

1980-81

Tough times: Sports program downsized

FACTS & FIGURES

Final records

FALL '80

Football 3-6
Girls basketball 14-7

WINTER '81

Boys basketball 5-16
Wrestling 4-8
Volleyball 20-2

SPRING '81

Baseball 9-9
Softball 16-3

MVPs

Football: Jim Henning
Girls basketball: Holly Schmidt
Boys basketball: None selected
Wrestling: Chuck Donnelly
Volleyball: None selected
Baseball: Kevin O'Leary
Softball: Holly Schmidt

Tri-County Conference

CHAMPIONS
Football: Summerfield
Girls basketball: Britton
Boys basketball: Madison
Volleyball: Whiteford & Summerfield
Baseball: Summerfield
Softball: Whiteford
Boys track: Summerfield

All-State

None

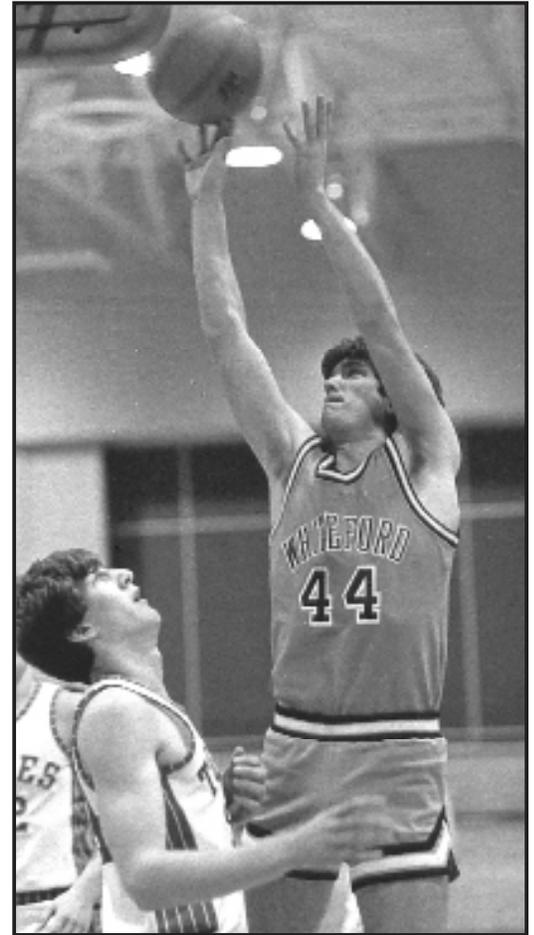
BOBCAT HEADLINES

- Budget woes struck Whiteford as golf and track programs came to a temporary end
- Freshman trio Gary Carter, Everett DuPree and Brad Stevens played key role on basketball team
- Holly Schmidt won Region hoops scoring championship at 15.5 per game and is honored as Evening News softball player of the year
- Carol Wilczynski took over the volleyball team and Bobcats won its first 19 games and finished with 20-2 record

WHITEFORD TRIVIA

Q - Which former Whiteford athletes would go on to become varsity coaches for the Bobcats?

Brad Stevens (right) became the only freshman in Whiteford boys basketball history to lead the team in scoring average when he scored 8.1 points a game in 1980-81. His sports career would include a golf MVP award, 781 points in basketball and, later, coaching the Bobcat basketball team into the Regional finals (2008).



NUMBERS & NOTES

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Whiteford again had the Region scoring champion as Holly Schmidt led all area scorers at 15.5 per game. Whiteford put together another strong season with 14 victories.

FOOTBALL: Despite losing several seniors, the Bobcats remained competitive. Warren DuPree led the offense with 871 yards rushing while Jim Henning led the defense with 143 tackles. Both were first team All-TCCers.

BOYS BASKETBALL: During the campaign, three freshmen played substantial roles at one time or another - sometimes all at once.

Gary Carter, Brad Stevens, and Everett DuPree would turn the fortunes of Whiteford basketball back to the winning side in the years to come. This season, however, WHS won just five games, suffering 16 losses.

Carter led the most inexperienced team in Bobcat history (not including the first two seasons in school history) by scoring a freshman record 160 points. He also led the squad in rebounds with 89. Stevens was second on the team in scoring, with 130 points.

In all, 17 different Bobcats scored at least one point - the most for one season to reach that point.

The Bobcats had few wins to celebrate on the season, but one of them came against Napoleon on Feb. 24, 1981. That evening, three

Bobcats were in double figures: Gary Carter (14), Brad Stevens (14) and Everett DuPree (13) - all freshman.

Madison won the TCC, but needed a near miracle comeback to win at Whiteford. The Bobcats led by six points with 1:20 left, but couldn't score again as the Trojans won 52-48.

WRESTLING: Senior Chuck Donnelly was named MVP and became the only Whiteford wrestler to claim a pair of first place medals in the Whiteford Wrestling Invitational when he took another first place. His career included two firsts, a second and a third in four years of the event. Brad Beck and Tim Sieler shared the Bobcat win lead on the season.

BASEBALL: John Rice's Bobcats evened its record at 9-9 behind Dean Lennard (17 runs), Richard Stone (16 RBI), Mary Wysocki (13 steals) and Kevin O'Leary (six wins, 63 K's).

SOFTBALL: The Bobcats repeated as Bulldog Invitational champions, had the Region Player of the Year in Holly Schmidt and had one of the Region's top hitters in Traci Knaggs (.468). It was third straight winning season for the Bobcats under coach Kris Knisel and yet another TCC first-place trophy.