

## Softball team sets win mark in state runner-up year

### FACTS & FIGURES

#### Final records

##### FALL '93

Football 8-2  
Girls basketball 15-8

##### WINTER '94

Boys basketball 19-4  
Volleyball 21-7-2

##### SPRING '94

Baseball 21-5  
Softball 32-5  
Boys track 0-6  
Girls track 2-5

#### MVPs

Football: Corey Simpson  
Girls basketball: Leslie Koppelman  
Boys basketball: Brad Strahan  
Volleyball: unknown  
Baseball: Todd Adams  
Softball: Wendy Adams  
Boys track: unknown  
Girls track: unknown

#### Tri-County Conference

##### CHAMPIONS

Football: Sand Creek  
Girls basketball: Deerfield & Sand Creek  
Boys basketball: Sand Creek  
Volleyball: Whiteford  
Baseball: Whiteford  
Softball: Whiteford  
Boys track: Sand Creek  
Girls track: Sand Creek

#### All-State

Fred Kutzke, football, 1st team (AP, Free Press); baseball, HM  
Corey Simpson, football, HM (Free Press)  
Brad Strahan, basketball, 1st team (AP), 2nd team (Free Press, News)  
Leslie Koppelman, basketball, HM (AP, Free Press); volleyball, 2nd team.  
Todd Adams, baseball, 1st  
Steve Draper, baseball, 2nd

### BOBCAT HEADLINES

■ Wendy Adams had an ERA of 0.66 and won 19 games as a softball pitcher to lift the Bobcats into the state finals. She struck out only four times in 122 at-bats. The Bobcats won 32 games - the second straight season with 30 or more wins

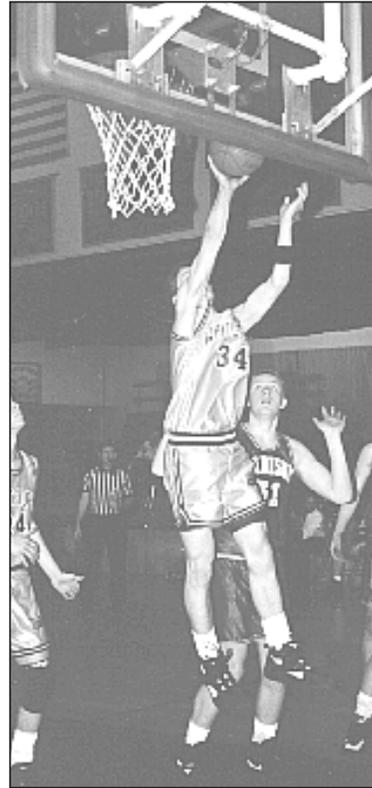
■ John Rice was named the Region basketball coach of the year

■ Brad Strahan improved his scoring average about 16 points a game from the previous year and earned All-State honors

■ The baseball team won a District title Todd Adams led the Region in steals (44)

■ Sandy Clark returned as volleyball coach

■ Shannon Crigger's 2nd place in the 1600 in the Regional was Whiteford's best effort



**Brad Strahan** made a tremendous improvement between the 1992-93 and 1993-94 seasons. He led the Bobcats in scoring as as senior and earned All-State honors in basketball.

### NUMBERS & NOTES

**GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Leslie Koppelman, Mariann Bauman and Wendy Adams all turned in double figure-scoring averages as the Bobcats won 15 games and made it to the District final. Koppelman had 34 blocked shots and pulled down 286 rebounds. Coach Kris Hubbard's squad did count another win over Class A Bedford.

**FOOTBALL:** Not only did Whiteford make the state playoffs in 1993, they won one of the games and hosted the regional final game. The 8-2 Bobcats used a tremendous defense to win eight times, losing only to Sand Creek and to Detroit East Catholic.

Junior Fred Kutzke was an All-State choice after running for 509 yards, catching 9 passes for 115 yards and converting 19 extra points and five field goals. Kutzke chipped in with five interceptions as well. The All-State kicker made good on a 25-yard field goal in overtime against Summerfield to give the Bobcats the 3-0 win.

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** The Whiteford Bobcats record book had to be completely revamped following the 1993-94 season and another player was added to WHS's All-State list.

WHS won 19 games before losing in the Regional. Brad Strahan began the season with a quiet 12-point effort vs. Emmanuel Baptist. However, the next game saw Strahan score 23 points and began a string of 12 consecutive 20-point games. He hit the 30-point level three times in that streak, including a terrific

39-point outburst against Mason. He was rewarded by being named to the All-State First Team unit in a storybook season.

Whiteford finished second to Sand Creek in the conference, but was able to defeat the Aggies, just as coach John Rice had predicted a week earlier. The second-highest scoring and best free-throw shooting team in school history reached the 90-point level four times and scored a school record 63 points in the second half at Ottawa Hills.

**SOFTBALL:** Mariann Bauman had Whiteford's first-ever perfect pitching season, going 13-0 on the mound to help the Bobcats win a TCC title and 32 games. Wendy Adams pitched the other 19 wins as Whiteford made it to the state finals, before bowing to Marine City Cardinal Mooney. Adams again was All-State, as was Bauman, Leighann Hammons and Rachel Cowell. Thirty-two wins remains the Whiteford record.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Sandy Clark returned for her second stint as volleyball coach at Whiteford and Leslie Koppelman and Wendy Adams led the team to a TCC championship and more than 20 wins.

**BASEBALL:** First Team All-State choice Todd Adams (.433, 42 hits, 8-2 record) had another big baseball season while Steve Draper (Second Team All-State) hit .420 and led the team with 33 RBI. Fred Kutzke, Corey Simpson, Charlie Butz and Brett Smith also enjoyed fine seasons.