

Track team is first boys state champion

FACTS & FIGURES

Final records

FALL '06

Football 6-4
Girls basketball 6-14
Boys & Girls CC

WINTER '07

Boys basketball 13-8
Volleyball 32-6-9

SPRING '07

Baseball 19-13-1
Softball 21-12
Boys track 7-0
Girls track 2-7

MVPs

Football: Dan Ovall
Boys CC: Mark Hojnacki
Girls CC: Maureen Gibbs
Girls basketball: Alyssa White
Boys basketball: Josh DuPree & Mitch Frazier
Volleyball: Chelsea Brighton, Liz Hauser, Kim Lambert
Baseball: Bryce Funchion
Softball: Ashleigh Barron
Boys track: Josh DuPree
Girls track: Liz Hauser

TCC

CHAMPIONS

Football: Sand Creek
Girls basketball: Summerfield
Boys basketball: Morenci
Volleyball: Whiteford
Baseball: Madison & Summerfield
Softball: Summerfield
Boys track: Whiteford
Girls track: Madison

All-State

George Flanner, football, 1st team (AP); track, 1st shot put, 1st discus, 2nd, 400 relay.
Bryce Funchion, baseball, 1st team
Ashleigh Barron, softball, 1st team
Josh DuPree, 2nd, 200
400 relay, track, Dan Ovall, Nate Seevers, George Flanner, Josh DuPree, 3rd at state meet
800 relay, track, Nate Seevers, Dan Ovall, Brandon Iott and Josh DuPree, 3rd
Dan Ovall, state, 3rd, discus



Andy Bennett, Brandon Iott, Dan Ovall, George Flanner, Josh DuPree and Nate Seevers hold the state championship trophy. Bennett was an assistant coach.

NUMBERS & NOTES

FOOTBALL: The Bobcats had an offensive juggernaut again, led by George Flanner.

Two of the games will long be remembered by Whiteford fans. The first came in the opener against Pittsford. Whiteford fell behind 26-0 before mounting an incredible rally that saw the the Bobcats win 48-34 behind six Flanner touchdowns.

The other came in the close of the regular season when the Bobcats beat Summerfield 44-42 in a game that featured more than 1,000 yards of total offense.

Flanner ran for 1,712 yards and was first team All-State. He passed the 200-yard mark rushing four times, including a 293-yard game at Pittsford.

Dan Ovall was team MVP, leading the team in tackles (88)

and quarterback sacks (4.5) while running for 424 yards himself.

BOYS BASKETBALL: One of the biggest victories in Whiteford history came against the state-ranked Morenci Bulldogs, who came into the Whiteford gymnasium unbeaten and went home with a loss.

Josh DuPree was named first team All-TCC and All-Region for the second consecutive season. Dave Gust became the fourth of the Gust brothers to make the All-Region squad. He was second on the team in scoring and was amazingly consistent - reaching double figures in each of the final 12 games of the season.

SOFTBALL: Kelsey Hutchinson won 18 games as a pitcher and Ashleigh Barron was All-State again as the Bobcats won 21.

TRACK: It was a storybook season for the Bobcat track team, who went undefeated in dual meets, won the TCC, Regional and state titles behind one of the most talented group of athletes Whiteford ever produced.

At the state meet, George Flanner was first in the shot put and discus. Josh DuPree was 2nd in the 200. The 400 relay team of Dan Ovall, Nate Seevers, Flanner and DuPree placed 2nd. The 800 relay team of Seevers, Ovall, Brandon Iott and DuPree was 3rd. Ovall was also 3rd in the discus.

In a strange twist, Aaron Flanner had qualified with the Bobcat relay teams but was injured and couldn't compete. Ovall took his spot and helped the Bobcats win the state title.

HEADLINES

■ George Flanner was the first Bobcat to win Region Offensive Player of the Year honors in football after rushing for 1,712 yards and 126 points in an All-State season

■ Bryce Funchion led Region batters in hitting (.532) and RBI (34) and earned First Team All-State baseball honors for new coach Steve Draper.

■ Austin Dickerson tossed a no-hitter in the District final and the Bobcats advanced to the Regional final before losing to eventual state champion Reading

■ Whiteford's girls won a third straight TCC cross country championship

■ The girls basketball team wins six games in John Rice's final season.

■ Lizzy Hauser was 8th in the high jump at states