

# “'Twas The Dream Season”

Our football team had what could be called a “dream season.” Going into the year, the new coaches were hoping to lay a foundation for possible success in the near future. But things started to happen that no one knew how to explain.

After returning from camp, the team had its first scrimmage against Airport and Rock Hill. The team had begun to show some positive signs in camp and the coaching staff did not want to lose all of that momentum in its first scrimmage. They were all quite surprised when they not only held their own, they actually won. The rest of the preseason they held their own as well, but there was no way anyone could predict what was about to happen.

The season opened at Newberry. They had been 12 and 1 the previous year and were returning with the bulk of that team. After a defeat of 17-6, Dutch Fork was next. The results were 28-27 double overtime. Next up, Northwestern, the defending 4A Big 16 State Champions. Surely this would put us in our place. But after a 14-12 morale victory we felt we were ready to play anyone.

Next they beat York 49-0 to finish our none region state at 3 and 1.

The Sumter Gamecocks came to town to open our region schedule for our first home game. The overflowing crowd was not disappointed as our Griffins went out to a quick 14-0 lead and held on to win 22-14. Our next opponent was Richland Northeast, the defending 4-A little 32 state champions. Results-Griffins 10, RNE 7. By now people were beginning to think that the Griffins were “for real.” They were as one of the top teams in the polls.

After winning a few more games, we started our playoff run against Airport. Our 27-14 victory ranked as the first football playoff victory in FCHS history. The following week we went back on the road to Aiken and won 23-13. The end of our season came with a loss to eventual state champions, Berkeley in the lower state finals. 10 wins and 4 losses was more than any of us could have imagined from the onset. It was a great year for a great group of people.

“Taking Over”  
Eric Sanders downs his opponent.



## 1994 Varsity Football 10 - 4

WE	OPPONENT	THEY
17	Newberry	6
29	Dutch Fork	28
12	Northwestern	14
49	York	0
22	Sumter	14
10	Richland NE	7
14	Spring Valley	35
21	Lower Richland	6
38	Hillcrest	14
40	Irmo	16
21	Lancaster	23

### Playoffs

27	Airport	14
23	Aiken	13
0	Berkley	21



“Jump for Joy”  
Paul Speagle reacts as the referee calls a touchdown.