

More state glory for Bobcats as success continues

FACTS & FIGURES

Final records

FALL '85

Football	7-2
Girls basketball	20-4
Golf	0-22

WINTER '86

Boys basketball	10-14
Volleyball	18-4-1
Wrestling	1-12

SPRING '86

Baseball	13-11
Softball	21-6
Boys track	3-5
Girls track	0-7

MVPs

Football: None chosen
 Golf: Jim Baumgartner
 Girls basketball: Leigh Ross
 Boys basketball: Kent Waterford
 Volleyball: unknown
 Baseball: Mike Iott
 Softball: Lisa Johnson
 Boys track: Jim Welly
 Girls track: Darlene Kelly

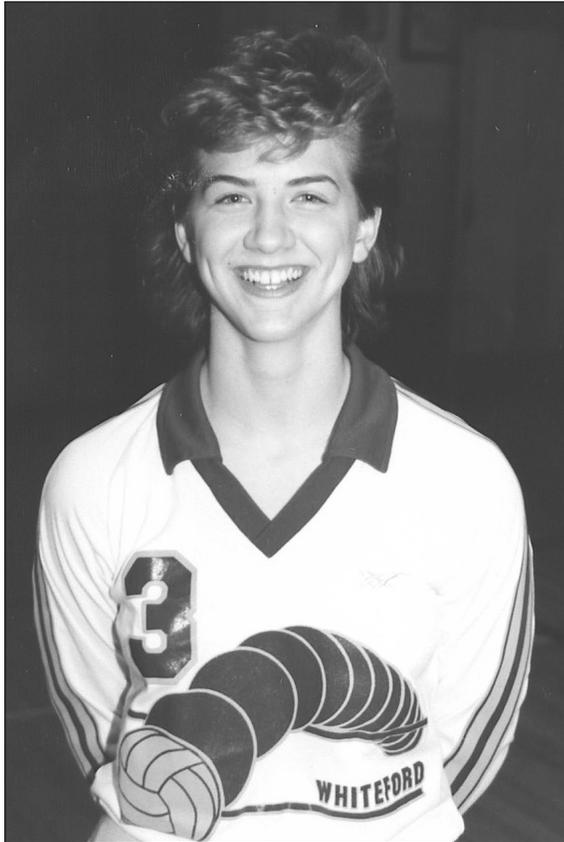
Tri-County Conference

CHAMPIONS

Football: Sand Creek
 Girls basketball: Morenci
 Boys basketball: Madison & Morenci
 Volleyball: Whiteford
 Baseball: Summerfield
 Softball: Morenci
 Boys track: Sand Creek
 Girls track: Sand Creek

All-State

Richard Sturdevant, football, 1st team (Free Press); wrestling, 2nd place
 Leigh Ross, basketball, 1st team (AP); 2nd team (News, Free Press); softball, 3rd team
 Jim Welly, wrestling, 2nd place; track, 5th 200, 6th shot put at state meet
 Jamie VanBrandt, softball, 1st team
 Jennifer Bierley, softball, HM



Leigh Ross (above) was first team All-Tri-County Conference in all three sports, leading Whiteford to 59 victories.

BOBCAT HEADLINES

- The Bobcat baseball team had its first winning season in four years under Jack Luettker, who returned to the diamond to guide the squad. Khris Shively led the squad in batting (.396), Don Ross scored 26 runs and had 35 stolen bases and Mike Iott won MVP honors
- After a few years without the sport, wrestling returned in a big way for Whiteford as Jim Welly and Richard Sturdevant each placed 2nd in the state
- Jim Welly had an outstanding sports year, leading the football team in receiving, placing 2nd at the state in wrestling and placing fifth in the 200 and sixth in the shot put at the state track meet

NUMBERS & NOTES

GIRLS BASKETBALL: The beat went on for Whiteford's girls basketball program. Despite losing a host of seniors from a 26-1 team, the Bobcats won 20 games, finished second in the TCC and won a District crown. Leigh Ross led the unit in scoring and was named first team All-State.

FOOTBALL: A solid running game and standout defense nearly led the Bobcats into the state playoffs. At home against Sand Creek, Whiteford was vying for a league title and playoff spot against the state ranked Aggies. Jim Welly scored two touchdowns on the game from his wide receiver slot, but it was not enough to propel Whiteford to the win. A field goal attempt fell just short of the crossbar, sealing the win for Sand Creek.

Pat Iott led the team in rushing, Mike Iott was the top tackler and Welly had a big year in the receiving department. Richard Sturdevant was All-State, according to the Detroit Free Press. Coach Jack Luettker was the Region Coach of the Year.

BOYS BASKETBALL: The Bobcats made their best ever showing in the state tournament by winning a Regional game for the first time in school history. And, it came from a team that went just 7-13 in the regular season.

Sophomore Brad Nieman etched his name in Bobcat history when he scored five points in the final :38 seconds of the District finals against Deerfield - including a 22-footer at the buzzer to give the underdog Bobcats the District trophy. Whiteford went on to defeat state-ranked Camden-Frontier (22-2 on the season) in the Regional at Charlotte High School. WHS nearly became giant killers in the finals, as they trailed undefeated Concord by just five points in the fourth quarter before bowing out.

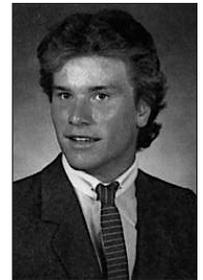
Kent Waterford had a big year for the Bobcats, scoring 386 points and pulling down 238 rebounds.

VOLLEYBALL: Sandy Clark's team won a third straight TCC championship and 18 games but the Bobcats were upset by Britton in the District tournament.

SOFTBALL: Leigh Ross moved from the field to the mound, pitching Whiteford to a 21-6 season and a District title. Ross was third team All-State. Jamie VanBrandt was a first team choice while Jennifer Bierley snagged honorable mention honors after producing 43 RBI in just 89 at-bats. Lisa Johnson was team MVP, Rhonda Iott had an amazing 21 sacrifice hits and Jodi Kiefer joined Ross (.434) and Johnson (.409) as hitters with at least a .400 batting average.



Jim Welly



Rich Sturdevant