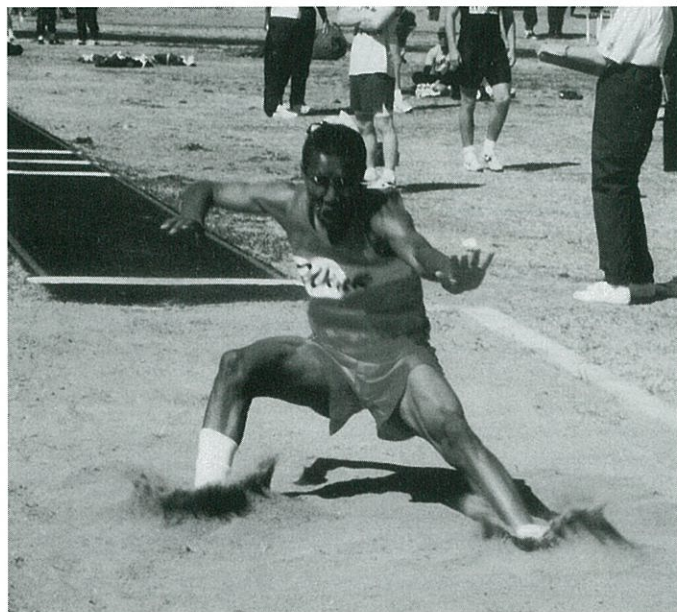


Wink High School proudly claims the 1996 1A State Pole-vaulting Champion!  
 Buck Jones clears 14'6" at Austin.

# RUNNING FOR THE GOLD

Senior Buck Jones won first at district in not only the pole vault but also in the long-jump and the triple-jump. He qualified for state in the pole vault with a second place finish at regional. In between the regional and state meet, he had a personal best vault of 15 feet at a State Qualifiers meet at Abilene.

Sophomore Shawn Matthews took third in the long-jump at district. The combination of youth and experienced athletes on this year's team makes for a bright future.



Varsity Track Team: back - Tim Lara, Calvin Baker, Jody Soltero, Eric Warriner, Josh Haynes, Brandon Jones, Jason Berta and Rudy Underwood; front - Brandon Thompson, Joe Renteria, Sheldon Claborn, and Doro Mendoza.



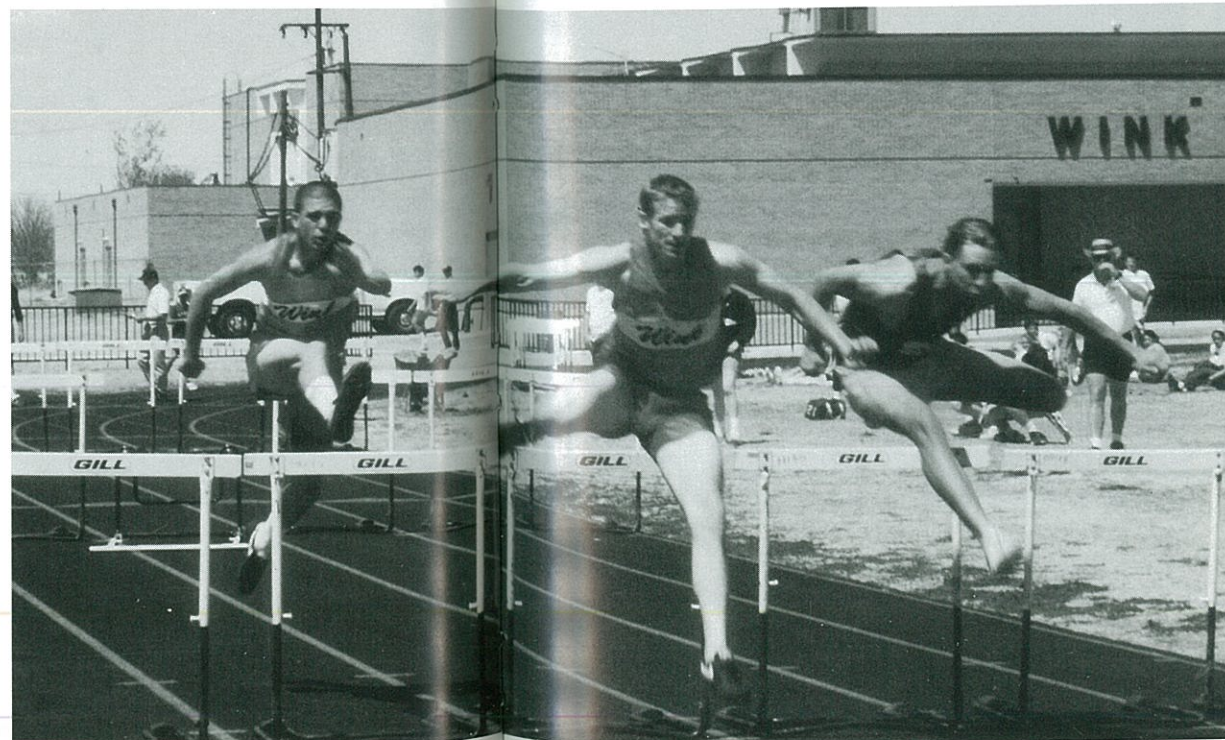
JV Track Team: back - Justin Hamm, Clifton Hall, Isaac Ojeda, Chris Lee and Coby Slaughter; front - Rocky Carroll, John Wingrove, Mike Moya and Brad Scott.



Brandon Jones takes the baton from Josh Haynes during a practice session for the 1600-meter relay. The team of Jones and Haynes along with Buck Jones and Joe Renteria placed second at district to qualify for regionals. The sprint relay team of Josh Haynes, Eric Warriner, Jody Soltero, and Brandon Thompson also made it to regionals by coming in second at district.



Although senior Eric Warriner won the long-jump at several track meets during the season, he failed to place at the important district meet. This disappointment did not keep him from doing his part to qualify the sprint relay team for regionals.



Sophomore Brandon Thompson sprints down the track in the 200. This was Brandon's second year of varsity track.

Jason Berta fights to overtake teammate Eric Warriner in the district 110-meter hurdle race.