

Koppelman, Sharpe have All-State winters

FACTS & FIGURES

Final records

FALL '97
 Football 4-5
 Girls basketball 11-10

WINTER '98
 Boys basketball 12-9
 Volleyball 26-9-4

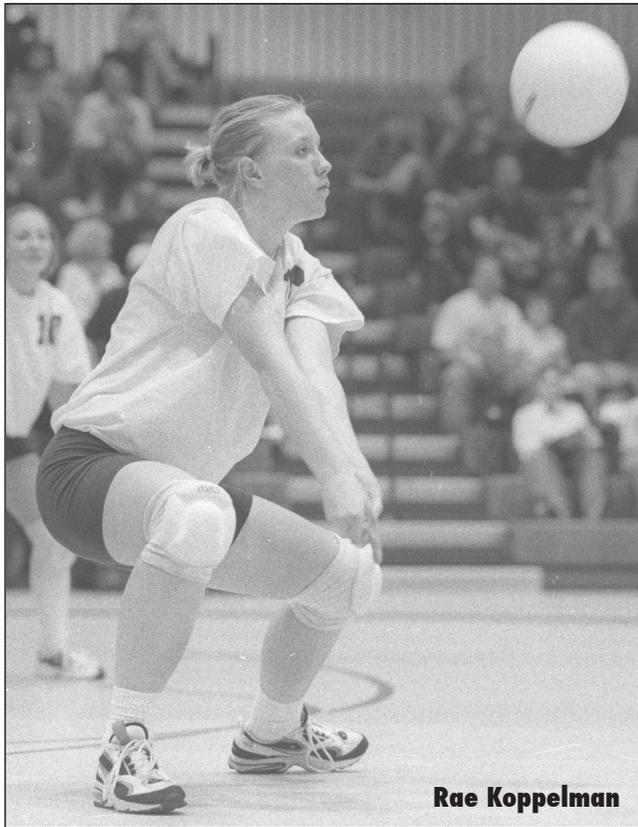
SPRING '98
 Baseball 17-12
 Softball 22-10
 Boys track not available
 Girls track 0-6

MVPs
 Football: Joel Billau and Jay DeShetler
 Girls basketball: Rae Koppelman
 Boys basketball: Eddie Sharpe
 Volleyball: Rae Koppelman
 Baseball: unknown
 Softball: Rae Koppelman
 Boys track: Chris Swaney
 Girls track: unknown

Tri-County Conference

CHAMPIONS
 Football: Morenci
 Girls basketball: Britton
 Boys basketball: Britton
 Volleyball: Sand Creek
 Baseball: Whiteford and Britton-Deerfield
 Softball: Sand Creek
 Boys track: Sand Creek
 Girls track: Sand Creek

All-State
 Eddie Sharpe, basketball, first team (AP)
 Rae Koppelman, volleyball, 1st team; softball, 1st team
 Tiffany George, softball, HM
 Chris Swaney, track, 4th, discus



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Rae Koppelman

BOBCAT HEADLINES

- Eddie Sharpe finished his amazing basketball career with 1,663 points and 740 rebounds
- Rae Koppelman (left) became just the fourth Bobcat volleyball player named First Team All-State. The volleyball team (26 wins) advanced to the state quarterfinal. She also earned three MVP awards and was All-State in softball and passed 1,000 points in basketball
- Chris Swaney qualified for the state track meet a fourth consecutive season
- Baseball teams shared TCC title

NUMBERS & NOTES

FOOTBALL: Whiteford missed a winning season for the second straight campaign. Defensively, Whiteford enjoyed two shutouts while Phil Hicks easily led the team in tackles.

The most exciting game of the year came against rival Sand Creek when the Bobcat lost an overtime thriller.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Rae Koppelman went past the 1,000-point level for her career, blocked a school-record 52 shots and led the team in rebounds and steals as well. Sophomore Breanne Chany led the squad in assists and nearly was in double digits in scoring. The Bobcats went 11-10 for the season.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Eddie Sharpe built his case as not only the greatest cager in Whiteford history but in TCC history as well.

The 6-4 senior was a dominating force in the league, winning a third straight scoring championship and breaking league records for points in a game (50), season and career. He scored an astonishing 1,000 points in league play alone, being the all-time leader in Monroe County Region history when the season ended.

His biggest moment came at Whitmore Lake in the final regular season game when he scored 50 points in an incredible performance. Guard Jess Saylor provided the thrills with one of his seven assists by bouncing a fast break off the backboard in which Sharpe grabbed in mid-air and slammed home.

VOLLEYBALL: Rae Koppelman became just the fourth Bobcat to be

named First Team All-State as the Bobcats advanced to the Class D quarterfinals. Whiteford didn't win the TCC, losing out by a game to Sand Creek, a team that won 27 games on the season. Kazia Kramer joined Koppelman on the first team All-TCC squad.

SOFTBALL: Breanne Chany became a mainstay on the mound for the Bobcats quickly, winning 20 games and leading the squad to a 22-10 record and berth in the Regional final. Rae Koppelman was All-State in a second sport after batting .368 with 31 RBI. Tiffany George led the team in batting average (.441) and was honorable mention All-State. Chany drew an outstanding 34 walks and scored 50 runs and freshman Kristin O'Mara batted .438.

BASEBALL: Kelvin Gray led a deep pitching staff with a 6-1 record as the Bobcats won 17 games and shared the TCC championship with District champ Britton-Deerfield. Gray struck out 58 batters in just 39 innings and had an ERA of 1.76. At the plate, Jay DeShetler led the team by batting .382 with 8 doubles. He was joined on the All-TCC squad by Josh Billau, Lloyd Soss and Gray.

TRACK: Chris Swaney qualified for the state track meet for the fourth consecutive season - the first Bobcat boy track athlete to do so - and placed fourth in the discus to lead the Bobcats.