

MONUMENT INDIANS

Colors: Purple and Gold
Location: Lea County

First year in NMAA: 1938
First year in State: 1948
Last year: 1951

YEAR	HEAD COACH	DIST CLASS	INC SCH	SEASON			DT	RT	ST	NOTES
				W	L	PCT.				
1938		5	*	0	1	.000				
1939		5		12	2	.857				See note below
1940		5	*	1	1	.500				
1941		5	*	1	1	.500				
1942		5	*	1	2	.333				
1943	Herbert Prior	5	*	1	1	.500				
1944		5	*	3	1	.750				
1945		5	*	1	1	.500				
1946		5	*	1	2	.333				
1947		5	*	2	2	.500	4			
1948	T. J. Ingram	5	*	5	3	.625	2		0	
1949		5	*	0	1	.000				
1950		10	*	0	2	.000				
1951		10	*	0	2	.000				
GRAND TOTALS				W	L	PCT.	AP	AP		
				28	22	.560	0	1		

NOTE

1939: Monument was the favored team, however the school didn't pay the NMHSAA dues and was declared ineligible. The press also referred to Monument as "Pirates."

History of Town and School by Steve Flores

Monument was the first permanent settlement in Lea County. It was named for Monument Springs, one of the only water sources in the area. Colonel William Shaftner built a monument for the springs in the late 1800's. The town was settled in 1900, and Jim Cook established the first post office. Cook also opened a general store. Farming and ranching was the first economic activity, but in the early 1930's, the oil boom revitalized the area as an oil town.

The school cafeteria and a brick entryway to the gymnasium are all that remain. The school consolidated with Hobbs in the early 1950's. The school was used for town functions in the following years. In 1970, a fire destroyed the school.