

1982 Jacksonville High School Football Team

The 1982 Jacksonville High School Football Team was coached by Hall of Fame member Ray Durham. Assistant coaches included Jim Collins, Dean Saffos, Robert Hurley, Gerald Pickett, and Gid Johnson, also a Hall of Fame member. The team went 14-0 and won the 4A state championship 15-6, exacting revenge on Greensboro Page who had defeated the Cardinals 36-14 in the state championship two years prior. Six players from that team earn college scholarships to play football. Cardinals held 12 of the 23 spots on the All-County team that was named that year.

Tyrone Currence led the team with 18 touchdowns and over 1,500 yards rushing. Hall of Famer Ellis Dillahunt contributed 14 touchdowns that season. Coach Durham was quoted as saying, "going into the season, expectations were 6-4 or maybe 7-3." He said the highlight of the season for him was the goal line stand against Pine Forest in the semifinals.

Week 1	Jacksonville	23	White Oak	0
Week 2	Jacksonville	23	Greenville Rose	22
Week 3	Jacksonville	10	Kinston	8
Week 4	Jacksonville	34	Southern Wayne	0
Week 5	Jacksonville	3	Goldsboro	0
Week 6	Jacksonville	16	New Hanover	0
Week 7	Jacksonville	55	Laney	0
Week 8	Jacksonville	52	Hoggard	6
Week 9	Jacksonville	30	New Bern	0
Week 10	Jacksonville	38	Eastern Wayne	0
First round	Jacksonville	24	Reid Ross	7
Second round	Jacksonville	47	Millbrook	19
Semifinals	Jacksonville	14	Pine Forest	10
Championship	Jacksonville	15	Page	6