

## High-powered basketball team starts season 23-0

### FACTS & FIGURES

#### Final records

#### FALL '02

Football	9-2
Girls basketball	13-8
Golf	37-3
Girls CC	3rd in TCC

#### WINTER '03

Boys basketball	23-1
Volleyball	27-11-3

#### SPRING '03

Baseball	10-14
Softball	16-12
Boys track	9-3
Girls track	7-5

#### MVPs

Football: Vince LaRocca & Nick Wohlfarth  
 Golf: Bobby Plumer  
 Girls basketball: Rikki Boose  
 Boys basketball: Anthony Miracola  
 Volleyball: Amanda Christensen & Rikki Boose  
 Baseball: Joe Gust  
 Softball: Brittany Rodriguez  
 Boys track: Vince LaRocca  
 Girls track: Chelsea Keeling & Amanda Turk

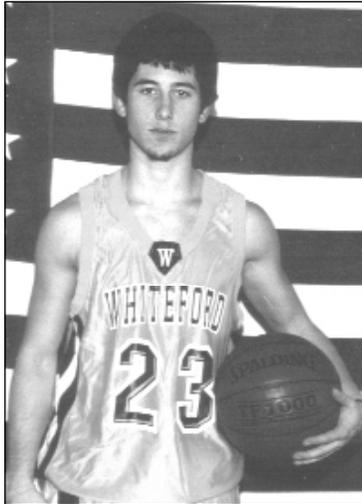
#### TCC

##### CHAMPIONS

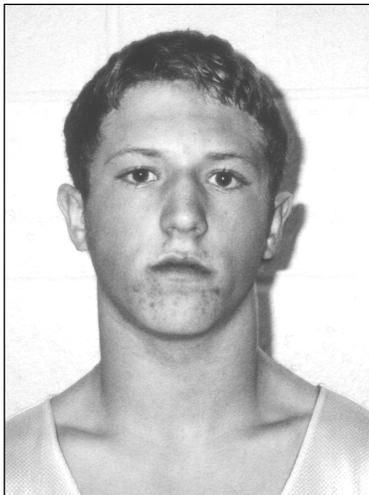
Football: Whitmore Lake  
 Golf: Whiteford  
 Boys CC: Morenci  
 Girls CC: Morenci  
 Girls basketball: Morenci  
 Boys basketball: Whiteford  
 Volleyball: Whiteford  
 Baseball: Sand Creek  
 Softball: Morenci  
 Boys track: Madison  
 Girls track: Sand Creek

#### All-State

Anthony Miracola, basketball, 1st team (AP, Free Press)  
 Nick Wohlfarth, football, 1st team (AP)  
 Neil Flanner, track, 4th, 3200



**Anthony Miracola** was a first-team All-State choice after transferring to Whiteford making an immediate impact on the basketball team. He averaged 23 points a game and led the Bobcats into the Class D Regional unbeaten.



**Vince LaRocca** had an outstanding senior sports year. In football he ran for 826 yards and averaged 42 yards on seven kickoff returns, scoring a team-best 104 points. In track, he qualified for the state meet in four events and won a second straight team MVP trophy.

### BOBCAT HEADLINES

- The Bobcat golf team repeated as TCC champ and placed 8th in Division 4 state meet as Bobby Plumer was All-State after placing in the top 10 among individuals
- Cross Country was revived at Whiteford and Coach Jim Hojnacki led the girls team to a third-place finish in TCC
- Kathy Beaubien took over volleyball team that won the TCC
- A potent offense featuring Joe Gust, Vince LaRocca and Nick Wohlfarth led the Whiteford football team to nine wins for the first time since 1965

### NUMBERS & NOTES

**GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Rikki Boose led the Bobcats in points, rebounds, steals and assists as Whiteford won 13 games.

**FOOTBALL:** The greatest offense in Bobcat history averaged 35.1 points a game and broke numerous school records in winning nine games.

Nick Wohlfarth and Vince LaRocca were an outstanding 1-2 punch in the backfield, combining for 32 touchdowns and nearly 2,000 yards of offense. The duo made long touchdowns routine and quarterback Joe Gust threw at least one TD pass in each of the first 10 games.

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** Whiteford started the season by winning its first 23 games, taking the TCC and District trophies and climbing into the top 10 ranked teams in the state. Two transfers joined the Bobcats, Anthony Miracola from Toledo Start and Bobby Plumer from rival Deerfield.

Miracola had an incredible season, putting on a ball-handling display never seen before on the Bobcat court. The first-team All-State player led the team in scoring, set records for free throw percentage and 3-pointers made and was at his best in big game.

Plumer passed the 1,000-career point total and proved to be an outstanding two-way performer under Coach John Rice.

2001-02 MVP Joe Gust led the squad in scoring last season from a guard position. The addition of Miracola and Plumer moved Gust inside – and he responded with another outstanding season. Instead

of a 3-point threat, Gust became an inside force and led the team in rebounding while averaging again in double figures.

Coach Rice announced after the season that his 30th at Whiteford was his last at the helm of the Bobcats.

**BASEBALL:** The Bobcats went 10-14 and lost in the District to Sand Creek. Brandon Ybarra, Joe Gust and Jake Gust were first team All-TCC.

**TRACK:** Whiteford's track team placed 13th at the state meet as a host of Bobcats qualified. Vince LaRocca won the Regional 200 and was third in the long jump and 4th in the 100 and helped the 800 relay team qualify, and place 5th, at the state level. Neil Flanner placed 4th in the 3200 and 5th in the 1600 at the state meet.

Corey Oval won the Regional discus event and Brandon Martin was 8th in the state meet in the long jump. For the girls, Chelsea Keeling, won the Regional long jump and Courtney Iott was 2nd in the high jump.

**SOFTBALL:** Whiteford won 16 games as Brittany Rodriguez was the ace of the pitching staff and Rikki Boose and Cassie Guthrie paced the hitters.