

DA BEARS

If the cracking of pads and helmets doesn't get you pumped up, then you never played Ashley football.

-James Polash

August seven was the date set to start the football campaign. From then on, the Bears would eat, sleep, and breathe Ashley football.

Sometimes there is a game that will always stick with you. **Lucas Studt** commented on what he thought was his perfect game. "The perfect game had to be Homecoming... raining cats and dogs just like in the movies. That's what football is all about." The Bears won that game, 26-12, against **Baldwin**.

Tim Bates's perfect game was against **Fulton**. "We had a shot to do something that people had never done before and to shut up people

that thought we would not get into the playoffs again." The Bears fell to Fulton, 15-6.

With every good team there comes a great coach. "I felt the coaches coached with passion and desire," remarked **Jesse Diffin**.

Jacob Harris felt that Coach **Tim Hunter** was great at getting players pumped up for the game. "That can be the difference between winning the game and losing the game." Harris also added, "Coach **Craig Baker** was the twelfth player on the field, and coach **Jeffrey Price** was the man of defense. He knew what to run against any offense."

At the start of the year,

the Bears had plans to have a junior varsity football team, however, the junior varsity only played three games and they found defeat in them, losing to Montabella, Onekama, and MMC. After those games, they were moved up to the varsity level.

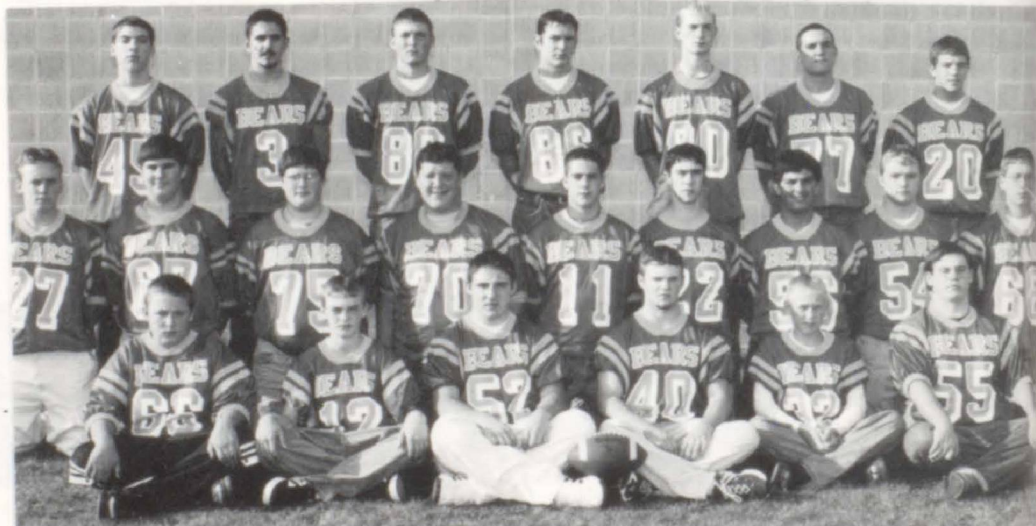
"Varsity is a whole new ballgame. It is a lot faster pace, and you get hit harder," said **Craig Densmore**.

"Craig will be an up and coming star on the varsity if he keeps up with it," promised Coach Craig Baker. Coach Baker also added, "We had two players lined-up on the All-State Football Team, and that's very pleasing for me to say that because they're like sons to me."



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GO, LITTLE D Craig Densmore tries to use his speed to get around the **Onekma** defenders. The Bears chalked up a loss, 36-6.



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VARSITY FOOTBALL Front row: **Matt Turner, Jason Stoneman, Jeremy Polash, Troy Adams, Craig Densmore, James Easlick** Second row: **Brandon Beck, Tyler Reynolds, Chris Reynolds,**

Eric Kirkey, James Polash, Aaron Grollimund, J.R. Wright, Lucas Studt, Jared Wallen Last row: **William Pearson, Tim Bates, Jesse Diffin, Aaron Schulz, Josh Adams, Joe Shaw, Caleb Follett**