

whiteford Bobcats

2019



THE BOBCAT FAMILY

Playoff Roster

#	NAME	YEAR
1	Ruddy, Shea	9
2	Marchant, Nick	12
4	Joerin, Isaiah	10
5	Kahn, Jacob	11
6	Hizer, Hayden	12
8	Dyer, Evan	11
9	Giesige, Jake	9
11	Hillard, Levi	10
12	Mills, Braedon	12
14	Dyer, Eli	9
16	Collins, Skyler	12
17	Emch, Ethan	9
18	Shaw, D'Ondre'	12
20	English, Brody	9
22	Tarnowski, Parker	9
25	Beasley, Cameron	10
26	Emmenecker, Jack	11
27	Ruddy, Ty	10
28	Monaghan, Alex	11
29	Trejo, Luis	9
33	Anderson, Dylan	9
38	Greer, Tyler	9
40	Shaw, Devon	11
43	Speweik, Clayton	10
49	Renaud, Zach	12
53	Tesznar, Brodi	12
54	Durden, Trent	11
54	Luse, Brayden	9
56	Andrews, Luke	12
57	Alexander, Shyler	11
60	Freeman, Nicholas	11
61	Gray, Kyle	9
63	Smiddy, Joey	10
65	Giesige, Cole	10
65	Richardson, Mitchell	10
66	Knaggs, Owen	9
68	Andrews, Jack	10
70	Renaud, Dominic	10
71	Cousino, Aidan	9
72	Bauman, Noah	10
75	Hagan, Josh	12
78	Newman, Matt	11
79	Suchora, Shane	9
81	Masserant, Luke	11
82	Gray, Keith	9
89	Waterford, Michael	9

VARSITY ROSTER 2019

NO.	NAME	CLASS
1	Ruddy, Shea	9
2	Marchant, Nick	12
5	Kahn, Jacob	11
6	Hizer, Hayden	12
7	Newman, Matt	11
8	Dyer, Evan	11
11	Hillard, Levi	10
12	Mills, Braedon	12
14	Dyer, Eli	9
15	Giesige, Cole	10
16	Collins, Skyler	12
26	Emmenecker, Jack	11
40	Shaw, Devon	11
49	Renaud, Zach	12
53	Tesznar, Brodi	12
54	Durden, Trent	11
56	Andrews, Luke	12
57	Alexander, Shyler	11
58	Monaghan, Alex	11
60	Freeman, Nicholas	11
68	Andrews, Jack	10
72	Bauman, Noah	10
75	Hagan, Josh	12
81	Masserant, Luke	11

J.V. ROSTER 2019

NO.	NAME	CLASS
4	Joerin, Isaiah	10
9	Giesige, Jake	9
17	Emch, Ethan	9
20	English, Brody	9
22	Tarnowski, Parker	9
25	Beasley, Cameron	10
27	Ruddy, Ty	10
29	Trejo, Luis	9
33	Anderson, Dylan	9
38	Greer, Tyler	9
43	Speweik, Clayton	10
54	Luse, Brayden	9
61	Gray, Kyle	9
63	Smiddy, Joey	10
65	Richardson, Mitchell	10
66	Knaggs, Owen	9
70	Renaud, Dominic	10
71	Cousino, Aidan	9
79	Suchora, Shane	9
82	Gray, Keith	9
89	Waterford, Michael	9

FOOTBALL STAFF

Head Coach: Jason Mensing

Assistant Coaches:

Kris Hoag, Bob Ondrovick, Tony DuPree, Todd Theiken, Ben Avis, Charlie Butz, Brent Orr

Game Day Operations: Phil Bauman

Statisticians:

Jeff Bunge, Jack Bunge, Joel Bunge, Doug Donnelly

WHITEFORD FOOTBALL

HISTORIC INFORMATION

2019 record: 5-5 (4-2 in TCC)

League championships (7): 1961, 1964, 1965 (River Raisin Conference); 1994, 2016, 2017, 2018 (Tri-County Conference)

Playoff appearances (20): 1987, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

State Championship: 2017

First year of varsity football: 1957

All-Time record: 356-235-4

All-Time playoff record: 21-19



SEASON OVERVIEW

AUG. 29 AWAY • L, 33-14

BLISSFIELD ROYALS



SEPT. 6 AWAY • W, 60-12

STRYKER PANTHERS



SEPT. 13 HOME • L, 54-24

SCHOOLCRAFT



SEPT. 20 HOME • W, 42-14

MADISON



SEPT. 27 AWAY • W, 44-14

MORENCI



OCT. 4 HOME • W, 28-6

SAND CREEK



OCT. 11 AWAY • L, 44-20

CLINTON



OCT. 18 HOME • W, 58-56

BRITTON DEERFIELD



OCT. 25 HOME • L, 33-30

SUMMERFIELD



NOV. 2 AWAY • L, 21-16

SHRINE CATHOLIC



Overall record: 5-5

TCC: 4-2

Home: 3-2

Road: 2-3

Playoffs: 0-1

Points for: 336

Per game: 33.6

Points against: 287

Per game: 28.7

FINAL STATS - OFFENSE

SCORING	TD	FG	PAT	CONV	INT	FR	TOTAL
Nick Marchant	13	0	0	7	48	0	1243
Devon Shaw	10	0	0	7	12	3	983
Cole Giesige	10	0	0	2	0	0	972
Braedon Mills	6	0	0	1	0	0	279
Levi Hillard	3	0	0	2	0	12	223
Zach Renaud	2	0	0	1	0	0	169
Eli Dyer	1	0	0	1	27	0	149
Shea Ruddy	0	0	0	4	0	0	116
Jacob Kahn	1	0	0	0	0	0	89
Luke Masserant	1	0	0	0	0	0	86
Skyler Collins	0	0	0	1	31	0	73

PASSING	CMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT	PCT
Shea Ruddy	47	83	848	8	8	58.00%

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Nick Marchant	121	889	7.3	12
Devon Shaw	138	883	6.4	10
Cole Giesige	95	668	7	9
Levi Hillard	29	132	4.6	3
Eli Dyer	22	110	5	1
D'Ondre Shaw	18	89	4.9	0
Zach Renaud	19	86	4.5	2
Shea Ruddy	66	82	1.2	0
Jacob Kahn	8	29	3.6	1
Alex Monaghan	1	3	3	0
Skyler Collins	1	(-1)	(-1.0)	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
Nick Marchant	15	235	15.7	1
Braedon Mills	11	222	20.2	6
Skyler Collins	9	170	18.9	0
Cole Giesige	8	137	17.1	1
Devon Shaw	3	59	19.7	0
Luke Masserant	1	25	25	0

ALL PURPOSE YARDS	RUSH	REC	KR	PR
Nick Marchant	889	235	62	9
Cole Giesige	668	137	156	7
Devon Shaw	883	59	30	0
Braedon Mills	0	222	57	0
Levi Hillard	132	0	79	0
Skyler Collins	(-1)	170	0	0
Eli Dyer	110	0	12	0
Zach Renaud	86	0	30	0
D'Ondre Shaw	89	0	0	0
Shea Ruddy	82	0	4	0
Luke Masserant	0	25	17	0
Jacob Kahn	29	0	0	0
Alex Monaghan	3	0	0	0



FINAL STATS - DEFENSE

DEFENSE	T	SOLO	AST	SACKS	SACK YDS	TFL	S	PBU
Eli Dyer	43	26	17	0	0	2	0	4
Evan Dyer	42	11	31	1	7	6.5	0	0
Brodi Tesznar	42	19	23	1	1	10.5	0	1
Levi Hillard	41	32	9	1	4	5	0	1
Nick Marchant	39	25	14	0	0	1.5	0	9
Noah Bauman	33	16	17	1.5	6	8	0	0
Braedon Mills	31	23	8	0	0	1	0	11
Cole Giesige	22	13	9	0	0	0	0	5
Zach Renaud	18	8	10	0	0	2	0	1
Luke Masserant	15	8	7	0	0	1	0	1
Nicholas Freeman	15	5	10	2	15	4.5	0	0
Josh Hagan	10	2	8	0	19	1	0	0
Luke Andrews	9	2	7	1.5	0	1.5	0	0
Matt Newman	8	2	6	0	0	1.5	0	0
Shea Ruddy	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	2
Devon Shaw	6	3	3	0	0	0.5	0	0
Shyler Alexander	4	1	3	0	0	2	0	0
Alex Monaghan	4	1	3	0	0	1	0	0
Jack Andrews	4	1	3	0	0	1	0	0
Trent Durden	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hayden Hizer	3	0	3	0	0	0.5	0	0
Skyler Collins	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack Emmenecker	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE FUMBLES	FORCE	REC	YDS	TD
Noah Bauman	1	2	0	0
Brodi Tesznar	1	3	(-13)	0
Evan Dyer	1	1	0	0
Nicholas Freeman	1	1	0	0
D'Ondre Shaw	1	1	0	0
Shea Ruddy	0	1	0	0
Zach Renaud	0	1	0	0
Cole Giesige	0	2	3	0
Levi Hillard	0	1	12	0
Nick Marchant	0	1	0	0
Devon Shaw	0	3	0	0
Team	0	1	0	0

INTERCEPTIONS	INT	YDS	TD
Cole Giesige	3	12	0
Nick Marchant	2	48	0
Eli Dyer	1	27	0
Luke Masserant	1	31	1
Braedon Mills	1	0	0



SPECIAL TEAMS

KICKOFFS	NUM	YARDS	AVG	TB
Levi Hillard	30	835	27.8	1
Cole Giesige	23	601	26.1	0
PUNTING	NUM	YARDS	AVG	TB
Levi Hillard	8	211	26.4	1
KICK RETURNS	NUM	YARDS	AVG	TD
Cole Giesige	10	156	15.6	0
Levi Hillard	10	79	7.9	0
Nick Marchant	5	62	12.4	0
Braedon Mills	3	57	19.0	0
Devon Shaw	2	30	15.0	0
Zach Renaud	2	30	15.0	0
Luke Masserant	4	17	4.3	0
Eli Dyer	1	12	12.0	0
Shea Ruddy	2	4	2.0	0
Hayden Hizer	2	0	0.0	0
Jack Andrews	1	0	0.0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NUM	YARDS	AVG	TD
Nick Marchant	1	9	9.0	0
Cole Giesige	5	7	1.4	0



ALL-TCC

OFFENSE

Position	First Team	Class	Team
C	Ryan Phillips	Jr.	Clinton
G	Luke Andrews	Sr.	Whiteford
G	Tyler Bowles	Jr.	Clinton
T	Noah Bauman	Soph.	Whiteford
T	Jackson Marsh	Jr.	Sand Creek
WR	Cole Shiels	Sr.	Britton Deerfield
WR	Brendan Dafoe	Sr.	Summerfield
WR	Rodney Zimmerman	Jr.	Morenci
TE	Braedon Mills	Sr.	Whiteford
QB	Dylan Settles	Sr.	Clinton
RB	Cam Smith	Jr.	Morenci
RB	Jack Voll	Jr.	Clinton
RB	Will Alexander	Jr.	Sand Creek
RB	Devon Shaw	Jr.	Whiteford

HONORABLE MENTION

Name	Class	Team
Ridge Ahrens	Jr.	Clinton
John Alexander	Soph.	Sand Creek
Isiah Casarez-Ruiz	Soph.	Madison
Nick Thomas	Sr.	Britton Deerfield
Caleb Hall-Jeffers	Jr.	Summerfield
Bryce Smith	Sr.	Summerfield
Sully Irish	Sr.	Morenci
Luke Knight	Jr.	Clinton
Evan Dyer	Jr.	Whiteford
Nolan Pummell	Jr.	Morenci
Connor Alcock	Soph.	Britton Deerfield
Andrew Bucher	Sr.	Summerfield
Brayden Jewell	Sr.	Summerfield
John Dominique	Sr.	Morenci
Cameron Merrill	Sr.	Sand Creek
Jonathan Baughey	Soph.	Clinton

DEFENSE

Position	First Team	Class	Team
DL	Will Felts	Jr.	Clinton
DL	Nathan Burns	Jr.	Sand Creek
DL	Josh Hagan	Sr.	Whiteford
DL	Ryan Fisher	Jr.	Madison
DE	Seth Wilson	Sr.	Sand Creek
DE	Brodi Tesznar	Sr.	Whiteford
ILB	Derrik Allen	Sr.	Madison
ILB	Brayden Randolph	Jr.	Clinton
ILB	Brenden Pickles	Sr.	Sand Creek
OLB	Derek Clark	Sr.	Summerfield
OLB	Noah DeShano	Sr.	Clinton
OLB	Mitchell Moore	Sr.	Sand Creek
DB	Gavin Schmitz	Sr.	Morenci
DB	Davey Campbell	Jr.	Clinton
DB	Gavin Cousino	Sr.	Britton Deerfield
DB	Nicolas Johnson	Soph.	Britton Deerfield
P	Cooper Goble	Sr.	Britton Deerfield

SPORTSMANSHIP

Name	Class	Team
A.J. Baxter	Jr	Clinton
Noah Benge	Sr	Sand Creek
D'Ondre Shaw	Sr	Whiteford
Brayden Spaulding	Sr	Britton Deerfield
Bret Borton	Sr.	Madison
Jacob Prati	Soph.	Summerfield
Ethan Decker	Sr	Morenci

FINAL TCC STANDINGS

TCC GAMES	G	W	L	PCT	PF	AVG	PA	AVG
Clinton	6	6	0	1.000	282	47.0	107	17.8
Sand Creek	6	4	2	0.667	246	41.0	127	21.2
Whiteford	6	4	2	0.667	222	37.0	167	27.8
Britton Deerfield	6	3	3	0.500	203	33.8	223	37.2
Madison	6	2	4	0.333	135	22.5	234	39.0
Summerfield	6	2	4	0.333	125	20.8	189	31.5
Morenci	6	0	6	0.000	64	10.7	230	38.3

OVERALL TCC STANDINGS

TCC GAMES	G	W	L	PCT	PF	AVG	PA	AVG
Clinton*	10	9	1	.900	437	43.7	183	18.3
Sand Creek*	11	8	3	0.778	440	40.0	220	20.0
Whiteford*	10	5	5	0.500	336	33.6	287	28.7
Britton Deerfield*	11	6	5	0.556	361	32.8	368	33.5
Madison	9	4	5	0.444	260	28.9	303	33.7
Summerfield	9	4	5	0.444	220	24.4	267	29.7
Morenci	9	1	8	0.111	141	15.7	332	36.9

* Playoff qualifier



GAME-BY-GAME

8.29.19 | At Blissfield

WEEK	Blissfield	33
1	Whiteford	14

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Whiteford	0	0	0	14	—	14
Blissfield	0	14	7	12	—	33

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

B – Zach Horky 37-yard interception return (Christian Kleparek kick), 4:30

B – Dean Wyman 21 pass from Gavin Ganun (Christian Kleparek kick), 1:35

Third Quarter

B – Roman Furll 56 run (Christian Kleparek kick), 7:53

Fourth Quarter

B – Josh Weasel 1 run (kick failed), 11:44

W – Levi Hillard 1 run (run failed), 8:53

B – Roman Furll 17 run (kick failed), 6:02

B – Eli Dyer 1 run (Eli Dyer run), :50

TEAM STATISTICS

	WHS	BLISS
Total offense	279	298
First Downs	23	13
Rushes-yards	54-236	25-224
Passing comp-att-int	4-9-1	6-13-0
Passing yards	43	74
Penalties-yards	7-45	7-60
Turnovers	2	0
Punting	2-23.5	2-28.5

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – **Whiteford**: Cole Giesige 13-66, Shea Ruddy 12-50, Levi Hillard 9-45, Nick Merchant 6-29, Zach Renaud 4-19, Eli Dyer 4-19, Devon Shaw 4-6, Alex Monaghan 1-3, Skyler Collins 1-(minus)-1.

Blissfield: Roman Furll 10-119, Josh Weasel 8-72, Hunter Smith 5-21, Gavin Ganun 2-12.

PASSING – **Whiteford**: Shea Ruddy 4-9-1 43 yards. **Blissfield**: Gavin Ganun 6-13-0 74 yards.

RECEIVING – **Whiteford**: Cole Giesige 2-22, Skyler Collins 1-14, Nick Merchant 1-7. **Blissfield**: Ty Wyman 1-28, Dean Wyman 1-21, Zach Horky 1-17, Kevin Ybarra 1-10, Hunter Smith 1-(minus)-2.

GAME BALLS



Shea Ruddy became the first Whiteford freshman to start a game at quarterback.

**TOTAL
YARDS**

279
298

60

9.6.19 | At Stryker

WEEK	Whiteford	60
2	Stryker (Ohio)	12

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Whiteford	30	24	6	0	—	60
Stryker	0	12	0	0	—	12

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

W – Devon Shaw 1 run (run failed), 9:59

W – Braedon Mills 19 pass from Shea Ruddy (Devon Shaw run), 8:28

W – Nick Merchant 2 run (Devon Shaw run), 5:54

W – Cole Giesige 12 run (Nick Merchant pass from Shea Ruddy), 2:58

Second Quarter

S – Kaleb Holsopple 59 pass from Payton Woolace (pass failed), 11:34

W – Devon Shaw 51 run (Levi Hillard run), 10:36

S – Levi Barnum 25 pass from Payton Woolace (pass failed), 4:47

W – Nick Merchant 39 run (Levi Hillard run), 4:20

W – Cole Giesige 69 run (Devon Shaw run), :19

Third Quarter

W – Jacob Kahn 3 run (run failed), 1:06

TEAM STATISTICS

	WHS	STRY
Total offense	423	134
First Downs	22	6
Rushes-yards	23-317	16-0
Passing comp-att-int	4-4-0	7-22-2
Passing yards	106	134
Penalties-yards	1-15	3-30
Turnovers	0	2
Punting	0-0.0	4-26.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – **Whiteford**: Cole Giesige 3-91, Devon Shaw 6-90, Nick Merchant 5-84, Jacob Kahn 5-23, Levi Hillard 2-15, Eli Dyer 2-14.

Stryker: Logan Liechty 14-14, Kaleb Holsopple 1-(minus)-5, Payton Woolace 1-(minus)-9.

PASSING – **Whiteford**: Shea Ruddy 4-4-0 106 yards. **Stryker**: Payton Woolace 7-15-2 134 yards, Kaleb Holsopple 0-7-0.

RECEIVING – **Whiteford**: Skyler Collins 2-57, Cole Giesige 1-30, Braedon Mills 1-19. **Stryker**: Kaleb Holsopple 2-59, Wyatt Short 3-39, Levi Barnum 1-25, Logan Liechty 1-11.

GAME BALLS



Cole Giesige scored two touchdowns and had two interceptions.

**TOTAL
YARDS**

423

134



GAME-BY-GAME

9.13.19 | At Whiteford

WEEK	Schoolcraft	54
3	Whiteford	24

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Schoolcraft	20	14	20	0	—	54
Whiteford	6	6	6	6	—	24

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

S - Kobe Clark 16 pass from Alex Thole (Parker Lawrence kick), 10:11

S - Jimmy Downs 69 pass from Alex Thole (Kick failed), 7:54

W - Cole Giesige 36 pass from Shea Ruddy (run failed), 3:12

S - Kobe Clark 29 run (Parker Lawrence kick), 2:16

Second Quarter

W - Levi Hillard 3 run (run failed), 8:50

S - Kobe Clark 64 pass from Alex Thole (Parker Lawrence kick), 8:36

S - Parker Lawrence 34 pass from Alex Thole (Parker Lawrence kick), 1:32

Third Quarter

S - Kobe Clark 3 run (Parker Lawrence kick), 8:59

W - Cole Giesige 5 run (run failed), 2:50

S - Kobe Clark 56 pass from Alex Thole (run failed), :59

S - Kobe Clark 12 run (Parker Lawrence kick), :00

Fourth Quarter

W - Levi Hillard 4 run (pass failed), 4:44

TEAM STATISTICS

	SCHOOL	WHS
Total offense	463	319
First downs	16	24
Rushes-yards	18-141	62-263
Passing comp-att-int	11-16-1	2-6-1
Passing yards	322	56
Penalties-yards	10-105	4-30
Turnovers	1	3
Punting	0-0.0	1-37.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – **Schoolcraft**: Kobe Clark 7-66, Alex Thole 4-51, Trenton Cook 6-19, Mark Fox 1-5. **Whiteford**: Devon Shaw 17-92, Nick Marchant 12-76, Levi Hillard 13-44, Cole Giesige 8-37, Shea Ruddy 11-9, Zach Renaud 1-5.

PASSING – **Schoolcraft**: Alex Thole 11-15-1 322 yards, Terry Smith 0-1-0. **Whiteford**: Shea Ruddy 2-6-1 56 yards.

RECEIVING – **Schoolcraft**: Kobe Clark 4-153, Jimmy Downs 3-91, Harmon DeVries 3-4, Parker Lawrence 1-34. **Whiteford**: Cole Giesige 1-36, Braedon Mills 1-20.

GAME BALLS



Brodi Tesznar had four tackles and two tackles for loss for the Bobcat defense.

**TOTAL
YARDS**

319

463

9.20.19 | At Whiteford

WEEK	Whiteford	42
4	Madison	14

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Madison	0	7	7	0	—	14
Whiteford	8	20	8	6	—	42

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

W – Zach Renaud 2 run (Nick Marchant run), 7:06

Second Quarter

W – Zach Renaud 1 run (run failed), 10:35

M – Rovahn Roberts 21 pass from Max Palpant (Vince Williams kick), 5:04

W – Nick Marchant 40 run (Shea Ruddy run), 2:50

W – Nick Marchant 46 run (run failed), :19

Third Quarter

M – Derrik Allen 7 run (Vince Williams kick), 11:23

W – Nick Marchant 1 run (Zach Renaud run), 9:09

W – Nick Marchant 9 run (run failed), 8:25

TEAM STATISTICS

	MAD	WHS
Total offense	257	588
First Downs	12	23
Rushes-yards	26-137	55-565
Passing comp-att-int	9-23-2	1-4-1
Passing yards	120	23
Penalties-yards	6-55	4-50
Turnovers	3	3
Punting	1-34.0	0-0.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – **Madison**: Derrik Allen 7-88, Dante Cerasulo 4-15, Isaiah Casarez 6-21, Vince Williams 2-1, Max Palpant 7-12. **Whiteford**: Nick Marchant 13-244, Cole Giesige 10-175, Zach Renaud 12-52, Shea Ruddy 10-44, Levi Hillard 3-24, Eli Dyer 2-18, Jacob Kahn 2-6, Devon Shaw 3-2.

PASSING – **Madison**: Max Palpant 9-23-2 120 yards. **Whiteford**: Shea Ruddy 1-4-1 23 yards.

RECEIVING – **Madison**: Rovahn Roberts 2-44, Derrik Allen 3-36, Dante Cerasulo 2-17, Zeus Casarez 1-16, Vince Williams 1-7. **Whiteford**: Nick Marchant 1-23.

GAME BALLS



Nick Marchant rushed for 244 yards, good for No. 11 on the all-time single game Whiteford rushing list. He also scored four touchdowns.

**TOTAL
YARDS**

588

257



GAME-BY-GAME

9.28.19 | At Morenci

WEEK	Whiteford	42
5	Morenci	14

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Whiteford	24	12	8	0	—	42
Morenci	0	14	7	12	—	14

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

W – Cole Giesige 17 run (Cole Giesige run), 4:09

W – Braedon Mills 60 pass from Shea Ruddy (Cole Giesige run), :47

W – Luke Masserant 37 interception return (Devon Shaw run), :39

Second Quarter

W – Cole Giesige 7 run (run failed), 6:54

W – Braedon Mills 19 pass from Shea Ruddy (run failed), :43

Third Quarter

W – Cole Giesige 13 run (Braedon Mills pass from Shea Ruddy), 6:47

M – Rodney Zimmerman 58 pass from Braylon Stover (pass failed), 5:23

Fourth Quarter

M – Cam Smith 3 run (Cam Smith run), 3:35

TEAM STATISTICS

	WHS	MOR
Total offense	405	232
First Downs	20	11
Rushes-yards	42-210	30-131
Passing comp-att-int	8-9-0	5-10-1
Passing yards	195	101
Penalties-yards	3-20	4-20
Turnovers	1	2
Punting	0-0.0	2-40.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – **Whiteford**: Devon Shaw 12-83, Cole Giesige 10-76, Eli Dyer 7-30, Nick Merchant 6-14, Levi Hillard 2-4, Shea Ruddy 4-3, Jacob Kahn 1-0. **Morenci**: Rodney Zimmerman 5-41, Cam Smith 13-35, Evan Mansfield 4-24, Carsyn Varga 8-31.

PASSING – **Whiteford**: Shea Ruddy 8-9-0 185 yards, **Morenci**: Braylon Stover 5-10-1 101 yards.

RECEIVING – **Whiteford**: Braedon Mills 3-96, Nick Merchant 2-36, Skyler Collins 2-36, Devon Shaw 1-27. **Morenci**: Rodney Zimmerman 3-93, Cam Smith 2-8.

GAME BALLS



Luke Masserant scored the first defensive touchdown of the season for the Bobcats on an interception return.

**TOTAL
YARDS**

405



232

10.4.19 | At Whiteford

WEEK	Whiteford	28
6	Sand Creek	6

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Sand Creek	0	6	0	0	—	6
Whiteford	6	14	0	8	—	28

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

W – Nick Merchant 5 run (run failed), 6:05

Second Quarter

SC – Jacob Alston 75 run (run failed), 11:22

W – Devon Shaw 17 run (run failed), 7:37

W – Devon Shaw 9 run (Shea Ruddy run), 2:50

Fourth Quarter

W – Nick Merchant 1 run (Shea Ruddy run), 6:25

TEAM STATISTICS

	SC	WHS
Total offense	170	391
First Downs	5	23
Rushes-yards	34-370	54-370
Passing comp-att-int	0-2-0	3-5-0
Passing yards	0	21
Penalties-yards	3-21	0-0
Turnovers	0	1
Punting	5-39.4	1-25.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – **Whiteford** – Devon Shaw 24-211, Cole Giesige 16-78, Nick Merchant 10-60, Shea Ruddy 4-21. **Sand Creek** – Jacob Alston 6-111, Will Alexander 9-42, John Alexander 19-17.

PASSING: **Whiteford** – Shea Ruddy 3-5-0 21 yards. **Sand Creek** – Will Alexander 0-1-0, John Alexander 0-1-0.

RECEIVING: **Whiteford** – Nick Merchant 2-13, Skyler Collins 1-8.

GAME BALLS



Devon Shaw rushed for a career-high 211 yards and scored two touchdowns for the Bobcats.

**TOTAL
YARDS**

391



170



GAME-BY-GAME

10.11.19 | At Clinton

WEEK	Clinton	44
7	Whiteford	20

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Whiteford	0	0	14	6	—	20
Clinton	14	7	7	16	—	44

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

C – Jack Voll 63 pass from Dylan Settles (Jonathan Baughey kick), 11:17

C – Dylan Settles 54 run (Dylan Settles run), :47

Second Quarter

C – Jack Voll 29 pass from Dylan Settles (Jonathan Baughey kick), 1:05

Third Quarter

W – Devon Shaw 1 run (Skyler Collins pass from Shea Ruddy), 8:04

W – Braedon Mills 23 pass from Shea Ruddy (pass failed), 3:20

C – Jack Voll 2 run (Jonathan Baughey kick), :30

Fourth Quarter

W – Cole Giesige 6 run (pass failed), 6:33

C – Brayden Randolph 9 run (Dylan Settles run), 6:23

C – Brayden Randolph 3 run (Dylan Settles run), 4:23

TEAM STATISTICS

	WHS	CLN
Total offense	308	384
First Downs	24	16
Rushes-yards	52-153	30-292
Passing comp-att-int	12-18-1	2-3-0
Passing yards	155	92
Penalties-yards	4-45	9-80
Turnovers	2	0
Punting	0-0.0	1-23.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Whiteford: Nick Marchant 24-108, Cole Giesige 9-35, Devon Shaw 14-20, Zach Renaud 2-10, Shea Ruddy 3-(minus)-20. Clinton: Dylan Settles 11-160, Jack Voll 8-65, Noah DeShano 6-34, Brayden Randolph 5-33.

PASSING – Whiteford: Shea Ruddy 12-18-1 155 yards. Clinton: Dylan Settles 2-3-0 92 yards.

RECEIVING – Whiteford: Nick Marchant 5-53, Skyler Collins 4-49, Devon Shaw 1-25, Braedon Mills 1-23, Cole Giesige 1-5. Clinton: Jack

GAME BALLS



Nick Marchant led the Bobcats in rushing and receiving.

**TOTAL
YARDS**

308

384

10.18.19 | At Whiteford

WEEK	Whiteford	58
8	Britton Deerfield	56

SCORE BY QUARTERS

BD	0	12	8	14	8	8	6	—	56
Whiteford	0	14	14	6	8	8	8	—	58

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

BD – Nico Johnson 2 run (run failed), 9:11

W – Nick Marchant 56 pass from Shea Ruddy, (pass failed), 4:40

BD – Gavin Cousino 65 kickoff return (run failed), 4:30

W – Devon Shaw 6 run (Nick Marchant run), 1:31

Third Quarter

W – Nick Marchant 1 run (run failed), 7:39

BD – Cole Shiels 32 pass from Nico Johnson (Nico Johnson run), 5:00

W – Nick Marchant 8 run (Nick Marchant run), :01

Fourth Quarter

W – Devon Shaw 6 run (run failed), 5:16

BD – Cole Shiels 34 pass from Nico Johnson (Cole Shiels pass from Nico Johnson), 3:39

BD – Nico Johnson 1 run (kick failed), :12

First Overtime

W – Nick Marchant 1 run (Nick Marchant pass from Shea Ruddy)

BD – Gavin Cousino 1 run (Nico Johnson run)

Second Overtime

BD – Nico Johnson 6 run (Gavin Cousino run)

W – Braedon Mills 11 pass from Shea Ruddy (Nick Marchant run)

Third Overtime

W – Cole Giesige 5 run (Nick Marchant run)

BD – Gavin Cousino 6 run (run failed)

	BD	WHS
Total offense	315	408
First Downs	19	30
Rushes-yards	41-200	58-294
Passing comp-att-int	6-15-0	5-9-1
Passing yards	115	114
Penalties-yards	4-20	5-70
Turnovers	1	2
Punting	3-24.0	0-0.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – BD: Nico Johnson 20-122, Gavin Cousino 10-40, Nick Thomas 7-20, Cole Shiels 4-18. **Whiteford:** Nick Marchant 21-134, Devon Shaw 16-92, Cole Giesige 14-59, Shea Ruddy 6-6, Eli Dyer 1-3

PASSING – BD: Nico Johnson 6-15-0 115 yards. **Whiteford:** Shea Ruddy 5-9-1 114 yards.

RECEIVING – BD: Cole Shiels 3-90, Gavin Cousino 1-15, Cooper Goble 1-7, Hunter Wynn 1-3. **Whiteford:** Nick Marchant 4-103, Braedon Mills 1-11.

**TOTAL
YARDS**

408

315



GAME-BY-GAME

10.25.19 | At Whiteford

WEEK 9	Summerfield	33
	Whiteford	30

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Summerfield	7	20	0	6	—	33
Whiteford	6	14	8	2	—	30

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

S – Brendan Dafoe 65 pass from Devin Albain (Derek Clark kick), 11:49
W – Cole Giesige 5 run (run failed), 2:25

Second Quarter

S – Andrew Bucher 15 pass from Devin Albain (Derek Clark kick), 11:19
W – Devon Shaw 4 run (pass failed), 7:09
S – Andrew Bucher 68 pass from Devin Albain (Derek Clark kick), 6:04
W – Nick Marchant 4 run (Shea Ruddy run) 2:25
S – Brendan Dafoe 64 pass from Devin Albain (pass failed), 2:14

Third Quarter

W – Devon Shaw 8 run (Devon Shaw run), 7:23
S – Brendan Dafoe 46 pass from Devin Albain (pass failed), 6:45

Fourth Quarter

W – Safety, Summerfield punter ran out of back of end zone, 1:24

TEAM STATISTICS

	SUM	WHS
Total offense	401	368
First Downs	15	26
Rushes-yards	19-57	61-311
Passing comp-att-int	17-24-1	3-8-2
Passing yards	344	57
Penalties-yards	7-45	4-25
Turnovers	1	3
Punting	1-25.0	1-44.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – **Summerfield**: Derek Clark 11-29, Devin Albain 6-16, Ethan Eyler 2-12. **Whiteford**: Devon Shaw 23-152, Nick Marchant 23-137, Cole Giesige 7-27, Eli Dyer 2-9, Shea Ruddy 6-(minus)-14.

PASSING – **Summerfield**: Devin Albain 17-24-1 344 yards. **Whiteford**: Shea Ruddy 3-8-0 57 yards.

RECEIVING – **Summerfield**: Brendan Dafoe 8-189, Andrew Bucher 4-100, Roman Iott 1-23, Brayden Jewell 1-17, Derek Clark 3-15. **Whiteford**: Cole Giesige 1-27, Skylar Collins 1-23, Devon Shaw 1-7.

GAME BALLS



The Whiteford defense recorded a sack, the first sack of the season.

**TOTAL
YARDS**

368

401

11.2.19 | At Royal Oak | D8 Playoffs

WEEK 10	Whiteford	16
	Royal Oak Shrine	21

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Whiteford	0	8	0	8	—	16
Royal Oak Shrine	14	0	7	0	—	21

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

S – Jacob Sanders 53 run (Charlie Mulcahy kick), 8:40
S – Charles Niehaus 78 pass from Conor Benson (Charlie Mulcahy kick), 2:18

Second Quarter

W – Devon Shaw 20 run (Devon Shaw run), 11:25

Third Quarter

S – Conor Benson 7 run (Charlie Mulcahy kick), 7:12
W – Braedon Mills 16 pass from Shea Ruddy (Devon Shaw run), 3:34

TEAM STATISTICS

	WHS	ROS
Total offense	326	287
First Downs	16	11
Rushes-yards	57-248	21-82
Passing comp-att-int	5-11-1	11-22-1
Passing yards	78	205
Penalties-yards	4-29	6-30
Turnovers	3	3
Punting	3-19.3	3-21.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – **Whiteford**: Devon Shaw 19-135, D’Ondre Shaw 18-89, Cole Giesige 5-24, Eli Dyer 5-17, Shea Ruddy 10-(minus)-17. **Shrine**: Jacob Sanders 16-87, Conor Benson 5-(minus)-5.

PASSING – **Whiteford**: Shea Ruddy 5-11-1 78 yards; **Shrine**: Conor Benson 11-22-1 205 yards.

RECEIVING – **Whiteford**: Braedon Mills 4-53, Luke Masserant 1-25.

Shrine: Charles Niehaus 4-130, Alex Armenio 2-23, Anthony Massucci 2-17, Jakob Pukutowski 1-13, Nick Mayry 1-12, Jacob Sanders 1-10.



GAME BALLS



Braedon Mills caught four passes for 53 yards and a third-quarter touchdown in his final game.

**TOTAL
YARDS**

326

287

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Blissfield 33, Whiteford 14

BLISSFIELD – Whiteford saw its long regular season winning streak come to an end, but Bobcat head coach Jason Mensing saw plenty of good things in a 33-14 loss to Blissfield.

"No. 1, I think Blissfield is an excellent team," Mensing said. "We were playing a very veteran group who have played in a lot of football games. Us being as young as we are, I thought our kids stepped up, played hard and stayed in the game. I was pleased with the performance."

Whiteford started two freshman and several sophomores and had battled to a 0-0 tie with under five minutes remaining in the first half when Blissfield struck first on a 37-yard interception return by Zach Horky. It quickly turned the tide of a game that was a defensive stalemate to that point.

The two non-league teams exchanged punts early in the game before Blissfield mounted a drive deep into Whiteford territory. They had dropped pass in the end zone, a touchdown called back due to a penalty and two more incomplete passes that turned the ball over to Whiteford at its own 16 with 6:59 left in the first half.

The Bobcats put together a couple first downs, but Horky stepped in front of a Shea Ruddy pass a returned it for the score, getting a couple key blocks along the way.

"Probably conventional wisdom says run out the clock in that situation, but we tend to be a little more aggressive," Mensing said. "We've taken risks here before and they've worked out sometimes and they didn't tonight."

The score ignited the Royals, who got the ball back before halftime and Gavin Ganun connected with Dean Wyman for a 21-yard touchdown pass with just 1:35 remaining in the first half.

"We had some issues with our special teams in there, we had a snap go over a kid's head, and we had the interception late in the second quarter," Mensing said. "Those things contributed to that."

Blissfield scored again in the third quarter on a 56-yard run and opened the fourth quarter with a touchdown to make it 27-0.

"Because of what they run, at that point when it was 21-0 or 27-0, that's tough to come back from," Blissfield coach Ron Estes said. "My fear all week was getting down a score and then them just snapping it with just one second left on the play clock. We avoided that."

The Bobcats got a pair of fourth-quarter scores from sophomore Levi Hillard and freshman Eli Dyer. Ruddy, the first freshman in Whiteford history to start a game at quarterback, settled down after the interception to complete 4-of-9 passes for 43 yards and rush for 50 yards on 12 carries.

"He's a talented kid with a great upside to him," Mensing said. "What's amazing is the poise he has for such a young kid. We're really hopeful this is the start of good things for him."

Another sophomore, Cole Giesige, led the Bobcats in rushing with 66 yards.

Furl led all rushers with 119 yards on the ground for the Royals, who had 185 yards rushing and 271 yards of total offense in the game, eight fewer than Whiteford's offense, which ran off 63 offensive plays.

Whiteford entered the game with a 27-game winning



streak, the second-longest in Monroe County Region history. Now, Whiteford will look to get back in the win column when they travel to Stryker, Ohio, next Friday.

"The message is we have to grow," Mensing said about the upcoming week of practice. "Where we are today is not where we can be in a few weeks. We are what we are right now and it's not as good as Blissfield. Our goal is to get better." "I have to do a better job preparing our team in practice. This one is on me."

Whiteford 60, Stryker 12

STRYKER, Ohio — The Whiteford Bobcats piled up more than 400 yards of total offense on just 27 offensive plays and went on to defeat Stryker, 60-12.

The Bobcats evened their record at 1-1 on the season. They host Schoolcraft next week in the home opener for Whiteford.

In Friday's game, Cole Giesige, Devon Shaw and Nick Merchant ran for two touchdowns each, Jacob Kahn scored a touchdown and Braedon Mills caught a touchdown pass from Shea Ruddy. Ruddy was 4-for-4 for 106 yards passing. Giesige (91 yards) and Shaw (90 yards) led Whiteford in rushing.

Eli Dyer and Giesige had interceptions and Nick Freeman had two tackles for loss to lead the Bobcat defense.

Whiteford led 30-0 after the first quarter and 54-12 at halftime.

Schoolcraft 54, Whiteford 24

OTTAWA LAKE — Schoolcraft showed Whiteford why it has been one of the most successful small-school programs in Michigan Friday, beating the Bobcats 54-24 in Whiteford's home opener.

The Bobcats are 1-2 on the season, the first time they

have started the season with two losses in their first three games since 2011.

The visiting Eagles — who halted Whiteford's 23-game home field win streak — started the game with a 91-yard drive in just five plays, with Kobe Clark finding the end zone for the first of his six touchdowns for Schoolcraft. The Eagles led 13-0 before Whiteford got on the board with a 36-yard touchdown pass from Shea Ruddy to Cole Giesige, but the Bobcats could not draw any closer.

Giesige added a rushing touchdown later and Levi Hillard scored twice for the Bobcats.

Devon Shaw led Whiteford with 92 yards rushing on 17 carries. Nick Merchant had 12 carries for 76 yards.

The Bobcats gained 263 yards rushing on 62 carries as a team and had 319 yards of total offense, compared to 463 for Schoolcraft. Alex Thole completed 11 passes for 322 yards. Merchant had an interception for Whiteford.

Whiteford 42, Madison 14

OTTAWA LAKE — Nick Merchant rushed for 244 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Whiteford Bobcats to a 42-14 Tri-County Conference win over Madison Friday, extending the Bobcats' league win streak to 22 games.

Merchant had touchdown runs of 40 and 46 yards in the first half and 1 and 9 yards in the second. Zach Renaud added two scores for the Bobcats, who evened their record at 2-2 on the season.

The Bobcats amassed 565 yards rushing and 588 yards of total offense in the victory. Cole Giesige rushed for 175 yards and intercepted two passes on defense.

Whiteford did not punt Friday, but did turn the ball over three times.

The Bobcats have not lost to Madison since 1980, a

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streak of 38 consecutive wins.

Whiteford will be on the road next week, traveling to Morenci.

Whiteford 44, Morenci 14

MORENCI – Over the next four weeks of the season, the Whiteford Bobcats will take on two state-ranked teams, a vastly improving Britton Deerfield team and its arch-rival Summerfield.

So, on Saturday morning, the Bobcats' agenda included building momentum and confidence. Both of those goals were met with Whiteford dominating Morenci, 44-14, to improve to 3-2 on the season.

"I was happy how we came out and did what we needed to do early," Whiteford head coach Jason Mensing said. "We need to get better every time we go out on the field. We need to do better at executing and I think we did today."

The Bobcats scored first on its second possession on a 17-yard run by Cole Giesige.

The game turned on the next possession when Morenci put together a seven-play drive to the Whiteford 31-yard line. On a fourth-and-two, Bobcat defensive tackle Noah Bauman stuffed the Bulldog runner, turning the ball over to Whiteford.

Two plays later, Whiteford freshman quarterback Shea Ruddy found tight end Braedon Mills over the middle for a 60-yard touchdown and the Bobcats led 16-0. Things got worse for Morenci on the next offensive play when Luke Masserant read the Morenci quarterback perfectly, stepped in front of what looked like a screen pass and went 37 yards with the interception. The defensive score gave Whiteford a 24-0 lead before the first quarter was over.

"Luke has great hands and is very athletic," Mensing said. "He's played better and better each week. I'm really excited he was able to make a couple big plays today as he has been working for those opportunities."

Masserant also had an interception on a Bulldog two-point conversion attempt.

Giesige added two more touchdown runs and Mills caught a second touchdown strike for Ruddy. Ruddy finished the game 8-for-9 for 195 yards passing, a season high.

"I'm really proud of Shea," Mensing said. "He has so much poise for a young guy and works and prepares like an upper-classmen."

The Bobcat offense finished with 405 yards. Devon Shaw had 84 yards rushing and Giesige 76 yards.

Evan Dyer had eight tackles and Brodi Tesznar seven for the Bobcat defense.

The game was scheduled for Friday night but was postponed to 10 a.m. Saturday due to inclement weather. Morenci fell to 0-5.

The Bobcats host Sand Creek Friday. The Aggies (3-1) were ranked in the Division 7 top 10 this past week and had a night game scheduled for Saturday against Britton Deerfield.

Whiteford 28, Sand Creek 6

OTTAWA LAKE – Devon Shaw is playing football for two this year. Friday night, Shaw did the work of two players and more as he rushed for 211 yards to lift the Whiteford Bobcats to a 28-6 win over No. 8 ranked Sand Creek.

Merchant adds name to all-time rushing list

OTTAWA LAKE – Nick Merchant joined some elite company Friday with his 244-yard rushing performance in Whiteford's 42-14 win over Madison.

Merchant's rushing total was the 11th highest single game rushing total in Whiteford history:

Yards	Rushing yards game
382	Nick Wohlfarth (9-12-03)
324	Pat Lott (10-7-60)
293	George Flanner (8-25-06)
281	Jesse Kiefer (10-17-14)
275	Curt Ovall (10-12-00)
275	Nick Wohlfarth (8-29-03)
269	Tony DuPree (10-29-82)
264	Tony DuPree (9-17-82)
259	Curt Ovall (9-29-00)
251	George Flanner (10-20-06)
244	Nick Merchant (9-20-19)
242	George Flanner (10-13-06)
235	Chris DuPree (10-28-88)
234	Logan Murphy (10-12-18)

"Nick continues to improve each week as he gets more and more carries," Whiteford head coach Jason Mensing said. "I'm excited to see how he continues to progress in the second half of the season."

Shaw is a junior for the Bobcats. His brother, D'Onore, lost his senior season when doctors discovered a heart murmur over the summer. Shaw moved into a starting role for the Bobcat offense and was sensational Friday night, rushing 24 times for 211 yards and two touchdowns. On his first touchdown, he bulldozed his way into the end zone from 17 yards out, breaking multiple tackles and leaving a trail of Aggies behind him.

"The line," Shaw said as the reason for his success Friday. "They worked hard all week in practice. Anybody could have run through those holes. ... I was a lot more focused. I was getting it from my brother about going the extra mile and keep chopping my feet."

Whiteford head coach Jason Mensing said the younger Shaw was frustrated a little bit earlier this season but came up big against the 4-2 Aggies.

"There's no question he's playing for two," Mensing said. "It's been a somewhat of a frustrating year for himself, not necessarily playing at the level he wants. I think he puts too much pressure on himself sometimes. It was really good to see him have that production. We know he's a real talented kid. He's a great kid."

The Bobcats (4-2) never trailed. They forced the Aggies to punt on their first possession and went down the field in six plays, capped off by a 5-yard run from Nick Merchant. The Aggies tied the game in the second

quarter on a 75-yard run by Jacob Alston, but the Bobcat defense stiffened the rest of the way.

Sand Creek came into the game averaging nearly 400 yards rushing a game but was held to 159 yards, or just 84 yards other than the long TD run. Whiteford held Sand Creek to just six first downs, forced five punts and shut down the Aggies on seven of their nine third-down conversion attempts and all three of their fourth down conversion attempts. With each stop, the Bobcat defense gained confidence.

"We played really good defense right out of the gate," Mensing said. "They have an offense that has been highly explosive. They've been making big play after big play. When we were able to make that sticky for them, that's not something they are used to, it was a tough deal. We had some good defensive stands."

Whiteford controlled the clock for much of the game. It took the ball to start the second half, leading 20-6 and held the ball almost seven minutes. They didn't score, but reached the Aggie four-yard line, chewing up clock and, most importantly for them, keeping the Aggie playmakers off the field. Will Alexander came into the game with nearly 900 yards rushing and was held to 27 yards.

Evan Dyer was in on eight tackles, including three tackles for loss. Merchant had seven stops and Levi Hillard had two tackles for loss.

Other than Shaw's 211 yards, Cole Giesige rushed for 78 yards, Merchant 60 and quarterback Shea Ruddy 21.

"We mixed it up," Mensing said. "It wasn't easy or pretty, but our kids did a good job of executing a lot of different looks."

The victory kept Whiteford's Tri-County Conference win streak alive at 24 games and kept them on pace with Clinton, who is 4-0 in the TCC. The Bobcats travel to Clinton (6-0) next week.

Clinton 44, Whiteford 20

CLINTON – A second half comeback by Whiteford fell short Friday night as No. 4 ranked Clinton held off a challenge from the Bobcats, 44-20.

"I thought we gave a great effort," Whiteford head coach Jason Mensing said. "We were down 21-0 and we made it a game in second half. I was proud of the effort on the field."

The Bobcats couldn't score in the first half but scored two third quarter touchdowns to pull within 21-14. Cole Giesige's 6-yard touchdown run with 6:33 left in the fourth quarter pulled the Bobcats to within eight points at 28-20. The Bobcats attempted an onside kick, but Clinton's Jack Voll scooped it up and returned it to the Whiteford 9-yard line, setting up a short touchdown run and cementing the Clinton win.

"We knew we needed to score right then," Mensing said. "Our drives were long, steady and slow, so we needed the ball. We didn't execute, and they made a great play. Congrats to them. They are a great football team."

The 7-0 Redskins clinched at least a share of the Tri-County Conference with the win.

The Bobcats are 4-3 on the season and 3-1 in the TCC. It was Whiteford's first league loss since 2015, ending a 24-game league win streak. Clinton, in its final year of the TCC, needs a win over Adrian Madison next week to clinch the outright TCC title.

Devon Shaw scored Whiteford's first touchdown and

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Braedon Mills grabbed a 23-yard pass from Shea Ruddy for Whiteford's second score. Ruddy finished the game by going 12-for-18 with 155 yards. Nick Marchant gained 108 yards on the ground for the Bobcats and had 53 receiving yards.

Whiteford didn't punt, ran 70 offensive plays and picked up 24 first downs. The Bobcats finished with 308 yards of total offense, while giving up 383 yards to Clinton. The Redskins averaged 10 yards a carry with quarterback Settles accounting for 160 of those rushing yards on just 10 carries.

Settles had an outstanding game on both sides of the ball. He threw a 63-yard touchdown pass on the game's second play to Voll and found him again from 29 yards out in the second quarter.

On Clinton's only third quarter touchdown, Voll carried it from the 2-yard line on a fourth-down play.

The Bobcats take on Britton Deerfield next week. They'll need wins in each of their last two games to automatically qualify for the playoffs for an eighth straight season.

"We have to find out the things we did well and didn't do well and prepare for Britton Deerfield," Mensing said. "Ultimately we need to improve."

Whiteford 58, Britton Deerfield 56

OTTAWA LAKE — Whiteford's defense made a stop on the final play of the third overtime to lift the Bobcats to a thrilling 58-56 Tri-County Conference victory Friday night.

It was the longest game in school history and probably one of the craziest finishes. The Bobcats got a touchdown run from Cole Giesege on its third overtime possession, then Nick Marchant converted the two-point conversion to put Whiteford ahead 58-50. BD scored a touchdown on its possession of the third overtime but was stopped on its two-point conversion attempt, ending the game and sending the Bobcat players rushing the field in excitement.

Evan Dyer made the stop on the BD ball-carrier.

"Anytime competition is tight it's exciting for all of the people," Whiteford head coach Jason Mensing said. "We certainly had it today."

The game featured a little bit of everything. The two teams were tied five times and the lead changed hands nine times in the game. BD scored two touchdowns in the final four minutes of the fourth quarter — the second one coming with just 12 seconds left in regulation — to send the game into overtime. Both teams converted touchdowns and two-point conversions in the first two overtimes.

The game was not without its dramatics, either. Twice referees had to huddle before signaling touchdowns and close plays at the goal line.

"In 20 years of coaching this is the first three overtime game that I've ever been a part of," Mensing said. "I'm certainly glad to be on the winning side of it."

Devon Shaw's 6-yard scoring run with 5:16 left in the fourth quarter put Whiteford up 34-20. BD charged back quickly, however, as Patriot quarterback Nico Johnson found Cole Shiels on a 34-yard pass play. Shiels made a great play to pull in the two-point conversion to pull BD within 34-28.

The Patriots were successful on the onside kick attempt and managed the clock perfect to get the ball in scoring position in the final seconds. Johnson's 1-yard run with 12 seconds left tied the game. Johnson originally sent the offense onto the field for a potential game-winning two-point conversion play but called timeout and went with an extra-point attempt instead. When the kick went wide right, the Bobcats gained new life.

At the end of regulation, Mensing gathered his players together and got them excited about playing in overtime — the first for Whiteford in nearly a decade.

"Anytime you get to play extra football you have to celebrate it," he said. "A lot of times if you are going into overtime and had just given up two scores, players tend to sulk a little bit. I thought it was critical to be excited about the opportunity to keep playing."

Nick Marchant got the Bobcats on the board in the first overtime, then Shea Ruddy found Marchant for the two-point conversion and the Bobcats led 42-34. Gavin Cousino's 1-yard run and Johnson's conversion tied it at 42-42 after the first overtime.

In the second, BD got the ball first and Johnson took it in himself, followed by a Cousino two-pointer. On Whiteford's possession, Ruddy completed an 11-yard touchdown pass to Braedon Mills and Marchant found the end-zone for the 50-50 tie.

In the third OT, Giesege scored the Bobcat TD and Marchant was good on his fifth conversion of the game, which proved to be the game-winner when Whiteford got a stop on BD's two-point conversion attempt.



"The offensive line really worked to create the holes for me," Marchant said after the game. "I was just following my blockers. I was just running straight ahead. Our offensive line was there all night."

"It's definitely exciting. Everyone's emotions were high."

Marchant rushed for 134 yards on 21 carries and three touchdowns while catching four passes for 103 yards.

"He's had a great senior year as a running back and as a cornerback," Mensing said of Marchant. "He had a great night tonight. We're really happy to see him have that moment."

Shaw gained 92 yards rushing and scored twice while Giesege scored once and had 59 yards on the ground.

Ruddy completed 5 of his 8 passes for 114 yards and two scores.

The Bobcats are 5-3 and need a win Friday at home vs. Summerfield to clinch an automatic playoff berth. Mensing said he was proud of his relatively young team for growing up so fast. They are playing with confidence, he said.

"It's huge," he said. "All year they've competed butts off. For us to be 5-3 at this point is real blessing. The kids have played so hard. I think it started with our seniors and their expectations to have competitive football team. Our seniors are leading with the expectations that we keep winning football games. I think that's big piece of it."

Summerfield 33, Whiteford 30

OTTAWA LAKE — Whiteford closed out its regular season Friday with a disappointing 33-30 loss to the Summerfield Bulldogs, but Bobcat head coach Jason Mensing sees it as an opportunity to get better.

"This isn't how we wanted to end the regular season, but we'll take a look at the film, see what we did wrong and, ultimately, our goal is to get better," the eighth-year Bobcat coach said.

Whiteford's regular season closes at 5-4. The Michigan High School Athletic Association will announce the 2019 state high school football playoff pairings at 7 p.m. Sunday. Whiteford didn't earn an automatic berth that comes with six wins in nine games, but could still make it in.

"I think we are in," Mensing said.

Whiteford gave up more than 400 yards of total offense, including 344 yards through the air, to Summerfield. The Bulldogs scored five touchdowns, all on pass plays with four of them covering at least 40 yards. Summerfield scored on the opening play of the game on a 65-yard pass from Devin Albain to Brendan Dafoe then took the lead for good with 6:45 left in the fourth quarter on a 46-yard pass play,

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again, from Albain to Dafoe.

"Summerfield had great success in their pass game," Mensing said. "We know going into the game that they were a good passing team and we would have to get great pressure on the quarterback. We didn't do a great job in that phase of the game and they executed. They got by us a couple times and made some good plays. Credit them for that."

Whiteford took its first lead in the third quarter on a scoring run and two-point conversion by Devon Shaw. The lead didn't hold up, however, as Summerfield regained the lead on Dafoe's final TD.

In the final two minutes, Summerfield took a safety rather than punt out of its own end zone as Whiteford pulled within 33-30. The Bobcats would get to the Summerfield 20-yard line with five seconds left but a sack ended any scoring chance.

Shaw finished with 152 yards rushing and Marchant 137. Shaw scored twice, Marchant once and Giesige once.

Noah Bauman had a great game defensively for the Bobcats, getting in on nine tackles, including two tackles for loss. Eli Dyer made eight tackles and Marchant had an interception.

Shrine 21, Whiteford 16

ROYAL OAK – Whiteford's season came to an end Saturday afternoon in a 21-16 Division 8 playoff loss to Royal Oak Shrine, but sophomore tackle Noah Bauman had a message for the young Bobcats.

"Weight room Monday," Bauman said walking off the field.

Bauman was one of eight starting freshman and sophomores for the Bobcats, which is part of the reason Whiteford head coach Jason Mensing sees a bright future for the program.

"I'll make them a week off, but hopefully that's the approach they take," Mensing said. "We had a lot young kids playing today. Those guys got a little taste. Hopefully it's a bitter taste that drives them and motivates them to be better in the future."

Shrine scored twice in the first quarter then held on at the end of the game when the Bobcats drove to just inside the 40-yard line when time ran out. Whiteford's offense struggled at times, but still had more yards than the Knights, 326-287, and more first downs, 16-11. However, the Bobcats turned the ball over three times and made some critical errors at key moments of the game.

"I'm really proud of how hard we played," Mensing said. "We fought hard, but we made a lot of mistakes. You can't win games when you make a bunch of mistakes. Credit goes to Shrine."

Shrine's first two scores came on long plays. Running back Jacob Sanders raced 53 yard for the first Knight score and Charles Niehaus went 78 yards on a pass from Conor Benson as Shrine went up 14-0 early in the contest.

Whiteford scored following a Shrine fumble – Brodi Teszner made the recovery – on a 20-yard run with 11:25 left in the second quarter to pull the Bobcats within six points at 14-8. That was the score until 7:12 was left in the third quarter when Benson scooted into the end zone from seven yards out to put Shrine up 21-8.

The Bobcats, however, weren't done. Quarterback

Whiteford-BD thriller is record-setting TCC game

OTTAWA LAKE — Whiteford's triple-overtime win over Britton Deerfield was the highest scoring game in Tri-County Conference history.

The Bobcats beat BD 58-56 and the two teams scored a combined 114 points. The previous record for most points in a league game was Sand Creek beating Britton 55-48 in 1989.

TOP 5 HIGHEST-SCORING TCC GAMES (1973-2019):

114	Whiteford 58, BD 56 (10-18-19)
103	Sand Creek 55, Britton 48 (1989)
98	Britton-Deerfield 67, Summerfield 31 (1998)
94	Sand Creek 56, Morenci 38 (9-7-18)
89	Whiteford 46, Madison 43 (2009)

It's also the sixth highest scoring game in MHSAA history among overtime games:

Game – Two Teams – Overtime (minimum 100 points)

139	Tawas 70, Shepherd 69 (4 OT) (11-1-2002)
129	Farmington Hills Harrison 65, Chelsea 64 (2 OT) (11-1-2003)
129	Wyoming Godwin Heights 65, Hamilton 64 (2 OT) (1989)
126	Webberville 64, Burton Bentley 62 (5 OT) (10-21-2011)
117	Kalamazoo Central 59, Battle Creek Central 58 (3 OT) (9-26-2008)
114	Iron Mountain North Dickinson 58, Pickford 56 (3 OT) 9-12-2008

Shea Ruddy engineered a long drive, including finding receiver Braedon Mills for a 16-yard touchdown with 3:34 remaining in the game to pull Whiteford within five points.

After an unsuccessful onside kick, the Bobcats took over on downs with 2:22 left in the game but turned the ball over on the next play. Whiteford got another chance on offense with 35 seconds remaining when Shrine turned the ball over on downs. On first down, Shaw ran for 42 yards to the Knight 40-yard line, but Whiteford couldn't get any closer.

"There were a lot of things that happened throughout the game," Mensing said. "Our defense played well but we had two blown coverages. Offensively, we kept turning the ball over or having a critical penalty. On a surface like this where it's tough to get two yards at a time you can't have those critical mistakes."

Shaw closed out his junior season with 135 yards rushing. Ruddy, a freshman who started all 10 games, completed five passes for 78 yards, including four to senior Braedon Mills for 53 yards. Freshman Eli Dyer had five tackles.

Benson threw for 205 yards for the Knights.

Mensing said the Whiteford seniors came along way during their careers.

"That's a group who didn't have a first down in the seventh grade," he said. "That says a little bit about their resolve and their competitiveness."

Whiteford finished the season 5-5. It's never easy, he said, to walk off the field at the end of a season.

"When it happens, it's a disappoint but that's alright," Mensing said, completing his eighth year at Whiteford. "That's what drives you to go into the off-season and get better in the future."



Whiteford's D'Ondre Shaw was able to make a significant impact for the Bobcats Saturday after getting cleared to play by the doctors.



Hagan honored by chapter

TOLEDO — The National Football Foundation – Toledo Westert Chapter, has chosen Whiteford senior offensive lineman Josh Hagan as its Mercy Health-Toledo's Unsung Player of the Week. Hagan was featured on BCSN.

Shaw carried the ball 18 times for 89 yards in Whiteford's 21-16 loss to Royal Oak Shrine.

"It feels amazing," Shaw said after the game. "I wish there were more games to play."

Shaw, a senior, was expected to be a workhorse back for the Bobcats this year but missed the entire regular season due to being diagnosed with a heart ailment while getting a physical before the season. He became an assistant coach for the Bobcats, helping wherever he could but held out hope that he could get back onto the field before the season was over.

On Monday, he was cleared by doctors to start practicing. He was in pads all week and suited up for Whiteford on Saturday against Royal Oak Shrine.

"I just wanted him to be able to have a memory," Whiteford head coach Jason Mensing said. "He's a great kid. He deserves to have a memory like this. I was happy he was able to do that." ♦

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