

TEAM

ALL FOR ONE!

CRUNCH! Josh Saylor, Jesse Diffin, and Tom Everett gang up on this Mustang, bringing him down after a short run. The Bears beat Montabella 28-21, the first game of the season.

The start of a new tradition, that's how some people might sum up Ashley's 1998 football season. Mr. Howes was traded for the new head coach, Craig Baker, from Fulton. The team also gained a new assistant coach, Jeff Price. Kevin Fabus commented, "I have a lot of faith in the new coaches. They know what they need to do to make us stronger and strength is something we definitely need."

Aside from the coaches, the team was also given a new weight room with all the necessary equipment. All time football great, Eric Fabus, remarked, "I believe the outcome of the season is determined by the off season. The weight room will benefit the team if it is used correctly and consistently."

Some of the players took it a step further, starting their own traditions. "Since I got hit by Tom J. in line drills, I get a concussion every time I bump my head," stated Tom

Everett.

Thanks to the Ashley Sports Boosters and the help of many volunteers, the Bears were able to have a new concession stand and locker rooms located near the field. "I really appreciated the new facility," stated Jon Whitford, "I hated climbing on a crowded bus at half time."

"I really enjoyed getting my varsity letter at such a young age. Now I have something to brag about to my friends at my old school!" exclaimed James Easlick. This was James's first year on the varsity football team.

"I really enjoyed this year's football season, but it would've been nice to win a few more games," commented Aaron Grolimund.

All in all, the Bears had a fun season. "I've never had as much fun as I did playing football this year. I just hope all these new traditions lead to a winning tradition," stated Roy Burgett.

Matt Crumbaugh



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SET, HUT, HUT Tim Bates and Matt Crumbaugh try to fend off Montabella while Eric Fabus gets the Bears a few yards closer to

another goal. Fabus ran 122 yards in the first quarter of the season.