

1965-66

Another unbeaten football squad for Bobcats

FACTS & FIGURES

Final records

FALL '65	
Football	9-0
WINTER '66	
Boys basketball	9-8
SPRING '66	
Baseball	4-6
Track	2-2-1

MVPs

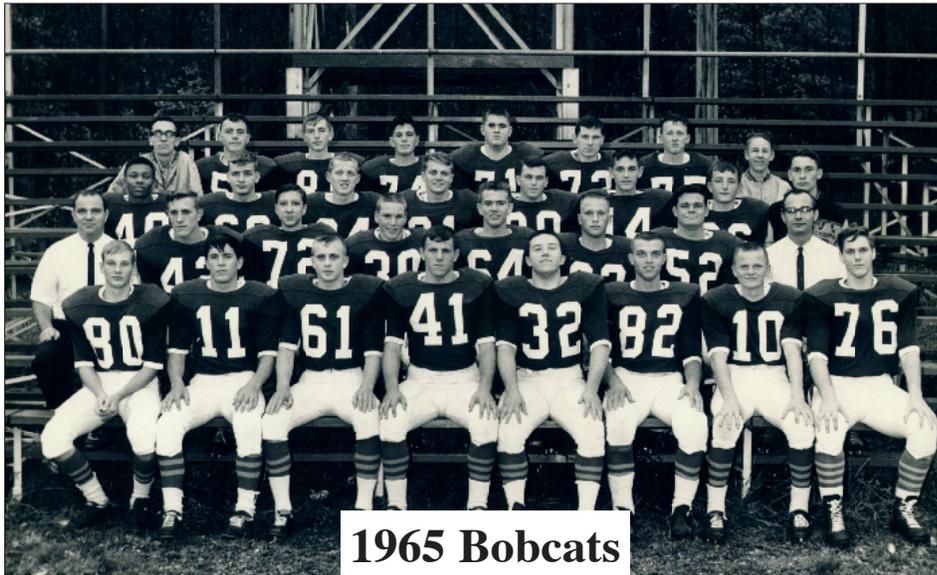
Football: John Hooker
 Basketball: Rich Koppelman
 Baseball: Jack Luetke
 Track: Not available

River Raisin Conference

CHAMPIONS
 Football: Whiteford
 Basketball: Adrian CC
 Baseball: Whiteford
 Track: Ida

All-State

Randy Kremenz, football, HM (AP); track, 5th place, shot put



1965 Bobcats

The 1965 Bobcats extended the school's victory streak to 22 games, finished among the state-ranked teams in Class C-D and won another RRC championship for coach Ed Osnowitz.

NUMBERS, NOTES & QUOTES

FOOTBALL: If any one moment defines the Whiteford Bobcats' success on the football field, it came Nov. 12, 1965. Trail- ing 13-7 with a mere 1:12 left in a game against Adrian Catholic Central, the Bobcats treated a home-field crowd of about 1,500 to the greatest comeback in school history.

The Bobcat defense had just stopped their opponents and was 89 yards away from the end zone. QB Rod Simpson marched the Bobcats the length of the football field, with nine seconds to spare. A 42-yard strike to Rich Koppelman set up a 36-yard pass to John Hooker, who carried the ball the final 10 yards for the score. The extra point, a kick by Ken Crots, threaded the uprights, giving the Bobcats the win.

"Friday nights game was probably Whiteford's finest night in sports," Head Coach Ed Osnowitz was quoted as saying in the Monroe Evening News. "I'll admit I

had given up and thought we were beaten when we had no timeouts left and were 89 yards from victory with 1:12 to play. But the boys wouldn't concede. They never lost poise."

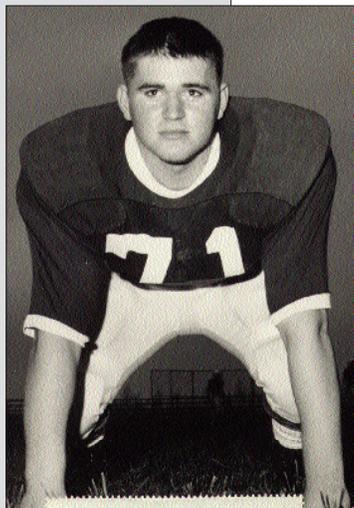
Crots' kick ended the second consecutive undefeated season for the Bobcats, who had also gone 9-0 in 1964 with many of the same players.

Seven Bobcats played in all 36 quarters: Mike Creque, Jack Luetke, Ron LaPointe, Randy Kremenz, Jerry Christensen, Ken Crots and Doug Creque.

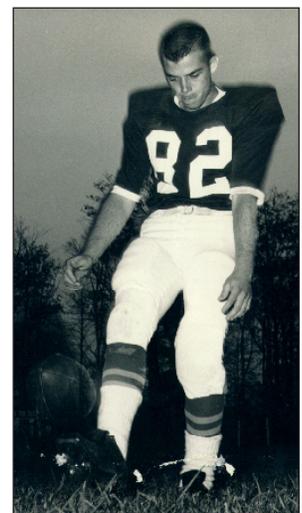
BASKETBALL: Rich Koppelman replaced his brother Ron in the box scores, but didn't skip a beat, averaging nearly 14 points per game and winning the team Most Valuable Player award for the 9-8 Bobcats. Koppelman was one of three sophomores asked by coach Mel Hartsel to carry the load for the Bobcats. Koppelman, Tom Huner and Terry Brenke responded by finishing 1-2-3 in scoring.

BASEBALL: Whiteford's baseball squad went just 7-5, but six of those wins came in RRC play, enough to propel the Bobcats to the league title. ... Jack Luetke led the team with a .466 average and Tom Vesey picked up five wins on the mound.

TRACK: Rod Simpson was a double winner at the RRC track meet, taking the high hurdles and the high jump. He placed third in the Regionals in the high hurdles. ... Randy Kremenz was Whiteford's first-ever Regional champion, winning the shot put to qualify for the state tournament.



Randy Kremenz



Ken Crots

HEADLINES

- Randy Kremenz scored Whiteford's first-ever points at state track meet
- Gene Mustain's baseball squad won its fourth Bobcat RRC title in five seasons.
- Football MVP John Hooker blocked 3 punts vs. Addison and 5 for year and led the team in rushing