

First year in NMAA: 1950
 First year in State: Never
 Last year: 1951

FENCE LAKE WILDCATS

Colors: Blue and White
 Located in Cibola County

YEAR	HEAD COACH	DIST CLASS	INC SCH	SEASON			DT	RT	ST	NOTES
				W	L	PCT.				
1950		8	*	0	2	.000				Played mostly JV schedule
1951		8	*	1	1	.500				
GRAND TOTALS				W	L	PCT.	AP	AP		
				1	3	.250	0	0		

History of Community & School by Steve Flores

Homesteaders from Oklahoma and Texas settled Fence Lake in 1936. The town got its name when Sylvester Mirabel put a fence around a lake on his property, to prevent cattle from drinking mired water. This lake was where the community got most of its water in early years. The lake became very popular and they eventually decided to name the community after the fenced lake. Researchers from Harvard spent several months living in the community to do research on "modern homesteaders." The conclusions were not favorable and I was told "the people of "Harvard are not welcome back in the area." A drought affected the main crop, the pinto bean. Many people decided during this drought to move out of the area. Today fewer than 50 people live in the area. There is still one store that remains open, but the lake dried up long ago.

The Fence Lake School was built about 1947. In 1950, a gymnasium was started. About half way through the project, it was abandoned. People were leaving the area, and there was talk of the schools closing. This led to the end of the construction. The half built gym stood for about five years before it was completely torn down. The school building is still standing and is used as a community center for the village. The students from the area now attend school in Quemado.