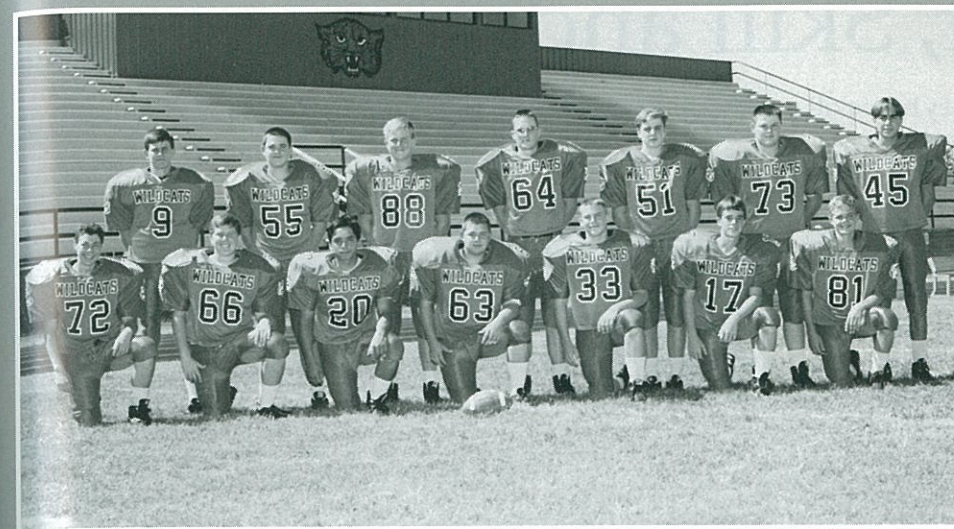


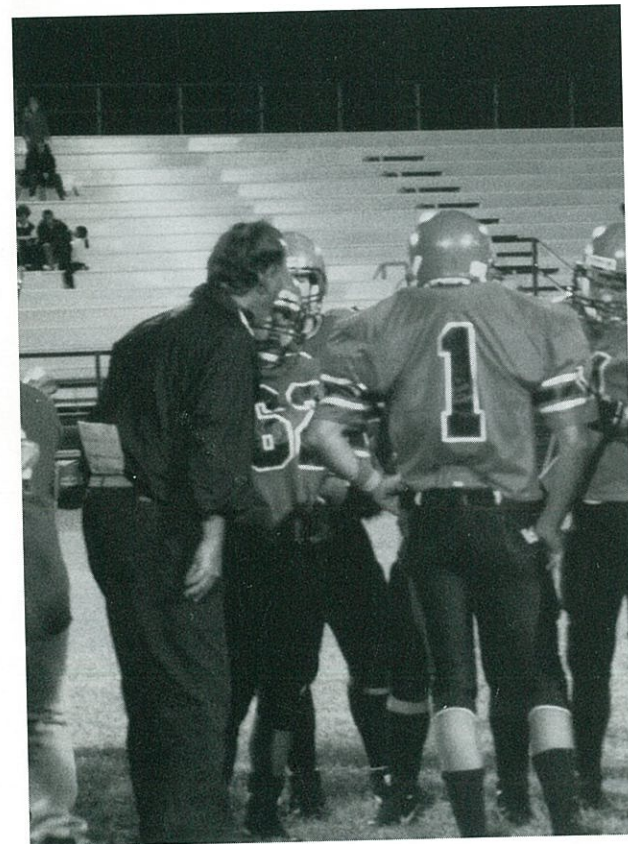


Jason Berta takes a hand-off from quarterback Justin Hamm and heads for a hole provided by the offensive line including Brad Scott and a block by fellow back, Brandon Thompson. The Wildcats accumulated 3,286 yards rushing of which Jason Berta contributed 925 yards with nine touchdowns.



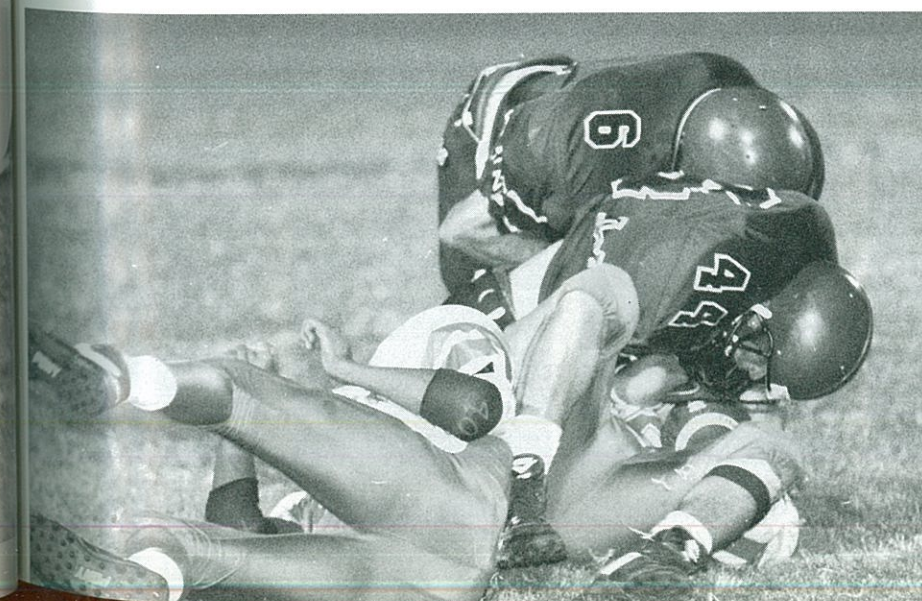
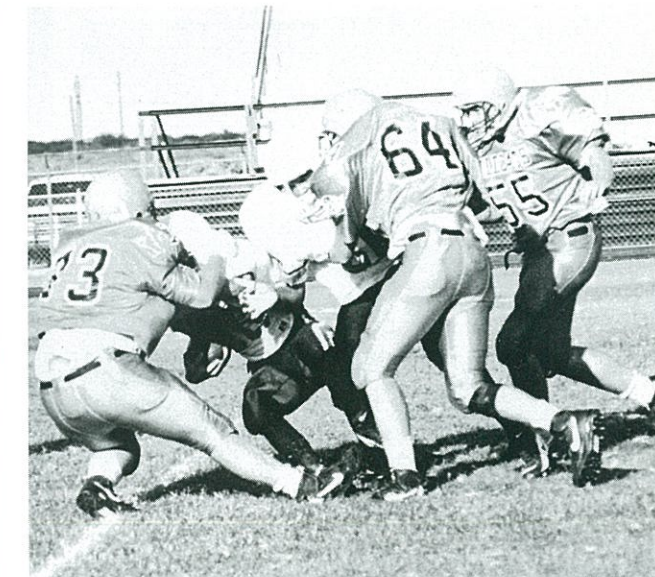
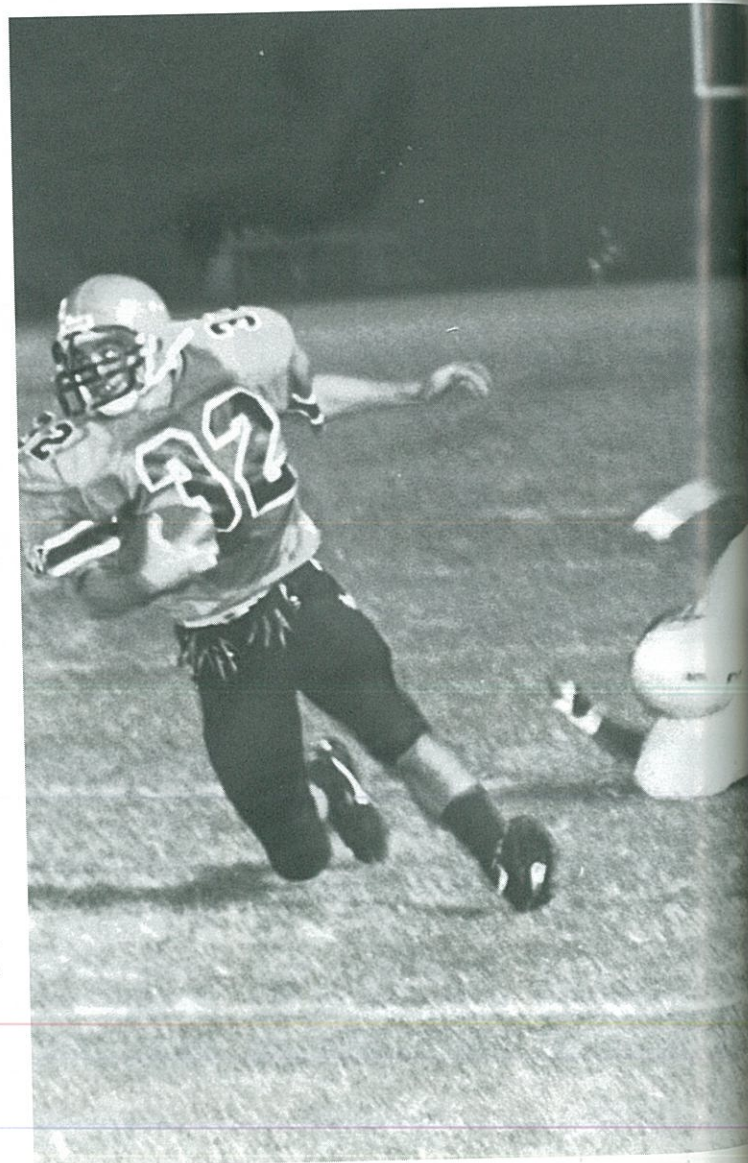
JV Team: back - Jared Green, Tim Martin, Dustin Loftin, Shawn Glenn, Sam Haring, Calvin Tucker and Jeremy Williamson; front - Patrick Voyles, Michael Berta, Rocky Carroll, Kenneth Gilbreath, John Allen Henderson, Jeremy Cross and Casey McCallister

The junior varsity season was shortened as player after player moved up to the varsity. One of these, Calvin Tucker, brings down a ball carrier as Shawn Glenn and Tim Martin move in to assist.



Coach Sam Scott makes a point in expert fashion during a time out.

Brandon Thompson avoids a tackle on his way to compiling 1,553 yards rushing on 175 carries for the season. His efforts resulted in 24 Wildcat touchdowns.



Outstanding defense has become a trademark of Wildcat football and the '96 season was no exception. The unit held opponents to 2,880 total yards for only 145 points. Here Brandon Jones and John Wingrove smother the ball carrier. Jones and Wingrove were in on 185 tackles during the twelve game season.

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