

1983-84

Softball team wins state championship

FACTS & FIGURES

Final records

FALL '83	
Football	2-7
Girls basketball	19-3
Golf	11-14

WINTER '84

Boys basketball	16-7
Volleyball	23-4

SPRING '84

Baseball	8-10
Softball	28-3-1

MVPs

Football: John Clawson
 Golf: Jim Manwell
 Girls basketball: Tina Knaggs
 Boys basketball: Everett DuPree
 Volleyball: LeeAnn Bischoff and Lynette Green
 Baseball: unknown
 Softball: Tina Knaggs

Tri-County Conference

CHAMPIONS

Football: Morenci
 Girls basketball: Whiteford
 Boys basketball: Morenci
 Volleyball: Whiteford
 Baseball: Morenci
 Softball: Summerfield
 Boys track: Summerfield

All-State

Everett DuPree, basketball, special mention (AP); Fifth Team (Free Press)
 Lynette Green, volleyball, 3rd team; basketball, HM (Free Press)
 Sandy Long, softball, 1st team
 Tina Knaggs, softball, 2nd team
 Sara Leathers, softball, 2nd team
 Jacki Viers, softball, 3rd team



Tina Knaggs (above) won all 28 games for the Bobcats, who won the Class D state softball championship (right).

BOBCAT HEADLINES

- The softball team became Whiteford's first-ever state champion as it won the Class D title, despite not getting a hit in the state final vs. Central Lake
- Sandy Clark's volleyball team advanced to state semifinals and the girls basketball team won 19
- Everett DuPree and Brad Stevens led Whiteford to a Class D District basketball title
- MVP John Clawson set a tackle record for the football team



STATE CHAMPS: (kneeling) Jamie VanBrandt, Tina Knaggs, Lynette Green, Kathy Rodriguez; (row two) Sara Leathers, Sandy Long, Leigh Ross, Rhonda Iott, Jodi Kiefer, Kelly Butz; (back row) Coach Kris Knisel, Jacki Viers, Lisa Johnson, Terri Never, Jennifer Bierley, Jill Kiefer, Alisa Kutzke, Shawn Beck

NUMBERS & NOTES

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Whiteford had a great season, winning an unprecedented 19 games. Sandy Long, Tina Knaggs, Lynette Green and Sara Leathers all averaged in double figures for the TCC champs.

FOOTBALL: The Bobcats struggled offensively as they didn't score a touchdown until the fifth week of the season for coach Jack Luettkie. John Clawson was a do-everything player for Whiteford, running for 540 yards and making 153 tackles.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Losing All-State candidate Gary Carter, hurt the Bobcats' chances at a long state tournament run, but it by no means was a lost season. Behind the scoring/rebounding combination of Everett DuPree and Brad Stevens, the Bobcats finished 16-7 and won a District Championship for the first time since the mid-70s. Stevens moved into the top 10 scorers as well, finishing with nearly 800 markers. In four years, he played in 83 games and WHS won 59 of them.

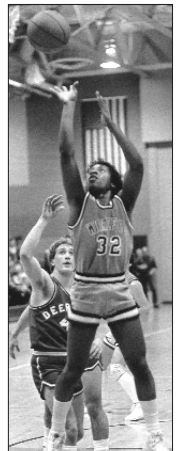
VOLLEYBALL: LeeAnn Bischoff and Lynette Green shared the MVP honor as Whiteford won 23 games and

advanced to the Class D semifinals.

BASEBALL: John Rice coached the Bobcats to eight victories. Khris Shively and Jeff Kiefer were both First Team All-TCC and Ted Hill was honorable mention.

SOFTBALL: The Bobcats had never won a District championship until 1984. Not only did the Bobcats win a District, they also accomplished a Regional, won the semifinal and state championship.

A host of players contributed heavily to Coach Kris Knisel's team. Tina Knaggs won 28 games on the mound and led the team in batting. Sandy Long was All-State, Lisa Johnson had 35 RBI in just 87 at-bats. Alisa Kutzke had 17 sacrifice hits. Freshman Leigh Ross scored 36 runs. Lynette Green had five triples and two home runs. Jacki Viers and Sara Leathers were all-staters. In the state finals, the Bobcats had no hits, but scored six times on the strength of base-running and sacrifice hits.



Everett DuPree (above) finished his career as the leading scorer in Whiteford history with 1,072 points.