

Joshua High School 1948-49 Basketball Team



The 1948-49 Basketball Team won District, Bi-District and advanced to the Regional Tournament. Seagoville eliminated the Owls in the Regional Tournament. The 48-49 season consisted of 33 games. The Owls won 30 games and lost 3. The starters were Philip Thomas, Bill Brooks, Bill Malone, Marvin Walker, and John Spicer. The 1948-49 school year was the first year Joshua High School's colors were blue and gray. Before 1948, the school's colors were purple and gold.

Team members included:

Ray Ashcraft, Bill Brooks, Clifford Hensley, Bill Malone, Bud Miller, Jack Russell, John Spicer, Philip Thomas, Marvin Walker, and Coach J.A. McFarland

Marvin Walker's statement of the season.

“Philip Thomas, Bill Brooks and Marvin Walker started to school in Joshua. Bill Malone moved to Joshua in 1947 and John Spicer in 1948. By our senior year, we were close friends, as well as teammates. Through the 1948-49 season we played 33 games, winning 30 games and losing 3. Our last game of the regional finals was with Seagoville at Seagoville. It was a close game throughout. We were puzzled by their defense, which was a brush off or blocking type, mostly illegal at that time. The referees allowed them to step in front of our guards, who would knock the blocker down. I fouled out late in the third quarter. We were convinced that we could have won had this not been allowed as we had not encountered it before. We lost by 6 points and were eliminated. It was heart breaking. Our coach was J.A. McFarland, a lifetime resident of Joshua. He played basketball for JHS and played for North Texas State in college.”