

Cross Country:

Every second counts

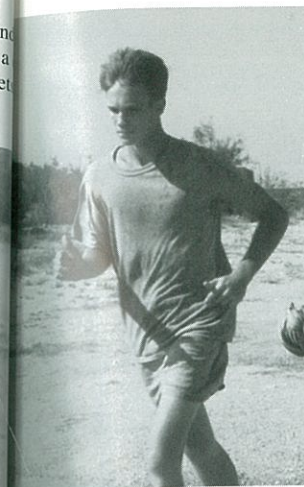
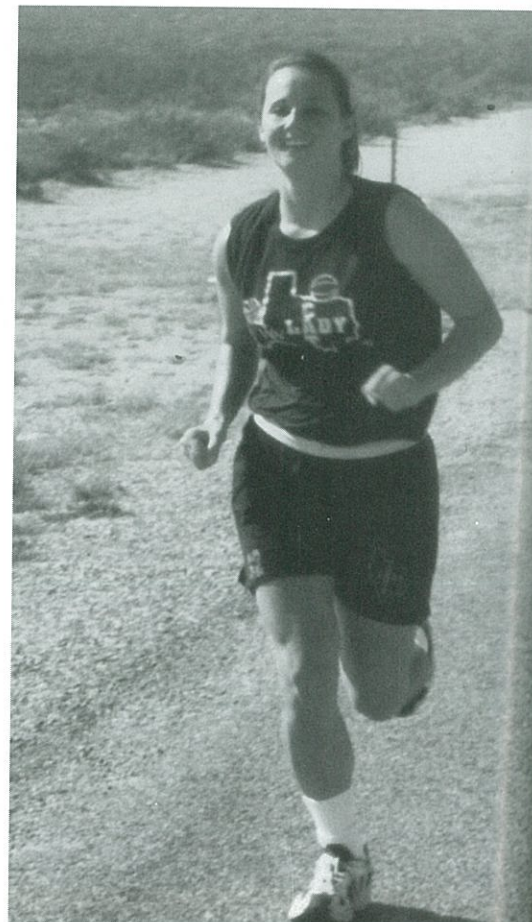
With the seconds ticking away, each step of a cross country race is important. Athletes in this competition of endurance do not have the luxury of lined oval tracks. Their course takes them up and down an uneven terrain to a distant finish line. The adjectives *tough*, *steadfast* and *determined* describe the Wildcat cross country teams.

Wink hosted the district cross country meet in Odessa. Principal Danny Carrillo presented awards to the winners, including third place metals to the Wink boys team, after the race.



Sophomore Clayton Hawkins runs by a small pond while competing in the regional cross country meet.

To break the monotony of their daily two mile run around the team traveled to the Winkler County Golf Course for a change of scenery. The sloping course helped Angela Milligan get into the district meet.



Junior Gary McKee and sophomore Marcela Renteria found a new use for the golf course. Instead of shooting a quick nine holes, these cross country team members chose to use the course as a practice route before the district meet.



Junior Jennifer Hawkins finished strong at district with a seventh place finish and a time of 14:02 to qualify for the regional meet in Lubbock. She was in a good position at the regional meet when an unfortunate fall put her out of the race.

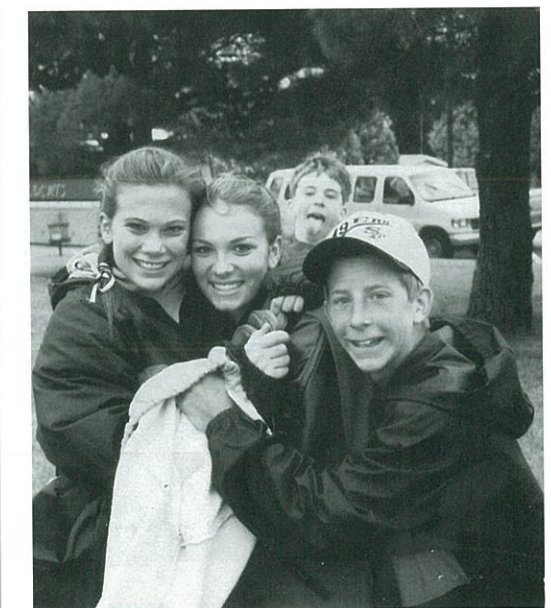
Jesus Montes, competing on the JV team, placed 19th with a time of 21:50 at the district meet in Odessa.



1998 Boys Cross Country Team: Coach Phil Swenson, Glenn Mills, Clayton Hawkins, Kevin Benham, Will Haws, David Gilbreath, Gary McKee, Coy Millsap and Jesus Montes



1998 Girls Cross Country: Coach Phil Swenson, Dana McVay, Melissa Shackelford, Jennifer Hawkins, Abigail Azima, Angela Milligan, Stephanie Cross and Marcela Renteria



Cross Country members endure a lot of stress while competing in meets. Dana McVay, Melissa Shackelford and David Gilbreath relieve some of the pressure with a big group hug. Team member Clayton Hawkins seems to feel no stress.