

# 2007-08

## Gust, DuPree have tremendous sports seasons

### FACTS & FIGURES

#### Final records

##### FALL '07

Football 5-4  
 Volleyball 32-11-6  
 Boys & Girls CC

##### WINTER '08

Boys basketball 21-4  
 Girls basketball 6-15

##### SPRING '08

Baseball 22-11  
 Softball 17-17  
 Boys track 6-3  
 Girls track 3-7

#### MVPs

Football: Ross Miller  
 Boys CC: Jake Berry  
 Girls CC: Melissa Garverick & Emilee Knakiewicz  
 Girls basketball: Kayla Rafferty  
 Boys basketball: Dave Gust & Josh DuPree  
 Volleyball: Chelsea Brighton & Shelby Bay  
 Baseball: Kyle Lievens  
 Softball: Emily Rush  
 Boys track: Josh DuPree  
 Girls track: Liz Hauser

#### Tri-County Conference

##### CHAMPIONS

Football: Sand Creek  
 Boys CC: Whitmore Lake  
 Girls CC: Whitmore Lake  
 Girls basketball: Clinton  
 Boys basketball: Madison  
 Volleyball: Clinton  
 Baseball: Whiteford, Clinton, Sand Creek & Summerfield  
 Softball: Clinton  
 Boys track: Madison  
 Girls track: Sand Creek

#### All-State

Jake Ritzenthaler, baseball, 2nd team  
 Josh DuPree, football, 1st team (AP); basketball, 1st team (AP, Detroit News), 2nd team (Free Press); track, 1st 100, 400, 2nd 200  
 Dave Gust, basketball, HM (AP)

### BOBCAT HEADLINES

- The high-scoring Bobcat boys basketball team won 14 games away from home
- Girls basketball was moved to winter and volleyball became a fall sport
- Dave Gust threw for record 1,287 yards passing, scored 19 points a game in basketball and won 8 games on the mound for the baseball team
- Josh DuPree was state champion in the 100 and 400, was 2nd in the 200 and a member of 5th place 1600 relay team
- Whiteford's baseball team shared the TCC, won the District and Regional
- Josh DuPree was named First Team All-State in football and basketball and was the Region Athlete of the Year.
- Kathy Albers' volleyball team won 32 games giving her 183 wins in just six seasons



Dave Gust



**Josh DuPree** completed an amazing sports career at Whiteford. Some of his accomplishments:

- No. 2 all-time basketball scorer with 1,224 points
- First team All-State in basketball, 2008
- Holds Whiteford football record for receiving yards in a season (770) and career (1,060); receiving TDs in season (9) and career (12) and receptions season (44) and career (56).
- First team All-State in football, 2007
- He qualified and placed at state track meet all four seasons and 11 times in his career, including two 1sts and six 2nds and a 3rd. He was state champion in the 100 and 400 as a senior.
- Monroe County Region Boys Athlete of the Year

*2007-08 marked the first season Bobcat athletes were able to use the new weight room the Whiteford Athletic Boosters built inside the high school.*

### NUMBERS & NOTES

**FOOTBALL:** The quarterback-wide receiver duo of Dave Gust and Josh DuPree broke all of the previous passing and receiving marks for a season, hooking up nine times for touchdowns and both scoring 72 points on the season.

Gust set a Bobcat standard with more than 1,200 passing yards – shattering the previous record for yards through the air. DuPree established new season and career marks for both receptions and receiving yards and even threw a touchdown pass. The senior did it on the defensive side of the ball with three interception returns for touchdowns as well.

Ross Miller also was outstanding on defense, recording an incredible 23 tackles for loss.

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** A surprising tournament run, keyed by three comeback victories, lifted the Whiteford Bobcats to 21 victories and a berth in the Class C Regional finals.

The Bobcats won 17 regular season games, but were still an underdog to 21-1 Madison, the TCC champ, in the District finals. The Bobcats, however, beat Madison in the finals on a last-second three-pointer by Josh DuPree.

The Bobcats then went to the Regional and beat 21-2 Napoleon, 51-49, in overtime, on the strength of DuPree's running layup in the closing seconds.

It was a grand exit for the senior-heavy Bobcats and coach Brad Stevens, who resigned after the season. Whiteford finished 21-4, lost to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in the Regional final and grabbed the frenzy of fans with the long tournament run.

DuPree (20.3 points a game) was named First Team All-State for his efforts, the first player in the history of Monroe County Region to win the honor in both football and basketball. Dave Gust finished just behind him in scoring and was honorable mention All-State himself. He led the Bobcats in rebounds, blocked shots and free throws and averaged 19.2 points a game.

**BASEBALL:** Steve Draper's second Bobcat baseball did one game better than the first, reaching the state quarterfinals. Dave Gust (8 wins, .302 average) and Joel Bunge (7-2) led the pitching while Jake Ritzenthaler (.448, 41 RBI) and Kyle Lievens (.423) were the batting stars.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Kayla Rafferty led the Bobcat girls basketball team in scoring including a 36-point night vs. Deerfield. Kelsey Hutchinson led the squad with 16 3-pointers.