

Basketball



2002-03 Varsity Boys Basketball Team: standing - Coach Jack Ruiz, Austin Robertson, Clay Fernandes, Zach Hanna, Gil Shackelford, Gizmo Ruiz, Jeremy Harrison and manager Cory Calaway; kneeling - Garrett Wolf, O'Ryan White and Daniel Gray (Terry Rich, not pictured)

A Blaze of Glory

Ending a gut-wrenching football season on Friday night and then bouncing into a grueling basketball schedule the following Monday takes a toll on the boys' basketball team every season, and this year was no exception.

However, with each successive game, the team became stronger and more adapted to playing roundball. After facing some of the top teams of Texas in the Nazareth Tournament and more tough competition in the Stanton Tournament, the team was ready to make a run at the district championship.

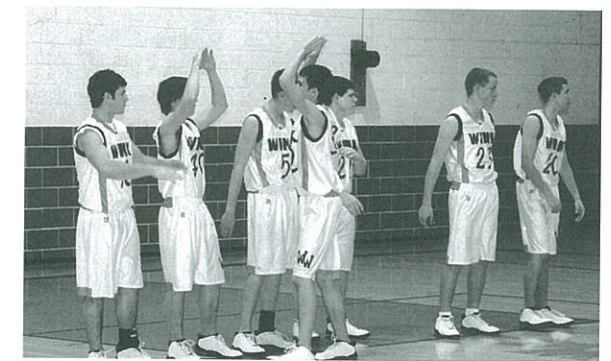
The outright championship alluded the team, but the boys won their final two games to advance to the playoffs as district runner-up. In the bi-district showdown with the Hamlin Piedpipers, the team fell just short of a victory.

Nonetheless according to Coach Jack Ruiz, his team was one of the most improved squads in the state. With only one player graduating, the Wildcats should really catch fire next season.



Coach Jack Ruiz works hard to get across a point he's trying to make to his team during a timeout.

Freshman Clay Fernandes drives the ball downcourt and around an Iraan Brave.



High-fives show team unity during pre-game introductions.

Sophomore Jeremy Harrison along with O'Ryan White and Garrett get in position to rebound.



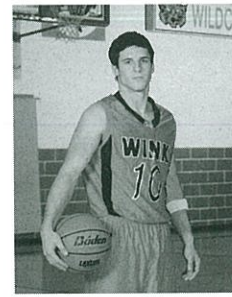
O'Ryan White, SR
All-district
Defensive Team



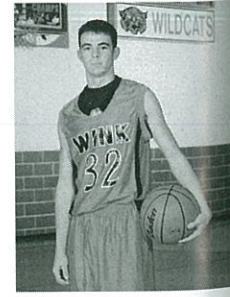
Daniel Gray, JR



Zach Hanna, JR
First Team
All-district



Terry Rich, JR
Honorable Mention
All-district



Austin Robertson, JR
Honorable Mention
All-district



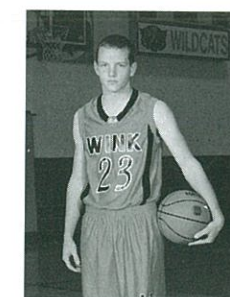
Gizmo Ruiz, JR
Second Team
All-district



Gil Shackelford, JR
Second Team
All-district



Garrett Wolf, JR



Jeremy Harrison, SO



Clay Fernandes, FR
Honorable Mention
All-district