







It has always been one foot in front of the other our whole lives. As we get older we try and move those feet faster and faster to get from one place to the next. Whether it is in the woods with dirt, grass, and trees all around him or on the hot black track this person has been determined to be the fastest runner not only in the school, but in the state of Texas. Training and eating correctly are all part of the daily process that it takes to be the fastest runner around, but that's no problem for *Chance Stephenson('16)*.

Chance has been running his whole life. It did not start to become competitive though till seventh grade but when it did he never looked back. Coming into his senior year Chance had never won a gold medal in any of his races. Then the summer before his senior year it all changed. Chance stuck to a rigorous offseason schedule to prepare his body for his last year of running. Chance went from never medaling to now owning records in both the 400 m and the 200 m races. "Cross country and track for me are two totally different competitions for me. I loved track because I started to win a lot and the track meets brought a whole different competitive level that I enjoyed. I started to like cross country less and less as my body became more adapted to running the track distances, but it was still nice to be around the cross country team my senior year." Stephenson said.

While Chance running at the state track meet is one of the highlights of the sports this year. The girls' soccer team advanced to the Bi-District playoffs where they fell short to Sulphur Springs. Another sport that advanced to the playoffs was the softball team. They faced off against Mount Pleasant in the Bi-District championship who put an end to the ladies season. The volleyball team also advanced to the Bi-District round of playoffs where they squared off against a very stout Longview team. Longview was too much for the Ladycats, but the memories and experiences made the year worth it. "Before every home game we would always go eat at someone's house. I will never forget the girls on this team as they made my senior year the best one." Senior Beth Hood said. Also, the Girls' golf team was able to clinch a district championship while the boy's team sent *Alex Mouroe('16)* to regionals. Finally, the boys basketball team was able to beat Texas High in the Bi-District championship game to advance to area where they faced off against a strong Lancaster team that ended their season.

The Boy's baseball team is currently in the fourth round and still going strong. They entered the playoffs as the fourth seed, and in the first round stunned a very solid Texas High. Then in the second round they were able to defeat Ennis in two games to move on to the third round where they faced off against district foe Corsicana. The wildcats were able to beat Corsicana in a one game showdown in Corsicana to propel them to the fourth round where they will play Wylie.

While some sports at the school experienced success, other teams used this year as one to build on for next year. The football team was strong in their non-district games, but struggled throughout district. Expect them to make a strong showing next season. The girls basketball team was up and down all year, but with a group of underclassmen who had their first full season of varsity this year they will be a force to reckon with next year. Also, the boys soccer team was composed of mostly underclassmen, they missed the playoffs by just a couple of games.

All in all, sports at WHS are still top notch in the state. The school's ability to produce great athletes in their sport and in the classroom is second to none. All hail to Whitehouse High School.

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