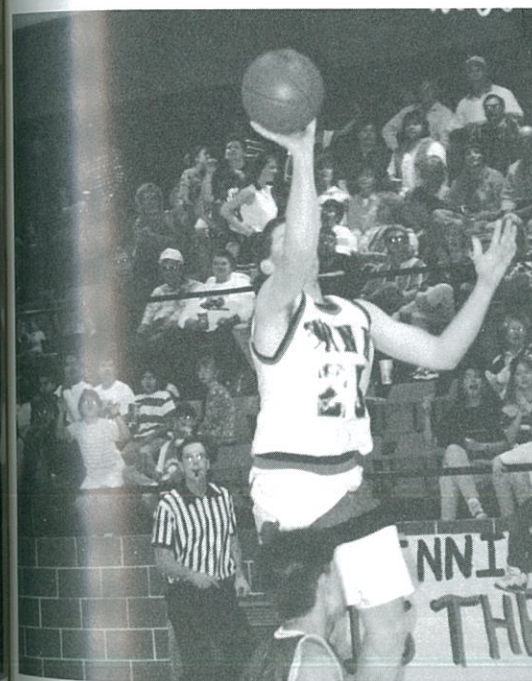
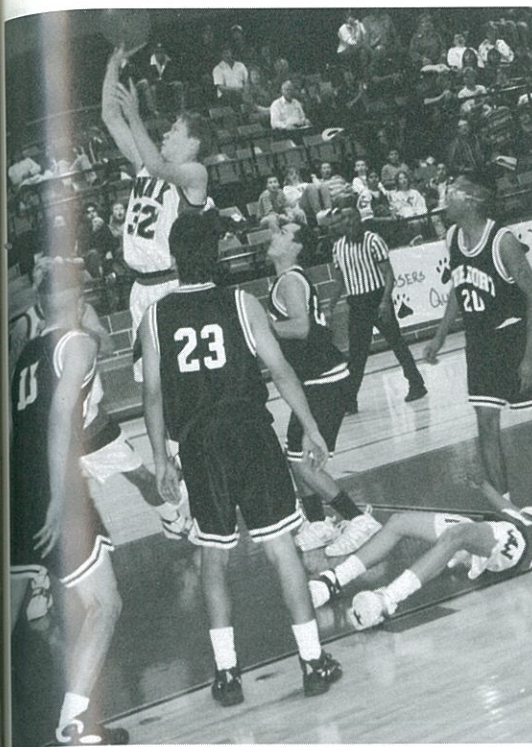
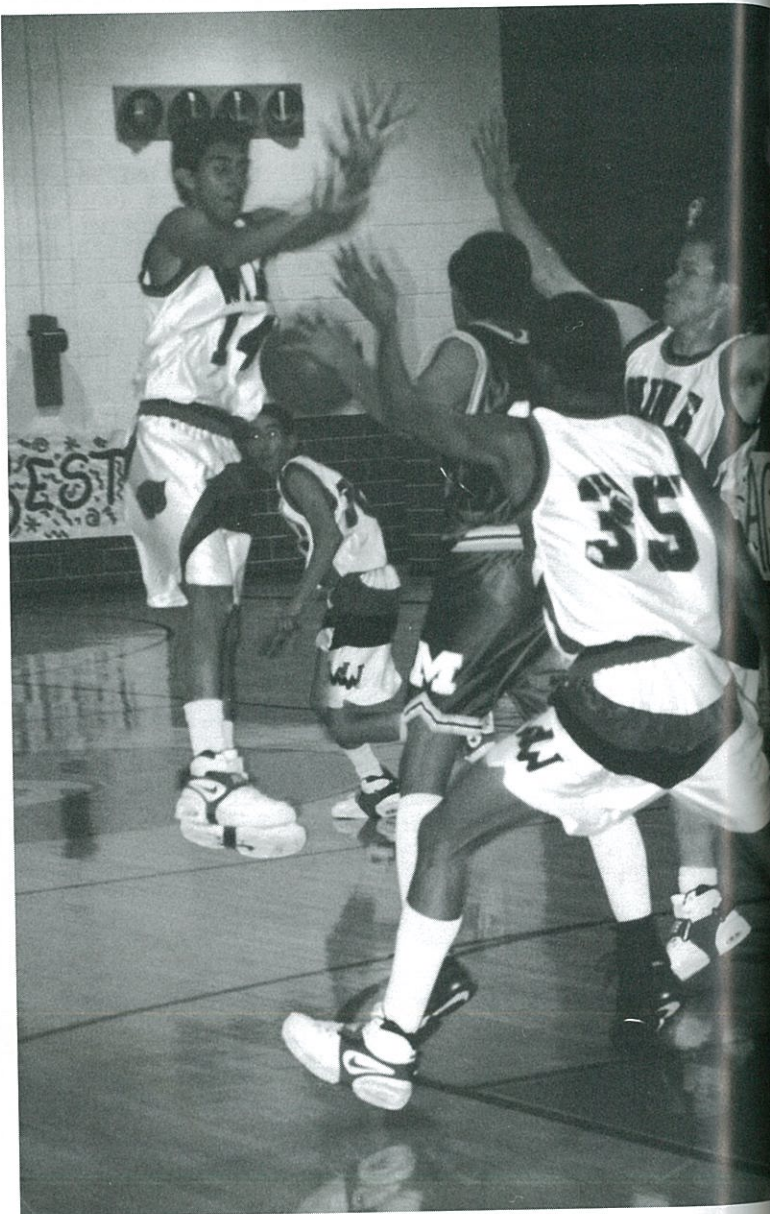
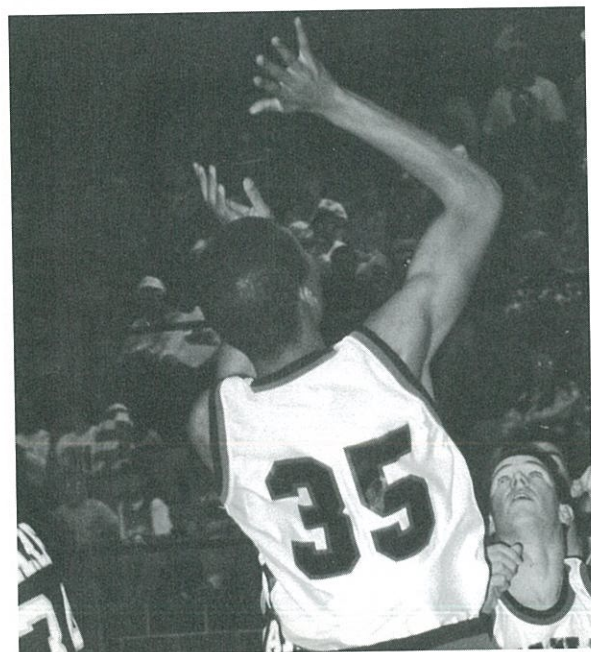


Steady Improvement Pays Off

As in years past, a successful football season delayed the start of basketball for the varsity squad. Also, for the fourth year in a row, the team faced an adjustment period with a new head coach. This year though, the Cats and their new coach, Cary Shackelford, did not need excuses. From the first tip-off to a season-ending overtime loss to Garden City in the Area-round of the playoffs, the Cats improved individually and as a unit. When the time came to pull together, the team did just that. Their final game, in which they fell behind and stayed behind for well over three quarters, proved how far the team had come. They battled back with only minutes remaining to force the game into overtime. Even though Garden City eventually won, the Bearcats have to fear the prospect of facing the Wildcats again. Continued success for the Wink team looks like a sure thing.

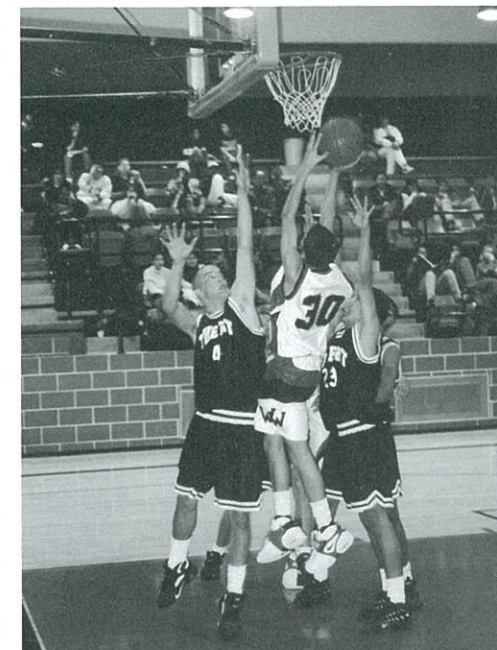
Shawn Matthews and Calvin Baker, two all-district selections, were ever alert to scoring opportunities.

Outstanding team defense helped the Cats reach the play-offs for the first time in three years. Here a Marfa ball handler feels the squeeze of a trap created by juniors Jody Soltero and Shawn Matthews and sophomore Justin Hamm.



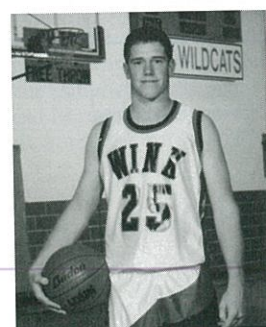
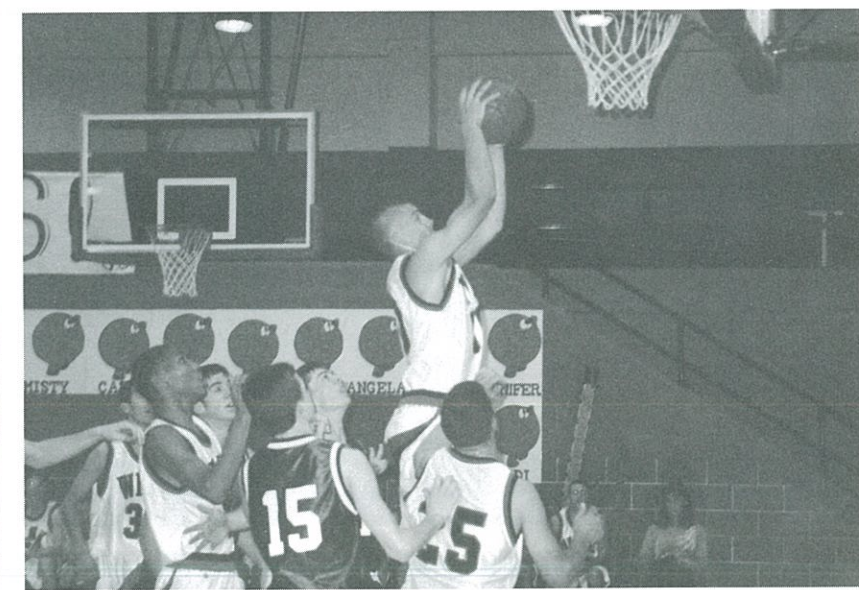
There is no stopping Justin Hamm as he goes up for a short jumper in the lane against Fort Hancock.

Michael Moya contributed many a three-pointer, but, he could also be counted on for points from shots after offensive rebounds.

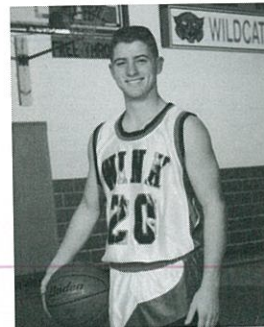


Calvin Baker may not have the height of many hoopsters but he has athletic ability to burn. He leaps above a Marfa defender to make a two-point shot look easy.

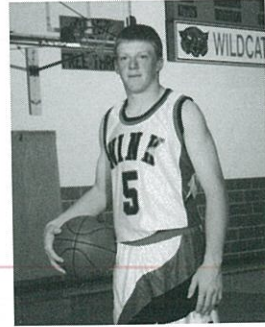
Alan Watts has the height, and he shows he knows how to use it as he goes high to drop in a basket.



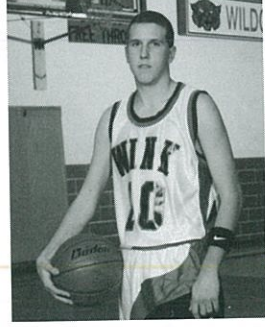
Calvin Baker
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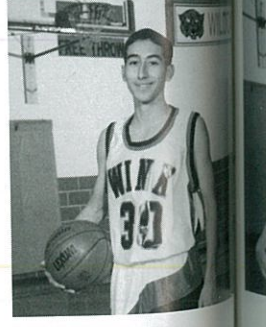
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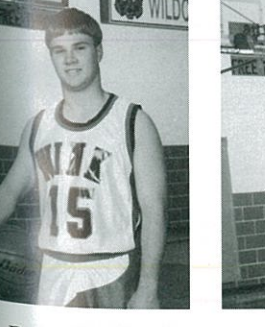
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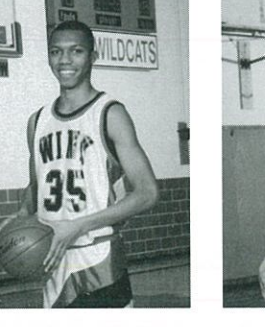
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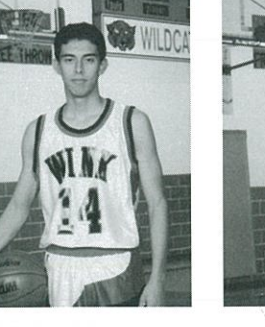
Michael Moya
Second Team All-district



Brad Scott



Shawn Matthews
First Team All-district



Jody Soltero



Alan Watts



Justin Hamm
Honorable Mention All-district
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