



## Warren Fleming, '72, best running back in League

Warren Fleming came to Augusta when our football program had been in decline.

The football season in 1971-72 saw the small number of team members

having to play on both offense and defense, something not often seen in 1971.



Dodging and twisting, Warren Fleming heads for a first down against Greenbrier Military School.

But they did win some exciting games!

At the heart of our team was Running Back Warren Fleming – a cadet with the running style of Gale Sayers – a cadet who ran the 100 yard dash in 9.9 seconds and averaged more than five yards per carry.

He was clearly the best running back in the Military Academy League and his leadership on and off the field was an inspiration to players and non-players alike.

He also played linebacker and defensive back and was team captain for a number of games. His teammates remember Warren as "very reliable" and though he weighed close to 200 pounds, he was really, really fast.

In addition to his athletic prowess, Warren played a major leadership role to the football team.

He also played basketball and baseball and received several offers to play college football but Warren decided to take a different road.

He considers having played on the first integrated teams at Augusta one of the most important milestones in his life.

