

1989

(Derived from newspaper articles)

Montclair High School football Coach Jack Davies comes into the 1989 season with an impressive 35-14-2 record in his five years at the helm.

The season opener against Ridgewood seemed to pit two evenly matched teams, both returning about the same amount of players on both offense and defense. On a rainy Saturday Montclair met Ridgewood in Ridgewood. After sloshing around in the mud for 48 minutes, the Mounties emerged victorious, 9-7. On Friday the Montclair offense exploded to a 41-6 romp over Clifton. Senior tailback, Michael Flowers, scored three TD's. Fullback Nikki Kemp rushed for 137 yards on just 13 carries for an average of better than 10 yards a carry. Junior quarterback, Lamont Ponton, passed for two TD's, one to Steven Frank, and one to Brian Marriott. Jason Schneider, Montclair's other Junior QB threw a TD pass to Terrence Garrison in the fourth quarter. Against a pretty good Bergen Catholic squad, Flowers scored all three TD's in a 21-6 Mountie victory. Fullback Kemp averaged more than 12 yards a carry against Hackensack. Flowers again scored three TD's and now leads Essex County with ten. The offensive line was strong. Sean Nickson, George Wood, Jason Roelke, Matt D'Andrea, Stan Whitaker, and Jim Vigna were outstanding. The defense was equally up to the task with Linebackers Brian Fahrenfeld, Brandy Brandon, and Daryl Elder. Final score Montclair High School 32 Hackensack 3. At Hinchliff Stadium in Paterson, Montclair faced a huge Kennedy team whose interior line averaged more than 260 lbs. Montclair came into the game averaging more than 300 yards per game. The game was a thriller as the Mounties scored an emotional come-from-behind victory, 17-16. Montclair scored ten points in the final 7:59. The next game would be the undefeated St. Joseph's Green Knights.



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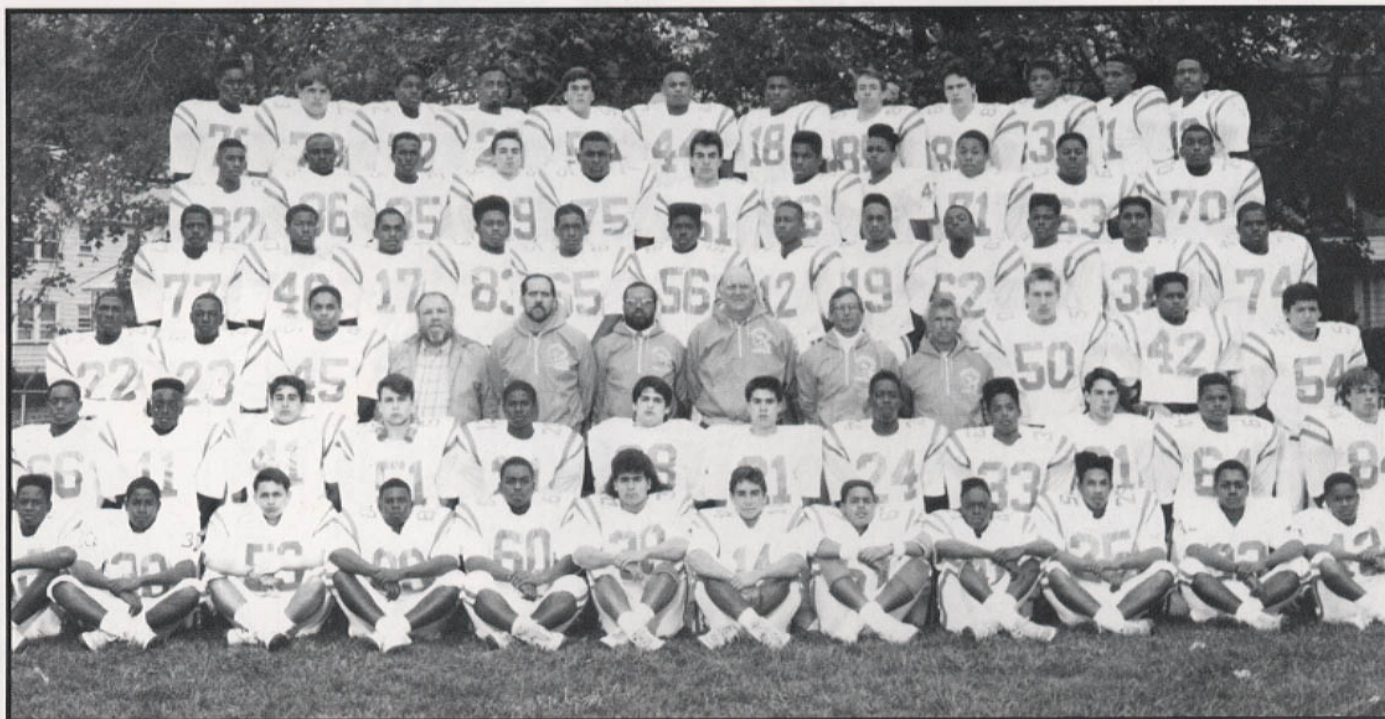
The following Saturday in Paterson, Flowers rushed for 159 yards on 19 carries and scored all four touchdowns to crush Eastside 28-8. At Newark Schools Stadium, Montclair blasted Barringer 40-8. It was no contest. The Mounties are back in the playoffs once again.

For the second time Montclair was defeated in the first round of the Group 4, Section 2 State Playoffs.

Morris Knolls shut out the Mounties 18-0 in Denville. Repeating the end of the season slump of last year, the Mounties also fell to Passaic on Turkey Day, 20-11. The Indians spoiled our Thanksgiving dinner for the third year in a row.

The Mounties ended the season with a 7 & 3 record.





1st Row: Reggie Lee, Dan Falaise, Jeff Emblem, Shey Sparks, Lacy Dungee, Brad Lister, Matt Bellace, Eric Curry, Hassan McGhee, Gary Sistrunk, Kobeay Swafford, Damon Jenkins. 2nd Row: George Wood, Dairo Patterson, Steve Baffico, Will Conley, Josue Falaise, Mario Panza, Bill Cosgrove, Duane Greene, Marm Christian, Bill Mallon, David Thornhill, Phil Lane. 3rd Row: Steve Frank, Michael Flowers, Nikki Kemp, Coach Murray, Coach Petronaci, Coach Brandon, Coach Davies, Coach Lebida, Coach Quarto, Brian Fahrenfeld, Brandy Brandon, Matt D'Andrea. 4th Row: Stanley Whitaker, Willis Petrie, Tim Lee, Anthony Clements, Lawrence Carter, John Epps, Lamont Ponton, Curtis Moss, Daryl Lipscomb, Greg Jarrett, Garland Thornton, Kevin Garrett. 5th Row: Steven Taylor, Howard Goulbourne, Roger Marsh, Jeremy Skule, Sean Nickson, Dan Woititz, Tim Dunn, James Smith, Rashaan Smith, Len Watkins, Mark Elder. 6th Row: Jamie Williams, Jim Vigna, Rudy Jean-Mary, Sam Carrington, Jason Roelke, Darryl Elder, Eric Taylor-Perry, Steve Sudovar, Brian Marriott, Eric Cook, Jason Curry, Mike Mickens.



Top - pictured left to right: Coach Brandon; Coach Petronaci
Bottom: Al Howell

Coach Davies



