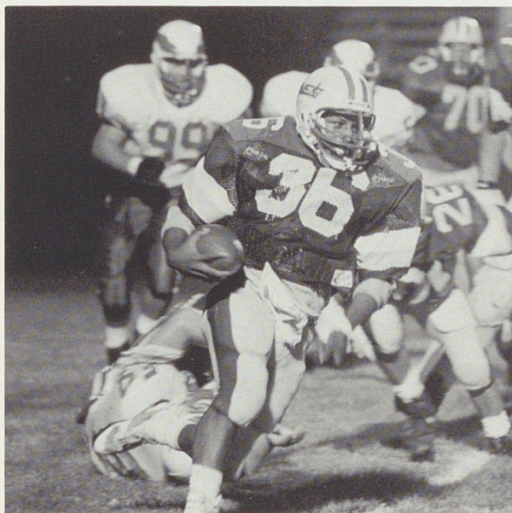


# FALL SPORTS

Senior Hank Ray runs the ball past a Milford opponent to gain yardage. Ray led the city in all-purpose yards this season.

Senior Daryl Davis sprints down the field as the Sycamore offensive line makes tackles against the Eagles' defense.



## A NEW BEGINNING

*With a new head coach, the football team starts traditions*

**“W**in now.” These two words served as the motto for the 1991 football team, under new head coach, Dale Mueller. Although he projected that the team would have a winning season and possibly be a strong candidate in the state football title, these predictions did not actually come true. But, it was a season of learning, growing, and playing hard. Senior starter Hank Ray explained, “The coach gave the team so much motivation and spirit.”

The season brought about some exciting victories and memorable occasions, regardless of the team record of three wins and seven losses. Ray commented, “The team won its first Greater Miami Conference game in two years when we played Fairfield. A week later, we gained our second league win after defeating Lima. It was a pretty exciting part of the season.”

Senior Andy Kulesza agreed, stating, “Homecoming was definitely the highlight of the year. After all of the hard training and practicing, it felt really good to finally get the win we deserved.”

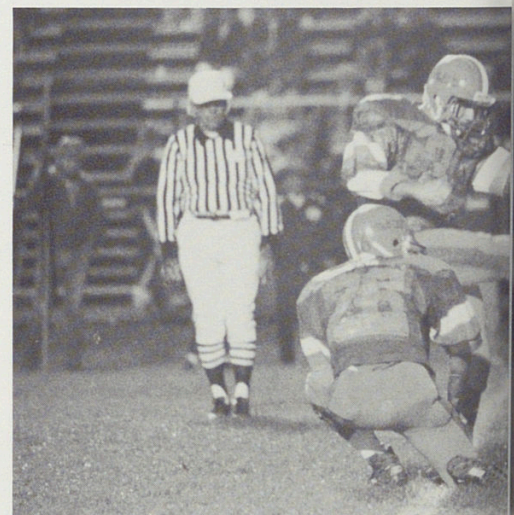
Not only were the wins important parts of the season, but the losses were, too. The scoreboard did not always show how well the Aviators actually played during the year. “There were so many

times that we were so close to winning!” Kulesza said, “The Milford and Hamilton games were so close in both score and ability of the players. We felt good about these games because we played well, but needed an extra push to achieve an actual victory. This push came later in the season against Fairfield and Lima, winning those games 26-7 and 17-14.”

Mueller commented, “We played some excellent football, but we didn’t play well enough to beat some of the better teams. I feel that I made a real positive difference with the team throughout the season, nonetheless.”

No matter what the final record, the Aves were a new team with a new coach that were trying to find their place in the league. They started playing well and winning during the latter part of the season, which Mueller hoped would happen earlier in the year. “The coach made the season really special for the players, especially the seniors. We learned that even though our record did not reflect many wins, a sense of winning was always among the team. Since it was our last season, the entire team tried to make every game count. We played our hardest and wanted to make the most out of each game.” Kulesza added.

by Stacy Walter



Senior Tim Gugerty kicks the ball for a field goal while placeholder Rob Reis looks on to see whether or not the kick is blocked by the Fairfield player.

Junior quarterback Bob Wheeler starts the play as the offensive line blocks the Fairfield players during the Homecoming game.

