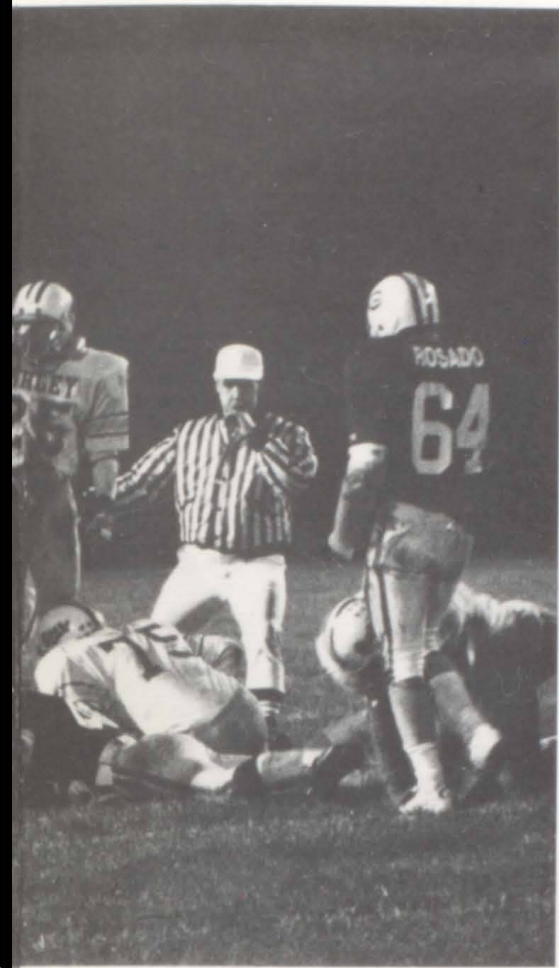
Were this year's Bears one of the best football teams to go down in Ashley history? You won't be able to find many people to argue. The team had two important traits: experience and determination, evident in every ball-game. This may not have been one of Ashley's bigger teams physically, but they had one goal in mind, and that was to win. They did their best to do that in every single game they played.

However, one game can really indicate how the season was played. The boys were 1-1 and facing Flint Holy Rosary, who was rated fifth in the state. Nobody

really gave them a chance. Rosary started the game by literally running over the team and went ahead 6-0, but this is where this year's team was different. They believed in themselves and did not give up, earning a very hard-fought, satisfying victory, 22-6.

"After this victory," commented Coach Hendricks, "we knew we could play ball with anyone."

That's exactly what the squad did, as they rolled over one team after another. When these players look back on the season, they will have stories they can be proud to tell



GETTING FIRED UP, Charlie Howes celebrates with teammate Jim Stehlik after crunching a Holy Rosary receiver. The Bears won the game, 22-6.

HAULING IN ANOTHER RECEPTION for a pick up of 28 yards by Brian Gavenda helped the Bears to a victory over Genesee. Brian had impressive stats with 31 catches for 624 yards, and 8 touchdowns.