

# VIRDEN EAGLES

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YEAR	HEAD COACH	CLASS	DIST	INC SCH	SEASON			DT	RT	ST	NOTES
					W	L	PCT.				
1927			S	*	2	2	.500				
1928			S	*	0	2	.000				
1929			S	*							No information
1930			4	*							No information
1931			4	*							No information
1932			4	*	0	1	.000	3			
1933	Roscoe Barlow		4	*	3	2	.600	3		0	See note 1 below
1934	Benwood Field		4	*	7	1	.875	2		1	State Champion
1935	Benwood Field		4	*	1	2	.333	4			
1936	Benwood Field		4	*	1	2	.333	3			
1937	Benwood Field		4	*	2	2	.500	4			
1938	Benwood Field		4	*	0	1	.000				
1939	Benwood Field		4	*	3	1	.750	3			
1940	Benwood Field		4	*	1	1	.500				
1941	Benwood Field		4	*	0	1	.000				
1942	Benwood Field		4	*	0	1	.000	2		0	Beat undefeated Silver City in FR
1943	Benwood Field		4	*	0	1	.000				
1944	Benwood Field		4	*	8	0	1.000	1		1	State Champion
1945	Benwood Field		4	*	2	1	.667	3			
1946	Benwood Field		4	*	6	2	.750	1		4	
1947	Benwood Field		4	*	3	2	.600	1		0	
1948	Reginald LaFevere		4		17	8	.680	1		0	
1949	Reginald LaFevere		4		20	6	.769	2		0	
1950	Reginald LaFevere		4	*	3	1	.750	3			
1951	Reginald LaFevere		4	*	2	1	.667	3			
1952	Reginald LaFevere		4	*	2	2	.500	2	0		
1953	Reginald LaFevere		4	*	2	2	.500	2	0		
1954	Reginald LaFevere	B	4	*	1	2	.333				
1955	Reginald LaFevere	B	4	*	2	1	.667	3			
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>					<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT.</b>	<b>AP</b>	<b>AP</b>		
					<b>88</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>.647</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>		

**NOTE 1 :**

Virден was asked to substitute as the District 4 runnerup Anthony was financially unable to go to State Tournament

**History of Town and School by Steve Flores**

Many Mormans left Utah when it became a state, and settled in Mexico. In 1912, the Mormans arrived in Mexico to seek new homes in the new area. The Pancho Villa raids on Anglo farms in Mexico forced the Mormans to head back to Utah. On their way back, they came upon a beautiful river valley in southwestern New Mexico. They negotiated to buy the land from the Gila Land Company. The company president, Earnest W. Virден, sold them the land for \$50,000; \$5,000 down and \$500 a year until paid. In 1916, the community changed its name to honor Mr. Virден. The town had several hundred residents in its heyday. Today about 200 people live in the town. Most of them are descendents of the Mormon immigrants who arrived in 1912.

The school in Virден is still standing. However, it has not been used in several years and is not in

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very good condition. The gym, built in 1938, is also standing but is in poor condition. The Morman Church that was used originally as a gym, is currently a community center for the town. This building still has the hardwood floors with the basketball markings from Virden's basketball days before 1938. Most of the Virden high school students now attend school in Duncan, Arizona.