

1984-85

Softball team repeats as Class D champs

FACTS & FIGURES

Final records

FALL '84

Football	2-7
Girls basketball	26-1
Golf	0-21

WINTER '85

Boys basketball	11-10
Volleyball	24-5

SPRING '85

Baseball	2-16
Softball	26-5-1
Boys track	0-6
Girls track	0-7

MVPs

Football: Don Ross & Richard Sturdevant
 Golf: Steve VanBrandt
 Girls basketball: Sandy Long
 Boys basketball: Eric Faust
 Volleyball: Sandy Long
 Baseball: none chosen
 Softball: Sandy Long
 Boys track: Jim Welly
 Girls track: Darlene Kelly

Tri-County Conference

CHAMPIONS

Football: Sand Creek
 Girls basketball: Whiteford
 Boys basketball: Sand Creek & Morenci
 Volleyball: Whiteford
 Baseball: Morenci
 Softball: Morenci
 Boys track: Sand Creek
 Girls track: Whitmore Lake

All-State

Sandy Long, softball, 1st team; girls basketball, 2nd team (Detroit News); 2nd team (Free Press)
 Jacki Viers, softball, 2nd team
 Alisa Kutzke, softball, 2nd team
 Leigh Ross, softball, 2nd team; basketball, HM (Free Press)
 Terri Never, softball, HM



A second state championship trophy in two years returned to Ottawa Lake as the Bobcats won another Class D state crown. **Sandy Long** (left) and **Jacki Viers** had sensational seasons for the Bobcats, who won 26 games, including 9-1 over McBain in the state finals.

BOBCAT HEADLINES

- The amazing success for Bobcat girls continued as the basketball and volleyball teams reached the state championship game and softball team won the state title. Sandy Long and Terri Never were seniors who played on basketball, volleyball and softball squad. Juniors Jennifer Bierley, Lisa Johnson and Shawn Beck and sophomore Leigh Ross were members of all three teams as well. Jacki Viers played basketball and softball. Alisa Kutzke, Jill Kiefer and Jodi Kiefer played volleyball and softball.
- Coach Kris Hubbard was chosen as the Class D basketball Coach of the Year by the Associated Press
- Sandy Long picked up three MVP awards
- Whiteford offered track once again. Girls track became official TCC sport for first time

NUMBERS & NOTES

GIRLS BASKETBALL: The most successful basketball team in school history, the 1984 Bobcats won its first 26 games of the year, took home the school's first-ever District trophy and finished second in the state.

The Bobcats had a tremendous season. In the regular season, only Class D quarterfinalist Whitmore Lake stayed close to the Bobcats. In the Regional, Whiteford eliminated Portland St. Patrick's and Grass Lake. The quarterfinal was 14-point win. The semifinal was a 60-33 win over Deckerville. McBain was the only team to beat Whiteford, a 48-43 state final. Sandy Long led the Bobcats in scoring (15.6 ppg) and Leigh Ross also averaged in double figures. Probably the greatest rebounding team in Whiteford history featured Terri Never, Jacki Viers and Jennifer Bierley, combining for more than 730 rebounds alone.

Sara Leathers appeared in just three games before an injury forced her to the sidelines.

FOOTBALL: Don Ross led the team in rushing and passing and finished second to Mike Iott in tackles to lead the Bobcats, who had a trio of freshman - Joe Butz, Troy Goetz and Don Long - play big roles.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Whiteford finished 11-10 on the season, including a win over TCC co-champ and District champ Sand Creek. Seniors Eric Faust (283 points, 43 assists) and Tim Cline (177 points) started most contests, as did junior Kent Waterford, who followed a nice sophomore campaign with team-leading averages of 15.8 points and 9.8 rebounds.

VOLLEYBALL: Another great tournament effort by Whiteford sent the Bobcats into the Class D state championship game. Whiteford put six girls on the All-TCC squad, beat Freesoil in the state semifinals and had a 13-match win streak at one point in the season. Captain Sandy Long was team MVP. The Bobcats were undefeated in the TCC.

SOFTBALL: The Bobcats once again were the class of Class D softball in the state. The tournament produced wins of 8-0, 11-1, 24-0, 3-2, 15-3, 10-0 and 9-1. Once again, it was a team effort for Whiteford. Sandy Long (47 runs, 36 RBI), Alisa Kutzke (.414 with 17 sacrifice hits), Jacki Viers (24 pitching wins, 164 strikeouts in 191 innings pitched) and Leigh Ross (drew 31 walks) all received All-State notice, as did Terri Never.

For Viers, it was her third straight mention on the all-state squad and third different position. She was honorable mention as a sophomore outfielder, a 3rd team choice as a junior first baseman and 2nd team pitcher for the state championship senior season.