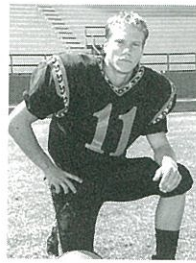
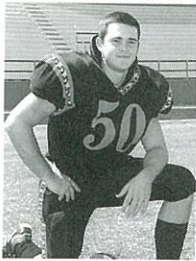


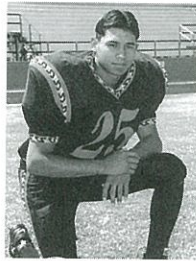
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All-district  
Offensive MVP



Tim Martin  
Second Team  
All-State



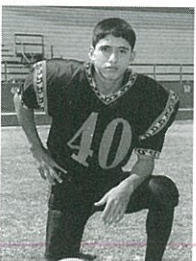
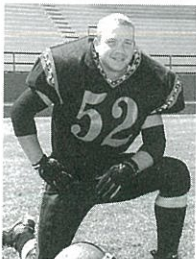
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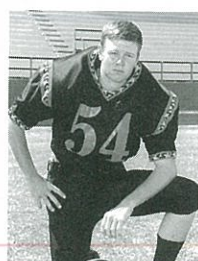
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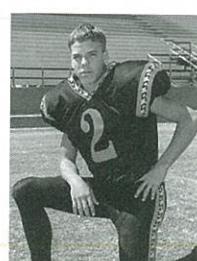
John Wingrove  
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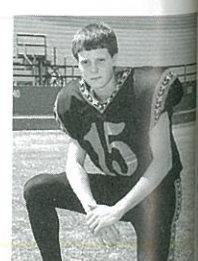
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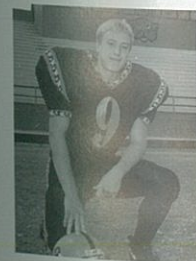
Derek Erskine  
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All-district



Eathan Hamm  
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All-district



Ben McGehee  
Honorable Mention  
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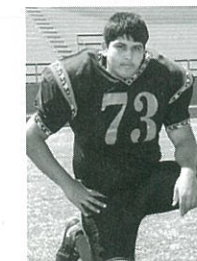
Swen Swenson  
Second Team  
All-district



Weldon Thompson  
First Team  
All-district



W.E. Tinkler  
Second Team  
All-District



Fernando Valenzuela



1998 Wildcats: back - Coach Sam Scott, Tim Martin, Jared Green Sam Haring, Fernando Valenzuela, Justin Hamm, Coby Slaughter, Doro Mendoza, Coach Jody Scott, and Coach Gene Zeigler; kneeling - manager Lonnie Lovell, Sam Stanley, Derek Erskine, Weldon Thompson, John Henderson, W.E. Tinkler, John Wingrove, manager Colby Taylor; front - Casey McCallister, Patrick Voyles, Ben McGehee, Justin Hamm, Marco Enriquez, and Swen Swenson

## Taking Advantage of Opportunity

A major objective of the 1998 Wildcats was recapturing the district championship that had slipped away the year before. This goal was attained, but somehow seemed a hollow victory since the Wildcat teams of Coach Sam Scott have almost come to the winning of district championships for granted.

Five seniors formed the core of the relatively young team that also had sophomores starting on both offense and defense. This inexperience led to mistakes that sometimes proved insurmountable.

Even though the team fell to a bi-district defeat at the hands of the O'Donnell Screamin' Eagles, many positives can be found.

The obvious is that the young players gained invaluable experience which will be a definite plus in the future. But even more importantly, the group of young men learned the necessity of teamwork.

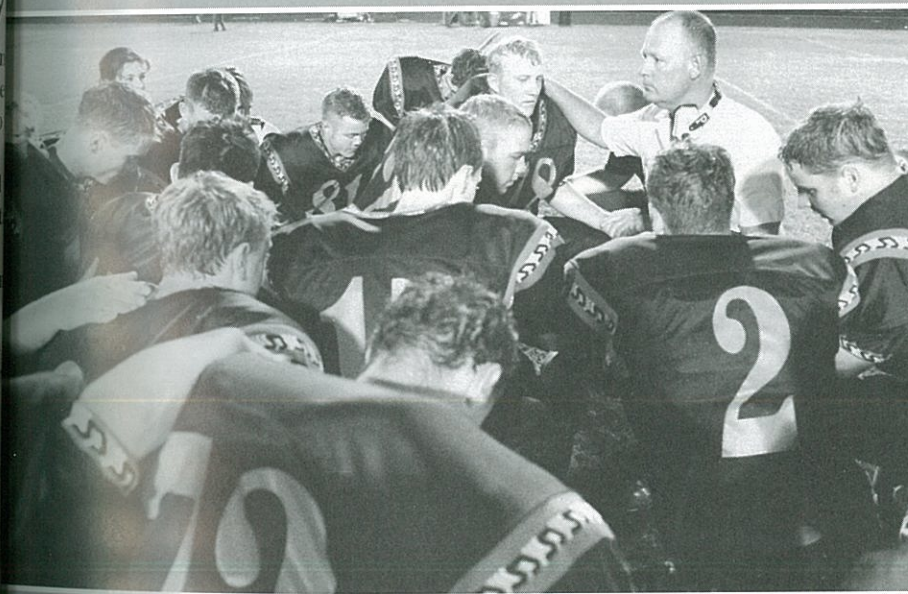
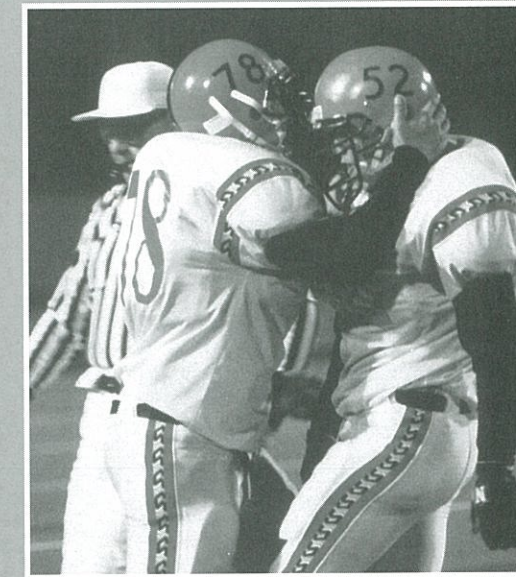
This teamwork earned the '98 Wildcats the respect of their coaches and fans. The upperclassmen proved to be valuable leaders both on and off the field. They boosted the confidence and morale of the team at every available opportunity.

The season may not have been the one the team had dreamed of, but nonetheless it was one the players can look back upon and know that they did their best and nothing back when it came to giving their all.

## 1998 Season Record

43	McCamey	12
14	Iraan	28
6	Plains	21
28	Van Horn	32
35	Coahoma	14
27	Fort Davis	22
29	Rankin	14
2	Fort Hancock	0
28	Marfa	0
73	Garden City	6
14	O'Donnell	34

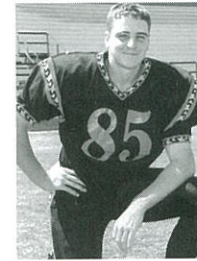
The closeness and shared camaraderie of teammates and coaches makes football an unforgettable part of high school for those who brave the grueling conditioning and hours of practice. Below, Seniors Coby Slaughter and John Wingrove encourage each other between plays, and Coach Sam Scott prepares to lead the team in the *Lord's Prayer* after the final seconds have ticked off the clock.



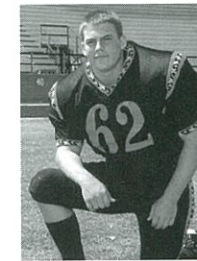
Jared Green  
First Team  
All-district



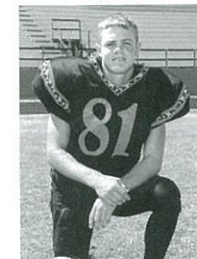
Sam Haring  
First Team  
All-district



John Henderson  
First Team  
All-district



Casey McCallister



Patrick Voyles  
Second Team  
All-district

