

## **Traughber Junior High School Sports News**

### **Boys Soccer:**

The Traughber boys' soccer team improved to 5-2 on the season Monday, 9/28 with a close win over Sandwich. Traughber dominated the first half and most of the second half outshooting Sandwich 24-7. Erick Larios had 2 goals and Andrew Vogler and Dan Fernandez both had one a piece. Victor Contreras has an assist on 3 of the 4 goals scored and Zach Marx had one. But, at the end of regulation it was tied 4-4 and we went into penalty kicks. Traughber made all of their shots and Sandwich missed two out of four giving Traughber the win.

On Tuesday, 9/29 the soccer team had a chance to get some revenge on the Thompson Tigers. The last time these two teams met the Tigers destroyed the Panthers 6-1 and left the Panthers running scared with their tails between their legs. The game started off the same with Thompson going up early 1-0 when the Traughber defense failed to clear the ball and Thompson capitalized with an easy strike that sailed over Eric Salinas's head. However, Victor Contreras scored the equalizer later in the half tying the game 1-1. Thompson dominated the first half out shooting Traughber 9-3, with 2 shots bouncing off the goal post. Eric Salinas did all that he could in goal but Thompson managed to get another one in right before the half making it 2-1, tigers. The second half was dominated by Traughber. Dan Fernandez made the score 2-2 on a nice right footed shot from eighteen and it seemed like Traughber was finally going to beat Thompson. Traughber was threatening the whole half but just couldn't put in the go ahead goal. Then, with about five minutes left in the game Thompson took advantage of a Traughber miscue and scored on a breakaway. That would be all Thompson would need but they added an insurance goal about a minute later to make the score 4-2.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball:**

On Monday, September 28th the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Panthers volleyball team traveled to Sandwich to take on the Braves. In the first match the Panthers beat the Braves in two games, winning 25-6 and 25-21. Payton Poulter led the team with serves, serving 15 points in a row! Kirsty Tracy and Nina Valitis controlled the net, and were able to put down some good spikes. In the second match the Panthers went into 3 games winning the first 25-18, losing the second 21-25, and pulling through with a win in the third 15-12. Lana Archibald led the team with serves, while Madison Hranka played well at the net.

On Tuesday, 9/29 the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Panther's volleyball team traveled to Thompson to take on the challenging Tigers. The Panthers came out flat in the first match falling to the Tigers 17-25. In the second match it was the Panthers turn to dominate winning 25-16 and taking the Tigers into a third match with confidence and determination. The Panthers won the third 25-16. The team played well together and came out with a victory. Kirsty Tracy led the team with her powerful kills, while Emma Pasteris and Nicole Charielle led the team serves. In the second game the Panthers were determined for another win; however fell just short of the Tigers in two matches 17-25 and a nail biting 24-26. Loren

Liskunas led the team with her serves while Megan Skibinski was quick on her feet to send the ball back to the Tigers.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball:**

Over the weekend of 9/25 and 9/26 the girls played in a two day tournament at Jewel Middle School. On Friday night they played against Jewel Middle School and 15-25 in both games. Even though we lost the game, the girls did an excellent job of encouraging one another, and communicating throughout the match. The girls played again Saturday morning against Jefferson. The girls played a close match with Jefferson, and unfortunately lost the match. They lost the first game 26-28, and won the second game 25-10. In the third game the girls lost 7-15, which lost us the match.

On Tuesday, 9/29 the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Panthers volleyball team challenged the Thompson Tigers. In the first match the girls came out strong with a lot of energy and determination to win. The first game of the match was close, but unfortunately the Lady Panthers were not able to take the win. We lost the first game 19-25, and in the second game 9-25.

Emily Prystash led our team with her consistent serves throughout the match. Kelsey Nelson and Sarah Frantik had some amazing blocks and hits, while Kelly Hugunin had some great digs and passes. In second match the girl's game out strong and confident. We won the first game 25-12, and the second game 25-14 to win the match. Alex Geltz led our team with her strong unstoppable serves. Amanda Hendricks had amazing kills and hits, while Jess Vosecek controlled the net. The girls were able to take this match due to their positive energy on the court, and their teammates encouragement and support.