



# Varsity



The 1987-88 Varsity football team had a great season overall. On August 28 around 8:00 p.m. Sprayberry stadium began to quickly fill up. Fans waited impatiently to see the '87-'88 Sprayberry Yellow Jacket "SWARM" in action.

Unfortunately, the Jackets started out on a bad note with a big loss to McEachern and then to Wheeler. The mighty Jackets did not let this bother them though, as they bounced back with wins over Lassiter, Riverwood, and North Cobb. The biggest loss of the season was to rival Walton as the Raiders prevailed over the Jackets but not without a Yellow Jacket fight first. The next losses came to Wheeler and an upsetting last-second win by Roswell. With five seconds left on the clock, quarterback Johnny Mitchell finds receiver Kevin Tyrer open in the end zone, Mitchell fires, Tyrer receives, and the Jackets walk away with a victory, but wait, the referee calls the touchdown back and the Jackets come home an empty-handed, very disappointed football team. October 25, the team traveled to Cherokee High School and showed what they were really made of with a blasting win of 36-6. With a week off the Jackets came back and trounced Marietta with an impressive 35-7 win.

Head coach John Pety had these views and opinions on the season, "I felt that the kids played hard, but the one thing that really hurt us was not coming up with the big plays when they were needed. The team showed a great amount of effort in the last two games. The Roswell and Wheeler games kept us out of the playoffs. Leadership on the team was good but could have been better. I believe that the team was just "snake bit" most of the season. We had a good bunch of Seniors. Another thing that really helped us was the spirit shown by the student body and faculty. The key players on offense were Greg Brown, Johnny Mitchell, Billy Shackelford, Terence Brown, Marc Lucas, Danny Martin, and Brian Schoepflein.

On defense the team was led by Jeff Howard, Donald Zorn, Mike Dione, Randy Boyette, Rip Hoover, and Lawrence Flores."

Senior David Pross had this to say: "It was a disappointing season. We had expected more of ourselves and did not play up to our potential."

Jeff Howard: "Great amount of effort and spirit within the team. We were not consistent. If we could have won some close games we would be in the playoffs."

Greg Brown: "Yes, it was disappointing to not go to the playoffs. Even though our record does not show it we were a good team. More coach involvement. Senior leadership. I was pleased to be associated with this team."

Philp Beck: "We were real close as a team. The outcome of the season was disappointing."

Randy Boyette: "I think that we needed more enthusiasm during the games with the team. We were inconsistent. We had one of the most talented teams in the county, but we just did not show it for a few games. I was disappointed that we did not make the playoffs."

Billy Shackelford: "It was disappointing. Too many unlucky breaks. Had the talent to be number one in the region. The games we needed to win we just could not put it together."

Kevin Spety: "Team came together at the end of the season. We had potential to go all the way. But at crucial moments we disappointed ourselves."

## Football

SHS	vs.	McEachern	0-28
SHS	vs.	Wheeler	7-28
SHS	vs.	Lassiter	13-12
SHS	vs.	Riverwood	21- 7
SHS	vs.	North Cobb	21- 0
SHS	vs.	Walton	11-25
SHS	vs.	Wheeler	14-17
SHS	vs.	Roswell	20-24
SHS	vs.	Cherokee	35- 6
SHS	vs.	Marietta	35- 7



1. '87-'88 Varsity football team. Row 1: Dionne Elton, mgr., Edward McMarry, John Howard, Greg Brown, Elijah Wright, Johnny Mitchell, Rip Hoover, Jerry Dukes, Marc Lucas, Kevin Tyrer, Johnny Rice, Terence Brown, Lance Lavitt, Steve Mann, David Whitcomb, Sandi Luck, mgr. Row 2: Annie Duncan, Warren Perry, Evan Johnson, Jim Dione, El Wright, Tim Rivers, Tigg Bivins, Mike Collins, Marc Boywell, John Wood, Billy Shackelford, Eddie Gross, Lawrence Flores, Jerry Taylor, Robb Duncan, Matt Anthony, Suzanne Erwin, mgr. Row 3: Mike Dione, Philp Beck, Eric Ludgers, Matt Finck, Steve Lawrence, Ty Walworth, Randy Boyette, Brad Cratt, Jeff Howard, Chris Parley, Chris Powell, Andrew Babcock, J.J. Thomas. Row 4: Kevin Spety, John Bennett, Brian Schoepflein, P.J. Mowak, David Pross, Danny Martin, Danny Williamson, Craig Condra, Stephen Colby, Steve Williams, Matt Bradford, Vance Arctey. Row 5: Coach Mike Cole, Coach Mike Baker, Robbie Bonar, Donald Zorn, Joe Easley, Kenny Welsch, Coach John Pety, David Hudson, Casey Lyon, Bobby Pryor, Elijah Wright, Kevin Robinson, Coach Chester Mason. Coach Courtney Oliver. 2. Billy Shackelford shows his running ability. 3. Donald Zorn shows that a little blood never hurt anybody. 4. Here David Pross, Steve Mann, Eddie Gross, and other players wait to get back in the game. 5. Yes, this team is definitely BAD. 6. Coach Pety concentrates on what play to send in next. 7. Here captain Jeff Howard wishes his team good luck in the second half.



# Junior Varsity

## J.V.: Region Co-Champions



The Sprayberry Junior Varsity Football Team had an excellent season (5-1-1) tying with Wheeler for first place in the region. The Monday Nighters, as they came to be called, because of such a small original team, consisted of many juniors who gained valuable playing time that might not have been available if they had played Varsity. The J.V. team was also a little better prepared than other teams in the region because they practiced with the Varsity during the week. They had a strong defense and a solid offense as is obvious through their scores. No single group of players could be singled out to call the most valuable since they all put forth effort to succeed and therefore are all

valuable players. The J.V. coaches, Coach Oliver and Coach Ransom, did an excellent job working with the excellent group of guys they had. Coach Oliver had this to say, "Considering the fact that they only got to practice as a team one day a week, I feel they executed real well. Their winning attitude will carry over into their Varsity experience." GOOD LUCK!!



1. Coach Ransom and Robbie Bomar discuss the previous play. 2. Coach Oliver directs Eli Wright as to what to do. 3. Edward McMurry pays close attention to the game. 4. Brant Glewisch practices his kicking. 5. Warren Perry scores a touchdown against North Cobb. 6. Eli Wright concentrates on his performance. 7. Touchdowns for the 1987 J.V. football team were scored by (l to r): front row: Stephen Hendrix, Casey Lyon, and Warren Perry, 2nd Row: Brant Glewisch (extra points), David Hudson, and John Howard, Not shown: Eli Wright, Elijah Wright, Edward McMurry, Billy Clausen, and Evan Johnson (extra points). 8. Chris Jordan is worn out after playing a tough series. 9. John Howard gives Coach Oliver the whole story. 10. The offense proves itself against North Cobb.



The J.V. Football Team: Front Row: Caroline McAtee, Robbie Miller, Billy Clausen, Russ McTyre, Derrick Rowan, Robbie New, Chris Jordan, Debbie Hill. 2nd Row: Coach Courtney Oliver, Jeff Hunt, Rick Norton, Brian Bjerke, Monte Wilkams, Todd Sawicki, Brad Evatt, Robb Duncan, Coach Ransom. 3rd Row: Eli Wright, Joel White, Tony Acri, Tony Johnson, John Howard, Carl Redding, Elijah Wright.



### Football

SHS vs. Campbell	22-6
SHS vs. Walton	0-14
SHS vs. Wheeler	14-8
SHS vs. Osborne	14-6
SHS vs. Pope	14-0
SHS vs. Lassiter	10-12
SHS vs. North Cobb	8-8

# Freshmen

## Freshmen Succeed



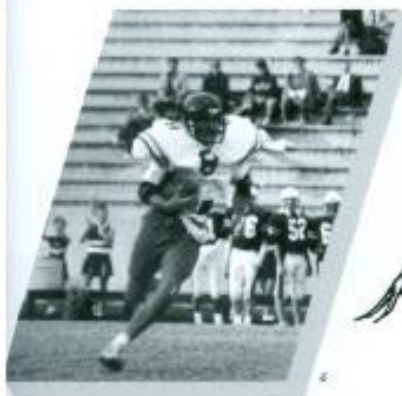
Under the leadership of Coach Jenkins and a new addition to the coaching staff, Coach Jones, the freshmen once again achieved a winning season with a record of 4-2-1. Everyone deserves a hand and special notice should be given to such players as: on offense; Lenwood Bowers, who led the team in average yards per carry, Quarterback Pete Schutt with the most carries per game, and the leading receiver, Mickhal Locklear, on defense; Scott Wood, and Tripp Litchfeld just to name a few. Of the Freshmen team, Coach Jenkins stated, "They overcame great adversity in the form of injuries and inexperience but by the end of the season had greatly matured in their attitude toward football." They definitely showed potential and confidence as the season progressed making the outlook for next year even better. GOOD LUCK GUYS!!



1. Coach Jenkins intently watches the action from the sidelines. 2. Coach Jones proved to be a valuable addition to the staff. 3. Drew Anthony signals for a time out. 4. Tripp, Jason, and Jon know to always run, never walk, off the field. 5. Coach Jones goes over the plan of action with the players. 6. Quarterback, Pete Schutt, runs the ball in the game against Garbore. 7. Matt McTyre and Shay Wilson look exhausted as they watch from the bench. 8. Definitely the better view from the sidelines.



The Freshmen Football Team: Front Row: Wade Bradford, Brent Perkins, Mickhal Locklear, Joe Courson, John Taylor, Matt McTyre, Chris Hood, Charlie Pewler. 2nd row: Chad Martin, Jason Rlusz, Ricky Walton, Jason Elwer, Scott Wood, Slade Reinhardt, Lenwood Bowers. 3rd row: Justin Scragg, Pete Schutt, Shay Wilson, Scott McCurry, John Herrera, Wayne Gang, Craig Yano, Hal Gresham. 4th row: Mark Brown, Keither Gulick, Jon Grove, Matt Justice, Reid Bass, Cam Neal, David McElveen. 5th row: Billy Kirk, Drew Anthony, Mark Colston, Chad Emer, Tripp Litchfeld, Lee Marcum. 6th row: Elijah Peaha, Shad Goitz, Bryan Gass, Erik Hahn, Chris Partain, Bert Christopher.



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