

DuPree ignites three sport success

FACTS & FIGURES

Final records

FALL '88

Football 4-5
Girls basketball 16-8

WINTER '89

Boys basketball 19-3
Volleyball 14-13-3

SPRING '89

Baseball 12-7
Softball 22-7-1
Boys track 3-4
Girls track 2-5

MVPs

Football: Chris DuPree, John Iott, Jake Kornbluth
Girls basketball: Jamie VanBrandt
Boys basketball: Barry Jones
Volleyball: unknown
Baseball: Brian Bierley
Softball: Peg Schmidt
Boys track: Chris DuPree
Girls track: Shawn Boyer

Tri-County Conference

CHAMPIONS

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

All-State

Barry Jones, basketball, 1st team (AP), 2nd team (Free Press, News)
Dawn Murphy, softball, 2nd team
Dee Koppelman, softball, 2nd team
Peg Schmidt, softball, HM
Renee VanBrandt, softball, HM
Brian Bierley, baseball, 1st team
Doug Perry, baseball, 1st team

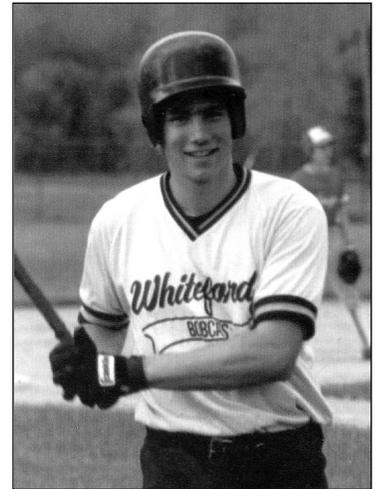


Chris DuPree (above) had an outstanding senior sports season in football, basketball and track.

BOBCAT HEADLINES

■ Chris DuPree had a sensational senior sport season, rushing for more than 1,000 yards in football, averaging 16.2 points a game in basketball and placing 2nd in the state in two track events

■ Brian Bierley (right) set a team record by hitting .565 on the season and was first team All-State. Doug Perry also was All-State after batting .509 with 24 steals. Todd Smith batted .431



■ Barry Jones transferred to Whiteford from Indiana and was an instant success on the basketball court, averaging 24 points a game and winning All-State honors

■ Dawn Murphy was All-State for the District champ basketball team and led the softball team in batting

NUMBERS & NOTES

FOOTBALL: Whiteford narrowly missed a winning season. Led by running back Chris DuPree (1,103 yards), the Bobcats won four games and finished fourth in the TCC. DuPree scored 16 touchdowns.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Barry Jones had one of the best seasons in WHS history. By averaging 24.7 points per game, he set a Whiteford record. By pulling down 250 rebounds, he had the highest WHS average in years. He made 47 three-pointers and scored more than 40 points in a game twice. He got better as the season went on, averaging more than 33 points per game over the final 10. He was named First Team All-State by the Associated Press.

Chris DuPree enjoyed a superb season as well, averaging 16.1 points a game and

shooting 77 percent on free throws.

The most telling game of the season came on Feb. 17 when the Bobcats trailed Summerfield by 16 points with 6:28 remaining in the game. DuPree hit a trio of triples and Jones scored 8 points and, suddenly, the Bobcats were tied with the Bulldogs. With six seconds remaining in overtime, again, Whiteford trailed. Quickly, DuPree took the ball the length of the court and fired up an off-balance jumper that missed the mark. He was fouled, however, and calmly stepped to the free throw line and made two with :00 on the clock. The Bobcats won the game and the TCC title.

SOFTBALL: Peg Schmidt took over pitching duties and led the Bobcats to 22 wins and a TCC championship. Schmidt had an ERA

of 1.55 and struck out 156 batters and also hit .463. Also at the plate, Dawn Murphy, Dee Koppelman and Renee VanBrandt had outstanding seasons. Koppelman scored 50 runs on the season.

TRACK: Chris DuPree capped off his senior year by winning the Regional 100 and 200 and placing second in both events at the state meet. His 16 points helped the team finish 12th, the highest Whiteford's boys track had ever finished at the time.

BASEBALL: Brian Bierley and Doug Perry were teammates not only at Whiteford but on the Class D All-State team after both Bobcats batted over .500 and helped the squad to 12 wins. Bierley batted a team-record .565 with 27 RBI while Perry hit .509 with 31 RBI and 27 runs.