

Traugher Junior High School Sports News

Wrestling:

The Panther's wrestling team lost a hard fought match to Kaneland on Monday, 11/9 by a score of 75-30. Winners by pin were Korey Peterson and Matt Wheaton. Winners by points were Mike Latzke, Jack Pradel, Ben Roza and Charlie Kirkwood.

7th Grade Boys Basketball:

On Monday, 11/9 the Panthers welcomed the Pirates from Plank in a conference matchup. Both teams were off their mark to start the first half and the teams went into halftime tied at 9. The second half was much more offensive based as both teams went back and forth trading buckets throughout the 3rd and 4th quarters. In the end the Pirates were able to sneak away with a victory by the score of 30-26. The Panthers were led by Ben Sullivan who had 9 points, Drew Paisley had 7, and Chris Wootton had 6 points. In the second game the Panthers got their revenge on the Pirates as the Panthers were able to hold on and secure a 23-21 victory. Leading the way for the Panthers was DeAndre Ford with 6 points, Jared Parker chipped in 5 points, while Ryan Keyvan and Chance Dickey added 4 points apiece.

Tuesday 11/10 the 7th grade boy's basketball team welcomed Plano to town for a conference matchup. Once again the Panthers started out slow and found themselves down 9-1 after the first quarter. Things got a little better in the second quarter but they still found themselves trailing at the break. In the second half the Panthers started to come alive but in the end Plano's height advantage played a significant role as the Panthers fell by the score of 31-21. Leading the way for the Panthers was Ben "The Birthday Boy" Sullivan who had 5 points, Ryan Hennessy chipped in 4, while Drew Paisley added 3. In the second game the Panthers jumped aboard the "WOO WOO Train" as he led the Panthers in scoring with 18 points. Fans, spectators, and coaches were amazed at the fact that every shot he took was nothing but net. Jacob Shepherd chipped in 6 points as well to help the Panthers cruise to a 29-23 victory.

8th Grade Boys Basketball:

The 8th grade Panthers traveled to Plank on Monday, 11/9 to take on the Pirates. For game 1 the highlight of the night was the bus ride. The Panthers learned once again that if they don't play their best for the entire game, they will struggle to compete. Bryce Holm led the way with 9 points and did yeoman work on the boards. The Panthers were down 28-19 at halftime and were outscored 21-13 in the second half to fall 49-32. Game 2 started out just as poorly, as the Panthers were outscored 11-0 in the 1st quarter. But then the Panthers started to work the offense, and good things followed. Alex Perello and Tyler Figuero got their shots to fall and scored 15 between them. The Panthers also realized that Tyler Gibson had a 6" advantage in the post and started to work the ball inside. Tyler finished with 11, and the B-team Panthers won 30-20 to go 3-1 on the season.

The Panthers traveled to Plano on Tuesday, 11/10 to take on a team that had beaten Plank by 26. Plank had beaten Traughber by 17. The Panthers played perhaps their best game of the year and pulled off the upset with Sean Graff's 3 pointer at the buzzer. The shot capped off a great effort by the whole team. Sean led the way with 12, but had plenty of help from Kenny Newsome and Bryce Holm with 8 points each. The Panthers finally played a full 24 minutes, and the effort paid off. Game 2 came down to a last second shot also, but history did not repeat itself. The shot was short, and the Panthers paid the price for some late mistakes. Tyler Gibson led the way with 11, but the quality execution of the previous game just wasn't there.

The 8th grade Panthers took part in the Waubensee Tournament on 11/13 and 11/14. They played in 2 games on Friday and 2 on Saturday. The Panthers competed in portions of both games on Friday, but they were unable to keep up the intensity for a full 24 minutes. The result was a 0-2 record going into Saturday's bracket play. Although they did not return to school until 11:00pm on Friday, the Panthers were the 1st game up at 10am on Saturday. Somehow the Panthers overcame their lethargy and held on to defeat Yorkville 35-32. Our reward was a five hour wait to take on Batavia for the Bracket Championship. Somehow the Panthers overcame the delay and held on to beat Batavia 20-18 to win the 1st place bracket trophy. Kenny Newsome and Bryce Holm were selected to the All-Tournament team. Kenny Newsome was selected team MVP for his consistent play throughout the tourney.