

Traughber Junior High School Sports News

Boys Soccer:

The Traughber Panther soccer team played Bednarcik in the first round of Prairie Conference Soccer Cup on Tuesday, 10/13. Despite the cold weather Traughber was able to keep their focus and dominate the entire game. Traughber scored eight goals on fifteen shots, and limited Bednarcik to one goal on six shots. Traughbers goals were scored by Brendon Mittman, Victor Contreras, Danny Bliss (assisted by Eric Larios), Zach Marx (assisted by Andrew Juan Serziega), Eric Larios (assisted by Rodolfo Moreno), Allen Grandinatti, and Rodolfo Moreno (assisted by Victor Contreras twice) scored two. Traughber played an all around great game. On defense Cory Ziller, Guill Acosta, Derrick O'Conner, and Eddie Sandavol did a nice job preventing the Bednarcik attack.

The Traughber Boy's Soccer team had to win or go home on Wednesday, 10/14 and they had to get past their toughest rival to do it, the dreaded Thompson Tigers. Thompson, like always, started the scoring early when Traughber failed to clear the ball and gave the Tigers an easy goal five minutes into the game. Traughber would have several scoring opportunities in the first half but couldn't connect. The score at the end of the first half was 1-0 Thompson. Then, just like the first half, Thompson scored early making it 2-0. Traughber didn't quit and scored on a penalty kick minutes later making the score 2-1. Traughber came extremely close minutes later to tying the game when Victor Contreras beat his man, dribbled down the left side of the field, and made a perfect cross to a sprinting Rodolfo Moreno, who headed it just past the right goal post. That would be our last chance to get back into the game because Thompson scored again when the ball took a bad bounce past our sweeper and went right to a Thompson attacker who of course drilled it right into the side of the net. Traughber would end up losing 5-1, ending their season. Traughber had an overall record of 7-5 on the year.

7th Grade Girls Volleyball:

On Saturday, October 10th the 7th grade Lady Panthers Volleyball team traveled to Bednarcik to finish their undefeated season at the conference tournament. In the first game the Panthers took on the Yorkville Foxes and won in two matches; winning 25-19 in both matches. This victory sent the Panthers into the championship tournament to face their rival competitors the Thompson Tigers. The Panthers were pumped to play and come out on top. In both matches the rally was back and forth with the Tigers ahead by 3 and then the Panthers would take over. Emma Pasteris led the team with her powerful and consistent serves while Kirsty Tracy and Payton Poulter dominated their hits at the net. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to win the first; the Panthers fell to the Tigers in a nail biting match 24-26. Going into the second game the Panthers were determined to win and take the Tigers into 3. With great rallies, consistent serves by Kelly Kennedy and Brooke Baumgartner, and great net play by Nina Valaitis the Panthers were playing for a victory, but it just wasn't enough to take the win.

The Panthers fell in another close point by point match 22-25. However, the Panthers came home with a 2nd place Conference tournament to decorate the display cases! Thank you for an unforgettable and energetic season!

8th Grade Girls Volleyball:

On Saturday October 10th the 8th grade girl's volleyball team played in the Prairie Conference tournament at Traughber. The girls challenged the Yorkville Foxes in the first match. The girls came out strong and determined to win, but were unable to take the match. The Panthers took the match to three games, and made a valiant effort throughout the entire match. The girls played smart and consistently throughout the match, and ended up playing one of their best matches this season. The Panthers stayed positive and encouraged each other on and off the court. Jordan McDonough and Emily Prystash led our team with their unstoppable serves, while Kelly Hugunin and Tia Carr had some amazing digs and passes. Kelsey Nelson and Sarah Frantik controlled the net with their solid blocks. Overall, the 8th Grade Team had a great season, and the girls definitely improved as a team throughout this season. Great season 8th grade Lady Panthers!