

Geanna
Baker
All-district



Jess Anne
Fernandes
District MVP
All-State



Michelle
Harbin
All-district
All-State



Casie
Slaughter
All-State
District Setter



Erin
Wolf
Second team
All-district



Shane
Jones



1998 Lady Cat Varsity Team and Coaches: standing - Coach Cheryl Baker, Coach Danna Platt, Geanna Baker, Amanda Taylor, Mandi McCallister, Jess Anne Fernandes, Mandi McCallister, Mallory Bryan, Coach Paula Kay Lockhart and Coach Phil Swenson; sitting - Casie Slaughter, Michelle Harbin, Erin Wolf, Shane Jones, Ryan Thomas, and Marlayna Moore; floor -managers Britney Brooks, Beth Williams and Stephanie Cross

Time to Live a Dream

Even with a knowledgeable, dedicated coach and talented players, some teams never live up to their potential. But, when overwhelming desire, excruciatingly hard work, experience (the kind that makes teammates anticipate each other's every move) and a touch of luck are thrown into the mix, success cannot be denied.

This scenario describes the Lady Cats' 1998 season.

Way back during the seasons of 1993 and 94, when this year's seniors were in junior high, predictions of a future state championship abounded.

Then came the doldrums of a freshman year, when a hefty supply of talent could not make up for a lack of experience. As experience increased, a fickle *Lady Luck* departed and allowed inopportune injuries to plague the team during sophomore and junior years.

At the beginning of the '98 season, senior year for the core of the team, all the ingredients for a truly memorable time came together. The team, under the direction of Coach Danna Platt, improved game after game during pre-district, plowed through district, received a bye for the district, and easily defeated Fort Hancock in the area match to move on to Lubbock and the Regional Tournament.

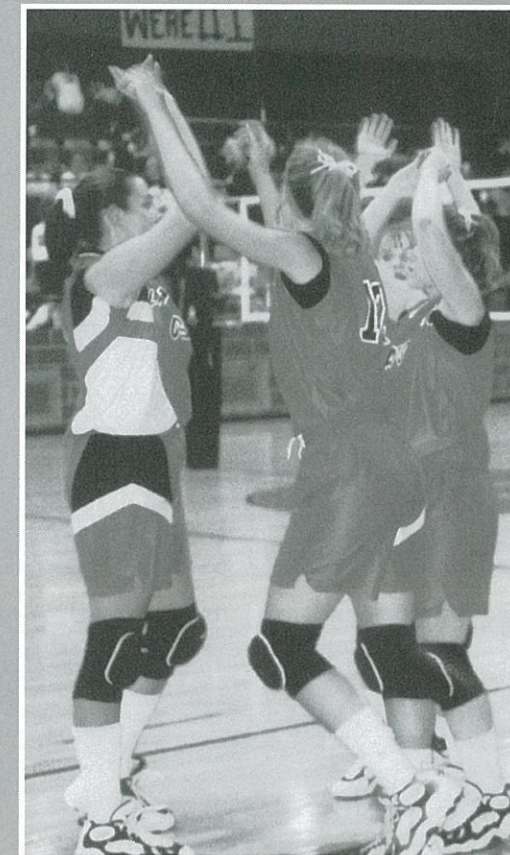
There they faced their old nemesis Water Valley, the team that had defeated the Lady Cats in the area the previous two seasons. Revenge tasted sweet as the *Water Valley* hurdle was cleared in a relatively simple two game set, and the team moved on to overcome Bronte to win the regional championship.

While parents, the town, and the student body went volleyball crazy, the team took the sixteen match winning streak to State. Round-Top Carmine proved to be a formidable opponent in the first round of the state tournament, but not one the Lady Cats couldn't handle.

Then came Windthorst, the defending state champion. The Lady Cats fell 15-12 in the first game, regrouped and won the second game 15-13, but fell 15-10 in the final match.

There was of course disappointment. However, Coach Platt and her girls soon realized that by reaching the final game of the state tournament and by putting forth their very best effort in a hard fought three game set, they had indeed done what they had set out to do. They had come together as a team and excelled to the best of their ability.

Take a Look at the Record



Davis	15-3; 15-10
Davis	15-7; 15-4
Land Christian	15-11; 15-12
Chapel	15-6; 3-15; 15-1
Land High JV	15-1; 15-5
Pine	15-12; 11-15; 7-15
Wood	8-15; 15-4; 15-3
Sidio	15-8; 15-6
Pine	15-3; 15-10
Paso Bowie	15-9; 9-15; 12-15
mit	15-9; 15-1
Land Christian	15-4; 15-8
draws	14-16; 15-11; 15-10
brathon	15-3; 15-8
ane	15-4; 15-7
ownfield	15-8; 15-6
yder	13-15; 15-8; 15-11
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Pine	11-15; 15-13; 11-15
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Sidio	15-5; 15-2
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