

2001-02

Golf, track teams claim first-ever TCC trophies

FACTS & FIGURES

Final records

FALL '01

Football	6-4
Girls basketball	10-12
Golf	31-4

WINTER '02

Boys basketball	16-6
Volleyball	15-12-4

SPRING '02

Baseball	21-8
Softball	19-13
Boys track	11-1
Girls track	6-3

MVPs

Football: Eric Gill
 Golf: Adam Rhoades/Dustin Carter
 Girls basketball: Rikki Boose
 Boys basketball: Joe Gust
 Volleyball: Ashley DeLand, Ashley Clegg, Karen Domschot, Christen Hicks, Carrie Christensen
 Baseball: Joe Roberts
 Softball: Karen Domschot
 Boys track: Vince LaRocca & Ryan Stack
 Girls track: Alexis Miller

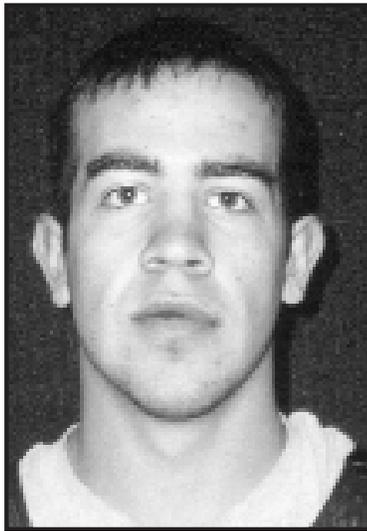
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CHAMPIONS

Football: Morenci
 Golf: BD & Whiteford
 Girls basketball: Morenci & Britton
 Boys basketball: Morenci
 Volleyball: Whiteford
 Baseball: Summerfield
 Softball: Summerfield
 Boys track: Sand Creek & Whiteford
 Girls track: Morenci

All-State

Joe Roberts, baseball, 2nd team
 Joe Gust, baseball, 2nd team



Few athletes have meant more to their teams than **Joe Gust**. Gust was a three-sport star for the Bobcats for three years. In baseball, he was All-State. In basketball, he led the team in scoring one season and was second another and had a knack for hitting a game-winning shot or finding a way to help the Bobcats win. In football, he was an outstanding quarterback, having a streak in 2002 of throwing at least one TD pass in 10 straight games.

Here's a look at some of his late-game heroics:

FOOTBALL

The Bobcats needed a win against Blissfield to reach the state playoffs in 2001. Joe Roberts marched the Bobcats down the field in the last 1:30, scoring the go-ahead touchdown with :23 left. Gust caught the two-point conversion.

BASKETBALL

2001 vs. Ottawa Hills - Gust hit a 3-pointer with 25 seconds left to force overtime in a game the Bobcats would win.

2001, vs. Deerfield: The Bobcats won 45-44 - a 3-pointer by Gust was the game-winner.

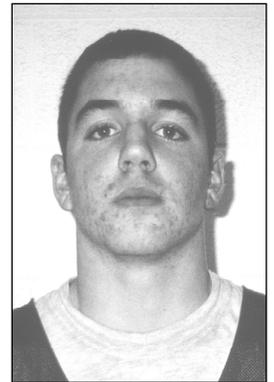
2001 vs. Emmanuel Baptist - Gust hit a free throw with 3.5 seconds left to give the Bobcats the 55-54 win.

2002, vs. Sand Creek - In overtime, Gust nailed a 3-pointer at the buzzer, lifting the Bobcats to a 56-54 win.

2003, vs. Blissfield - Gust took a pass from Anthony Miracola and nailed a layup at the buzzer to give Whiteford the District win.

BOBCAT HEADLINES

- Matt VanBrandt is new Bobcat baseball coach as team reaches Regional final
- Whiteford shared its first-ever TCC golf championship
- Joe Roberts became the first quarterback in Whiteford history to be named First Team All-Region and was also the baseball MVP with 7 wins



Joe Roberts

NUMBERS & NOTES

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Carrie Christensen (9.3) and Rikki Boose (76 steals, 155 rebounds) led a young Bobcat team to double digits in wins for Coach Kris Hubbard.

FOOTBALL: Joe Roberts threw for more than 500 yards and ran for 405. It was a brilliant last-minute drive against Blissfield in week No. 9 that lifted the Bobcats to the playoffs. Eric Gill was team MVP while Brandon Ybarra was an all-purpose threat and Nick Wohlfarth turned in a strong sophomore season, leading the team in tackles.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Seven seniors, 16 wins, two First Team All-TCC players and the 500th win in Bobcat history were all big stories for Whiteford. None, however, will ever be as big as The Loss to Morenci in the Class C District semifinals at Blissfield.

The District game was a classic back-and-forth game from the start. Whiteford trailed several times but each time responded to the Bulldog challenge. With nearly three minutes left in the game, the scored tied at 37, Whiteford got the ball back and began whittling down the clock, holding for a chance at a last-second shot. As Joe Gust drove to the basket, the ball got loose. With the clock expiring, a

Morenci player grabbed the ball and heaved it toward their basket - from about 70 feet. The shot wasn't close but an official called a shooting foul on Whiteford, sending the Morenci player to the line with no time left on the clock. After several minutes of chaos, David Schafer stepped to the line and sank the first free throw, giving Morenci the win over a stunned Bobcat team. bench and crowd.

Despite that shattering loss, Whiteford had an outstanding season. Gust had some great games, beating Sand Creek at the buzzer in a January game.

BASEBALL: Matt VanBrandt's first season as the Bobcat baseball head coach was a successful one as Whiteford advanced to the Regional finals and won 21 games. Joe Roberts (7), Joe Gust (6) and Eric Christensen (5) all had big pitching seasons while Christensen also batted .432. Joe Gust had 36 RBI and 18 doubles and Dominic DiTerlizzi had 6 home run.

TRACK: The Whiteford boys track team won its first league title since 1967. The team didn't score at the state meet, but had several qualifiers, including Vince LaRocca in two relays and the 400, Ryan Stack in two events and Neil Flanner in two.

WHITEFORD TRIVIA

Q - Which Bobcat quarterbacks have been named to The Monroe Evening News All-Region team?