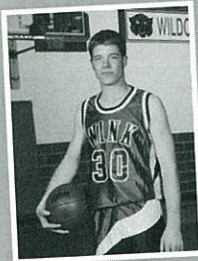
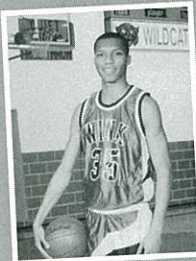


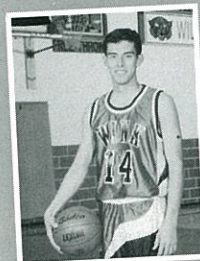
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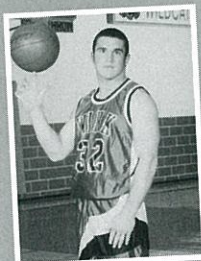
Shawn Matthews
Honorable Mention
All-district



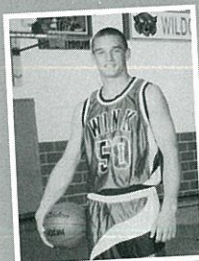
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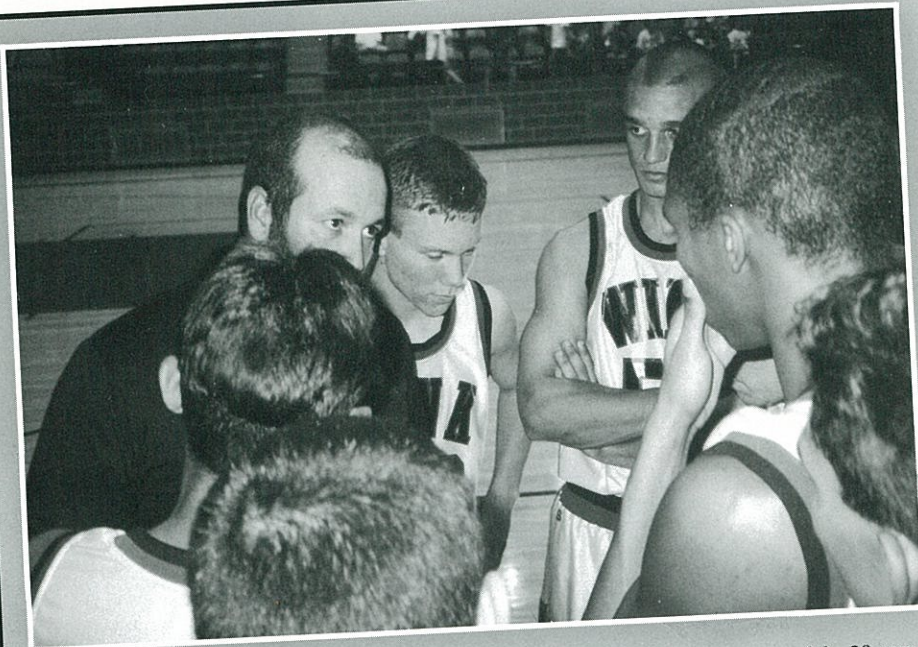
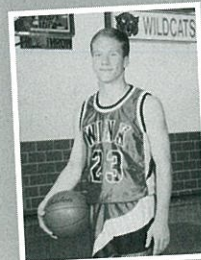
Brandon Thompson



Alan Watts
1st team
All-district



Justin Hamm
District MVP



Coach Shackelford gives a few pointers in a 30 second time-out. Over the course of the 20 game season, the team averaged 57 points per outing.

Never Say Die

After a ten year drought the varsity boys basketball team won the District Championship, but not without strong and determined perseverance.

The first round of district play started slowly as the team lost to Fort Hancock and Marfa. This opened the door for Fort Davis to win the first-half title. The Wildcat team knew they had to work hard and win the second-half to have any chance of going into the play-off round.

They did just that! The Wildcats well known reputation of coming alive and conquering in the end, proved to be a powerful force once again as the team captured the second half of district and cruised to a 69-51, play-off victory over Fort Davis to wrap up the district championship.

"Last year we kind of struggled in the first half of the season and played a lot better in the second half. I was kind of hoping not to do that this year, but that is how it turned out. We're a new team now," said Coach Cary Shackelford in an interview for the *Odessa American*.

The team took this new stamina into their bi-district game versus Dell City. There were several lead changes during this game right up to the buzzer ending the fourth quarter, but the Wildcats were on top when it counted and won 64-60.

The Crane High School Gym was the next setting for the area round game with a talented Irion County team.

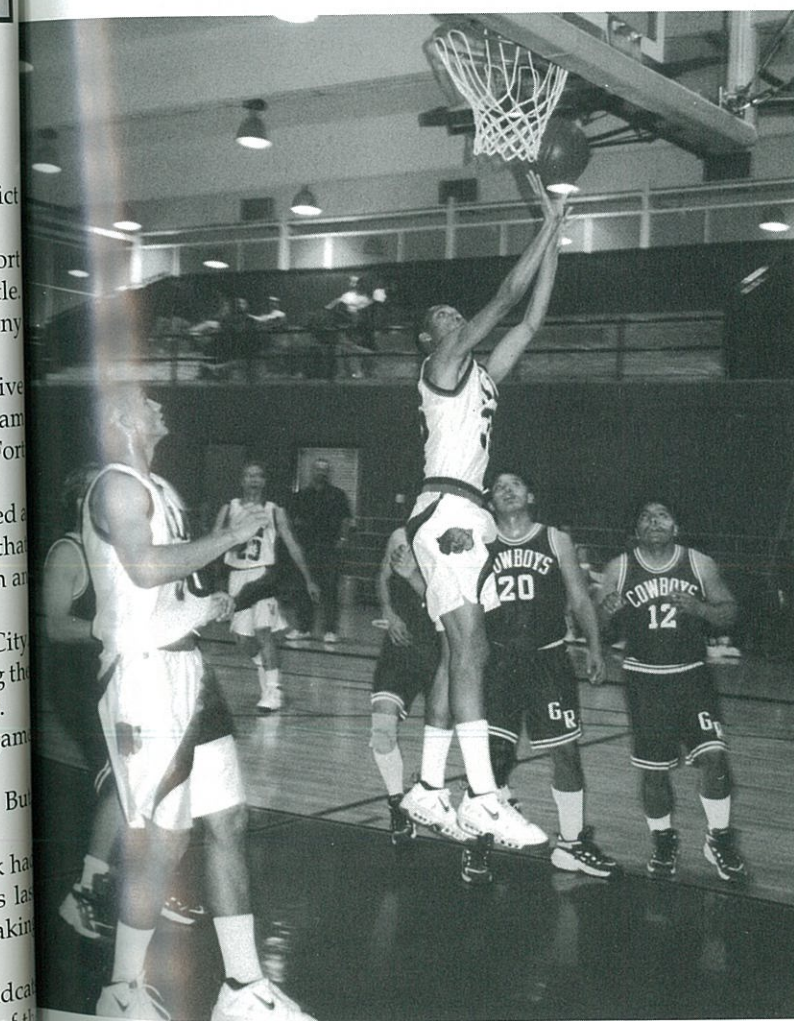
At the end of the first half of this game, Wink was down by ten points. But that new version of the Wildcats came out of the locker for the second half.

As the clock neared the one minute mark in the fourth quarter, Wink had a one point lead with a score of 59-58. Irion County made the most of its last possession and scored to take the lead leaving no time left on the clock and taking the Area championship with a final tally of 59-60.

The excitement of this game, and the never-say-die attitude of the Wildcats caused fans for both sides to come away with respect for the last half effort of the Wink team.

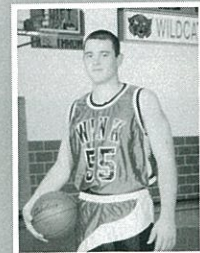
The season had ended for the Wildcats, but their courageous battle will long be remembered.

the Wink defense waits for the ball to be put into play against the Grandfalls-Royalty Cowboys.

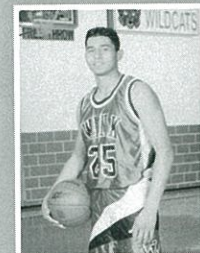


Starter Shawn Matthews makes a lay-up. Shawn had a total of 217 points during the season to make his senior year a success.

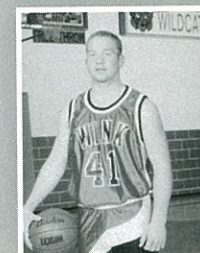
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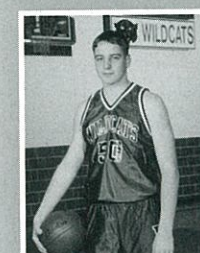
Tim Martin
2nd team
All-district



Doro Mendoza
2nd team
All-district



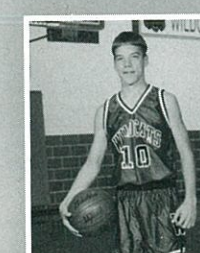
John Wingrove



Sam Haring



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