

# 1981-82

## Winter success: 2 TCC titles, wrestling state champs

### FACTS & FIGURES

#### Final records

##### FALL '81

Football 4-5  
Girls basketball 18-4

##### WINTER '82

Boys basketball 19-3  
Wrestling 5-11  
Volleyball 26-4

##### SPRING '82

Baseball 15-8  
Softball 20-4

#### MVPs

Football: Dean Lennard  
Girls basketball: Holly Schmidt  
Boys basketball: Gary Carter  
Wrestling: Paul Welly  
Volleyball: Holly Schmidt  
Baseball: Dean Lennard  
Softball: Holly Schmidt & Traci Knaggs

#### TCC

##### CHAMPIONS

Football: Summerfield & Britton  
Girls basketball: Whiteford & Madison  
Boys basketball: Whiteford  
Volleyball: Whiteford  
Baseball: Britton & Whitmore Lake  
Softball: Summerfield & Morenci  
Boys track: Summerfield

#### All-State

Tim Sieler, wrestling, 1st place at state meet  
Paul Welly, wrestling, 1st place at state meet

John Rice, basketball, Class D Coach of Year (AP)

Traci Knaggs, volleyball, first team; softball, second team  
Holly Schmidt, softball, first team



**Traci Knaggs**



**Gary Carter** (above) led the Whiteford basketball team to 19 victories, a huge turnaround from the five wins the team had in 1980-81.

### BOBCAT HEADLINES

- Pay-to-play sports starts at Whiteford
- Holly Schmidt repeated as Region scoring champ on the court and Region softball player of the year on the diamond. She also picked up three MVP awards.
- Tom Schafer and Jack Luettker became co-head coaches for football team
- John Rice won the Class D Coach of the Year award in basketball
- Whiteford had no track team, but Adam Gibson qualified for state in 3200 by running on his own.
- Tim Sieler (167) and Paul Welly (185) became first Whiteford wrestlers to win state championships.
- Whiteford volleyball advanced to state semifinals for second time in school history
- Dean Lennard led the Region in batting with a .522 average.



**John Rice**

### NUMBERS & NOTES

**GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Whiteford shared the TCC championship with Madison and won 18 games behind a deep roster. Holly Schmidt led the team in scoring, assists and steals. Lynette Green and Cathy Cline were the top rebounders. Debbie Pieh and Traci Knaggs were solid scorers. Tina Knaggs led the squad in free throw percentage.

**FOOTBALL:** The Bobcats managed only four victories but were an exciting team to watch under co-head coaches Jack Luettker and Tom Schafer.

Running back Tony DuPree ran for 808 yards while Dean Lennard threw for 564 yards and nine touchdowns. The two played a big role in an upset win against state ranked Sand Creek.

Lennard's biggest game came against Britton when he threw for four touchdowns, including passes of 15, 52, 26 and 57 yards.

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** The Bobcats reeled off seven consecutive victories to start the season and was at its best in front of the home crowd, as they won all 10 home games and 19 overall. John Rice was rewarded for turning his troops around by being named the Michigan Class D Coach of the Year by the Associated

Press. Gary Carter, just a sophomore, led the team in scoring with 411 points and also pulled down 250 rebounds.

**WRESTLING:** In Whiteford's best-ever showing at the state wrestling meet, Tim Sieler and Paul Welly each won Class D state championship medals. MVP Welly won 27 matches on the season and also was a Regional champion and ended his career with Whiteford-best 69 wins. Brad Beck and Rich Stone were also state qualifiers and wrapped up their wrestling careers with 54 and 50 career victories respectively.

**VOLLEYBALL:** It was an incredible winter sports season at Whiteford and the volleyball team's 26 victories and a berth in the state semifinals was one of the highlights. Traci Knaggs was First Team All-State.

**BASEBALL:** Dean Lennard led the Region in batting at .522, in runs scored with 37 and stolen bases with 45

**SOFTBALL:** Second Team All-Stater Traci Knaggs led the 20-4 Whiteford softball team in batting, runs, hits and RBI. First Team All-Stater Holly Schmidt was a standout on the mound, winning 19 games and having an ERA of 1.08. The Bobcats won the big-school Bedford Softball Invitational, a huge accomplishment. Schmidt was the winning pitcher in all of the games.