

GAMEDAY

GAME: Whiteford (5-4)
at Clinton (6-3)

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 1
TIME: 7 p.m.

WHERE: Clinton
High School

WEEK

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PRE-GAME NOTES

WHITEFORD VS. CLINTON: Clinton leads the all-time series 11-4. The two teams have never met in the playoffs.

BOBCAT UPDATE: Whiteford finished the regular season with back-to-back wins for the first time this season.

BOBCAT SCHEDULE: Whiteford's opponents are 57-26 this season. No other team in Division 7 has an opponents W-L record with more than 50 wins. Clinton's opponents are 46-35 this season.

CLINTON UPDATE: Clinton's losses have come to teams that are 9-0 (SMCC) and 8-1 (Hudson, Ida).

CLINTON PLAYOFF HISTORY: Clinton is in the playoffs for the 13th consecutive season. During that run they reached the state finals three times – all in Division 6.

PLAYOFF POINTS SUMMARY: Whiteford finished the regular season ranked No. 20 in Division 7 playoff points. Clinton is No. 11.

WHITEFORD (5-4)



Rankings: #14 (D7 by CalPreps.com)

Last game: Beat Lucas, 22-6.

Streak: W2

Coach: Todd Thieken, 3rd season, 32-5

Nickname: Bobcats

School Colors: Blue & Gold

League: Tri-County Conference

Enrollment: 268

Football Division: 7

2024 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Aug. 29 Blissfield (4-5), **W, 35-6**
Sept. 6 at Ida (8-1), **L, 21-6**
Sept. 13 at Buchanan (6-3), **W 44-16**
Sept. 20 at Edson, Ohio (9-1), **L, 50-20**
Sept. 27 Summerfield (8-1), **L, 20-14**
Oct. 4 Erie Mason (1-8), **W, 65-8**
Oct. 11 at Everest Collegiate (8-1), **L, 24-12**
Oct. 18 at White Pigeon (8-1), **W, 30-16**
Oct. 25 at Lucas, Ohio (5-5), **W, 22-6**

CLINTON (6-3)



Rankings: #11 (D7 by CalPreps.com)

Last game: Lost to Ida, 23-14

Streak: L2

Coach: Casey Randolph, 4th year, 28-6

Nickname: Redwolves

School Colors: Red & Black

League: LCAA

Enrollment: 326

Football Division: 7

2024 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Aug. 29 SMCC 22, Clinton 14
Sept. 6 Clinton 22, Detroit Central 12
Sept. 13 Clinton 30, Madison 0
Sept. 20 Clinton 8, Blissfield 0
Sept. 27 Clinton 38, Dundee 16
Oct. 4 Clinton 32, Onsted 28
Oct. 11 Clinton 22, Hillsdale 12
Oct. 18 Hudson 22, Clinton 6
Oct. 25 Ida 23, Clinton 14

NEXT WEEK: DISTRICT FINALS

The Whiteford/Clinton winner will face the SMCC (9-0) / Blissfield (4-5) winner next week.

TONIGHT'S ROSTERS



WHITEFORD BOBCATS

#	PLAYER	POS	YR	HT	WT
1	Tre Eitnrear	QB/S	10	5-11	175
3	Austin Bauman	TE/S	10	6-0	165
4	George Thompson	WB/C	9	5-7	150
5	Drew Ruddy	FB/CB/S	11	5-7	155
6	Maddox Diesing	QB/S	9	5-8	115
7	Shevy Alexander	TE/NG	11	6-0	205
8	Andy Trejo	FB/LB	10	5-10	175
9	Conner Beasley	WB/CB	12	5-9	165
10	Gavin Meinert	WB/CB	9	5-7	115
11	Brody Hillard	WB/CB	11	5-9	160
12	Brady Podgorski	WB/CB	9		120
14	Mason DeBarr	TE/DE	11	6-4	170
15	Mason Luzier	TE/S	9	6-1	155
17	Nathan Schumacher	WB/CB	9	5-5	110
19	Brayden Burton	TE/LB	10	5-9	170
20	Lincoln Rego	WB/S	9	5-10	125
22	Brek Ruddy	WB/S	10	6-0	170
24	Caden Stewart	TE/DL	10	6-1	190
25	Antonio Nachtrab	WB/CB	11	5-7	13
26	Charlie Bieber	WB/CB	10	5-7	125
27	Gabe Speweik	TE/S	11	5-10	165
28	Josh Delmotte	TE/DE	9	6-0	145
33	Trenton Eitnrear	WB/LB	12	6-0	190
38	Frankie Palfalvi	G/DL	12	6-0	165
43	Jacoby Miller	TE/LB	9	5-10	170
44	Lane Keller	TE/DE	9	6-2	155
45	Elijah Vance	FB/LB	9	5-8	155
50	Jameson Babcock	G/NG	9	5-8	140
51	Jason McCullough	C/NG	10	5-8	165
53	Chase Lee	C/NG	12	6-0	255
56	Curtis Bailey	T/DT	10	5-10	220
57	Carson Filas	T/DT	9	5-9	200
58	Brandon Cook	G/DE	10	6-0	170
60	Austin Billau	G/DE	10	6-1	180
61	Mallory Bahls	G/DT	11	5-8	180
63	Camden Byers	T/DT	9	5-8	180
65	Manny Hunt	G/DT	9	5-9	185
66	Troy Castillo	C/DE	9	5-10	175
67	Jackson Cousino	C/DT	9	6-1	205
68	Jake Scott	C/NG	11	5-8	200
70	Connor Bott	T/DT	12	6-1	270
71	Nolan Walker	G/DE	11	6-2	225
72	Logan Riffle	T/DT	11	6-0	265
73	Anthony Virost	G/DT	9	5-8	14
75	Parker Smith	G/DE	9	5-10	165
76	Gavin Peters	G/NG	11	5-10	170

WHITEFORD COACHING STAFF

Head coach: Todd Thieken, 3rd season

Assistant Coaches

Ben Avis, Thomas Eitnrear, Alex Lipka, Nate Bauman, John Nagle,
Dale Bernard, TJ Thieken, Phil Bauman, Robert Ondrovick

CLINTON REDWOLVES



#	PLAYER	GR	HT	WT
1	Brenden Benschoter	11	5'8"	145
22	Tanner Bolton	11	5'10"	170
4	Dacari Garrison	10	5'10"	150
5	Clifford Jones	11	6'0"	175
6	Max Delphy	11	5'9"	145
7	Jaren Settles	11	6'1"	180
8	Grady Whelan	9	5'11"	195
10	Andy Fair	12	6'2"	185
11	Jake Halchishak	10	5'8"	145
12	Cade Brighton	12	5'10"	195
14	Keegan Keith	10	5'9"	160
15	Jonah Hahn	10	6'1"	175
19	Lucas Coughlin	10	5'9"	165
20	Daejaun Garrison	9	5'9"	140
21	Devon Trent	11	5'10"	170
24	Braxton Randolph	9	5'10"	160
25	Jake Felts	12	6'1"	185
32	Jaxon Phillip	9	5'11"	140
33	Isaac Keibler	9	5'9"	160
36	Jacob Pope	9	6'2"	175
40	Brock Worden	9	5'7"	140
42	Cory Hoover	11	5'9"	165
44	Bryce Randolph	11	5'11"	192
48	Drew Erickson	9	5'8"	175
50	Hamza Rafferty	12	6'2"	265
52	Wyatt Welch	11	6'1"	190
54	Jayden Duplessis	12	5'10"	180
58	Will Hawkins	10	5'10"	195
60	Owen Wright	10	5'10"	185
62	Chance Maddox	10	6'0"	215
64	Brody Wenn	10	6'2"	175
66	Landon Lakatos	11	5'10"	180
68	Grant Kutzley	9	5'8"	180
71	Joe Webb	11	6'0"	275
74	Royce Martinez	10	5'11"	190
75	Donnie Kline	11	6'1"	280
76	Luther Fultz	11	5'11"	285
77	John Keibler	11	5'10"	185
79	David Johnson	9	5'9"	235
80	Wyatt Welch	11	6'1"	190
84	Roman Roberts	9	5'9"	170
88	Paul Blanchard	9	5'10	180

CLINTON COACHING STAFF

Head coach: Casey Randolph

Assistant Coaches: Trevor Kingsley, Grant Clark, Joey Gossett,
Zak McNitt, Kenny Roberts, Payne Staton

BY THE NUMBERS

	WHS	CLINTON
Points Scored	248	186
Average	27.6	20.7
Points Allowed	167	135
Average	18.6	15.0

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24

WHITEFORD FOOTBALL

SEASON REVIEW

SEASON SUMMARY

WEEK 1 • AUG. 29

WHITEFORD 35, BLISSFIELD 6

TOP RUSHER: Tre Eitniew 8-100
 TOP PASSER: Tre Eitniew 7-10-0 120
 TOP RECEIVER: Brek Ruddy 1-62
 TOP TACKLER: Trenton Eitniew, 11

WEEK 8 • OCT. 18

WHITEFORD 30, WHITE PIGEON 16

TOP RUSHER: Brek Ruddy 21-117
 TOP PASSER: Drew Ruddy 6-8-0 43
 TOP RECEIVER: Trenton Eitniew 1-14
 TOP TACKLER: Trenton Eitniew, 13

WEEK 2 • SEPT. 6

IDA 21, WHITEFORD 6

TOP RUSHER: Brek Ruddy 17-107
 TOP PASSER: Tre Eitniew 4-11-2 25
 TOP RECEIVER: Drew Ruddy 2-20
 TOP TACKLER: Chase Lee, 10

WEEK 9 • OCT. 25

WHITEFORD 22, LUCAS 6

TOP RUSHER: Trenton Eitniew, 22-136
 TOP PASSER: Tre Eitniew, 5-13-1- 90
 TOP RECEIVER: Mason DeBarr, 3-48
 TOP TACKLER: Andy Trejo, 11

WEEK 3 • SEPT. 13

WHITEFORD 44, BUCHANAN 16

TOP RUSHER: Brek Ruddy, 23-131
 TOP PASSER: Tre Eitniew, 7-14-0 135
 TOP RECEIVER: Caden Stewart 2-63
 TOP TACKLER: Mason DeBarr, 8

WEEK 10 • NOV. 1

WHITEFORD VS. CLINTON

TOP RUSHER: X
 TOP PASSER: X
 TOP RECEIVER: X
 TOP TACKLER: X

WEEK 4 • SEPT. 20

EDON 50, WHITEFORD 20

TOP RUSHER: Trenton Eitniew, 9-93
 TOP PASSER: Tre Eitniew, 14-22-1 154
 TOP RECEIVER: Brek Ruddy, 2-42
 TOP TACKLER: Gabe Speweik, 10

WEEK 11 • NOV. 8

TBD

TOP RUSHER: X
 TOP PASSER: X
 TOP RECEIVER: X
 TOP TACKLER: X

WEEK 5 • SEPT. 27

SUMMERFIELD 20, WHITEFORD 14

TOP RUSHER: Brek Ruddy, 15-91
 TOP PASSER: Tre Eitniew, 1-9-1 49
 TOP RECEIVER: Caden Stewart 1-49
 TOP TACKLER: Trenton Eitniew 12

WEEK 12 • NOV. 15

TBD

TOP RUSHER: X
 TOP PASSER: X
 TOP RECEIVER: X
 TOP TACKLER: X

WEEK 6 • OCT. 4

WHITEFORD 65, ERIE MASON 8

TOP RUSHER: Brek Ruddy, 8-105
 TOP PASSER: Tre Eitniew, 1-3-0 30
 TOP RECEIVER: Trenton Eitniew, 1-30
 TOP TACKLER: Mason DeBarr, 9

WEEK 13 • NOV. 22

TBD

TOP RUSHER: X
 TOP PASSER: X
 TOP RECEIVER: X
 TOP TACKLER: X

WEEK 7 • OCT. 11

EVEREST 24, WHITEFORD 12

TOP RUSHER: Drew Ruddy 13-81
 TOP PASSER: Drew Ruddy 7-12-1 107
 TOP RECEIVER: Mason DeBarr 6-117
 TOP TACKLER: Brek Ruddy, 12

WEEK 14 • NOV. 29

TBD

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SCORING SUMMARY

WHITEFORD 35, BLISSFIELD 6

1 – Tre Eitniew 35 run (pass failed)
 2 – Drew Ruddy 8 pass from Tre Eitniew (Tre Eitniew run)
 2 – Brek Ruddy 62 pass from Tre Eitniew (Tre Eitniew kick)
 2 – Tre Eitniew 4 run (Tre Eitniew kick)
 4 – Conner Beasley 12 pass from Tre Eitniew (Tre Eitniew kick)

IDA 21, WHITEFORD 6

2 – Tre Eitniew 1 run (pass failed)

WHITEFORD 44, BUCHANAN 16

1 – Tre Eitniew 5 run (Trenton Eitniew pass from Tre Eitniew)
 2 – Safety
 2 – Trenton Eitniew 4 run
 2 – Tre Eitniew 15 run
 B – Brody Reed 74 pass from Jake Franklin (Reed pass from Franklin)
 B – Reed 36 pass from Franklin (Leland Payne pass from Franklin)
 3 – Caden Stewart 32 pass from Tre Eitniew (Shevy Alexander pass from Tre Eitniew)
 4 – Antonio Nachtrab 4 run (Tre Eitniew kick)
 4 – Tre Eitniew 11 run (Tre Eitniew kick)

EDON 50, WHITEFORD 20

1 – Trenton Eitniew 73 run (Trenton Eitniew run)
 1 – Mason DeBarr 7 pass from Tre Eitniew (run failed)
 3 – Brek Ruddy 8 pass from Tre Eitniew (pass failed)

SUMMERFIELD 20, WHITEFORD 14

2 – Trenton Eitniew 14 run (Mason DeBarr pass from Tre Eitniew)

2 – Tre Eitniew 1 run (run failed)

WHITEFORD 65, ERIE MASON 8

1 – Trenton Eitniew 30 pass from Tre Eitniew (Brek Ruddy run)
 1 – Caden Stewart recovered fumble in end zone (Brek Ruddy run)
 1 – Brek Ruddy 21 run (Trenton Eitniew run)
 1 – Trenton Eitniew 3 run
 1 – Trenton Eitniew 13 run
 1 – Drew Ruddy 68 punt return (Shevy Alexander run)
 1 – Shevy Alexander 1 run (Tre Eitniew kick)
 3 – Andy Trejo 29 run (Tre Eitniew kick)
 3 – Andy Trejo 8 run (Tre Eitniew kick)

EVEREST 24, WHITEFORD 12

2 – Mason DeBarr 9 pass from Tre Eitniew (conversion failed)
 4 – DeBarr 74 pass from Drew Ruddy (conversion failed)

WHITEFORD 30, WHITE PIGEON 16

1 – Andy Trejo 14 run (conversion failed)
 2 – Drew Ruddy 1 run (conversion failed)
 2 – Mason DeBarr 13 pass from Drew Ruddy (conversion failed)
 3 – Trejo 19 run (conversion failed)
 4 – Trenton Eitniew 3 run (conversion failed)

WHITEFORD 22, LUCAS 6

2 – Trenton Eitniew 28 run (conversion failed)
 3 – Tre Eitniew 1 run (Trenton Eitniew run)
 3 – Drew Ruddy 7 run (Trenton Eitniew run)

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAM	1	2	3	4	=	ALL
WHITEFORD	73	62	44	21	-	192
OPPONENT	21	50	22	34	-	126

BOBCAT STATS - OFFENSE

RUSHING	ATT	YARDS	TD
Brek Ruddy	137	822	1
Trenton Eitniew	76	511	7
Drew Ruddy	68	308	2
Tre Eitniew	33	165	8
Andy Trejo	16	129	4
Antonio Nachtrab	16	126	1
Shevy Alexander	16	69	1
Brody Hillard	13	56	0
Charlie Bieber	3	28	0
Austin Bauman	3	15	0
Gavin Meinert	2	6	0
Brady Podgorski	1	2	0
Elijah Vance	1	2	0

PASSING	COMP	ATT	YARDS	TD	INT
Tre Eitniew	42	87	640	8	6
Drew Ruddy	13	20	150	2	1

RECEIVING	REC	YARDS	TDS
Mason DeBarr	12	213	4
Caden Stewart	5	141	1
Trenton Eitniew	11	136	1
Brek Ruddy	7	131	2
Drew Ruddy	8	103	1
Conner Beasley	7	42	1
Andy Trejo	3	16	0
Brody Hillard	1	5	0
Antonio Nachtrab	1	3	0

PUNTING	PUNTS	AVG	LONG
Trenton Eitniew	4	29.8	43
Tre Eitniew	7	36.9	56

KICKOFF RETURN	RET	YARDS	TDS
Antonio Nachtrab	8	134	0
Trenton Eitniew	3	38	0
Brek Ruddy	3	71	0
Drew Ruddy	4	41	0
Gabe Speweik	2	14	0
Andy Trejo	1	0	0
Brody Hillard	2	0	0
Mason DeBarr	2	0	0

PUNT RETURN	RET	YARDS	TDS
Drew Ruddy	9	105	1

EXTRA POINTS	MADE	ATT	PTS
Tre Eitniew	8	9	8

FIELD GOALS	MADE	ATT	PTS
No attempts			

OFFENSE TOTALS

WHITEFORD	
First Downs	185
Rushes-Yards	385-2239
Recep-Yards	55-790
Passing Yards	790
Comp-Attempts	55-107
TD-INT	10-7
Fumbles-Lost	8-7
Penalties-Yards	51-449
3rd Down Conv	50-95
4th Down Conv	12-23
FG Made-Att	0-0
Sacks-Yards	8-71

BOBCAT STATS - DEFENSE

PLAYER	FH	ASSIST	SOLO	TFL	QBS	TOTAL	FF	FR	INT	PBU	TD
EITNIEAR, TRENTON	28	18	25	6	3	80	0	1	1	0	0
DEBARR, MASON	14	13	20	11	9	67	2	0	0	0	0
TREJO, ANDY	14	13	17	6	1	51	0	0	0	0	0
SPEWEIK, GABE	10	14	22	2	1	49	0	1	0	0	0
RUDDY, DREW	5	9	26	7	1	48	0	0	2	0	1
RUDDY, BREK	8	12	20	5	1	46	0	0	0	1	0
LEE, CHASE	11	12	5	6	1	35	0	0	0	0	0
ALEXANDER, SHEVY	6	8	7	4	6	31	0	0	0	0	0
WALKER, NOLAN	8	9	6	2	2	27	1	0	0	0	0
HILLARD, BRODY	5	5	12	0	0	22	0	1	0	0	0
STEWART, CADEN	6	5	5	0	1	17	0	1	0	0	1
RIFFLE, LOGAN	6	5	4	1	0	16	0	1	0	0	0
EITNIEAR, TRE	3	2	6	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
SCOTT, JAKE	2	4	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
NACHTRAB, ANTONIO	2	3	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	0
BEASLEY, CONNER	1	2	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
BIEBER, CHARLIE	0	2	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0
BAUMAN, AUSTIN	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
BOTT, CONNOR	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
PALFALVI, FRANKIE	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
PETERS, GAVIN	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
DIESING, MADDOX	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
BILLAU, AUSTIN	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
HUNT, MANNY	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
LUZIER, MASON	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

OPPONENTS STATS

WHITEFORD 35, BLISSFIELD 6

	<u>BLISSFIELD</u>
First Downs	9
Rushes-Yards	33-71
Recep-Yards	5-44
Passing Yards	44
Comp-Attempts	5-13
TD-INT	1-1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20
3rd Down Conv	4-15
4th Down Conv	1-1
FG Made-Att	0-0

IDA 21, WHITEFORD 6

	<u>IDA</u>
First Downs	18
Rushes-Yards	49-273
Recep-Yards	3-87
Passing Yards	87
Comp-Attempts	3-3
TD-INT	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-30
3rd Down Conv	5-10
4th Down Conv	1-5
FG Made-Att	0-0

WHITEFORD 44, BUCHANAN 16

	<u>BUCHANAN</u>
First Downs	10
Rushes-Yards	15-59
Recep-Yards	10-221
Passing Yards	221
Comp-Attempts	10-24
TD-INT	2-1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-70
3rd Down Conv	2-12
4th Down Conv	1-6
FG Made-Att	0-0

EDON 50, WHITEFORD 20

	<u>EDON</u>
First Downs	30
Rushes-Yards	17-66
Recep-Yards	33-406
Passing Yards	406
Comp-Attempts	33-49
TD-INT	6-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0
Penalties-Yards	13-141
3rd Down Conv	7-11
4th Down Conv	3-6
FG Made-Att	0-0

SUMMERFIELD 20, WHITEFORD 14

	<u>SUMMERFIELD</u>
First Downs	15
Rushes-Yards	29-72
Recep-Yards	10-57
Passing Yards	157
Comp-Attempts	10-26
TD-INT	2-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-30
3rd Down Conv	5-16
4th Down Conv	1-4
FG Made-Att	0-0

WHITEFORD 65, ERIE MASON 8

	<u>MASON</u>
First Downs	7
Rushes-Yards	18-14
Recep-Yards	7-147
Passing Yards	147
Comp-Attempts	7-16
TD-INT	1-2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-18
3rd Down Conv	1-7
4th Down Conv	0-2
FG Made-Att	0-0

COLLEGIATE 24, WHITEFORD 12

	<u>EC</u>
First Downs	16
Rushes-Yards	29-175
Recep-Yards	9-186
Passing Yards	186
Comp-Attempts	9-14
TD-INT	1-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2
Penalties-Yards	10-94
3rd Down Conv	7-11
4th Down Conv	0-1
FG Made-Att	1-1

WHITEFORD 30, WHITE PIGEON 16

	<u>WP</u>
First Downs	12
Rushes-Yards	35-183
Recep-Yards	1-7
Passing Yards	7
Comp-Attempts	1-5
TD-INT	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-24
3rd Down Conv	3-10
4th Down Conv	1-8
FG Made-Att	0-0

WHITEFORD 2, LUCAS 6

	<u>LUCAS</u>
First Downs	4
Rushes-Yards	27-125
Recep-Yards	1-1
Passing Yards	1
Comp-Attempts	1-3
TD-INT	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-91
3rd Down Conv	1-8
4th Down Conv	0-9
FG Made-Att	0-0

WEEK 1

WHITEFORD 28, BLISSFIELD 21



SCORE BY QUARTERS

BLISSFIELD	0	0	0	6	=	6
WHITEFORD	6	22	0	7	=	35



Eitnienar On Target for Bobcats

By DOUG DONNELLY

OTTAWA LAKE – Tre Eitnienar knows a thing or two about hitting for the cycle in baseball.

On Thursday, the Whiteford sophomore sort of hit for the cycle in football.

Eitnienar threw for three touchdowns, ran for two touchdowns, ran for a two-point conversion and kicked three extra points. The only thing he didn't do was kick a field goal and that's because the Bobcat offense scored touchdowns on all but two of its offensive drives.

Having a season under his belt has given Eitnienar more confidence than ever.

"It makes it a lot easier," he said. "Seeing the defense last year and going over a lot of film helps me a lot. I feel like I can just see a lot more out there, what's going on."

Eitnienar was in mid-season form from the first drive of the game. After the Bobcat forced Blissfield to punt after running three offensive plays, Eitnienar directed a seven-play, 78-yard scoring drive, finishing it off with a 35-yard touchdown run.

The Bobcats scored three touchdowns in the second quarter. Eitnienar threw touchdown passes to Drew Ruddy for 8-yards and Brek Ruddy for 62-yards, then closed out the scoring spree with a 4-yard touchdown run right before halftime to put Whiteford up 28-0.

He finished with 100 yards rushing for the game.

"I was training more for running the ball, to get more power in my legs, more drive," he said. "I know we lost a lot of seniors who were good runners. I feel I have to step up and be more of a runner this year."

In the fourth quarter, Eitnienar threw a touchdown pass to Conner Beasley.

Whiteford coach Todd Thielen saw the improvement in Eitnienar immediately.

"He certainly looked like a kid who has been playing a couple of years tonight," Thielen said. "He did everything right. There were a couple of passes he made that he was so poised on. A year ago, he would have gotten rid of the ball (too) early. Now, he waited one more second and it made all the difference."

Thielen especially liked how the Bobcats controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. In the first half, Blissfield had negative three yards rushing.

"I love how we came out on both sides of the ball with intensity," Thielen said. "That was my worry coming into the game like this, especially with nine or 10 new guys on defense. From the start, we didn't have to say anything about that. They came out and set the tone."

Drew Ruddy finished with 75 yards rushing and Brek Ruddy 74. Antonio Nochtrab had a long run in the fourth quarter to set up Whiteford's final touchdown – a 12-yard pass from Eitnienar to Conner Beasley.

Eitnienar closed out the game going 7-for-10 for 120 yards through the air. Beasley had three catches, including one along the sideline to keep a scoring drive going in the second quarter.

Blissfield scored its only touchdown in the third quarter, taking advantage of a Whiteford turnover to drive 65 yards for a score. Jonathan Cheney, making his first varsity start, found Kipp Fisher from 10 yards out for the lone Royal score. Cheney threw for 44 yards.

"We have to come over and start football games," Blissfield coach Ryan Love said. "You can have a couple of moral victories in the second half but that's not what we are after. We're here to compete. Unfortunately, the game got away from us."

GAME SUMMARY

BLISSFIELD 0 0 6 0 – 6

WHITEFORD 6 22 0 7 = 35

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

W – Tre Eitnienar 35 run (pass failed)

Second Quarter

W – Drew Ruddy 8 pass from Tre Eitnienar (Tre Eitnienar run)

W – Brek Ruddy 62 pass from Tre Eitnienar (Tre Eitnienar kick)

W – Tre Eitnienar 4 run (Tre Eitnienar kick)

Third Quarter

B – Kipp Fisher 10 pass from Jonathan Cheney (run failed)

Fourth Quarter

W – Conner Beasley 12 pass from Tre Eitnienar (Tre Eitnienar kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Whiteford: Tre Eitnienar 8-100, Drew Ruddy 15-75, Brek Ruddy 8-74, Antonio Nochtrab 3-46, Trenton Eitnienar 4-13, Brody Hillard 4-10, Andy Trejo 1-3. Totals 43-321. Blissfield: Brandon Jacobs 11-45, Ethan Samuels 7-38, Blake Iffland 3-8, Cassidy Lenz 9-0, Skyler Kimple 1-(minus)-3, Jonathan Cheney 2-(minus)-17. Totals 33-71.

PASSING – Whiteford: Tre Eitnienar 7-10-0 120 yards. Blissfield: Cheney 5-13-1 44 yards.

RECEIVING – Whiteford: Conner Beasley 3-24, Brek Ruddy 1-62, Drew Ruddy 2-18, Trenton Eitnienar 1-16. Blissfield: Kipp Fisher 2-27, Mason Case 3-17.

WEEK 2

IDA 21, WHITEFORD 6



SCORE BY QUARTERS

WHITEFORD	0	6	0	0	=	6
BLISSFIELD	7	7	0	7	=	21



Albring Does It All For Bluestreaks

By DOUG DONNELLY

IDA – Gavin Albring doesn't come off the field very often.

When he does, his Ida Bluestreak football coaches find ways to get him back in the game.

Albring's interception late in the first half helped Ida turn a 7-6 lead into a 14-6 lead inside the final minute of the second quarter and was a springboard to the Bluestreaks beating Whiteford Friday, 21-6.

"The play right before that I came out because I was a little winded, but coached put me right back in," Albring said. "They drop back to pass and I'm in the right spot at the right time. They threw it up and I just went up and got it."

The interception set Ida up with a short field. Five plays after the interception, Albring found himself in the end zone giving Ida the one-score lead at the half.

"He's a heck of a football player," Potter said. "He does so much for us on both sides of the ball. He's a great kid and continues to excel."

Albring was in on 12 tackles to go with his two pics, leading the Ida defense, which stifled the Bobcat arsenal, holding them to 199 yards of total offense and just one scoring drive.

"Our defensive line plays amazing, and our linebackers go super hard," Albring said. "This was huge. They are on a long winning streak. We knocked them off, that's what we wanted to do. I think we just wanted it more."

Ida is 2-0 after the win, which snapped a 24-game Whiteford regular season winning streak.

Ida led 7-0 when they scored on the second drive of the game. Dean Thomas scored on a 69-yard run after shifting from the backfield to quarterback for a series.

The Bobcats pulled within one on a quarterback sneak by Tre Eitnietar but missed on

the two-point conversion.

With about five minutes to go before halftime the Bobcats regained possession of the ball, but Albring stepped in front of an Eitnietar pass, leading to the second Bluestreak scoring drive.

In the third quarter the Bobcats drove deep into Ida territory but turned the ball over on downs. That happened two more times in the second half as the Ida defense stood tall.

"We didn't finish," Whiteford coach Todd Thielen said. "Credit Ida for that. Jeff and those guys do a great job. They have one of their best teams in years and they are a veteran team. I think our youth showed a little bit tonight, especially on those short runs."

"We have a third-and-3 and instead of putting our heads down and getting three yards, we try and make a big play and get tackled after one-yard. That puts us in a fourth-and-short and we can't convert. I thought that was big."

Ida had 273 yards rushing and 85 passing. They also had 18 first downs as they chewed up a lot of clock. Whiteford had only 12 first downs.

Thomas finished with 165 yards on 25 carries. Owen Snyder had five carries for 50 yards and completed all three of his passes for 85 yards. Albring had 40 yards on 11 carries rushing and caught two passes for 52 yards.

Brek Ruddy rushed for 107 yards on 17 touches for the Bobcats. Trenton Eitnietar had 13 tackles and Drew Ruddy 10 for the Bobcats.

Ida didn't turn the ball over.

"I think the biggest thing is we didn't give up a big play," Potter said. "We made them earn everything they got. For the most part, we were able to keep them in front of us. When it was third and short and fourth and short, the defense stepped up and did a nice job."

GAME SUMMARY

WHITEFORD 0 6 0 0 – 6
IDA 7 7 0 7 = 21

SCORING SUMMARY

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

I – Dean Thomas 69 run (Wyatt Dirkmaat kick)

Second Quarter

W – Tre Eitnietar 1 run (pass failed)

I – Gavin Albring 1 run (Dirkmaat kick)

Fourth Quarter

I – Owen Snyder 1 run (Dirkmaat kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Whiteford: Brek Ruddy 17-107, Drew Ruddy 8-30, Antonio Nachtrab 6-25, Brody Hillard 2-10, Tre Eitnietar 2-1, Trenton Eitnietar 1-1. Totals 36-174. Ida: Dean Thomas 25-169, Owen Snyder 5-51, Gavin Albring 10-42, Wyatt Dirkmaat 9-11. Totals 49-273.

PASSING – Whiteford: Tre Eitnietar 4-11-2 25 yards. Ida: Owen Snyder 2-2-0 53 yards, Dean Thomas 1-1-0 34 yards.

RECEIVING – Whiteford: Drew Ruddy 2-20, Brody Hillard 1-5, Brek Ruddy 1-0. Ida: Gavin Albring 2-53, Caden Kerth 1-34.

WEEK 3



WHITEFORD 44, BUCHANAN 16



SCORE BY QUARTERS

WHITEFORD	8	14	8	14	=	44
BUCHANAN	0	16	0	0	=	16

Bobcats Overcome Second Quarter

By DOUG DONNELLY

BUCHANAN – Whiteford fought off a second quarter battle from the Bucks to win 44-16 Friday in the first-ever meeting with Buchanan.

Whiteford led 22-0 before Buchanan scored twice on long pass plays – one from 74 and one from 36 – to narrow the score to 22-16 at halftime. Whiteford rolled in the second half, however, outscoring the Bucks 22-0.

“We could have come out in the second half and play really well was good to see,” Whiteford coach Todd Thielen said. “After a three-hour bus ride, the adversity we faced, them playing well in the second quarter, our guys didn’t give up. They hung in there and came out in the second half and played really well.”

Tre Eitnienar rushed for three touchdowns, passed for one and kicked two extra-points. He had 131 passing yards, including a 32-yard touchdown to Caden Stewart.

“He played well,” Thielen said of Eitnienar. “We were in some situations where he needed to make a throw, and he delivered.”

The Bobcats had 450 yards of total offense and 29 first downs, controlling the clock.

The Bobcat defense held the Bucks

to negative rushing yards in the first half and 59 for the game but gave up 221 yards through the air to Buchanan quarterback Jake Franklin.

“They made a couple of big plays, but that is going to happen,” Thielen said. “You aren’t going to stop someone every play. We knew coming in they were capable of making some big plays.”

Whiteford was whistled for nine penalties for 95 yards, compared to 70 yards in penalties by the Bucks.

The 2-1 Bobcats will go back on the road Friday to play Edon, Ohio. The Bombers are 4-0 and averaging 45 points a game.

“Bob (Elwin, Edon coach) has been running that offense for 25 years and does a great job at it,” Thielen said of Whiteford’s next opponent. “Their quarterback probably has thrown for more yards already this season in four games than we will all season. They have really good receivers and skilled guys.

“Literally, our focus, is to just get first downs. We need to get first downs, control the clock and not have an off possession because they can score on any play. We can’t get into a situation where we are chasing points against a team like that.”

GAME SUMMARY

WHITEFORD 8 14 8 14 – 44
BUCHANAN 0 16 0 0 – 16

SCORING SUMMARY

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

W – Tre Eitnienar 5 run (Trenton Eitnienar pass from Tre Eitnienar)

Second Quarter

W – Safety

W – Trenton Eitnienar 4 run

W – Tre Eitnienar 15 run

B – Brody Reed 74 pass from Jake Franklin (Reed pass from Franklin)

B – Reed 36 pass from Franklin (Leland Payne pass from Franklin)

Third Quarter

W – Caden Stewart 32 pass from Tre Eitnienar (Shevy Alexander pass from Tre Eitnienar)

Fourth Quarter

W – Antonio Nachtrab 4 run (Tre Eitnienar kick)

W – Tre Eitnienar 11 run (Tre Eitnienar kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Whiteford: Brek Ruddy 23-131, Trenton Eitnienar 9-47, Antonio Nachtrab 6-47, Tre Eitnienar 6-38, Drew Ruddy 9-31, Brody Hillard 5-15. Totals 58-309. Buchanan: Gabe Tompkins 4-41, Leland Payne 5-37, Jake Franklin 6-(minus)-19. Totals 15-59.

PASSING – Whiteford: Tre Eitnienar 7-14-0 135 yards. Buchanan: Jake Franklin 10-24-1 221 yards.

RECEIVING – Whiteford: Caden Stewart 2-63, Drew Ruddy 3-49, Brek Ruddy 1-17, Trenton Eitnienar 1-6. Buchanan: Brody Reed 4-106, Tristan Nesbitt 2-56, Tyler Baker 1-38, Gabe Tompkins 1-19, Ryan Hickok 1-6, Leland Payne 1-(minus)-4.

WEEK 4



EDON 50, WHITEFORD 20



SCORE BY QUARTERS

WHITEFORD	14	0	6	0	=	20
EDON	7	20	16	7	=	50

Bombers Take To Air in Victory

By DOUG DONNELLY

EDON, Ohio – After Whiteford pulled within one touchdown early in the third quarter Friday, the Edon Bombers went into another gear offensively and beat the Bobcats 50-20.

Whiteford drops to 2-2 on the season while Edon remained unbeaten at 5-0.

Trenton Eitniet scored on a 73-yard run while Mason DeBarr and Brek Ruddy caught touchdown passes from Tre Eitniet.

The Bobcats led 8-7 and 14-7 but Edon got three touchdown passes in the second quarter to go up 27-14 at halftime. Ruddy's 8-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter pulled the Bobcats within 27-20, but two turn-

overs and coming up short on a fourth down play led to Edon touchdowns and the final margin.

Edon's Kyler Sapp had 406 yards passing and six touchdown passes. He also ran for touchdown.

Ruddy rushed for 70 yards while Trenton Eitniet had 93 yards rushing on just nine carries. Tre Eitniet passed for 154 yards to seven different receivers. He left the game in the fourth quarter.

Gabe Spewiek had seven tackles for the Bobcats and Andy Trejo added six.

Whiteford returns home for back-to-back games this week when they host 3-1 Summerfield in a Tri-County Conference matchup.

GAME SUMMARY

WHITEFORD 14 0 6 0 – 20
EDON 7 20 16 7 – 50

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

E – Kyler Sapp 8 run (Sapp kick)
W – Trenton Eitniet 73 run (Trenton Eitniet run)
W – Mason DeBarr 7 pass from Tre Eitniet (run failed)

Second Quarter

E – Kendol Brigle 17 pass from Sapp (Sapp kick)
E – Max Radabaugh 42 pass from Sapp (Sapp kick)
E – Cohen Hulbert 13 pass from Sapp (conversion failed)

Third Quarter

W – Brek Ruddy 8 pass from Tre Eitniet (pass failed)
E – Hulbert 3 pass from Sapp (Brigle pass from Sapp)
E – Radabaugh 20 pass from Sapp (Eli Dickmann pass from Sapp)

Fourth Quarter

E – Hulbert 7 pass from Sapp (Sapp kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Whiteford: Trenton Eitniet 9-93, Brek Ruddy 16-70, Drew Ruddy 4-9, Antonio Nachtrab 1-8, Tre Eitniet 3-(minus)-1. Edon: Kyler Sapp 12-64, Kendol Brigle 1-8, Carter Steinke 2-6, Cohen Hulbert 2-(minus)-12.

PASSING – PASSING – Whiteford: Tre Eitniet 14-22-1 154 yards. Edon: Sapp 33-49-0 406 yards.

RECEIVING – Whiteford: Brek Ruddy 2-42, Mason DeBarr 2-35, Trenton Eitniet 3-31, Connor Beasley 4-18, Drew Ruddy 1-16, Andy Trejo 1-9, Antonio Nachtrab 1-3. Edon: Max Radabaugh 5-149, Kendol Brigle 10-104, Eli Dickmann 4-58, Cohen Hulbert 9-53, Colton Willis 4-36, Briggs Gallehue 1-6.



SUMMERFIELD 20, WHITEFORD 14



SCORE BY QUARTERS

SUMMERFIELD	7	7	6	0	=	20
WHITEFORD	0	14	0	0	=	14

TCC Loss Stings Bobcats

By DOUG DONNELLY

OTTAWA LAKE - In what could be the final chapter of a storied football rivalry – at least for now – the Summerfield Bulldogs went into Ottawa Lake Friday and stunned the Whiteford Bobcats, 20-14.

“They scored 100 points on my defense the last two times we played them,” said Summerfield head coach Dylan Szegedi. “To come here, hold that offense to 14 points and shut them out in the second half is huge. Credit to all my guys. They’ve worked so hard for this.”

Summerfield took advantage of three Whiteford turnovers, got great touchdown catches by Eli VanHuysen and Tyler Dafoe and stopped a 24-game home field win streak Whiteford had entering the game.

Trace Secor passed for 161 yards and two touchdowns and Mitchell Gomulinski rushed for 101 yards and the go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs had fewer yards of offense than the Bobcats – 269 to 229 – but recovered two fumbles, intercepted a pass and used big plays from their passing game to lead 7-0, tie the game 14-14 just before halftime and take the lead on a third-quarter drive. Whiteford was whistled for nine penalties for 90 yards and were zero-for-five on fourth down conversion attempts, the final one coming near midfield with two minutes left in the game.

“All night long our defense made plays,” Szegedi said. “They stepped up.”

Secor found VanHuysen on a 27-yard touchdown pass into the end zone shortly after Gabe Ostrosky scooped up a Bobcat fumble.

Whiteford took an 8-7 lead on a Trent Eitnietar touchdown run and Tre Eitnietar to Mason DeBarr two-point conversion then went up 14-7 on a 1-yard touchdown run by Tre Eitnietar in the second quarter.

The Bobcat kept Summerfield out of the end zone despite them having the ball inside the 10-yard line late in the second quarter, but an interception by Ostrosky gave the Bulldogs the ball back. That led to Dafoe’s incredible catch in the back of the end zone to tie the game 14-14.

“My quarterback made a great throw, perfect ball, and I just went up and got it and I got my feet down,” Dafoe said. “It was close. If it wasn’t inches, it was centimeters. It was good execution by everybody.”

“We knew Whiteford has struggled this year in the passing game so we wanted to come here and keep picking on them and throwing the ball.”

Secor credited off-season workouts with both of the touchdown passes.

“That represents a lot of work in the off-season and just throwing with those guys,” he said. “We play a lot of catch.”

In the second half, Summerfield scored on a Gomulinski run and the touchdown proved to be the difference.

“Summerfield deserves all the credit,” Whiteford coach Todd Thieken said. “Dylan and those guys came ready to play. They played great.”

“You can’t have 100 yards of penalties and three turnovers and beat a bad team, and Summerfield is a good team,” Thieken said.

The Bobcats had the ball back inside the final three minutes, but two incompletions ended any chance they had at mounting a game-winning drive.

Summerfield and Whiteford have met 69 times and have had a great rivalry for years, but this year’s game is the last one scheduled between the two schools as the Tri-County Conference is expected to end 11-player football in the conference after this season.

Dafoe, who finished with four catches for 109 yards, said beating the Bobcats on their home field to end the rivalry was like a dream come true.

“It’s great,” he said. “It’s a dream come true for us – way to end the rivalry and giving them the L. Couldn’t be better.”

Brek Ruddy led Whiteford with 91 yards rushing while Trenton Eitnietar added 71. Tre Eitnietar completed one of his nine passes for 49 yards.

Shevy Alexander led the Bobcat defense with nine tackles and two sacks.

GAME SUMMARY

SUMMERFIELD 7 7 6 0 - 20
WHITEFORD 0 14 0 0 - 14

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

S – Eli VanHuysen 27 pass from Trace Secor (Hayden Cribbs kick)

Second Quarter

W – Trenton Eitnietar 14 run (Mason DeBarr pass from Tre Eitnietar)

W – Tre Eitnietar 1 run (run failed)

S – Tyler Dafoe 14 pass from Secor (Cribbs kick)

Third Quarter

S – Mitchell Gomulinski 23 run (kick blocked)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Summerfield:

Mitchell Gomulinski 21-101, Eli VanHuysen 1-0, Hayden Noland 1-(minus)-4. Totals 23-97. Whiteford: Brek Ruddy 15-91, Trenton Eitnietar 11-71, Drew Ruddy 8-30, Tre Eitnietar 8-20, Shevy Alexander 2-8. Totals 44-220.

PASSING – Summerfield: Trace Secor

10-21-0 161 yards. Whiteford: Tre Eitnietar 1-9-1 49 yards.

RECEIVING – Summerfield: Tyler

Dafoe 4-109, Brendan Myshock 2-8, Hayden Noland 3-17, Eli VanHuysen 1-27. Whiteford: Caden Stewart 1-49.

WEEK 6



WHITEFORD 65, ERIE MASON 8



SCORE BY QUARTERS

ERIE MASON	0	0	0	8	=	8
WHITEFORD	51	0	15	0	=	65

Record-Setting First Quarter

By DOUG DONNELLY

OTTAWA LAKE – Whiteford set a Tri-County Conference and school record with 51 points in the first quarter and beat Erie Mason 65-8 Friday in their final TCC football game.

The Bobcats snapped a two-game losing skid by piling up 347 yards of total offense and scoring on a fumble recovery and punt return.

“We needed that one,” Bobcat coach Todd Thieken said. “We spent a lot of time in the last week working on play calling and pointing things out to the kids. We felt like we were having one breakdown on every play. We spent a lot of time on that this week in practice.”

Trenton Eitnietar scored three touchdowns, including a 30-yard reception from cousin, Tre Eitnietar, to open the scoring. The Bobcats scored again when Caden Stewart pounced on an Eagle fumble in the end zone for a 16-0 lead.

Brek Ruddy, who converted two-point conversions on the first two Whiteford touchdowns, scored a touchdown of his own to make it 24-0.

After Trenton Eitnietar scored on back-to-back offensive series, Drew Ruddy returned an Eagle punt 68 yards for a touchdown, then Shevy Alexander closed the first quarter with a 1-yard touchdown run of his own.

The 51 points in the opening quarter was the most for the Bobcats ever, topping the 44-point first quarter against

Stryker in 2018. A super running clock began to start the second quarter.

Andy Trejo scored two second half touchdowns for the Bobcats, who improved to 3-2.

Drew Ruddy had two interceptions to lead the Bobcat defense. Brek Ruddy’s 105 yards rushing led the offense.

“We had a plan coming in where we wanted to throw the ball a little more,” Thieken said. “As the game played out, however, we were satisfied with running the ball. The kids did everything we needed to do.”

Thieken said the Bobcats were able to keep their focus all game long.

“I told the kids that I didn’t care what the final score was, I just wanted to be able to watch film and make sure we were in the right spots and doing the right things.”

The Bobcats will spend the final three weeks of the regular season on the road. Both of the next two weeks the Bobcats face teams that are ranked in the top 10 in Division 8.

“Every week is like a playoff game for us now,” Thieken said. “That is the way we have to approach it.”

Whiteford and Summerfield are tied atop the TCC in the win column with one win each. Erie Mason travels to Summerfield next week. A Mason win would mean a three-way tie for the TCC championship. A Bulldog win means Summerfield wins the league outright.

GAME SUMMARY

ERIE MASON 0 0 0 8 - 8
WHITEFORD 51 0 14 - 51

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

W – Trenton Eitnietar 30 pass from Tre Eitnietar (Brek Ruddy run)
W – Caden Stewart recovered fumble in end zone (Brek Ruddy run)
W – Brek Ruddy 21 run (Trenton Eitnietar run)
W – Trenton Eitnietar 3 run
W – Trenton Eitnietar 13 run
W – Drew Ruddy 68 punt return (Shevy Alexander run)
W – Shevy Alexander 1 run (Tre Eitnietar kick)

Third Quarter

W – Andy Trejo 29 run (Tre Eitnietar kick)
W – Andy Trejo 8 run (Tre Eitnietar kick)

Fourth Quarter

M – Phoenix Stefko 47 pass from Bowie Jacobs (Logan Goodin pass from Jacobs)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Erie Mason: Logan Goodin 14-21, Bowie Jacobs 1-0, Landen Nastale 1-(minus)-1, Phoenix Stefko 1-(minus)-2, Leroy Cuykendall 1-(minus)-4. Totals 18-14. Whiteford: Brek Ruddy 8-105, Trenton Eitnietar 5-56, Andy Trejo 3-47, Charlie Bieber 3-28, Shevy Alexander 2-23, Brody Hillard 2-21, Austin Bauman 3-15, Drew Ruddy 1-12, Gavin Meinert 2-6, Elijah Vance 1-2, Brady Podgorski 1-2. Totals 31-317.

PASSING – Erie Mason: Bowie Jacobs 7-14-1 147 yards, Logan Goodin 0-2-1 – yards. Whiteford: Tre Eitnietar 1-3-0 30 yards.

RECEIVING – Erie Mason: Phoenix Stefko 3-79, Logan Goodin 3-63, Leroy Cuykendall 1-4. Whiteford: Trenton Eitnietar 1-30.

WEEK 7



EVEREST COLLEGIATE 24, WHITEFORD 12

SCORE BY QUARTERS

WHITEFORD	0	6	0	6	=	12
EVEREST COLLEGIATE	7	10	0	7	=	24

Unbeaten Mountaineers top WHS

By DOUG DONNELLY

CLARKSTON – Clarkston Everest Collegiate showed Whiteford why they are ranked among the top teams in Division 8 Friday as they handed the Bobcats a 24-12 loss.

“Everest was everything as advertised,” Whiteford coach Todd Thieken said. “They are ranked No. 1 in the state for a reason. We just gave up a few big plays in crucial situations and that really hurt our chances.”

The Bobcats had two interceptions and lost a fumble.

Mason DeBarr caught touchdown passes from Tre Eitniet and Drew Ruddy but three turnovers doomed the Bobcats against the undefeated Mountaineers.

Injuries also took their toll on Whiteford.

“We had a lot of adversity,” Thieken said. “I think at one point before the third quarter was over, we had seven starting positions on the sidelines.”

Everest got on the board first with a

6-yard touchdown run. DeBarr caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from Eitniet to pull Whiteford within 7-6, but the Mountaineers closed the first half with a 46-yard touchdown pass and 41-yard field goal.

Ruddy’s touchdown pass to DeBarr covered 74 yards in the fourth quarter, pulling Whiteford within 17-12.

The Mountaineers bounced back quickly with a big pass completion and scored on a 38-yard run by quarterback Oliver Nieman to put the game out of reach.

Eitniet left the game with an ankle injury just before halftime. He threw for 37 yards before departing. Ruddy had 107 yards passing and led the Bobcats with 81 yards rushing.

“His play in the second half gave us a chance to win,” Thieken said.

Despite falling to 3-4 on the season the Bobcats are still very much in the thick of the Division 7 playoff race.

Whiteford is on the road this week at undefeated White Pigeon.

GAME SUMMARY

WHITEFORD 0 6 0 6 – 12
EVEREST COLLEGIATE 7 10 0 7 – 24

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

EC – James Nedwick 6 run (James Schmitt kick)

Second Quarter

W – Mason DeBarr 9 pass from Tre Eitniet (conversion failed)

EC – Zachary Felix 46 pass from Oliver Nieman (Schmitt kick)

EC – Schmitt 41 field goal

Fourth Quarter

W – DeBarr 74 pass from Drew Ruddy (conversion failed)

EC – Nieman 38 run (Schmitt kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Whiteford: Drew Ruddy 13-81, Shevy Alexander 9-32, Brek Ruddy 13-26, Trenton Eitniet 2-2, Tre Eitniet 1-2, Andy Trejo 1-0. Totals 39-143. Everest Collegiate: James Nedwick 18-75, Oliver Nieman 9-64, Kevin Cronin 1-34, Zachary Felix 1-2. Totals 29-175.

PASSING – Whiteford: Drew Ruddy 7-12-1 107 yards, Tre Eitniet 3-5-1 37 yards. Everest: Oliver Nieman 9-14-0 186 yards.

RECEIVING – Whiteford: DeBarr 6-117, Trenton Eitniet 3-20, Brek Ruddy 1-7. Everest: Zachary Felix 5-110, Wyatt Phyle 1-38, Cameron Tong 2-28, Isaac Cross 1-10.

WEEK 8



WHITEFORD 30, WHITE PIGEON 16

SCORE BY QUARTERS

WHITEFORD	6	12	6	6	=	30
WHITE PIGEON	8	0	8	0	=	16

QB Ruddy Leads Bobcats to Win

By **DOUG DONNELLY**

WHITE PIGEON – Drew Ruddy has been Whiteford’s back-up quarterback for so long he can barely remember when he first got that role.

“I’ve been okay with it since I’ve played at other positions,” the Bobcat junior said. “I’ve just always been the backup.”

Friday night, Ruddy got his chance to shine as he was inserted into the starting lineup at quarterback and led the Bobcats to a 30-16 win over No. 7 ranked and previously unbeaten White Pigeon. It’s one of the few times in Whiteford history the Bobcats went on the road to knock off a top 10 ranked team on their field.

“Drew played lights out,” Whiteford coach Todd Thieken said. “He completed six passes and ran the ball four times. Looking back, all 10 of those plays were crucial plays in the game. He was outstanding.”

Ruddy, making his first start at QB at any level, completed six of eight passes for 43 yards, including a 13-yard touchdown pass to Mason DeBarr. He rushed for one touchdown and 21 yards on his four carries.

After the game, Ruddy said his teammates believed in him.

“I got reps all week,” he said. “We kind of knew Tre (Eitnietar) would be out getting his ankle healed for next week. I was confident. My teammates did a great job around me.”

White Pigeon scored on its first possession, but the Bobcats settled in, made a few adjustments, took the lead before halftime and never trailed again.

“Once we got that stop on defense, we took the ball and scored,” Thieken said. “That gave our kids some excitement. They turned it on after that.”

Andy Trejo scored on a 14-yard run to pull the Bobcats within 8-6. Ruddy scored early in the second quarter and then threw the touchdown pass to DeBarr for a 18-8 halftime lead.

Whiteford scored first in the third quarter on another Trejo touchdown run to go up 24-8 but the Chiefs put together a scoring drive of their own to pull within 24-16.

The Bobcats put the game away with a 3-yard touchdown run by Trenton Eitnietar in the fourth quarter.

White Pigeon came into the game having given up just 41 points all season.

“Our offense played with some confidence,” Thieken said. “All year we’ve talked about in each game there was been three or four plays where we watch film and there is one guy who does something that breaks down a play or we have a penalty or turnover. It sounds cliché, but we tried to really to focus on continuing to play at a high level for four quarters. That’s a good football team we played.”

The White Pigeon offense had games of 52, 65, 48, 66 and 40 this season before running into the Bobcat defense.

“Our defensive line really played well,” Thieken said. “I have to give credit to those guys for what they did against a pretty good offensive line.”

Trenton Eitnietar had 15 tackles and DeBarr 11.

The Bobcats are 4-4 and seem to have solidified a playoff spot heading into Week 9’s road trip to Lucas, Ohio.

“We want to go there and take care of business and gain some momentum going into the playoffs,” Thieken said. “That’s our mindset now. Every game should be like a playoff game.”

GAME SUMMARY

WHITEFORD 6 12 6 6 – 30
WHITE PIGEON 8 0 8 0 – 16

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

WP – Mekhi Singleton 8 run (Jordan Pisco run)

W – Andy Trejo 14 run (conversion failed)

Second Quarter

W – Drew Ruddy 1 run (conversion failed)

W – Mason DeBarr 13 pass from Drew Ruddy (conversion failed)

Third Quarter

W – Trejo 19 run (conversion failed)

WP – Maddix Janscz 5 run (Pisco pass from Josh Davidson)

Fourth Quarter

W – Trenton Eitnietar 3 run (conversion failed)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Whiteford: Brek Ruddy 21-117, Trenton Eitnietar 13-92, Andy Trejo 10-77, Drew Ruddy 4-21. Totals 51-316. White Pigeon: Taylor Stewart 20-108, Jordan Pisco 3-48, Mekhi Singleton 7-46, Maddix Janscz 2-7, Josh Davidson 3-(minus)-26. Totals 36-186.

PASSING – Whiteford: Drew Ruddy 6-8-0 43 yards. White Pigeon: 1-7-0 7 yards.

RECEIVING – Whiteford: Trenton Eitnietar 1-14, Mason DeBarr 1-13, Andy Trejo 2-7, Caden Stewart 1-6, Brek Ruddy 1-3. White Pigeon: 1-7.

WEEK 9

WHITEFORD 22, LUCAS 6



SCORE BY QUARTERS

WHITEFORD	0	6	16	0	=	22
LUCAS	0	0	0	6	=	6

Bobcats Claim Win No. 5

By DOUG DONNELLY

Whiteford coach Todd Thieken had a pretty good idea his Bobcats were going to get into the playoffs win or lose Friday night, but he wasn't about to let his players hear him say that.

"I kind of knew we would get in, based on how the points looked, but that's not how we wanted to get in," Thieken said. "We wanted to win and assure ourselves of that spot."

The Bobcats took care of business on the field, beating Lucas, Ohio, 22-6, to clinch a spot in the Division 7 playoffs and be assured that the Bobcats would not finish below .500.

"That was important, for tradition and the program," Thieken said. "The kids have gone through a lot this season. They have persevered. They have played well and a really tough schedule, had to go on the road for all of these long bus trips. They've done a nice job. Getting back to playoffs is a big deal."

Whiteford took the lead on Lucas (5-5) in the second quarter on a Trenton Eitnietar 28-yard touch-down run and never trailed in the game. The Bobcat defense didn't allow the Cubs a first down in the second or third quarters as the offense took control of the game.

"We controlled the clock and really moved the ball pretty well," Thieken said. "That's what we wanted to do going into the game. Ben (Avis), Tommy (Eitnietar) and T.J. (Thieken) made some great adjustments at halftime and our offense played pretty well."

Tre Eitnietar returned to the starting lineup and threw for 90 yards and ran for a touchdown. Drew Ruddy took some snaps at quarterback and rushed for 19 yards, including a touchdown.

"Tre played well, and Drew came in to

give the defense a different look," Thieken said.

Trenton Eitnietar had his biggest rushing game of the season with 136 yards. Brek Ruddy continued his fine season with 101 yards on 16 carries. Mason DeBarr caught three passes for 48 yards as he continues to improve as a receiver.

Lucas scored its only touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

Andy Trejo had 11 tackles on defense for the Bobcats.

GAME SUMMARY

WHITEFORD 0 6 16 0 – 22
LUCAS 0 0 0 6 – 6

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

W – Trenton Eitnietar 28 run (conversion failed)

Third Quarter

W – Tre Eitnietar 1 run (Trenton Eitnietar run)

W – Drew Ruddy 7 run (Trenton Eitnietar run)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Whiteford: Trenton

Eitnietar 22-136, Brek Ruddy 16-101, Drew Ruddy 6-19, Shevy Alexander 3-6, Tre Eitnietar 5-5, Andy Trejo 1-2. Totals 53-269.

Lucas: Dan Hockensmith 8-82, Brady Guegold 9-25, Tim Daley 7-11, Anthony Fanello 2-6, Bobby Grover 2-1. Totals 27-125.

PASSING – Whiteford: Tre Eitnietar

5-13-1 90 yards. Lucas: Bobby Grover 1-3-0 1 yard.

RECEIVING – Whiteford: Mason

DeBarr 3-48, Caden Stewart 1-23, Trenton Eitnietar 1-19. Lucas: Tim Daley 1-1.