

## Baseball squad wins Regional championship

### FACTS & FIGURES

#### Final records

##### FALL '98

Football 6-3  
Girls basketball 10-12

##### WINTER '99

Boys basketball 13-8  
Volleyball 18-12-2

##### SPRING '99

Baseball 24-10  
Softball 13-19  
Boys track 2-4  
Girls track 5-3

#### MVPs

Football: Brian Bunge & Phil Hicks  
Girls basketball: Breanne Chany & Kristin O'Mara  
Boys basketball: Scott Rochowiak  
Volleyball: Kristin O'Mara & LeAnn DeLand  
Baseball: unknown  
Softball: Audrey Rhoades  
Boys track: Jon Bennett  
Girls track: unknown

#### Tri-County Conference

##### CHAMPIONS

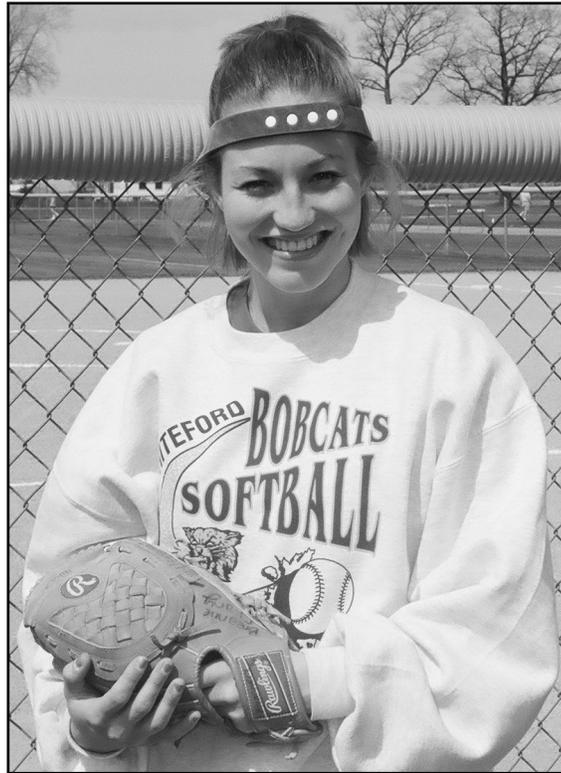
Football: Britton-Deerfield  
Girls basketball: Sand Creek  
Boys basketball: Britton  
Volleyball: Sand Creek  
Baseball: Whiteford  
Softball: Summerfield  
Boys track: Sand Creek  
Girls track: Sand Creek

#### All-State

Kelvin Gray, baseball, 2nd team  
Josh Billau, baseball, 2nd team  
Scott Rochowiak, baseball, HM

### BOBCAT HEADLINES

- Bobcat football team went back to the playoffs
- Jamie LaRocca became Whiteford boys track coach
- Baseball team fell in the state quarterfinals. Kelvin Gray (9) and Jess Saylor (8) led squad in pitching wins.
- John Flynn's girls track squad has first winning season ever.
- Breanne Chany sets Whiteford assists record with 96.



After winning 20 games in 1998, **Breanne Chany** was hurt for part of the 1999 season, but would return for an All-State season in 2000. In basketball, she set a team record with 96 assists and averaged 13 points a game in 1998.

### NUMBERS & NOTES

**FOOTBALL:** After a rare sub-.500 season, the Bobcats rebounded to just miss qualifying for the state playoffs, beat rival Sand Creek and finishing in a tie for second in the TCC.

A 5-0 record at home was the key to the success. Three of those wins came during a four-game win streak to end the season.

Quarterback Brian Bunge led an offense that featured several weapons while Phil Hicks was the top tackler on the team. Josh Billau was a rushing threat (200 yards), receiving threat (188 yards) and led the team in interceptions (4).

**GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Whiteford's girls basketball team had a rare losing season, but Kristin O'Mara had an outstanding sophomore season, averaging 16 points while pulling down more than 200 rebounds and blocking 20 shots. Co-MVP Breanne Chany also was in double digits, sinking 13 points a game and dishing out 96 assists.

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** Scott Rochowiak was named All-Region and transfer Tommy Futrell was the team scoring leader after he became eligible.

Overall, the Bobcats won 13 games, the most for the team since 1995. Besides the scoring by Rochowiak and Futrell, Gabe Jones was strong on the boards and Jess Saylor led the team in assists and steals. He set a Bobcat record with 12 steals against Whitmore Lake and 107 for the season.

**VOLLEYBALL:** The volleyball team continued its successful string under coach Sandy Clark as Kristin O'Mara put together a great season and shared MVP honors with LeAnn DeLand and was All-Region

as the Bobcats won 18 games.

**SOFTBALL:** A difficult schedule and an injury to Breanne Chany made things difficult for the Bobcats on the diamond. The result was the only time school history the Bobcats did not finish at least .500. Erin Curley led the team in batting (.407) while Kristin O'Mara had another strong season with 44 hits and 23 RBI. Mindy DeShetler led the team in pitching wins (7) and Audrey Rhoades and LeAnn DeLand were All-TCC players with O'Mara.

**BASEBALL:** One of the biggest wins in Whiteford baseball history capped off a sensational, 24-win season for the Bobcats, who won a Regional championship with a pair of one-run victories. The Regional final was delayed due to a storm as the Bobcats had to wait until a Monday afternoon against highly-regarded Battle Creek St. Phillip. Whiteford, down 2-0 on Saturday, came back strong on Monday, pushing across two runs in the bottom of the seventh to take the victory on the home diamond. Jess Saylor picked up his eighth win of the season for the Bobcats in that thriller. Kelvin Gray (9 wins, 84 strikeouts), Josh Billau (.411, 5 home runs, 31 RBI) and Scott Rochowiak (.391, 27 RBI) and Saylor (28 RBI) had great seasons for the Bobcats.

**TRACK:** John Flynn's girls track team did something a Whiteford girls track squad never did before - finish above .500. Flynn was named the Monroe County Region Coach of the Year for leading the Bobcats to a 5-3 record. Summerfield graduate Jamie LaRocca became the boys coach. Jon Bennett was a state qualifier in the 800.