

TAFT RAIDERS

EST. 1985

State Champions

Head Coach: Bruce Lester	Girls Swimming	
	Laura Grimes – 100 Breaststroke	1988
Head Coach: Bob Laura	Girls Swimming	
	Jennifer Banda – 200 Individual Medley	1992
Head Coach: Bob Laura	Girls Swimming	
	Jennifer Banda – 100 Backstroke	1994
Head Coach: Kurt Swanson	Girls Swimming	
	Megan Ryther – 500 Freestyle	1996
Head Coach: Christian Gowen	Boys Swimming	
	Migs Martin – 100 Breaststroke	2014
Head Coach: Greg Cooper	Boys Track & Field	
	Otis McDaniel – 200m Dash	2004

State Runner-up

Head Coach: Lee Bridges	Football	2001
Head Coach: Mike Osterman	Boys Basketball	1998
Head Coach: Pam Owens	Girls Basketball	2002

State Qualifiers

Head Coach: Amanda Garza	Girls Cross Country	
	Mariah Flores	2018
Head Coach: Amanda Garza	Girls Cross Country	
	Taylor McClung	2019
Head Coach: Cleo VanBuren	Girls Track	
	Mya Jade 100M Hurdles -9 th	2023
	Daniela Shelfe 800M -9 th	2025
	Cross Country	
	Brooklyn Crow -69 th	2023
	Adelyn Miller 95 th	2024

State Qualifiers

Head Coach: Christian Gowen	Swimming & Diving Girls	2023
	200 FS Relay	
	Leah Plewe 1 M Dive	
	Zeynep Sipka 100 FS	
	Swimming & Diving Boys	2023
	400FS Relay	
	Roldan Salas 1 M Dive	
	Kate Black, 100 backstroke, 24 th	2024
	Kim Pieroni, 100 breaststroke, 24 th	
	Roldan Salas, 1-m diving, 9 th	
	Girls 200 Medley Relay, 23 rd	
	200 Free Relay, 22 nd	
Head Coach: Jared McLaurin	400 Free Relay, 24 th	
	Boys Track	2023
	Malik White 110M Hurdles -8 th	
Head Coach: Daryl Garcia	Boys Track	
	Ja'Dan Keller 300m Hurdles 7 th	2024

Regional Champions / State Semi-Finalist

Head Coach: Mike Haynes	Football	1997
Head Coach: Lee Bridges	Football	2001
Head Coach: Mike Osterman	Boys Basketball	'97, '98, '00
Head Coach: Joey Tate	Boys Basketball	2011
Head Coach: Scott Libby	Softball	'98, '99
Head Coach: Pam Owens	Girls Basketball	'02, '04, '05
Head Coach: Teresa Ross	Girls Track	1999
Head Coach: Scott Davis	Girls Soccer	2023, 2024
Head Coach: Samantha Bourassa	Softball	Area '25

District Champions

Head Coach: Mickey Hudson	Volleyball	1987
Head Coach: Mike Haynes	Football	'95, '96
Head Coach: Kathy Richter	Basketball	1992
Head Coach: Lee Bridges	Football	2001
Head Coach: Scott Spanton	Boys Track	2006
Head Coach: Teresa Ross	Girls Track	'00, '01, '02, '03, '04
Head Coach: Teresa Ross	Cross Country	2001
Head Coach: Cleo VanBuren	Girls Cross Country	2023
Head Coach: Christian Gowan	Boys Water Polo	2023
	Girls Swimming	2024

District Champions

Head Coach: Amanda Garza

Girls Cross Country

2018

Head Coach: Amanda Garza

Girls Cross Country

2018

Head Coach: Scott Davis

Girls Soccer

'23, '24, '25

Head Coach: Daniel Meade

Girls Golf

2023, 2024

Ind. District Champion Colby Denman

2023

Head Coach: Cleo VanBuren

Girls Cross Country

2024

Qualified for Post Season – (non title years)

Head Coach: Kathy Richter	Basketball	90, 92, 93,94
Head Coach: Kaelen Morrow	Volleyball	2020
Head Coach: Ricky Stade	Football	'20, '21.,'22, '23, '24
Head Coach: Kelli Goble	Girls Basketball	2021
Head Coach: Scott Davis	Girls Soccer	'21, '22, '23
Head Coach: Karl Lawson	Boys Basketball	'21, '22
Head Coach: T.J Tejada	Baseball	2022
Head Coach: Christian Gowen	Swimming & Diving Girls	'23, '24
	Swimming & Diving Boys	'23, '24
Head Coach: Samantha Bourassa	Softball	2023, 2025
Head Coach: Christian Gowen	Water Polo Girls	2023, 2024
	Water Polo Boys	2023, 2024
Head Coach: Daniel Meade	Girls Golf	2024
Head Coach: Cleo VanBuren	Boys Cross Country	2024

Qualified for Post Season – (non title years)

Head Coach: Daryl Garcia

Boys Track & Field

2025

Collegiate All Americans

Darnell Smith

Oklahoma State University
ESPN Academic All-American
Football

2006

Collegiate All Americans (continued)

Marvin Godbolt	TCU	2001
	Freshman All American Football	
Otis McDaniel	TCU	'05, '06, '08, '09
	Track	

Professional Athletes

Daishawn Dixon	Baltimore Ravens	2020 -
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Graduates became Head Coaches

Joey Tate	Boys Basketball – Taft HS
Steve Driffill	Baseball – Taft HS
Jeff Tondre	Baseball – Taft HS
Matt Worthy	Tennis – Taft HS
Otis McDaniel	Track & Field – UT Rio Grande Valley

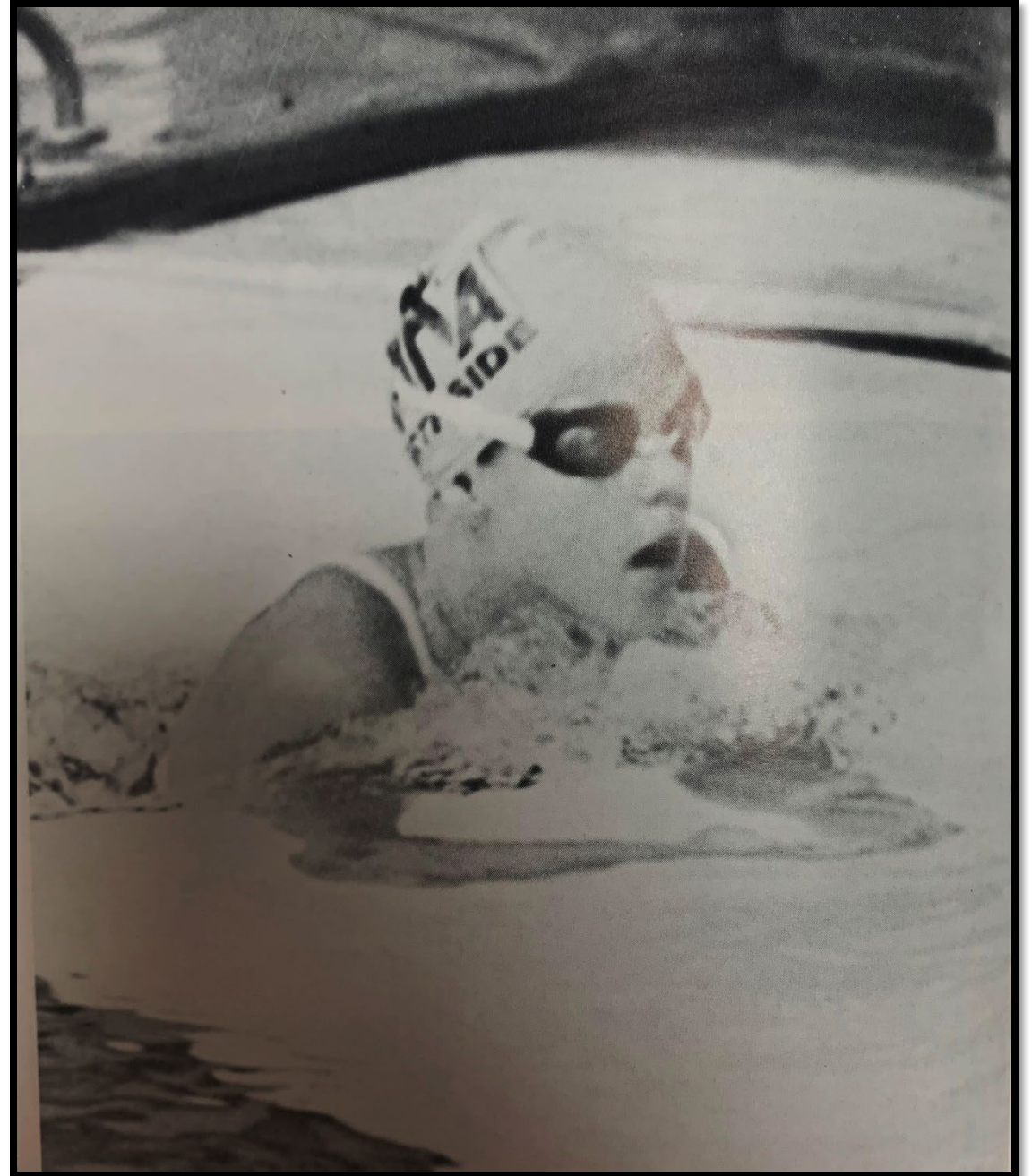
STATE CHAMPION

**Girls Swimming
Laura Grimes**

**100 Breastroke
1988**

**Taft Raiders
Coach: Bruce Lester**

**Athlete
Senior**



STATE CHAMPION

Girls Swimming

Jennifer Banda

100 Individual Medley

100 Backstroke

1992

Taft Raiders

Coach: Bob Laura



Athlete
Senior

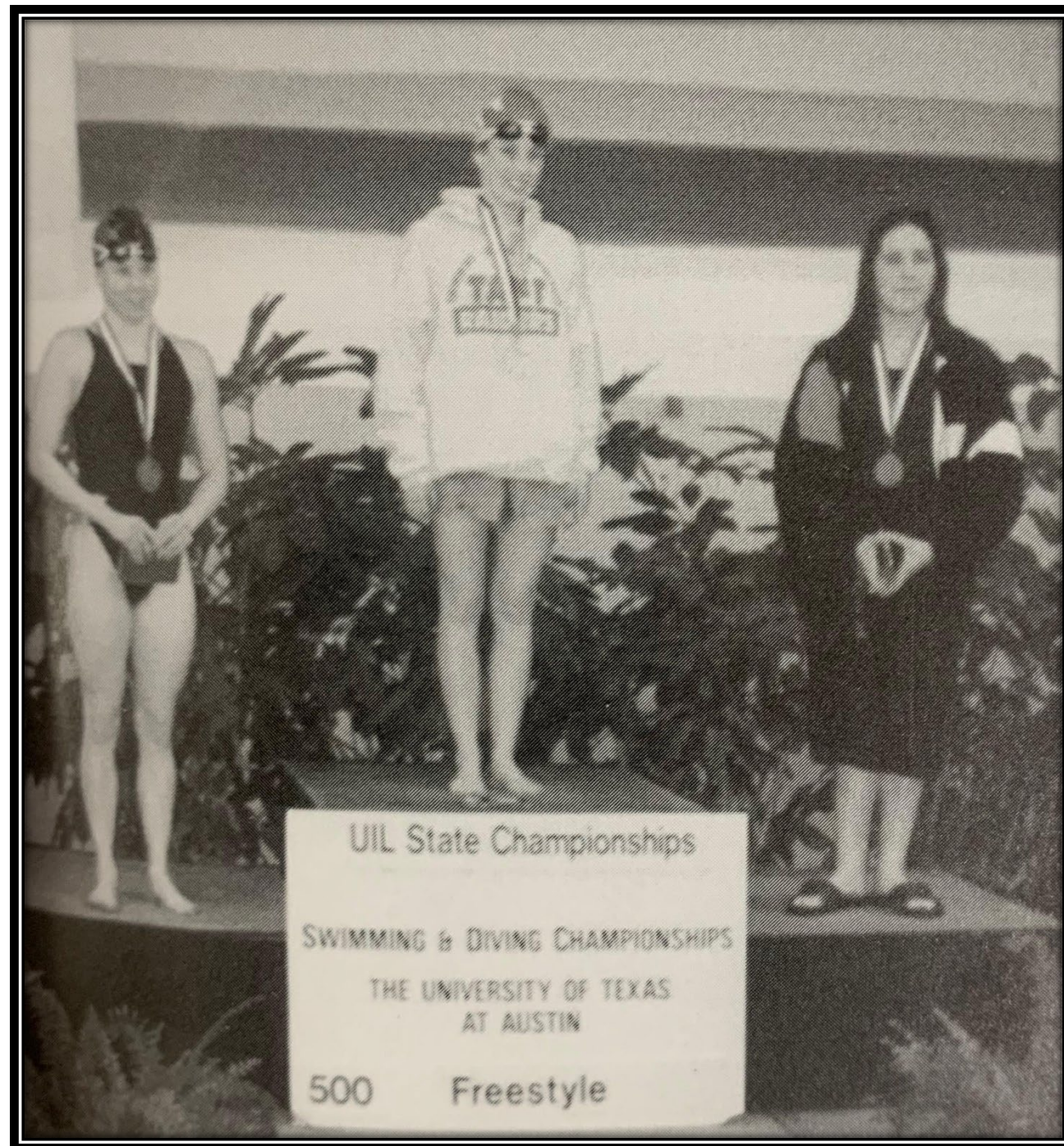
STATE CHAMPION

**Girls Swimming
Megan Ryther**

**500 Freestyle
1996**

**Taft Raiders
Coach: Kurt Swanson**

**Athlete
Senior**



Swimming / Diving

State Champion - 2014
Migs Martin
100m Breaststroke

Head Coach
Christian Gowen



Football

State Runner-Up

2001

Head Coach
Lee Bridges



Boys Basketball

State Runner-up

1998

Head Coach
Mike Osterman





Cross Country

State Qualifier

Diane Smith

2001

Head Coach

Teresa Ross

Girls Track

State Qualifier

Jade Neal
100m & 200m

2017

Head Coach
Lynette Joiner



Cross Country

State Qualifier

Taylor McClung

2019

Head Coach
Amanda Garza

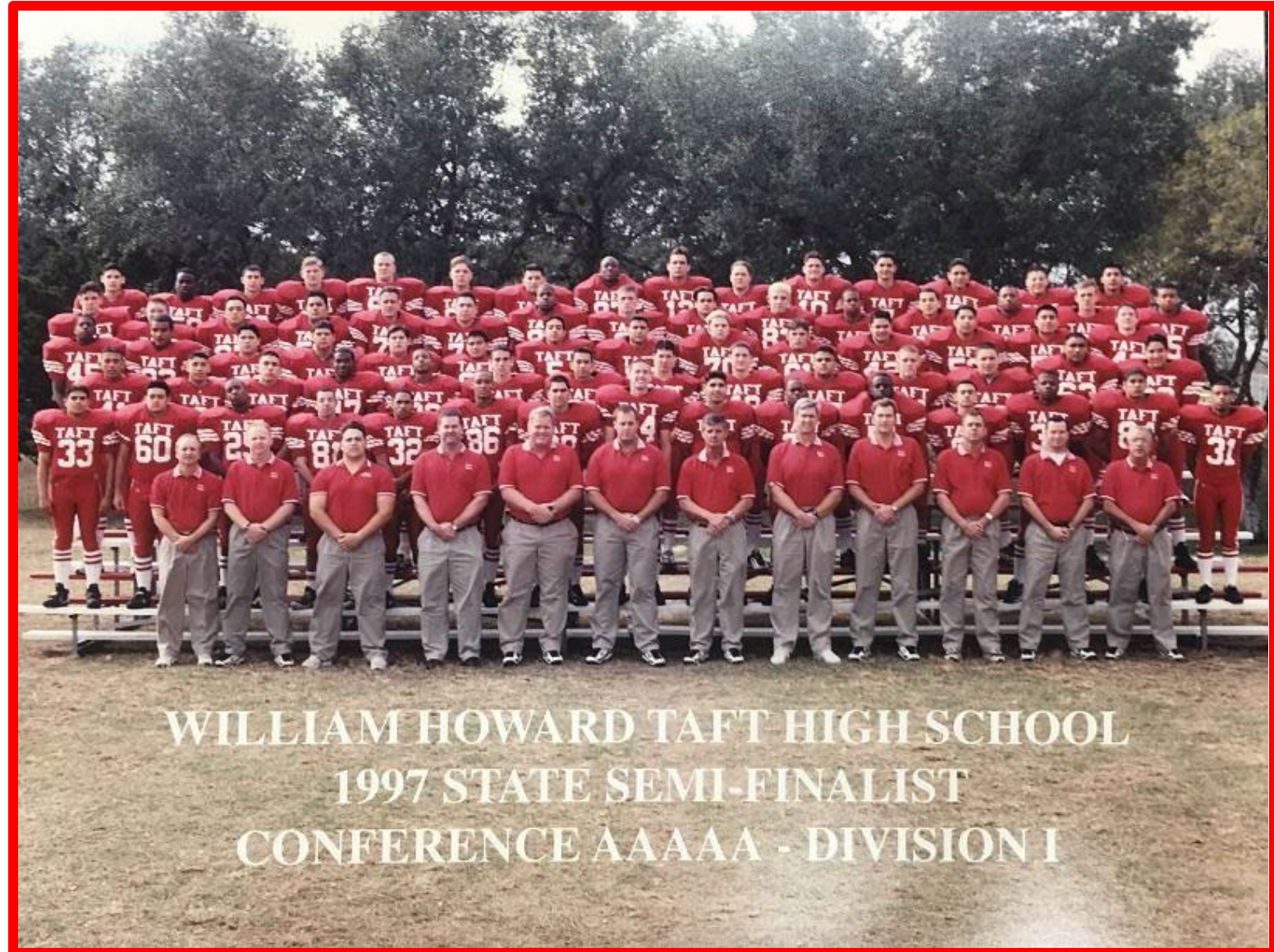


Football

Regional Champion
State Semi-Finalist

1997

Head Coach
Mike Haynes



Football

Regional Champion
State Semi-Finalist

2001

Head Coach
Lee Bridges

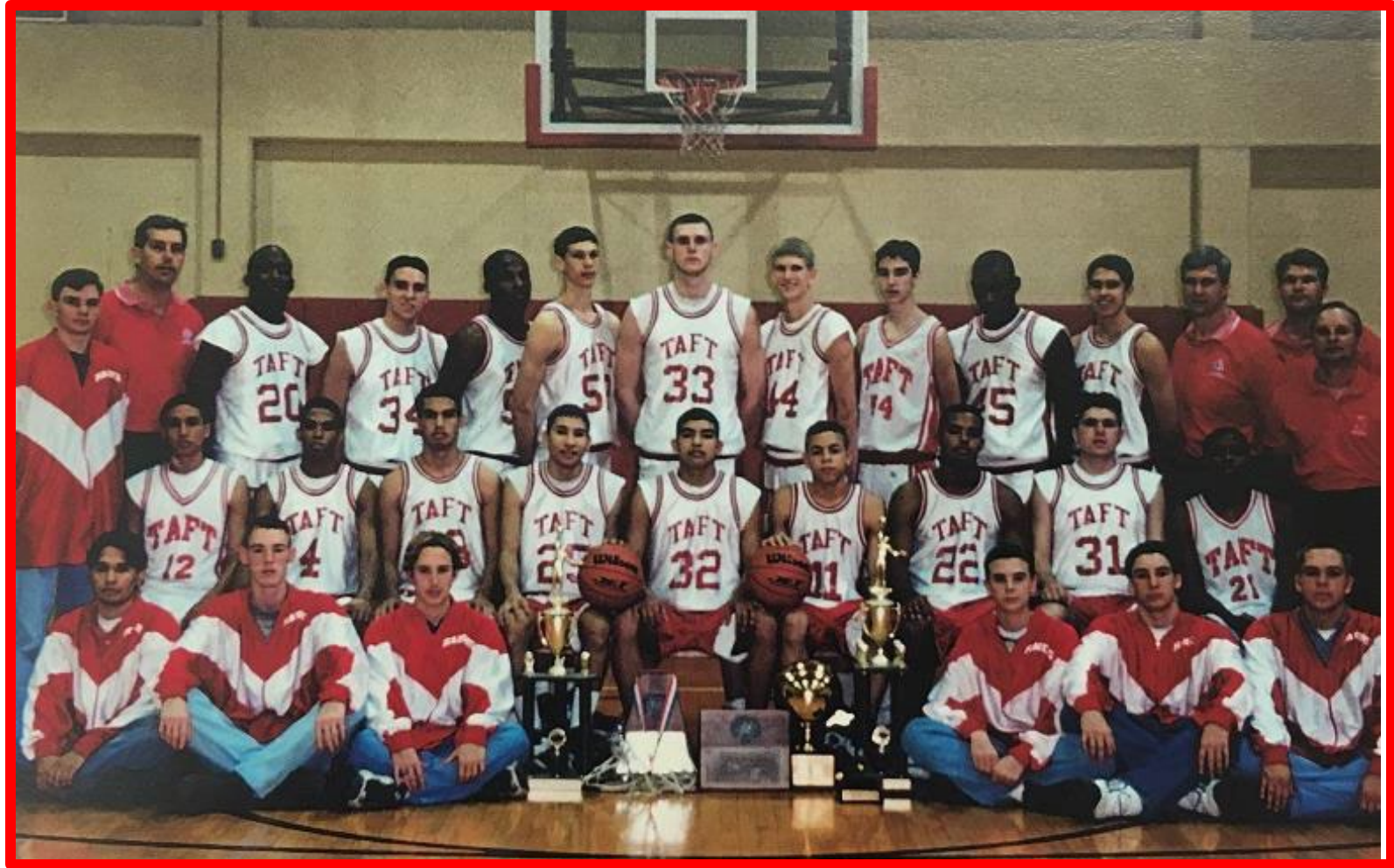


Boys Basketball

Regional Champion
State Semi-Finalist

1997

Head Coach
Mike Osterman



Boys Basketball

Regional Champion
State Semi-Finalist

1998

Head Coach
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Boys Basketball

Regional Champion
State Semi-Finalist

2000

Head Coach
Mike Osterman



Boys Basketball

Regional Champion
State Semi-Finalist

2011

Head Coach
Joey Tate

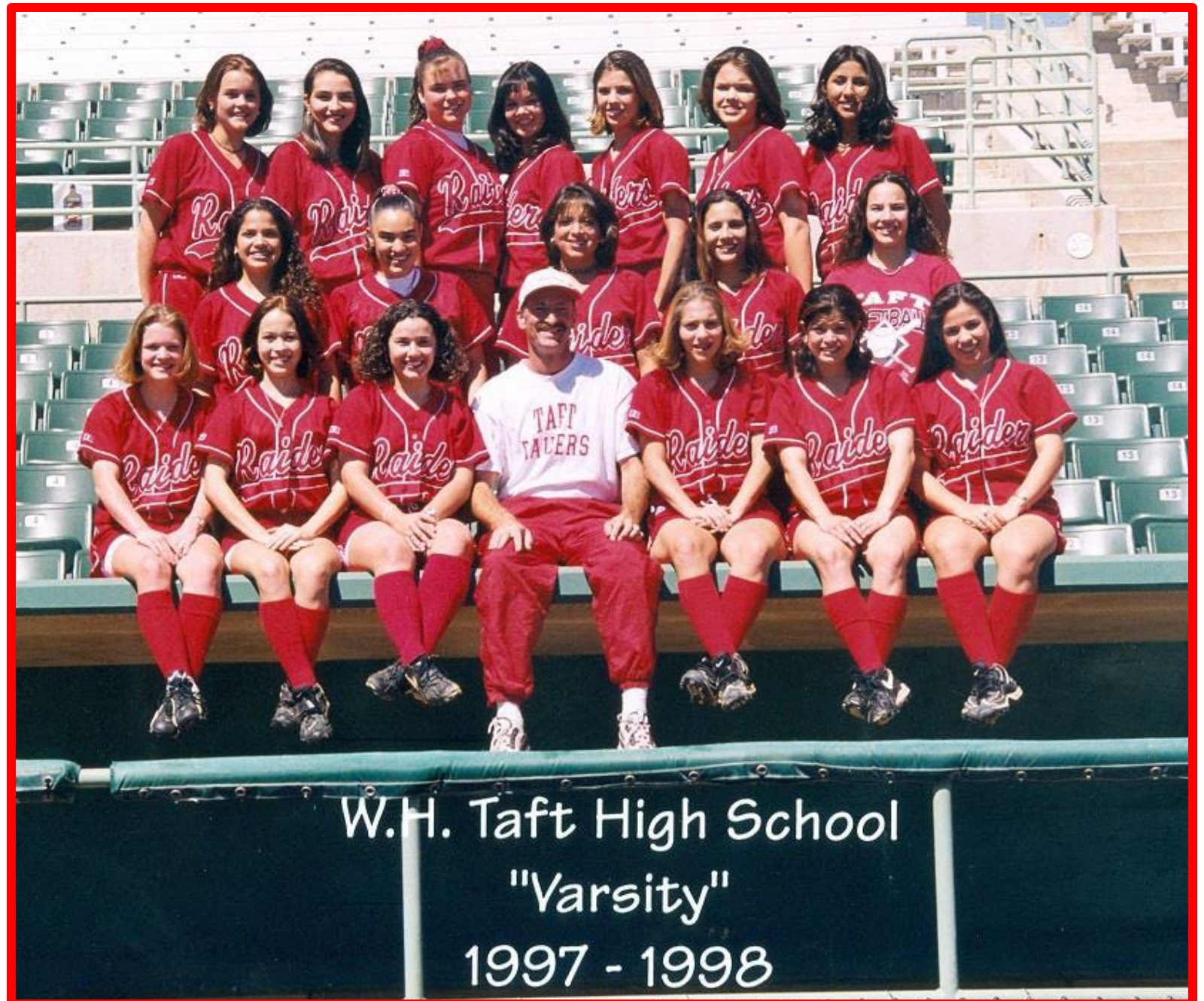


Softball

Regional Champion
State Semi-Finalist

1998

Head Coach
Scott Libby



Softball

Regional Champion
State Semi-Finalist

1999

Head Coach
Scott Libby



Girls Track

State Qualifier

Annette Hall
100m &
200m

1992

Head Coach
Teresa Ross

State Qualifier

Annette Hall
100m Dash

1993

Head Coach
Teresa Ross

State Qualifier

Annette Hall
100m Dash

4x100m Relay
4x400m Relay

1994

Head Coach
Teresa Ross

Girls Track

State Qualifier

4x100m Relay
4x200m Relay
4x400m Relay

Dearest Richie
Long Jump

Natasha Coleman
Triple Jump

1996

Head Coach
Teresa Ross

State Qualifier

4x100m Relay
4x200m Relay
4x400m Relay

Jenny Tanneberger
High Jump

1999

Head Coach
Teresa Ross

State Qualifier

4x400m Relay
A. Dove, S. Rogers
L. Wilkinson, D. Smith

2000

Head Coach
Teresa Ross

Girls Track

State Qualifier

4x100 m Relay

Shantel Buggs
Discus

2002

Head Coach
Teresa Ross

State Qualifier

Nicole Lawson
100m Dash

2003

Head Coach
Teresa Ross

State Qualifier

4x100m Relay
K. Sims, C. Huddleston
B. Harper, N. Lawson

Nicole Lawson
100m Dash

2004

Head Coach
Teresa Ross

Girls Track

State Qualifier

Ashley Gooden
800m Run

Ashton Baldwin
Pole Vault

2005

Head Coach
Lynette Joiner

State Qualifier

Mecha Santos
200m Dash

2006

Head Coach
Lynette Joiner

State Qualifier

Mecha Santos
200m Dash

2007

Head Coach
Lynette Joiner

Girls Track

State Qualifier

Mya Jade
100 m Hurdles

2023

Head Coach
Cleo Vanburen

Boys Track

State Qualifier

Sean Hildenbrand
Triple Jump

1995

Head Coach
Greg Cooper

State Qualifier

Raynald Ray
Long Jump

Nicholas Jaques
Pole Vault

1996

Head Coach
Greg Cooper

State Qualifier

Troy Grant
300m Hurdles

Nicholas Jaques
Pole Vault

Jack Gribbin
Triple Jump

1997

Head Coach
Greg Cooper

Boys Track

State Qualifier

Nicholas Jaques
Pole Vault

1998

Head Coach
Greg Cooper

State Qualifier

Fred Day
100m Dash

Robbie Thompson
High Jump

1999

Head Coach
Greg Cooper

State Qualifier

Jordan Eddington
100m Dash

Otis McDaniel
Long Jump
Triple Jump
100m Dash
200m Dash

2003

Head Coach
Greg Cooper

Boys Track

State Qualifier

4x100m Relay

D. Thornton, J. Eddington

T. Jordan, O. McDaniel

2003

Head Coach

Greg Cooper

State Qualifier

Otis McDaniel

200m Dash

2004

Head Coach

Greg Cooper

State Qualifier

Malik White

110m Hurdles

2023

Head Coach

Jared McLaurin



Boys Golf

Individual 29-6A District

Champion 2023

Colby Denman

COLLEGIATE ALL AMERICAN

Baseball
Jeff Wigdhal

St. Mary's University
2004

Taft Raiders



COLLEGIATE ALL AMERICAN

Football
Darnell Smith

Oklahoma State University
2006

Taft Raiders
Coach: Lee Bridges

Athlete
Modern



COLLEGIATE ALL AMERICAN

Softball

Veronica Garcia-Holmes

St. Mary's University

2003 - 2005

Taft Raiders



COLLEGIATE ALL AMERICAN

Football

Steven Keith Williams

Harvard University
2008

Taft Raiders

HARVARD
UNIVERSITY



Athlete
Modern

COLLEGIATE ALL AMERICAN

Baseball
Rene Solis

University of St. Mary's
NCBWA All American
Honorable Mention
2010

Taft Raiders '10
Coach: Preston Rogers

Athlete
Modern



STATE CHAMPION

**Boys Swimming
Migs Martin**

**100 Breastroke
2014**

**Taft Raiders
Coach: Christian Gowen**

**Athlete
Modern**



STATE CHAMPION & COLLEGIATE ~~ALL AMERICAN~~

Boys Track & Field

Otis McDaniel

200m Dash 2004

COLLEGIATE ALL AMERICAN

Texas Christian University

2006 - 2009

Taft Raiders

Coach: Lee Bridges



**Athlete
Modern**

PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE

Football
Diashawn Dixon

San Diego State University 2019
Baltimore Ravens 2020

Taft Raiders



Athlete
Modern

COLLEGIATE ALL AMERICAN

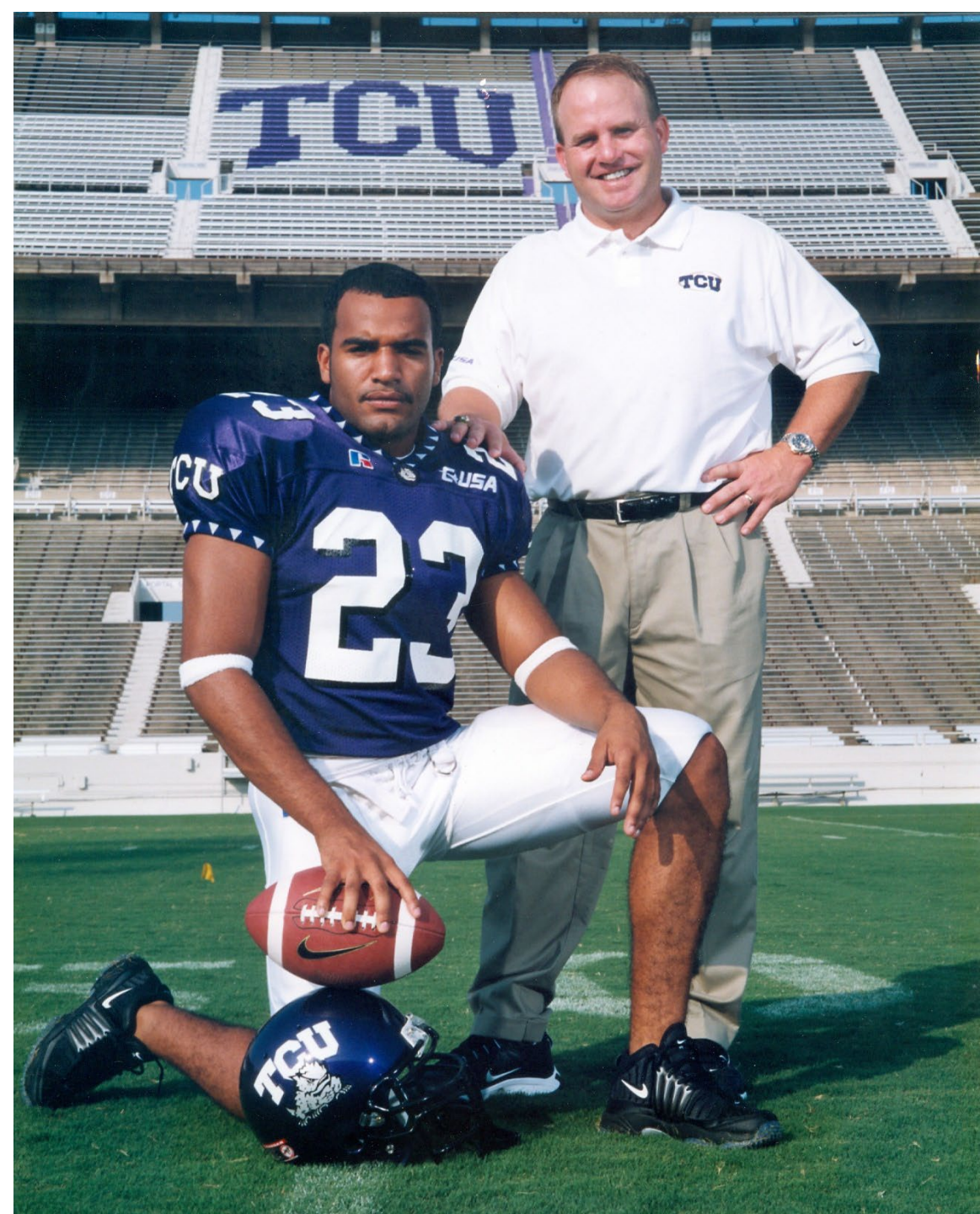
Football

Marvin Godbolt

Texas Christian University
2001

Taft Raiders
Coach: Lee Bridges

Athlete
Modern





WILLIAM HOWARD
TAF
HIGH SCHOOL