

Making a mark

New hopes. New experiences. New excitement. All this in one sport, junior high football. This year was the first for the junior high football team. "It was great getting to play a sport Hove earlier on in school," commented eighth-grader Tim Bates. Tim was the starting quarterback for the junior Bears this year in their inaugural season.

"We didn't do well this season, but as a player and part of the team, we had a great time," said Jesse Diffin. The Bears went 0-4 this year. "I've got high hopes for varsity next year, I can't wait to get into the real thing," said Tim Bates, "Just as long as the practices aren't too hard!"

The Ashley three member Equestrian team, Ben Crocker, Cody Osborn and Sarah Wayer, also had a season that went off like a cannon when they took first place in the Class C division and made it all the way to state competition.

"As a speed racer, I took two first places in the state finals," said Ben Crocker, "and that's pretty good."

Cody Osborn, as well, took home two first places in the state finals. "It's pretty good to make it to the state finals and place seventh overall and have only a three member team," Cody stated. "That says a lot about our status."

For a team not often recognized as a sport at Ashley, they made quite a mark in Ashley equestrian history.

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