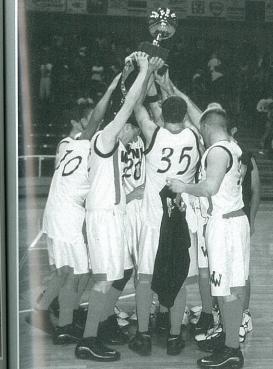


2000-2001 Varsity Boys Basketball Team: back-Kathie Shirey (mgr.), Ben McGehee, Derrick York, Weldon Thompson, Eathan Hamm, Clayton Hawkins and Jolee Hanna (mgr.); front Kevin Benham, Marco Enriquez, W.E. Tinkler and Abigail Azima (mgr.)

## Cats win bi-district championship; compete in sectional tournament

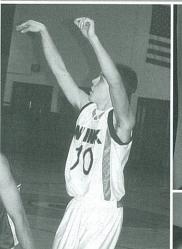
After a stellar pre-district season, the Wildcat cagers managed only a 2-2 district record for a second place finish. However, they got a second wind in post-district play and pounded the Rankin Red Devils 80-69 to take the bi-district championship. This earned the Cats a berth in the inaugural Class A Region I sectional tournament. This tournament came about as a result of the University Interscholastic League creating two tiers for Class A basketball competition.

The Wink team met Bronte in the first round of the tourney and lost a hard fought game to end the hig school career of eight seniors, most of whom had played basketball together since their little dribbler days. Their years of experience playing as a unit resulted in a rare chemistry that allowed the team to play at a leve where each man knew what to expect of his fellow teammates. This mix made for a fun and exciting season for the team and their fans.



## Varsity finishes 22-7

Clockwise from top left: Team celebrates with bi-district trophy; Eathan Hamm lets a shot fly; Ben McGehee relaxes with some pregame music; Clayton Hawkins' introduction to the home crowd; W.E. Tinkler stretching for a rebound; and Weldon Thompson 'charging' in to the goal.













Kevin Benham



Marco Enriquez
Honorable Mention All-district



Eathan Hamm Second Team All-district



Clayton Hawkins



Ben McGehee First Team All-district



Weldon Thompson First Team All-district



W.E. Tinkler Second Team All-district



Derrick York Honorable Mention All-Distric