

Traughber Junior High School Sports News

Boys Soccer:

The Traughber boy's soccer team lost their second game in a row On Monday, 10/5 to the Plank Pirates. The Panthers hung with the Pirates for the majority of the first half despite being outshot 12-2. The lone bright spot was Victor Contreras's goal from 25 yards out that barely sailed past the goalies outstretched arms tying the game 1-1. Towards the end of the half the Pirates scored again making the score 2-1. The second half was more of the same seeing the Pirates score right off the bat making the score 3-1. But, Traughber didn't quit and outplayed the Pirates for the rest of the game. Rodolfo Moreno scored on a nice cross from Victor Contreras making the score 3-2 and it seemed that Traughber was well on their way to tying the game. Then, Traughber had another defensive miscue, allowing not one, but two Plank Pirates players to stand wide open in front of their goal and they would go on to score easily making it 4-2, Pirates. Guill Acosta played great on defense and Christian Felix had a couple of nice headers that just missed the goal. Traughbers overall record is now 5-4.

7th Grade Girls Volleyball:

On Monday, October 5th the 7th grade Lady Panther's volleyball team took on the Plank Pirates at home. The Panthers came out flat to start off the game losing 20-25. However in the second game the team came out to prove their undefeated season winning 25-7 and going into the third game with a victory 25-15. Kirsty Tracy led the team with her serves, serving 16 in a row, while Madison Hranka and Megan Skibinski played well at the net. In the second match the Panthers were determined to win! However the team fell short in the first game losing 13-25. Going into the second game the Panthers stepped it up and won 25-17 with the help of Loren Liskunas's serves. In the third match the Panthers put on their game face and won 15-11 with the help of Keegan Prentice's consistent passes.

On Thursday, 10/8 the 7th grade Lady Panthers took on the Bednarcik Bulldogs going into three games. With a lack of focus in the second game, seldom seen on the volleyball court, the Lady Panthers completed their perfect conference season with a dazzling three game victory over the Bulldogs; winning the first game 25-22, losing the second 20-25, and going into a nail biting third game winning 27-25. Rally after rally had the crowd on their feet, swept up in the wave of emotion traveling through the gymnasium. Payton Poulter, Nina Valatis, and Kelly Kennedy led the team with their dominating serves, while Kirsty Tracy, Brooke Baumgartner, and Emma Pasteris played well at the net. In the second match the Bulldogs did not stand a chance against the Panthers. Traughber won in two games 25-17 and 25-12. Loren Liskunas, Madison Hranka, Nicole Charielle, and Megan Skibinski led the team with their consistent serves while Danielle Snider, Keegan Prentice, and Becky Jaynes played well at the net.

8th Grade Girls Volleyball:

On Monday, 10/5 the 8th grade volleyball team travelled to Plank. Although the A team was subdued, they started strong in the first game. Jordan McDonough served rockets over the net, and the girls were setting up their hitters very well. Kelsey Nelson was awesome at the net, and Brooke Riess had an amazing save. In spite of their efforts, they lost the first game. They went into the second game with new energy. Some of that energy came from new spectators who inspired Stephanie Prentice, and she led the team with incredible serves. Kelly Huginin contributed with fabulous serves as well. There was a picture-perfect bump-set-spike from Brooke Riess, to Stephanie Prentice, to Emily Prystash that brought the crowd to their feet. Kelsey Nelson again made herself known at the end of the game. In spite of tripping over their own feet, Kelsey made the game winning point. Although the girls battled back to win the second game, they lost the third, thereby losing the match.

Unfortunately, things did not go better for the B team. The second match did start out great for the girls, with Amanda Hendricks tipping in the ball for the early lead. Alex Geltz had great plays at the net. But things did not continue to go well for the team with the ball dropping to the floor, untouched, several times. Jess Vosecek, Lauren Larsen, Ashley Butzen, and Tia Carr made a valiant effort, but came up short.

On Thursday, 10/8 the 8th grade Lady Panthers volleyball team challenged the Bednarcik Bulldogs. 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 unable to take the win. We lost the first game 12-25, and the second game 9-25. Jordan McDonough led our team with her consistent serves throughout the match. Kelsey Nelson had some amazing blocks and hits, while Emily Prystash had some great kills on left side. In second match the girl's game out strong and confident. We won the first game 25-17, lost the second game 28-26, and lost the third game 9-15. Even though the Lady Panthers did not win the match, Alex Geltz led our team with her strong unstoppable serves. Amanda Hendricks had amazing and hits, while Jess Vosecek controlled the net. Throughout this match the team displayed positive energy and encouragement on and off the court.