

1961-62

Football, baseball, track teams win RRC titles

FACTS & FIGURES

Final records

FALL '61
Football 6-1-1

WINTER '62
Boys basketball 11-6

SPRING '62
Baseball 7-2
Track 5-1

MVPs

Football: Pat Iott
Basketball: Don Stewart
Baseball: Gail Olrich
Track: Jim VanBrandt

River Raisin Conference

CHAMPIONS
Football: Whiteford
Basketball: Britton
Baseball: Whiteford
Track: Whiteford

All-State

Robert Stark, football, 2nd team (AP)
Jim VanBrandt, football, HM (AP)
Gale Olrich, football, HM (AP)
Pat Iott, football, HM (AP, Free Press)



The 1961 **Bobcat football team** won the school's first River Raisin Conference championship.

BOBCAT HEADLINES

■ Bobcat track team dominated the RRC as Gale Olrich (high jump), Paul Herman (mile), Louis Crots (880), Gary Wilkerson (440) and two relay teams took first in league meet.

- Four football players earned All-State recognition.
- Pat Iott ended career with 1,875 career rushing yards.
- Freshman Ron Koppelman made his debut on football field, basketball court.

NUMBERS, NOTES & QUOTES

FOOTBALL: After a season opening loss to Ottawa Hills, the Bobcats didn't lose a game. ... Pat Iott barely missed running for 1,000 yards and Gail Olrich completed 36 of 81 passes for 491 stripes. ... Four Bobcats earned All-State consideration, including guard Robert Stark (second team). Receiver James VanBrandt, Olrich and Iott were honorable mention choices as the Bobcats won the RRC.

BASKETBALL: The basketball team had only six losses, and finished second in the RRC with a 10-4 loop mark. ... Don Stewart led the team in scoring, was the third-leading rebounder on the team from his guard position, and was named the Most Valuable Player on the team. ... Whiteford sported a 10-2 record at one point in the season, but ran into hard times, losing four of the last five. ... Junior Duane Koppelman was second on the team in total points scored and rebounds. Jim VanBrandt led the team in boards again, this time with 147 on the season. He was one of Whiteford's first great rebounders, pulling down 330 rebounds in his final two seasons.

BASEBALL: Gary Warner went 4-1 on the mound and Dick Nidek hit .484 and Ed McPeck .481 as the Bobcats went 7-2 and won the RRC championship. ... The high-scoring Bobcats reached double digits in runs five times on the season.

TRACK: Gary Wilkerson placed third at the Class C-D Regional in the 440 and Paul Herman finished fifth in the half-mile in leading the Bobcats to four points.