



Above: JIM WILSON, EARL DEARCY, CHARLES WIGHT.
Below: LAWRENCE RUSH, GENE DOYLE, MURRIEL MORRIS.

History of Athletics in Wink High School



Taking a retrospect of athletics in Wink High School is very pleasant considering the fact it is a new school competing with schools that have been established numerous years.

September, 1928, the opening of Wink High School found sixteen inexperienced boys ready to battle and fight their way toward making a victorious football team under the guidance of Coach Johnson. The result was a team creditable in every way for a first year team. The season closed with five victories and three losses. The team scored victories over Midland and Stanton, runners-up in the district race, and fought a tied battle with Odessa, the district champions.

The basketball team of '29 also had their taste of victory, despite the fact they had to develop on an outdoor court. They piled up five victories out of seven games played. Pecos, Crane and Humble Refining teams met defeat at the hands of the gold and black team.

Spring athletics included baseball, track and spring football. Two weeks of spring training was given to football.

Twenty-eight huskies answered the cry of "football" the year 1929. Unfortunately only fourteen proved eligible. The season was not a success from the standpoint of games won. The reason for this was the fact that our opponents had veteran teams. However, every team played vouched a real scrap from start to finish. The one big handicap was the light weight of the entire team, which, with eight inexperienced men, proved our downfall. The bright spot of the season was a 6 to 6 tie with Midland, the district champions.

Brighter prospects loomed forth for the 1930 basketball season made possible by a large and adequately equipped gymnasium and good material from which to select. Coach Johnson realized results from his efforts by the willingness to work on the part of the players. This enables us to boast of a highly successful season. Odessa, Pecos, Fort Stockton, Pyote, Barstow, Monahans, Humble Refining, and Dexter and Lovington, New Mexico, were conquered by the fast Wink quintet. Hard luck pursued the boys on the Lovington, New Mexico trip. They bowed twice to defeat on a margin of three points for both games. Alpine and Pecos defeated the team by ten and one points respectively. The season closed with thirteen victories and four defeats.

The track squad of '30 promises a good showing. Several boys are developing unusually well in track and field events. An inter-class track and field meet was held this spring with the seniors copping the meet. Much interest was manifested in the district meet which was held at Alpine April 19.

Sweaters were awarded to the 1928-1929 football lettermen and 1930 basketball lettermen. The following men lettered in football in 1928: Captain Plato, Meagler, Largin, King, East, H. Viator, Doyle, Lindsey, O. Viator, Lindley, and Crawford. Fifteen men lettered during the football season of '30, as follows: Captain Wilson, Wight, Rush, H. Viator, King, Reeves, Pickering, Lindsey, Doyle, Morris, D'Arcy, O. Viator, Yoder, McGarry, Rhodes, Cook, and Bulis. Basketball lettermen of '30 were as follows: Captain King, Wight, Doyle, Reeves, Crawford and Wilson.

The past two years have brought forth real contests in Wink. The Wink fans have been very loyal in their attendance of the games and support of the team.

Wink High boasts of the largest and best equipped gym in the state. This spacious 80x90-foot gym is the home of numerous sports in addition to basketball. Two tennis courts and two volley ball courts absorb the athletic energy of many students. Our gym is adequately equipped to meet the requirements of the State Board of Education relative to physical training.

With some athletic history back of us, experienced men, real support and plenty of equipment, we are looking forward to greater success in the future.