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- Adam Dusseau was Whiteford’s only cross country runner, qualified for the state meet and finished third. At the state track meet, he placed 9th in both the 1600 and 3200
- Whiteford won District titles in girls basketball, volleyball, softball and baseball and qualified for the playoffs in football
- The volleyball team shared a TCC title, won 20 games and a District title

Numbers & notes
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Dee Koppelman became the third different Bobcat girls basketball player to be named All-State after leading the squad to 20 wins, a TCC championship and a District title. Koppelman had 90 assists, 109 steals and averaged 17.2 points a game. Pam Langenderfer was the team’s top rebounder and second-leading scorer (10.3) and freshman Leslie Koppelman averaged 6 points and 6 rebounds a game as well.

FOOTBALL: Despite only six wins, the Bobcats made their second trip to the state playoffs. Sophomore quarterback Mike Spradling (627 yards through the air) led the Bobcat offense while Bryan Lee (83 tackles) led the defense. Todd Smith ran for 5.6 yards per carry while Scott Longanbach had a big year from his receiver post, catching 32 passes for 452 yards.

BOYS BASKETBALL: For the first time in school history, two juniors scored over 300 points each for Whiteford, as the Bobcats went 12-9 on the season. John Maigret (6-5) and Matt Hughes (6-3) combined for more than 700 points, with Maigret averaging in double figures in rebounds as well. Two freshmen, Corey Simpson and Todd Adams, began the season on the varsity squad. Simpson became a starter quickly, and started 16 games overall. He scored 123 points and made 11 three-pointers on the campaign.

One of the biggest victories for the Bobcats came against Sand Creek, who lost for only the second time in TCC play in two years.


BASEBALL: Eighteen victories and a trip to the Class D semifinals was the reward for an ultra-successful baseball season. The Bobcats beat Pittsford in the District final, eliminated Allendale and Schoolcraft with a couple of one-run wins in the Regional before falling to Bay City All Saints, 10-3, in the semifinals – the longest journey ever for a Bobcat boys sport. Todd Smith batted .411 with 25 runs and 24 steals in a second-team All-State season. Matt Hughes joined him on the squad and Jack Luettke was the state coach of the year. Chris Baldwin (23 RBI), Chad Henkle (.310) and Scott Longanbach (61 pitching mark) were other players helping the Bobcats to TCC co-championship with Summerfield.

Facts & figures
Final records
FALL ’90
Football 6-4
Girls basketball 20-3

WINTER ’91
Boys basketball 12-9
Volleyball 20-8

SPRING ’91
Baseball 18-5
Softball 26-5
Boys track 2-5
Girls track 0-8

MVPs
Football: Scott Longanbach
Girls basketball: Dee Koppelman
Boys basketball: John Maigret
Volleyball: unknown
Softball: Dee Koppelman
Boys track: unknown
Girls track: Holly Minsel

Tri-County Conference
CHAMPIONS
Football: Morenci
Girls basketball: Whiteford
Boys basketball: Sand Creek
Volleyball: Whiteford & Morenci
Softball: Whiteford & Summerfield
Boys track: Sand Creek & Whitmore Lake
Girls track: Morenci

All-State
Dee Koppelman, softball, 1st
Aimee Adams, softball, 1st
Shelley Smith, softball, 1st
Leigh Ann Hammons, softball, HM
Matt Hughes, baseball, 2nd
Todd Smith, baseball, 2nd
Jack Luettke (right), baseball, coach of the year

Jack Luettke was named the state baseball coach of the year.

Dee Koppelman (above) continued the long line of three-sport girls athletes at Whiteford with a banner senior season. Dee was All-State and the Region Player of the Year in basketball and All-State in softball after leading Whiteford to 29 wins, batting .538 with 53 runs and 45 RBI. She also helped the volleyball team win 20 games for a 66-16 three-sport cumulative win-loss mark.

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