Turkey Day Spent Feasting in Plains

The Wildcats, along with the cheerleaders, band, and scores of loyal fans, spent Thanksgiving Day stuffing the Plains Cowboys in the area round of the play-offs. The rare 2 o'clock kick-off time gave Wildcat staff photographer, Eric Hawkins, a chance to capture the action in the bright sunlight that drenched the football field in Plains.

The team did not have a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner, but their 34-6 victory was feast enough and led the Cats into December Football for the second straight year.

Buck Jones leaps in the air to catch a crucial pass during the area game. Buck was the only Wildcat to be selected to an all-state team on both offense and defense.

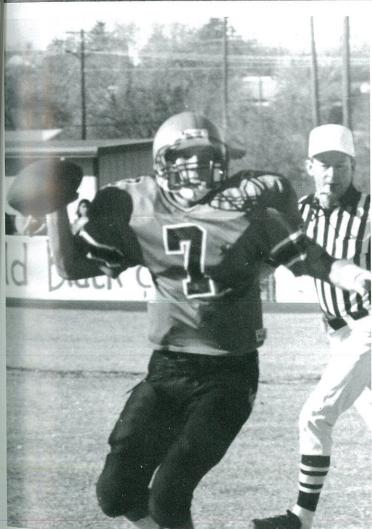
Josh Haynes was named to the first-team A-P All-state Team based on his regular season play which included 1,608 yards and 30 TDs. These touchdowns along with three two-point conversion runs made up 186 points. This was 121 more points than the 67 points scored by the Wildcats' opposing teams!

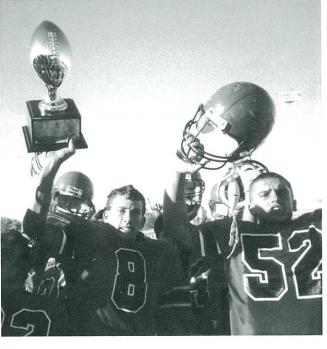
Seniors Robert Rios (63) and Buck Jones (8) open a large hole for ball carrier Dun_{tandon} Thompson shows why he was a unanimous all-district running back as he eludes a Plains Cowboy. When Brandon was not line this year and was an all-district selection at that position.











The Wildcats did not get a delicious turkey dinner at Grandma's, but Buck Jones and Alan Watts along with the rest of the team could not have cared less.

Quarterback Duncan Hamm lead the Wildcats to 24 victories in 28 games in his two years as leader of the offensive unit. His strong leadership did not go unnoticed by the *San Angelo Standard Times* which named him Class 1A All-West Texas Player of the Year.

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