

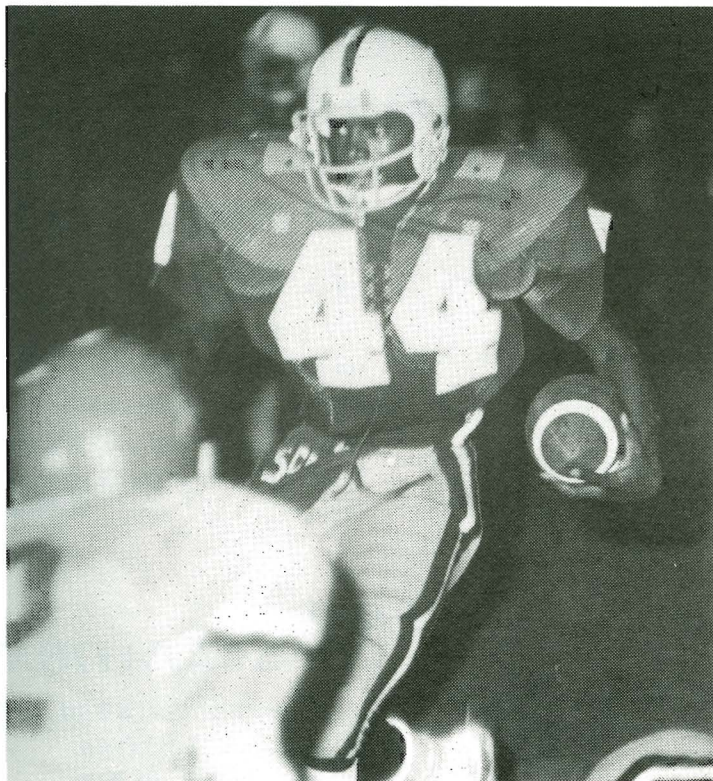
THE MAKING OF A CHAMPION

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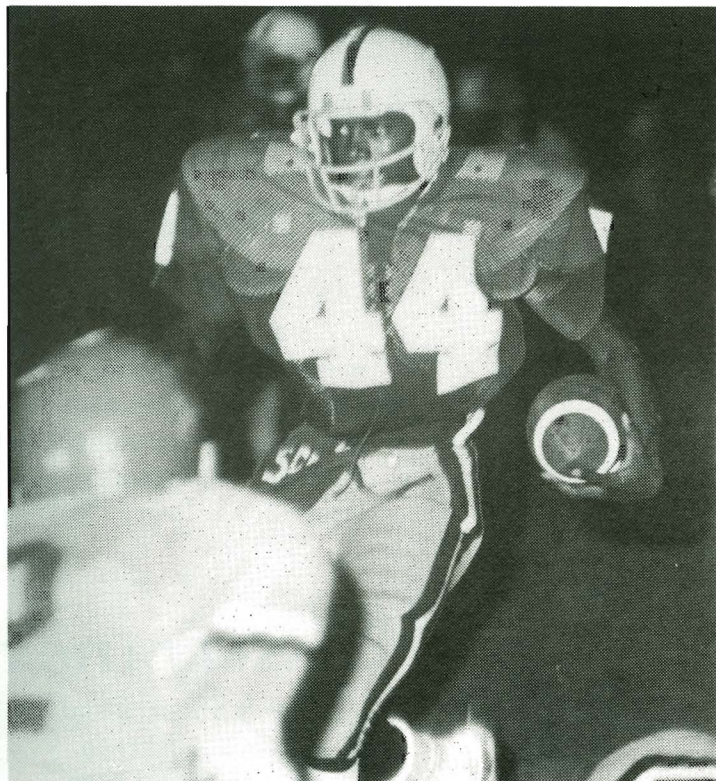
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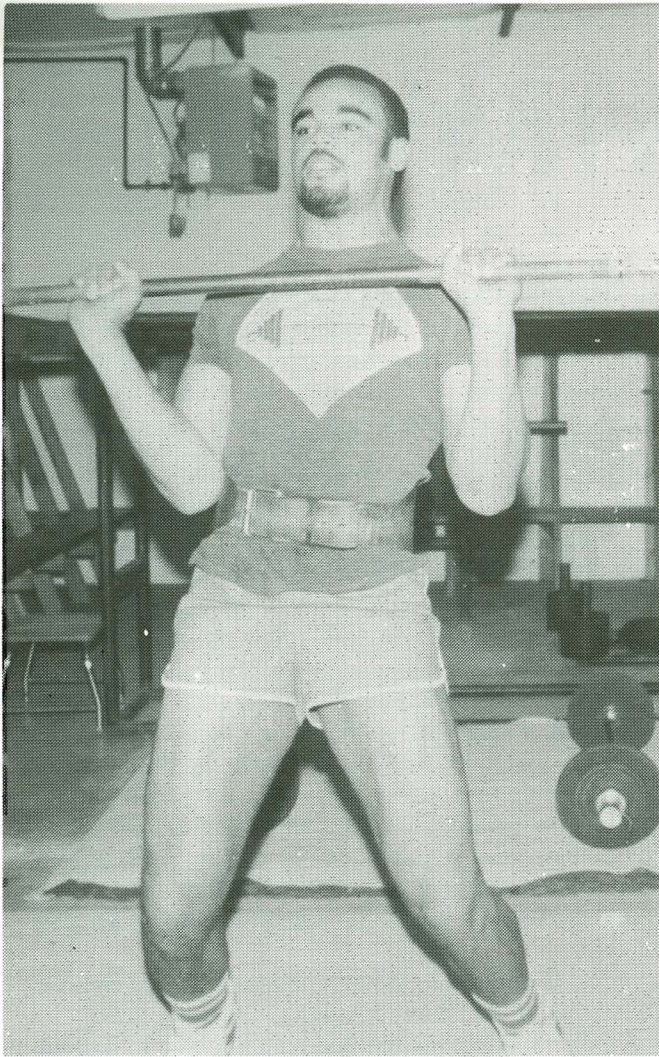
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Robert Smith — West Point's "Mr. T"

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Shawn Sykes is a shifty runner with deceptive speed. He averaged 7.2 yards per carry in the playoffs. Shawn is 5'11" and 180 pounds, and in spite of missing 2½ games due to an elbow injury, rushed for 967 yards in 129 attempts and 11 touchdowns. This versatile athlete catches passes, returns punts, returns kick-offs and punts. He also intercepted 5 passes, one for a 105 yard touchdown, and had 26 tackles and 42 assists on defense.

Congratulations to Coach Bubba Davis, Robert Smith, Shawn Sykes and the Green Wave from West Point, Mississippi for your hard work, dedication and total commitment to excellence in the making of a champion.

MISSISSIPPI BFS CLINICS

May 19th

New Hebron High School

Coach John Flynt

May 21st

Newton High School

Coach Butch Newman

Progress Chart for Mississippi's Dynamic Duo

ROBERT SMITH

| S M I T H | Weight | Date | 40 Yard Dash | Bench | Squat | Clean | Age |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | | 158 lbs. | 5-23-80 | 5.08 | 205 | 252 | 170 |
| | 178 lbs. | 5-21-81 | 4.9 | 245 | 304 | 205 | 14 |
| | 190 lbs. | 5- 5-82 | 4.8 | 287 | 410 | 227 | 15 |
| | 210 lbs. | 3- 1-83 | 4.7 | 366 | 454 | 266 | 16 |

SHAWN SYKES

| S Y K E S | Weight | Date | 40 Yard Dash | Bench | Squat | Clean | Age |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | | 150 lbs. | 5-23-80 | 5.06 | 145 | 225 | 167 |
| | 157 lbs. | 5-21-81 | 4.79 | 178 | 261 | 183 | 14 |
| | 170 lbs. | 5- 5-82 | 4.73 | 222 | 366 | 216 | 15 |
| | 181 lbs. | 3- 1-83 | | 289 | 401 | 233 | 16 |