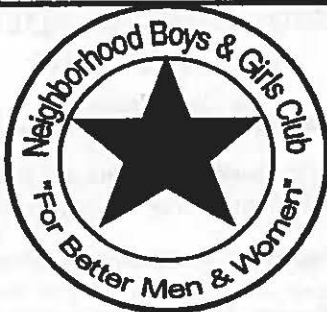


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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The NBGC Staff & Leaders, our Program Committee, Moms' & Dads' Clubs, Alumni and Board of Directors wish our members and families a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**. We would also like to commend the coaches and players for the fine job and hard work they've put out since September. We have seen a lot of exciting football and soccer and appreciate your team spirit, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Thanks to the many parents who've been supportive, lining the fields to cheer for their sons and daughters.

Additional thanks go out to the volunteers who are working to make the day a success, from the 35 alumni officials to the parents and friends who are helping with the refreshments. Thanks to Ken Munc and Little Miss Muffin for donating assorted muffins, cookies and pastries, to Rodger Konow, Dale Grandys and Rob Haber of the Chicago Park District, to The George Howe Family for sponsoring the Turkey Toss prizes to the Alumni Volunteer Officials and to Liz Torres, Danielle Tetrault and the NBGC Cheerleaders. Have a great day!



NBGC CLOSED FRIDAY & SATURDAY



NBGC will be closed for clean up on Fri. Nov. 26th. We will also be closed on Sat. Nov. 27th. We will return at 3:30 p.m. on Monday Nov. 29th with pre-season basketball games.



GET YOUR HOLIDAY HAM FROM THE NBGC MOMS!

Orders Taken Nov. 25th - Dec. 10th



You can make your holiday dinner a success with a specialty ham at a price you can't get elsewhere! For less than you'll pay at those other ham stores, you can dress up your holiday dinner table with a fully cooked, defatted, spiral cut and smoked ham for just \$3.50 per pound. This same ham will cost over \$5.00 per pound elsewhere so you'll save over \$1.50 a pound if you buy from us.

The NBGC Moms' Club is sponsoring the sale to raise funds for the programs. Our hams are 6 - 10 and 13 - 17 pounds. Orders will be taken from Nov. 25th through Dec. 10th. Pick up and payment is Wed. Dec. 15th from 1:00 until 6:30 p.m. Order forms are available at the office. You can also call Mrs. Borgert at (773) 427-8385 to place an order or e-mail NBGC1931@aol.com. Spread the word to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers!



CHRISTMAS TREE SALE DECEMBER 11TH & 12TH



The NBGC Dads' Club will meet again on Wed. Dec. 1st at 7:30 p.m. The dads help out NBGC and the children in many ways ranging from coaching and working the Family Fest to making repairs and raising money. They would like to see you come out to a meeting and see what they're about.

Looking for a fresh, full tree to warm up the home can be a hassle. The NBGC Dads' Club wants to make it easy for you. They will be selling fresh-cut Scotch Pines, Fraser Firs and Douglas Firs - as well as roping and wreaths - in front of the Clubhouse. The sale will take place on Sat. Dec. 11th from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., and on Sun. Dec. 12th from 10:00 a.m. until sold out. The money raised goes right to the boys and girls programs, so you'll be helping your community if you buy a tree from NBGC instead of a streetcorner lot. The Dads' Club will set up for the sale on Sat. Dec. 4th between 8:00 a.m. and noon. They could use some help. Please bring your screw gun!

ALUMNI CHEERLEADERS FUNDRAISER SATURDAY!

The NBGC Alumni Cheerleaders are having a fundraiser on Sat., Nov. 27th. The fun takes place at Windy City Inn, located at Irving Park and Oakley, from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. Adults are invited to enjoy an evening food, beverages, raffles and fun. Admission is \$20.00. Come out and support the Alumni Cheerleaders while having a great time with friends and neighbors.



THANKSGIVING DAY SPONSORED BY BRENDA WEIGELT AND THE DUCKMANNS



NBGC is very thankful for the continued support of Mrs. Brenda Weigelt, who is co-sponsoring the Turkey Bowl Classics in the memory of her late husband and longtime NBGC friend, Johnnie Weigelt. Mr. Weigelt ran one of the largest catering businesses in the area, at Damen & Byron, and helped start the tradition of hot chocolate on Thanksgiving. We thank her for her generous support.

We also thank Wayne and Virginia Duckmann for co-sponsoring the event. Wayne and Virginia coached in the 1990's when their children, Wayne and Christine, were active members. They also own a local silk screening company, Ultimate Sports Apparel, and have been printing NBGC clothing for at least 15 years.



FOOTBALL - SOCCER - CHEER UNIFORM RETURNS ON THANKSGIVING DAY!



We would like to remind our players and parents that the NBGC football equipment, soccer jerseys and cheerleading skirts must be returned after your child's games on Thanksgiving. As outlined in the letter signed by parents at the start of the season, the uniform must be in good condition and on time to qualify for a full refund or donation credit. To save all of us a lot of time the NBGC leaders and Staff will be cleaning the helmets and uniforms but please sew any holes! Thank you for taking care of the uniform. What needs to be returned?

Football: Helmet with chin strap, all pads, all clips and screws intact, (Prep & Tribe), Team Jersey
Soccer: Team Jersey
Cheer: Cheer Skirt, All-Star Uniform, Poms

Damaged equipment or missing parts must be paid for in cash. After Dec. 4th there is a \$5.00 late fine which must be paid in cash. Basketball players must have returned their uniforms before gametime Dec. 4th in order to play that day. In addition we cannot present awards or pictures to anyone who has a uniform out or a fine due.



HOLIDAY CRAFTS, TOYS & SPORTING GOODS



The NBGC Moms Club and Vicki Bauer-Spivey are having an event in conjunction with the dads tree sale. On Sat. Dec. 11th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the gameroom will become Santa's Workshop as local crafters display their holiday best. Interested crafters should call Angie Jensen at (773) 583-6534. We'll also have a selection of toys from our recent Toy Sale.

Our friends from Play It Again Sports will be selling various sporting goods, including roller blades, baseball equipment, figure skates, hockey skates, youth bicycles, basketballs, footballs and soccer balls from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Make NBGC your one stop decorating and shopping spot!



DECEMBER SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT



Get in the spirit of the holidays while helping provide a college scholarship for an NBGC Youth Leader. The American Theater Company and the NBGC Scholarship Committee present a special performance of "It's A Wonderful Life" on Thursday, December 9th. For just \$25.00 per person you can enjoy an evening at a local theater and help someone go to college. There is also an optional dinner/theater package for \$40.00 per person. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. at Laschet's and the performance starts at 8:00 p.m. To make a reservation call Sharon Clement or Jim McNulty at (773) 463-4161.



FLOOR HOCKEY & VOLLEYBALL SIGN UP JANUARY 8TH - 15TH





SENIOR PUMAS vs. ALIENS
FIELD 1 - 8:00 AM
 By Nina Kanoon



The first face-off for the senior girls will be a championship game between the Pumas and the Aliens. This game will be a good game. Both teams have fought hard all season long, and they are more deserving of this game than any other team the league has seen for a while.

The Senior Aliens have come a long way since the beginning of the season. They have showed us what coming out and having fun is really all about. They showed us how a team can really work together with what little time they are given before hand. The Aliens are lead by head coach Paul Valadez, and assistant coached Fiona and Martin Dawson. Leading the Aliens on the field are Jamie Retondo, Ashley Seegert, and Irene Okubo at midfield, Yesenia Valadez and Caitlin Ramirez at defense, Alexandra Mendoza and Ashley Jeracki at forward, and Grace Germias at goalie. Picking up wherever something needs to be fixed is Michelle Arredondo, Citall Arroyo, Ashley Bowe, Daniela Fernandez, Lindsey Galvan, Angelica Marrufo, Polette Medina, Alexandra Ojeda and Jessica Salazar. Setting up forwards on the field has been most successful for them this season. They work out of a power offense. When the coaches were asked what their favorite team memory was they said it was *"winning against the Pumas for the first time in the Mud Bowl."* They expect to win because they are very enthusiastic and they enjoy winning.

The Pumas have been nothing but enthusiastic all season. They have always come out to play with their spirits high and their heads up. They have left the same way that they have come. The Pumas are lead by Coach Tracy Rhodes. Leading them on the field are Silvia Turney, Sabrina Schoites, and Chloe Rhodes as midfield, Denise Hearn and Meaghan Buino at defense, Lja Chan and Severa Ziegler at forward, and Sophia Kanoon at goalie. Helping them out wherever they need it are Cassie Kielnik, Jessica Romero and Elizabeth Pulido at midfield, Erin Scheffler, Sky Cubacub and Sioban Stahl at forward, and Lauren Corso and Karena Anderson-Rodriguez at defense. The plays that have been most successful for the Pumas are the ones that were executed by being a team. When Coach Tracy was asked what her favorite memory of the season was she responded *"When Sophia Kanoon took a dive-unfortunately she got hurt- she still defended the goal. Also during that game Jessica Romero was very funny."* The Pumas are expecting to win because they've worked hard all season and they know they can do it.



TRIBE PIRATES vs. EAGLES
FIELD 2 - 8:00 AM
 By Dan Ward



On Thanksgiving Day the Tribe League will play host to three great football matchups. All the players have worked really hard to get to the pinnacle of the season. With all their hard work they are sure to put on a great show for all the fans to see. At 8:00 we will see the Eagles take on the Pirates. Both teams have very explosive offenses and they always end up making the big play on defense. They like to get the lead early and keep pouring it on. This game will definitely light up the scoreboard.

Gipp White, coach of the Eagles, stated, *"We are going to win because of our team's one-game-at-a-time attitude. We never take any team for granted, and we are just plain tough."* The Eagles are expecting a victory, and they have the fire power to prove it. They usually work out of the I formation or split backs. Quarterback Josh Rodriguez has the luxury of handing the ball off to tailback Carlos Paiz, or dropping back and firing a deep pass to tight end Jonathan Patino. Whichever option they decide, they know they can score with it. Carlos' good speed and slashing style help him pick up positive yards everytime he touches the ball. For being an undersized quarterback, Josh Rodriguez has one of the best passing arms in the league. He knows both Marty Haderlein and Jonathan Patino have the height advantage and great hands to allow him to just put the ball in the air. A lot is made of the Eagles offense, but their defense should not be ignored. Outside linebacker Andres Jacome is one of the surest tacklers on the team, and strong side linebacker Marty Haderlein looks like Brian Urlacher on the field. He covers so much ground and he really dishes out the punishment. Their defensive front five of Elton Togba, Leon Jasso, Alex Lezama, Ismael Rodriguez, and Jonathan Ramos do a great job of clogging up the run. The Eagles have a sound team that is ready for the big day. Going into the game Marty Haderlein is going to play right tight end and middle linebacker, Alex Lezama is the left tackle and defensive guard, Elton Togba is the left guard and d-guard, Ismael Rodriguez will be at center and defensive end, Jonathan Ramos will be at right guard and defensive tackle, Jonathan Patino is going to play the left tight end and strong side linebacker, Andres Jacome will be at flanker and outside linebacker, Josh Rodriguez is going to play quarterback and corner back, Carlos Paiz will be at halfback and safety, Michael Contreras will play fullback and corner back, Freddy Jacome will be the flanker and corner back, Alfonso Navarro will play tight end and defensive tackle, Alex Figuredo will play offensive tackle and defensive guard, and Ismael Orta will be at offensive and defensive guard.

The Eagles have a good team, but the Pirates feel confident with the guys they have that they can beat them. The Pirates are a hard-edged team that is focused on the run. Their strengths are their good blocking and good break-away speed. Quarterback Michael Gonzalez is like a Michael Vick. He loves to run the ball and he has the skills and power to get away from the defense. The Pirates usually run out of the Trips formation or a single back set. Michael, Brian Bahena, and Reggie Henderson take care of most of the running duties while Tim Shaw comes up for the passing plays. The Pirates have one of the biggest and baddest lines in the entire league. They are dominant on both offense and defense. Matt Metry and Ben Gonzalez are constantly busting up lines and putting other players on their backs. Julian Rodriguez fires out of the defensive end position to put a hurting on the opposing quarterback. Their biggest threat on defense is Tim Shaw. He covers a lot of ground and always makes the big hit. The offense usually tries to steer clear of Tim. Besides having great depth, the Pirates are confident they are going to win on Thanksgiving because they play hard and they never quit. Coaches Phil Jensen, Paul Jensen, and Freddy Rodriguez have worked the boys hard and prepared them for the big game. They do not plan to go home with a loss. Lining up for the Pirates on Thanksgiving are Sam Williams at left wide receiver and safety, Derek Hearn at left tackle and corner back, Matt Metry at left guard and defensive tackle, Alex Barrera at center and defensive tackle, Ben Gonzalez at right guard and defensive tackle, Julian Rodriguez at right tackle and defensive end, Tim Shaw at tight end and middle linebacker, Timmy Jensen at right wide receiver and safety, Michael Gonzalez at quarterback and left linebacker, Brian Bahena at running back and linebacker, Reggie Henderson at tailback and corner back, Aaron Medina at wide receiver and safety, Andrew Medina at wide receiver and safety, Patrick Smith at offensive and defensive tackle, Wilfredo Castaneda at tackle and defensive end, and Manny Rodriguez at receiver and safety.

This game looks to be high scoring with a lot of excitement. Both teams have been coached well throughout the entire season and they hope to show their skills on the field. The location is set and everyone will be ready. At 8:00 on Thursday morning we will see who comes out the victor.



UPCOMING NBGC EVENTS



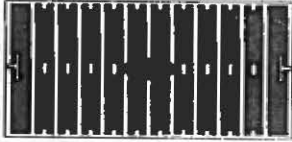
**GRIZZLY'S LODGE CERTIFICATES.
 THE PERFECT GIFT!**



- Dec. 1st Dads' Club Meeting at 7:30 PM
- Dec. 4th Tree Sale set up starting at 8:00 AM -Help needed!
- Dec. until 10th Holiday Ham Sale orders
- Dec. 11-12 Christmas Tree Sale
- Dec. 11th Craft, Toy and Sporting Goods Sale
- Dec. 14th Moms' Club Christmas Party at 7:30 PM
- Dec. 15th Holiday Ham Pick Up/Payment
- Dec. 15th Board of Directors Meeting
- Dec. 24-27 NBGC Closed for the Holidays
- Dec. 31, Jan. 1 NBGC Closed for the Holidays
- Jan. 5th Dads' Club Meeting at 7:30 PM
- Jan. 8th Start of Floor Hockey and Senior Volleyball Sign Up
- Jan. 11th Moms' Club Meeting at 7:30 PM

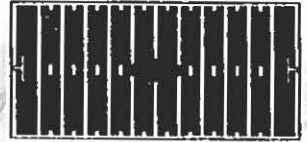
Are you looking for stocking stuffers for the holidays? Have you been meaning to take a friend out for lunch or dinner? Here is a great way to cross something off your list while helping the Club and kids! We have gift certificates to Grizzly's Lodge, 3832 N. Lincoln Ave., available at a discounted price! You'll pay just \$7.50 for a \$10.00 certificate, \$20.00 for a \$25.00 certificate and \$40.00 for a \$50.00 certificate.

The certificates are available at the NBGC Office. What a great gift, lunch or dinner at one of Northcenter's great spots! Enjoy ribs, burgers, chicken, ostrich, alligator and much more! Grizzly's Lodge is owned and operated by NBGC alumnus Dan Prinn (Hornets, 1970's).



PREP BEES vs. LOCUSTS
FIELD 3 - 8:00 AM
 By Kevin Ward & Jamie Tipton

Nov. 25, 2004



The first game of the day, bright and early at 8:00, is a neighborhood battle between the Locusts and the Bees. These two teams have played each other tough this entire season, and nothing would be more enjoyable than a victory on Thanksgiving morning. Both teams gained confidence in themselves game after game, and are eager to prove what they are made of in the annual Turkey Bowl.

The Locusts had an excellent season, and are a solid team from top to bottom. Led by the ever present coaches Ron Prokaski, Gregg Friedman, and Dennis Sheehan, these men set the tempo for a Locusts team that has proved themselves as fierce competitors. The usual starting line-up consists of Alan Gunderson at quarterback and cornerback, Alan Osinski at running back and line backer, Connor Prokaski at running back and free safety, Daniel Friedman at right wide receiver and strong safety, Pat Howe at tight end and defensive end, Brian Howe at right tackle on both sides of the ball, Peter Paterno at right guard on both sides of the ball, Tommy Lauletta at center and defensive end, Anthony Wojdyla at left guard on both sides of the ball, Mike Scott at left tackle and linebacker, and Justin Montalvo at left wide receiver and cornerback. Luke Helliker a defensive lineman specialist, Alex Gabbard Sheehan an excellent quarterback with a cannon of an arm, and Jack Dolan a versatile runner and defensive back, round out a stellar cast of talented players. The Locusts like to be unpredictable, mixing in shotgun formations with sweeps and reverses to keep defenses on their toes. Their dynamic running game of Alan Osinski, known for his open field runs, and Connor Prokaski, whose ability to break tackles and punish defenses, his highly respected among the league. When they get behind the bodies of Peter Paterno, Pat and Brian Howe, Anthony Wojdyla and Tommy Lauletta, there is no telling when they'll stop running. Although the Locusts enjoy the offensive side of the ball, they really take pride in their defense. Mike Scott, Alex Gabbard Sheehan, and Luke Helliker make their presence felt with hard hits, while the speed of Daniel Friedman, Justin Montalvo, Jack Dolan and Alan Gunderson at defensive backs stifle opposing offenses passing games. The power on both sides of the ball make the Locusts a confident team as well as fierce competitors. When asked why they think they will win on Thanksgiving Day, the Locusts coaches stated that their team has really started to gel and are taking pride in playing tough defense.

"Who we Bee?" - "Da Bees", "Who we Bee?" - "Da Bees", "Who we Bee?" - "Da Bees", "Alright then!". On Thanksgiving Day morning the Bee's enthusiastic cheer, that has left younger Cadet players watching in admiration and parents scrambling for their cameras, will be heard for the last time this season. Led by an energetic and competitive Jaime Tipton, along with the supporting cast of Daniel Melendez Sr. and Victor Echeverri, these men turned an average team of different players into something much more close-knit. They instilled sportsmanship and pride into a team with a lot of bright assets. Much like our beloved Bears, the offense was slow to develop, whereas, the defense was a force to be reckoned with. Eddie Simmons and Charlie Wright led a blitzkrieg style defense, leaving many would-be rushers stopped for a loss. Daniel Melendez, DeAnthony Kirkland, and Kaleb Hammersley controlled the middle and were rarely fooled by fakes. The relentless pass rush from Mike Echeverri and Antoine Williams rounded out a front line that had consistently stopped the run. Richard Tipton rose to the challenge of quarterback and proved his versatility by running a developing offense. Several formation changes and a lot of bootlegs later, a determined and solid front line awoke. Corey Pina, Andrew Montanez, Cyrus Vallejo, and Bass Harney dug in and gave much needed protection. Trey Pruenete's skills as a running back improved and sparkled with every carry. His unique running style and Jack Benson's excellent blocking proved that they only needed a second to do damage. John Anthony Dickerson and Tyson Harvey made their presence felt at numerous positions, both running and catching the ball. When asked why the Bees think they will win on Thanksgiving Day, coach Jaime Tipton stated that the Bees heart and determination coupled with a newfound sense of teamwork have already made them winners on Turkey Day.

The positive attitudes and confident swaggers of these teams make this an exciting matchup. Both teams believe in themselves, making this a neighborhood match-up that will surely be talked about days after it is all said and done.



SENIOR ANGELS vs. TWISTERS
FIELD 1 - 9:00 AM
 By Nina Kanoon



Our second game of the day, at 9:00 will be a face-off between the Angles and the Twisters. This game will be quite an intense game, but remember that you guys are all here to have fun and play a good game. With both teams coming out wanting to win, this will be a game that everyone will want to stay around for and watch.

The Senior Twisters have shown a lot of team work and cooperation with each other this season. With so many girls on one team no one knew what to expect. The Twisters are lead by head coach Dr. Todd Renn, and assistant coaches Laura Renn and George Protopoulos. The Twisters starting line-up will be Cassidy Santos, Lila Perri and Monica Hurtado at midfield, Mariah Meyers and Connie Andrade at defense, Estefani Ceron and Anna Parks at offense and Anastasia Protopoulos as goalie. Showing they can clean up the slack will be Eryn Paker, Kristin Kattner, and Nia Schexnider on offense, Caroline Aguirre, Jessica Anetsberger, and Andrea Short as midfielders, and Mia Schexnider, Olivia Santiago, and Ahjahnae Sellers helping out on defense. With Eryn Parker and Estefani Ceron handling their kick-offs the Twisters have been strong all season. Coach Dr. Todd Renn said that "This experience has been amazing. Working, observing, and facilitating their development as a team and good soccer players have been great." The Twisters strengths on offense and defense are thinking out several plays ahead of time, and also the girls successfully placing themselves between the other players and the ball. The Twisters believe that they will win on Thanksgiving because they have worked very hard all season in all aspects of the game and it would be rewarding to win. Dr. Todd Renn asked for his girls to be recognized in their areas of expertise. The best performers of the team are Anastasia Protopoulos, Estefani Ceron, Connie Andrade, Cassidy Santos, Lila Perri, Jessica Anetsberger, and Nia Schexnider. The fastest runners on the team are Andrea Short, Monica Hurtado, Mariah Meyers, Anna Parks and Mia Schexnider. The most aggressive girls are Caroline Aguirre, Eryn Parker, Ahjahnae Sellers, Kristin Kattner, and Andrea Short.

The Senior Angels have shown us that despite having a whole new squad they could do some miraculous things. They have come out to every game, with their heads held high and hoping to win. The Angels are lead by coach Tracy Yanes, and captains Kathi Jensen and Emilie Holland. Their starting offense consists of Sarah Romo, Vallarie Perez, and Emilie Holland as midfielders, and Ashleigh Lewandowski and Lizbeth Bastidas as forwards. Bringing up the defense for the Angels is Vanessa Yanes and Amanda Ruiz. Playing an awesome goalie is Kathi Jensen. Picking up wherever needed is Samantha Nettin, Elizabeth Hack, and Josselin Villa as defenders, Thea Lazarov, Colleen Prendergast, and Trisha Nettin as forwards, and Yesenia Agullar as a back-up midfielder. When Coach Tracy was asked why the Angles would win the game on Thanksgiving she said "For once in the soccer season the Angles will prove that they can't be beaten or lied with." Her favorite memory is when Yesenia scored the first goal of the season for the Angels. She feels like this because from then on she feels they played harder as a team. I could not even agree more with her.



WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION



The Elite 50 Senior Club of Lincoln Park Savings Bank is sponsoring a 2004 "Caring and Sharing" Holiday Project. Working with the Lakeview Shelter, Sarah's Circle, the Lincoln Park Community Shelter and the Common Food Pantry, the Elite 50 are collecting warm sweaters and coats for men, women and children.

Donations can be dropped off the Lincoln Park Savings Bank Elite 50 Member Center, located at 2107 W. Irving Park Road, or at any Lincoln Park Savings Bank branch. Let's all pitch in to help this great cause!

FLOOR HOCKEY & VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

NBGC will be holding Floor Hockey registration for boys in 2nd-8th grade or born after 9/1/90 through 8/31/97 and girls in 2nd-5th grade or born after 9/1/93 through 8/31/97. We will also holding Volleyball registration for girls in 6th-8th grade or born after 9/1/90 through 8/31/93. The Programs are free but each member will need to purchase a team shirt for \$7.00. The teams play games twice a week, one weekday and Saturday.

Registration Dates and times are Saturday, January 8th and 15th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 10th through Friday, Jan. 14th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



TRIBE WASPS vs. COUGARS
FIELD 2 - 9:15 AM
 By Dan Ward

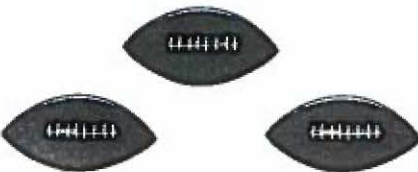


The second game of the day will be played at 9:15 with the Wasps taking on the Cougars. Both of these teams have come a long way since the beginning of the season. They had their struggles, but these teams are all heart. They go out and play hard every game and they never give up. This game is going to be very evenly matched and it will be exciting until the end.

The Wasps, coached by Dennis McNally, Tom O'Brien, George Hinton, and Dan Rojas, are a smash-mouth football team with a very stingy defense. They normally run out of the Power I formation with quarterback Anthony Muzquiz handing the ball off to tailbacks Vincent Gerage and Steven Puschmann. They are a run-heavy team that likes to play field position. They depend on the big boot of Jason Carrazco to pin the opposition inside their own territory. One of their greatest strengths are their linebackers. Francisco Arias, Graham Behlow, Sam Harrington and Vincent Gerage are big hitters who take no prisoners. They are a physical defense that brings everyone up in the box to stop the run. Bernie O'Brien and Edward Rueda stuff the run while James Albecker and Zach Hinton stop anything in the air. Coach Dennis McNally stated, "We are going to win because these guys have heart." They are depending on their passion for the game and their dominant defense to win this game. Lining up for the Wasps are Zach Hinton at left wide receiver and cornerback, Sam Harrington at left tackle and inside linebacker, Jason Carrazco at left guard and nose guard, Bernie O'Brien at center and tackle, Francisco Arias at right guard and middle linebacker, Edward Rueda at right tackle and defensive tackle, Graham Behlow at tight end and inside linebacker, James Albecker at right wide receiver and cornerback, Anthony Muzquiz at quarterback and safety, Steven Puschmann at fullback and defensive end, Vincent Gerage at running back and outside linebacker, Max Silva at wide out and cornerback, Mike Sbordone at running back and defensive end, Byron Edinburg at tackle and nose guard, Zach Schmid at wide out and safety, David Gonzalez at wideout and safety, and Dan Rueda at tight end and cornerback.

The Wasps are going to be looking for a victory, but they are going to have their hands full with a hyped-up Cougars team. Quarterback Matt Benson controls the offense out of the split back formation with halfbacks Kyle Boyko and Tom Connelly doing most of the running. Both Tom and Kyle have great speed and nice foot work. When Matt decides to go to the air, he usually finds Bill Miller, Bobby Palushek, or Sam Bleber. All three have great hands and really know how to run routes. On defense, it all starts with the Cougars big men. Nikko Gonzalez, Amicar Morales, Mike Prodromos, Anthony Reschke, and Hector Alvarado tear up offensive lines. They damage the line while middle linebacker Bill Miller lays down the stick. He is a sure tackler with great power. Coach Bob Palushek is impressed with his entire team's transformation into football players. They play hard, they give it their all, and they never give up. The Cougars cannot wait to get on the field on Thanksgiving. Going to battle for the Cougars are Bobby Palushek at left wide receiver and left cornerback, Mike Prodromos at offensive and defensive tackle, Anthony Reschke at offensive and defensive guard, Hector Alvarado at offensive and defensive tackle, Amicar Morales at center and nose tackle, Bill Miller at right guard and middle linebacker, Nikko Gonzalez at offensive and defensive tackle, Mike Van Den Bosch at tight end and cornerback, Sam Bleber at right wide receiver and nickel back, Matt Benson at quarterback and right-side linebacker, Kyle Boyko at running back and safety, Tom Connelly at halfback and linebacker, Richard Sikora at wide out and linebacker, Ricardo Guzman at wide out and cornerback, Javier Martinez at wide receiver and safety, and Zach Johnson at wide receiver and cornerback.

These two teams have the utmost respect for each other and they vow to play a great game. It is going to be a smash-mouth football game that the fans are sure to enjoy. They have all worked hard to become better players and teammates and they will show it on Thanksgiving Day.



PREP SPARTANS vs. EAGLES
FIELD 3 - 9:15 AM
 By Kevin Ward



The second game of the day is between the Eagle and the Spartans. These two teams have exciting play makers and ferocious defenses. Both teams have had an excellent season, but the Spartans hold the crown of Prep Champions. This game is sure to be action-packed with both teams playing for pride and glory.

The Eagles have made significant strides this year, overcoming early struggles and establishing themselves as one of the toughest teams in the league. Coaches John Connelly and Andre Castillo are exuberant teachers who stress fundamentals and instill the will to win. The starting line-up usually consists of Vinnie Zeman at running back and free safety, Jonathan Connelly at left tackle and linebacker, Alexis Salgado at left guard and defensive tackle, Jaime Espinoza at center and defensive tackle, Edgar Castillo at right guard and defensive tackle, Zachary Garay at right tackle on both sides of the ball, Matt Hernandez at tightend and middle linebacker, Anthony Hall at wide receiver and linebacker, Cody Lee at quarterback and cornerback, Jonathan Feliciano at running back and cornerback, and Jack McLaughlin at running back and strong safety. Jose Castillo and Dominique Garcia are two linemen who can play both sides of the ball extremely well. Offensively, the Eagles really stepped up their game as the season moved along. Quarterback Cody Lee found a knack for squeezing in between the excellent holes created by Jaime Espinoza, Alexis Salgado and Edgar Castillo and moving the team down field. Jack McLaughlin became somewhat of a workhorse, receiving a good portion of carries behind the key strategic blocks of Jonathan Feliciano. Anthony Hall, known for his quick thinking and good hands, and Vinnie Zeman, a speed burner, are used a lot during passing plays and are known to break for long gains. The offense line has a lot of pride, and Dominique Garcia and Zachary Garay protect their quarterback very well. Defensively, the Eagles have some show stoppers. Jonathan Connelly and Matt Hernandez are bash brothers who always seem to be around the ball. Jose Castillo and Jaime Espinoza get a lot of pressure through the line, freeing up a big hit from the linebackers. The endless talent on this team makes others cower with fear and coach John Connelly states that his team plays every game 100 percent and since it's a holiday, his team will top itself and play 110 percent to get the victory on Thanksgiving day.

The champion Spartans are a team that is not to be messed with. They play every down as if it is the last. Coaches Nic Acclari and Miguel Olivo build their team with confidence, and always stay that no victory is guaranteed, you have to earn them. With Joshua Camacho at wide receiver and cornerback, Johnny Lebron at left tackle on both sides of the ball, Geoffery Acclari at left guard on both sides of the ball, Adrian Gomez at center and nose guard, Noah Hernandez at right guard on both sides of the ball, Cody Jackson at right tackle on both sides, Jordan Smith at tight end and linebacker, Eric Olivo at end on both offense and defense, Gerardo Cardona at wide receiver and cornerback, Erik Perez at quarterback and linebacker, Alex Arias at running back and linebacker, and Adrian Mazon and Zachary Garcia sharing running back and linebacker positions, this team is up for any challenge. Erik Perez has solidified the Spartans quarterback position, using Zachary Garcia and Gerardo Cardona as his blockers, he is able to gallop his way around defenses. Alex Arias and Adrian Mazon are animals at running back. Adrian is a powerful runner, splitting the blocks made by Noah Hernandez and Geoff Acclari, he is able to barrel his way down field. Alex, on the other hand, is a slick runner who bounces his way around the excellent downfield blocking by the powerful duo of Eric Olivo and Johnny Lebron. Though this team is awesome on the offensive side of the ball, they are feared more on defense. Adrian Gomez and Cody Jackson tear through offensive lines flushing out the quarterback right into their teammates. Joshua Camacho is a shut down cornerback who doesn't let much get past him. The linebacking corps round out this team, using the powerful Jordan Smith to provide punishing hits and key tackles. Coach Nic Acclari states that if his team stays true to their philosophy of playing every down hard and picking up teammates when they are down that they will come out victorious.

This game looks to be very intense and entertaining for everyone involved. There is sure to be big plays, big hits, and big excitement throughout the game. No winner is ever predetermined, and this game will probably be a nail biter all the way until the last whistle is blown.



JUNIOR PUMAS vs. ALIENS
FIELD 1 - 10:00 AM
 By Phil Jensen



After a long hard season of soccer, the Pumas have one final game to partake in. It has been a good season for the Pumas and they expect to go out on a good note by playing their hardest on Thanksgiving Day. Head coach Lia Chan has been an excellent aid in guiding the team through the season. Big sister to Tiana Chan, Lia volunteered to help the team when they could not get any parents to commit. Captains Audrey Haderlein and Ariana Kroger have also made a huge impact on this team with their good sportsmanship and leadership out on the field. The Pumas' starting lineup usually consists of these 8 players: Renee Haderlein, Elena Bernstein and Jessica Pagan at midfield, Marisa Nakamura and Tiana Chan stopping shots on defense, Kristen Bianchi and Devlin Flanigan playing the offensive role and Audrey Haderlein keeping the goal protected at goalie. In no way whatsoever do the Pumas play with just those 8 players, because they also have help from: Ariana Kroger and Annie Pulido as forwards, Lisette Aguila playing midfield and Clarissa Rojas at defense.

The Pumas like to think of their most successful plays as being able to advance the ball up-field and then keeping the ball in the middle (where it's easiest to score a goal). When it comes to running, the Pumas have a lot of girls that can really keep up. You have Marisa Nakamura and Audrey Haderlein with their powerful style of running, Renee Haderlein with the quickness and Elena Bernstein, Lisette Aguila and Kristen Bianchi all making everything else look slow compared to them (meaning they're really fast!) The kickoffs are handled by the twin sisters Renee and Audrey Haderlein. Areas of strength for the Pumas include their powerful kicking and tough defense on corner kicks. It was easy for the team to decide on their most improved players this year. Ariana Kroger has improved in kicking the ball more accurately, Annie Pulido's kicking has gotten better, Tiana Chan has learned how to handle the ball with care and Kristen Bianchi became an excellent last minute goalie. The Pumas feel that their toughest opponent this year was the Aliens because "They're very aggressive and well coached. They have everything put together." Everyone's favorite memory of the season was being able to play in the mud on a Saturday, because it made the game that much more exciting and challenging to get through.

Thanksgiving Day will be an exciting event for the Pumas no matter what happens. As we can see from the match-up, the Pumas will be going up against who they feel is their toughest opponent, the Aliens. The Pumas have managed to hold the Aliens to a tie or two this year and will look to at least do the same on T-day, if they can't leave with a win. When asked about what the Pumas expect to do on Thanksgiving Day, they had this to say: "We would like to get a win and close out the season on a good note, but if we can't accomplish that then we will have fun and remember all the wonderful memories we had during the season." T-day is definitely all about having fun, so let's hope the Pumas get their wish and close out the season with a wonderful finish!

The Junior Aliens are ready, like most other teams, to bring the 2004 soccer season to an end. But before they can do this they're going to have to get through their competition, the Junior Pumas. Junior Aliens players are known for their toughness and willingness to never give up, so this may pose a problem for their opponents on T-Day. What makes things even worse for opposing teams is that the Aliens are coached by one of the most energetic coaches at the NBGC. Her name is Tracy Yanes and she is once again coaching her Aliens single handedly in what is now her 3rd year. Claudia Cox and Adriana Medina are the team's captains. Claudia and Adriana (or Nana, as most call her) are born captains and make great leaders out on the soccer field. Their never-quit hustle is what makes the Aliens such fierce competitors. The usual starting lineup for this squad looks something like: Adriana Medina and Liana Glesendanner playing midfield, Natalie Lezama, Jade Rueda and Amaris Noriega play tough defense, Vivian Moreno and Claudia Cox push the ball ahead on offense and Angella Starr makes scoring a rarity as the team's goalie. Also working their way into the lineup are players: Jocelyn Monterroso on defense, Anais Castillo at forward and Vanessa Moreno playing an important role as both a defender and a scorer.

The Aliens used a variety of strategies to help them win throughout the season and one of those was to have their strongest kicker stand in front of the opponent's goal. That is how the Aliens scored a lot of their goals. Another strategy they used was to spread out the defense with accurate passes and constant hustle. An essential part of the Aliens' ability to play so well was in the way they ran. Claudia always controlled the ball and sometimes found a way to drop down the field and get right in front of the goal, Liana used her wits and outran most defenders and Nana always seemed to be right where the ball was. Adriana Medina also handles the team's kickoffs because she gets the ball way into the air and past the defense. Tracy felt that the one true most improved player on the team was: "Jade. She never played soccer before. At the beginning of the season she was not that aggressive, but by the end of the season she was the most aggressive player on the team. She was not afraid of the ball anymore and always did her best to attack it." Tracy also felt that Amaris had improved greatly, because, despite her size, she became aggressive towards the end of the season and could always be counted on as a reliable defender. Tracy felt that the Angels were the Aliens' toughest opponents because: "They had a powerful kicker (Mary) and a good dribbler (Cynthia). Their defense was also good with Andrea attacking the ball. As for their goalie Tori, she was great and always saved the toughest balls." In looking at the Aliens as a whole, Tracy feels that they are a great bunch of kids who play well together and work very hard to win games. She will never forget them.

Thanksgiving Day will be a challenge for the Aliens as they face up against the Pumas. Their Pumas would like to end the season with a win, but this can be said for the Aliens as well. Tracy had this to say about her Thanksgiving Day prediction: "If we play the Pumas, they have come a long way in showing that they are determined to win a game against whoever plays against them. ...but we will win no matter what place we are in!" The Aliens will have their chance to prove themselves on T-day and you can expect that they will give us a great game to close out a great season!



THANKS TO THE STAFF & LEADERS



The special group who really makes this Club work - *makes all activities possible* - is the NBGC Staff and Leaders. They officiate your games the best they can, like you play the best you can. They keep score, teach at practices and camps, try to keep your attitude a positive one and look for ways to help you play and get along better. Whether you are a member, coach or parent, you know that there is always someone here for you to talk to, bounce your ideas off of or go to when you need to get something off of your chest. *Without these dedicated teens and young adults there would not an NBGC!*

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TRIBE BEES VS. SPARTANS

FIELD 2 - 10:30 AM

By Dan Ward



The last game of the day is the biggest of the season. The first half champion Bees are squaring off against the second half champion Spartans. Both teams were dominant the entire season and they both really want this championship. They have had a three year rivalry which makes this game a must-see. It will be a hard fought game, and emotions will be running high. They are both great teams, but only one can become the champions.

The Bees have had a great run over the last couple of years. Coaches Dan McCarthy and Tim Flaherty instill the ideas of pride, commitment, and teamwork. They practice every week and it truly shows on the field. Quarterback Sean McCarthy is a young gun-slinger that is second to none. He can throw a 30 yard pass, or he can tuck the ball and run like a horse. He always seems to find his favorite targets, Sam Hobert, Jake Polisczuk, and Zach Wright. They all have great hands and they know how to make the big plays. Kareem "The Dream" Adewole, Donnie Butzen, and Tommy Kane man the back field. Their most explosive plays come from swing passes, half-back tosses, and fade routes. While their offense is dominant, their defense is just as good. Dylan Gschwind, Gary Dickerson, Patrick Parker, and Matt McCarthy create havoc on just about every play. Their secret weapon however is their special teams plays. Both Zach Wright and Sean McCarthy seem to find the endzone on a regular basis after fielding punts and kickoffs. The Bees know they have a tough road ahead of them, but they are confident in their skills. Lining up for the Bees are, Kareem Adewole at tailback and linebacker, Fern Akinrinade at wide receiver and cornerback, Donnie Butzen at tailback and safety, Gary Dickerson at center and linebacker, Sam Hobert at tight end and defensive end, Tommy Kane at tailback and safety, Sean McCarthy at quarterback and linebacker, Matthew McCarthy at tackle and defensive end, Gabriel McDonagh at guard and defensive end, Pat O'Connell at fullback and linebacker, Patrick Parker at offensive and defensive tackle, Jake Polisczuk at wide receiver and cornerback, Zach Wright at wide receiver and cornerback, and Dylan Gschwind at offensive and defensive guard.

Opposing the Bees will be the mighty Spartans. They struggled a little in the first half, but they have been dominant ever since. Coaches Miguel Olivo and Angel Cortez practice with their guys constantly and have prepared them for this big game. Quarterback Michael Fernandez controls his offense out of the Power I formation. Halfback Andrew Figueroa is the work-horse for this team. He is a big guy that is awfully hard to bring down. The Spartans also have a deep threat in Edwin Vega. The Spartans love to pull trick plays and halfback passes. While their offense is good, their defense is even better. Linebacker Miguel Olivo lets his presence be known on every play. Defensive end Greg Gebien is their sack-master while Angel Roman tears up the middle of the line. Edwin Vega is the littlest guy with the biggest pop. He plays like he is twice his size. The Spartans defense is very fundamentally sound and they are very disciplined. They want this game so bad that they can taste it. Patrolling the field for the Spartans are Alex Aldana at wide receiver and cornerback, Michael Avers at tight end and linebacker, Rich Berger at offensive and defensive guard, Javier Cardona at offensive and defensive tackle, David Carrion at tight end and linebacker, Jonathan Cumbe at wide receiver and safety, Julian Figueroa at wide receiver and safety, Andrew Figueroa at running back and linebacker, Greg Gebien at tackle and defensive end, Kyle Michals at offensive and defensive guard, Miguel Olivo at tight end and linebacker, Misael Ramirez at offensive and defensive tackle, Alfonso Reyes at wide receiver and cornerback, Angel Roman at offensive and defensive tackle, Jeremy Spivey at offensive and defensive guard, Edwin Vega at tailback and cornerback, and Michael Fernandez at quarterback and cornerback.

These two teams are going to pull no punches when it comes to this final game. This is worth all the marbles and neither team is going to give that up. It will be a great game that nobody will want to miss. These two teams will meet at 10:30, and when the dust settles, only the league champions will be left standing.



CADET EAGLES VS. LOCUSTS

FIELD 3 - 10:30 AM

By Matt Henneman



The Locusts are coached by Josh Hershoff. The assistants are Brendan Sullivan and Tom Brosnan. The Locusts are the most improved team of the football season. The Locusts like to run their offense out of the T formation. The team consists of Quarterback/Linebacker Charlie Sullivan, Runningback/Tackle Joey Lauetta, Runningback/Linebacker Andrew Harmon, Wide Receiver/Linebacker Christian Brosnan and Wide Receiver/Tackle Zakir Pasha. Don't tell these linemen they are undersized or they will sack your quarterback. The man in the middle, Center/Tackle Mac Sullivan, Left Guard/Nose Guard Jack Brosnan, Left Tackle/Guard Carter Luery, Right Guard/D Tackle Logan Hershoff, and Right Tackle/D Tackle Monty Harney. The Locusts are flying high after beating the Bees two weeks ago. Their most successful play is the fake handoff bootleg. The keys to winning the game are going to be establishing the running game and playing great defense. The team feels like they are in a good spot to be right now with momentum on their side. *The Locusts wanted to give special thanks to Bees Assistant Coach Andy Ekern for helping with practices and all the referees who have helped out this season.*

The Eagles are coached by Ken Brown. The assistants are Saleem Patel and Julie Fierro. The Eagles are one of the fastest teams in the league. This quick team consists of Quarterback/Nose Tackle Juan Fierro, Runningback/Outside Linebacker Brandon Brown, Runningback/D Tackle Tyler Brown, Wide Receiver/Middle Linebacker Walker Post, Wide Receiver/D Guard Imani Flexas. The Eagles fought hard the whole season with their speedy lineman. Center/D Line Zafar Patel, Left Tackle/Line Backer Ben Okubo, Left Guard/D Guard Theodore Braszunius, and Right Guard/D End Bobby Ferguson. The Eagles have been through some thick and thin times. They run most of their offense out of the power I formation. Their keys to winning at the Turkey Bowl are going to be the trick plays and playing hard defense. The best thing about this team was that whether they won or lost, they always played hard and had fun. *The Eagles also wanted to thank all of the referees and let them know it's a lot harder than it looks.*

I have a feeling that this is going to be a good, old fashion, grind it out football game. Both teams have the great ability to score, so it comes down to the defensive side of the ball. The last time these two teams hooked up it came down to the last seconds. We shall see a dandy on field 3, so come out and enjoy a couple of great hours on your Thanksgiving Day!



THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS!

There are many things to be grateful for at this time of year. One of the great resources for NBGC are the many people who volunteer throughout the year to make the organization a success.

Think about all the many fundraisers we hold to support the kids. We have a Family Fest, Golf Outing, Toys Sale, Bears Bash, Alumni Cheerleader Fundraiser, a Moms Club and a Dads Club Ham Sale, A Christmas Tree Sale, a Holiday Craft Sale, Scholarship Fundraisers, Disco Dance, Spaghetti Dinner and Yard Sale! How do these events happen? It is all thanks to our volunteers. They are a dedicated bunch of alumni, parents, neighbors, friends, teens and kids all brought together by one common thread - the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club.

To all of you who have volunteered on an event, painting, cleaning, gardening, running errands, stuffing envelopes, etc., thank you for making the Club a better place. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

TURKEY BOWL VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

One great aspect of our traditional Thanksgiving celebration is our alumni participation. Many former Leaders and Staff come out to help officiate, serve refreshments and announce the games. Many others come out to watch the games and relive their childhood glory. As of Nov. 23rd, the people listed below have volunteered to maintain the tradition of this great event. We could not do this without them.

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JUNIOR ANGELS vs. TWISTERS

FIELD 1 - 11:00 AM

By Phil Jensen



"Who are we?! Angels! Who are we?! ANGELS!!" Those are the cheers you would have heard if you came out to a Junior Angel's soccer game this year. It's those kinds of cheers and that kind of enthusiasm that helped the Angels become this year's champs. With self determination and constant motivation from head coach **Fredy Rodriguez**, there's no question as to how well the Angels played this year. Captains **Andrea Lopez** and **Mary Guiragossian** stayed strong on the field, never giving up on their team when the going got tough. After all, that's the kind of attitude that captains should have, isn't it?! The Angels' starting lineup varied quite frequently, but they were able to pin-point what positions everyone played, as it looked something like this: **Cynthia Lopez**, **Erika Perez** and **Mary Guiragossian** played their best at midfield, **Mariella Rodriguez**, **Andrea Lopez**, **Karla Rodriguez**, **Emily Lopez** and **Abigail Thompson** were like one big brick wall on defense, **Erin Thompson**, **Karen Gibbons** and **Selena Chavez** look care of offense and **Victoria Gonzalez** made shut outs possible at goalie.

The Angels are known as being one of the only teams in all three leagues (including Senior) to use plays and formations. One of the formations they sometimes use is the "BLITZ" which consists of 2 up and 3 midfielders. Their corner kicks have been the most successful plays this year. Running is the number one thing you must do in soccer, and for the Angels: **Erika Perez** runs with power, **Cynthia Lopez** uses a shifty style and **Erin Thompson** is slashing. Kickoffs are usually handled by **Mary Guiragossian** or **Erika Perez**. The Angels feel that their offensive strengths are in the ways that they pass the ball. Defensive strength is contributed to the "HALO" defensive setup of 2 mid defenders and 2 back defenders. **Fredy** feels that the new girls on the team have improved the most, as he is quoted for saying this "Selena has fit in great as a forward. **Erin**, for her first year, has learned fast and really came to play." **Fredy** also went on to say that the Angels call the Lopez sisters: **Andrea "DA WALL"** and **Emily "The Stopper."** The Angels feel that their toughest opponent this year was a little bit of every team because they were always presented with a challenge. **Fredy's** favorite memory of the team was when they were down a goal against the Allens and "Andrea told me to Relax! And we won 2-1...they just took over."

On Thanksgiving Day the Angels will be facing last year's champions, otherwise known as the Twisters. The Twisters recently began to play a lot stronger towards the end of the season and could really give the Angels a run for their money. When asked why the Angels expect to win on Thanksgiving Day, **Fredy** had this to say: "The whole year we came to win, so why not Thanksgiving Day. But if we win the second half [which they did] it will be a different team. They will tell me where they want to play and I will relax." It should be very interesting and lots of fun to see the Angels play on Turkey Day, so let's make sure no one misses what could be the most interesting game of the year!

The Junior Twisters are one of the few soccer teams that will take the field this Thanksgiving Day. Head coach **Sam Prodomos** takes care of this well rounded team and has done so for the past 3 years now. Also helping coach the Twisters are: **Gail Prodomos** (Sam's mom), **Will Mulchrone** and **Lisa Populorum**. Leading the way with their good sportsmanship are captains **Nichol Phillips** and **Gabriela Rodriguez**. Consisting of the usual starting lineup for the Twisters are: **Gabriela Rodriguez** and **Nichol Phillips** as the midfielders, **Rosana Mulchrone**, **Valin Myers** and **Marisa Rosario** holding down the defense, **Jacqueline Rodriguez** and **Jocelyn Parks** taking care of the offense and **Tonya Prodomos** playing a tough goalie. The Twisters also have extra help from: **Sarah Becker** and **Caitlin Carney** on offense, **Lauren Schmid** and **Brittney Wenger** as the midfielders and **Vanessa Andrade** makes her fair share of saves at the goalie position.

When it comes down to formations and plays, the Twisters feel it is easiest to play "woman to woman" defense. They've also had success in falling back to the old Pebble league formation of having an extra person on defense. The Twisters feel that their best runners are **Jacqueline Rodriguez** and **Jocelyn Parks** because they control the ball at top speeds. Handling most of the kickoffs is **Gabriela Rodriguez** with her powerful legs. **Valin Myers** performs the very common duty of kicking off from the goal. When looking to the Twisters' strengths, they believe **Jacqueline Rodriguez** and **Jocelyn Parks** make things happen on offense, while **Rosana Mulchrone** and **Tonya Prodomos** play tight defense. **Sarah Becker** is looked at as the team's most improved player, as she has become more aggressive and stays right on the ball. The Twisters' coaches thought that the Angels were their toughest team this year because "They came in this season with a lot of determination and great plays. Their coach **Fredy** did an amazing job with the girls and it was always fun playing them." Finally, the team's favorite memory is the fact that everyone has fun together and always gets along.

Thanksgiving Day will be a challenge for the Twisters, seeing as though they will be going up against their toughest opponents, the Angels. Coach **Gail Prodomos** had this to say about the T-day prediction, "I expect my girls to win this game because we've been training hard and they deserve it." The Twisters also said they were looking for a 3-peat this year, but they will have to settle for a win on Thanksgiving Day instead!



CADET BEES VS. BOBCATS

FIELD 3 - 11:45 AM

By Matt Henneman



Kicking off the final Turkey Bowl game of the day for the Cadet is the championship game between the Bobcats and the Bees. Both teams are very similar in style and they have been neck and neck all year, this game promises to be a scorcher and if both teams play up to their abilities they will not disappoint. Both teams are also very well coached, **Ricardo Solis** and **Will Mulchrone** lead the Bobcats, and **Chris Britton**, **Bob Scheffler** and **Andy Ekern** lead the Bees.

The Bobcats are the second half champs, and have played very good throughout the year. They are a very versatile team with a good defense including: left tackle **Ricky Solis**, nose guard **Arturo "Artie" Zeri**, right tackle **Steven Alvarado**, defensive ends **Jarrell Goldie** and **Noel Mendoza**, Linebackers **Alexis Bahena** and **Ian Osinski**, and cornerbacks **Liam Mulchrone** and **Peter Casey**. This is a devastating defense and it will be fun to watch them go up against the Colts like offense of the Bees. But the Bobcats can also start some fireworks with their offense as well running mostly out of the "I Formation", beginning with Quarterback and team Captain **Peter Casey**. But as we all know the offense starts in the trenches and the Bobcats O-Line can make a whole big enough for a Cadillac. The offense consists of left guard **Ricky Solis**, center **Arturo Zeri**, right guard **Steven Alvarado**, and tight end **Alexis Bahena**. They'll be opening up holes for the speedy running backs **Noel Mendoza** and **Ian Osinski**, as well as receiver **Liam Mulchrone**.

They will be going against the first half champs the mighty Bees. These guys sure can put up some points, and it should be fun seeing them pitted against the tough Bobcat defense. This "run and gun" Bees offense is one that has a very well-balanced running and passing attack that starts with the excellent Bees quarterback **Jacob Echeverri**. The O-Line consists of left tackle **Zach Prybyl**, left guard **Max Poliszczuk**, center **Michael Britton**, right guard **Ian Scheffler**, right tackle **Will Ekern**, wide receiver **Saheed Adewole**, and their terrific running back **Tori "Sweet Feet" Havey**. The defense though is also very good consisting of D-linemen **Zack Prybyl**, **Max Poliszczuk**, **Michael Britton**, **Ian Scheffler**, and **Will Ekern**. The linebackers are **Saheed Adewole** and **Jacob Echeverri**, and safety **Tori Harvey**. Both teams have played great against each other all year, and Thursday should be no different. This game should be a showstopper and one for the ages, good luck to both teams.

MOMS' HOLIDAY PARTY

All moms are invited to our annual Holiday Party. The fun starts on Tues. Dec. 14th at 7:30 PM. Everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish, snack or dessert to pass. There is an optional \$5.00 grab bag, and be sure to wrap a gag gift for the infamous game of **Krazy Bunko!** The moms are also hosting a **Ham Sale** now through Dec. 10th and a **Winter Fair** Dec. 11th. You can help by supporting these events and getting others to do the same.



DADS' CLUB NEWS

All dads are invited to our next monthly meeting on Wed. Dec. 1st at 7:30 PM. The dads are coming off of a record-setting Bears Bash and are having their annual Christmas Tree Sale Dec. 11th and 12th. All dads are welcome! The dads are also working hard to raise funds for your kids. If you are not a "meeting dad" you can still help by supporting these events and getting others to do the same.



**BASKETBALL CONTESTS
IN DECEMBER
WILL YOU BE
"MR. OR MS. BASKETBALL"?**

The annual NBGC Basketball Free Throw and Achievement Contests will be held during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Girls and boys are invited to toe the charity stripe in the FTC and take 25 shots, aiming for a trophy or ribbon. In the BAC you'll be tested in four skills - free throws, jump shots, lay ups and under-the-basket shots. All members who total 2,000 or more points under the scoring system, which is handicapped by age, earn trophies. The top scorer earns the title of "Mr. Basketball" and "Ms. Basketball" for a year! The events take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 28th and 29th, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00p.m.

2003 Free Throw Contest Winners

Cadet & Pebble (8 & 9 on small basket)	Tribe & Senior (12 - 15)
Mark Morgan (22)	Tim Traversa (17)
Jocelyn Parks (15)	Katelyn Krey (15)
Prep & Junior (10 & 11)	Teens (16 & Up)
Eddie Seda (10)	Tim Ward (21)
Stephanie Benitez (3)	Dan Ward (20)

All-Time Free Throw Records

8 & 9	Steve Diversey	1980	15
10 & 11	Steve Diversey	1982	21
12 & 13	Ray Imburgia	1959	23
14 & 15	Dennis Rued	1959	23
	Bob Kartheiser	1970	23
	Mark Flatley	1978	23
	Ray Horn	1980	23
16 & Up	Mark Flatley	1979-80	24

2003 Basketball Achievement Contest Winners

Small Hoops			
Gilbert Juarez	3042 pts.	Stephanos Baslaal	2272 pts.
Rolando Ruiz	2624 pts.	Ariana Salas	2227 pts.
Nick Klenck	2379 pts.	Sarah Becker	2182 pts.
Jocelyn Parks	2363 pts.	Claudia Cox	2174 pts.
Mike O'Neill	2350 pts.	Alex Corona	2116 pts.
Ryan Lewis	2343 pts.	Mariella Rodriguez	2047 pts.
Mark Morgan	2304 pts.	Sarah Brodner	2039 pts.

Big Hoops			
Eddie Seda	2335 pts.	Katelyn Krey	1887 pts.
Kris Leng	2049 pts.	Chelsea Gschwind	1830 pts.
Kyle Pequeno	2025 pts.	Nina Shexider	1828 pts.

All-Time Basketball Achievement Contest Scores

Juan Gibson	1995	2769 pts.
Steve Diversey	1981	2767 pts.
Tim Traversa	2002	2697 pts.
Kenny Kohndorfer	1998	2603 pts.
Jeff Prause	1991	2599 pts.
Juan Gibson	1997	2567 pts.
Ricky Serment	1995	2538 pts.
Nick Prause	1992	2489 pts.
Duane Wolff	1957	2488 pts.
Chris Oquendo	1989	2488 pts.
Rogelin Perez	1996	2486 pts.
Juan Gibson	1996	2474 pts.
Duane Wolff	1958	2481 pts.
Tim Ward	1995	2465 pts.

SUPPORT "TOYS FOR TOTS"

The Chicagoland Toys For Tots Committee proudly presents the "World's Largest Toys For Tots Motorcycle Parade". The 27th annual event starts at 9:30 AM on Sun. Dec. 5th from the Dan Ryan Woods at 83rd and Western, ending at the 4th Marine Corp Center at Foster and Troy. The Parade Line Up starts at 7:00 AM. The Toys For Tots Committee wants to stress that only NEW toys and games are accepted and please, no stuffed animals. Call 773-866-TOYS or visit www.chicagolandTFT.org for info. Toys can also be dropped off at the 47th Ward office of Alderman Gene Schuller, located at 4237 N. Lincoln Ave.

THANK YOU TO OUR COACHES

One of the most important pieces of a team is the coaching staff. They are the guiding force, the ones who provide Leadership and Discipline. They are asked to teach, in their coaching and example, the very ideals upon which NBGC was founded in 1931 - hard work, discipline, fairness and loyalty. Thanks to this special group the NBGC idea continues to work 73 years later.

We should all be grateful for the time and effort of the coaches, doing their best for every single member of the team. The attitude of fair play and sportsmanship is one which should be carried onto the field by every player. As adults we can only hope that the atmosphere we have tried to create at NBGC will stay with them once they leave our fields.

Many of our coaches were NBGC members when they were young. Alumni coaches are designated with an (A). The feeling of family that our alumni coaches developed as children is reinforced in our daily programs thanks to their involvement, positive example and handing down of tradition.

Pebble League

Aliens: Aristo Noriega, Mercedes Pepin
Angels: Mike Claudio
Twisters: Lea Parks & Anna Parks
Pumas: Andres Castillo

Junior League

Aliens: Tracy Yanes
Angels: Fredy Rodriguez (A)
Twisters: Samantha Prodromos (A), Will Mulchrone (A), Lisa Populorum, Gail Prodromos (A)
Pumas: Lia Chan

Senior League

Aliens: Paul Valadez, Fiona Dawson, Martin Dawson
Angels: Tracy Yanes
Pumas: Tracy Rhodes
Twisters: Dr. Todd Renn, George Protopappas, Laura Renn

Cadet League

Locusts: Tom Brosnan, Josh Hershoff, Brendan Sullivan
Bees: Chris Britton (A), Andy Ekern, Bob Scheffler (A)
Bobcats: Will Mulchrone (A), Ricardo Solis (A)
Eagles: Ken Brown, Julie Fierro, Saleem Patel (A)

Prep League

Locusts: Ron Prokaski, Gregg Friedman, Dennis Sheehan, Joe Paterno (A)
Spartans: Nick Acciani, Miguel Olivo
Bees: Jaime Tipton, Daniel Melendez Sr., Victor Echeverri (A)
Eagles: John Connelly, Andres Castillo

Tribe League

Cougars: Bob Palushek, Mike Herbert, Marty Miller
Bees: Dan McCarthy, Tim Flaherty (A)
Pirates: Phil Jensen (A), Paul Jensen (A), Freddy Rodriguez (A)
Eagles: Gipp White, Cesar Acosta
Wasps: Dennis McNally, Tom O'Brien, George Hinton, Dan Rojas
Spartans: Miguel Olivo, Angel Cortez

3 ON 3 HOOP CLASSICS COMING

NBGC will hold the 3 on 3 Holiday Hoop Classics during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The big event will take place in the Revere Park gym. All you need is to get 3 or 4 teammates to join together and take on the opposition. Trophies will be awarded to the top teams, depending on participation.

Tournaments will be played in the Pebble, Cadet, Junior, Prep, Senior and Tribe Leagues. The members of your team must wear their regular NBGC shirts and clean, dry gym shoes. We expect to have at least two entries per team. Talk to your teammates and sign up! The contest dates are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 21st and 22nd.

Mon. Dec. 20th	10:00 AM Pebbles	12:00 PM Cadets
Tues. Dec. 21st	10:00 AM Juniors	12:00 PM Preps
Wed. Dec. 22nd	10:00 AM Senior	12:00 PM Tribe



2004 NBGC ALL-AMERICANS



The players listed below have been honored by their teammates and league coaches as All-Americans. They were selected based upon more than just skill. More important were the qualities of Leadership, Dependability, Commitment and Sportsmanship. An All-American will always give the team his best effort and will set a positive example for his teammates. Congratulations to all of you for your contribution to your team and to the Boys & Girls Club.



Cadet League



Eagles: Ben Okubo, Brandon Brown, Tyler Brown, Juan Fierro, Walker Post

Bobcats: Liam Mulchrone, Peter Casey, Ricky Solis, Ian Osinski, Alexix Bahena

Locusts: Joey Lauletta, Andrew Harmon, Charlie Sullivan, Christian Brosnan, Jack Brosnan

Bees: Jacob Echeverri, Tori Harvey, Will Eckern, Ian Sheffler, Saheed Adewole



Prep League



Locusts: Alan Osinski, Mike Scott, Daniel Friedman, Alan Gunderson, Conor Prokaski

Bees: Eddie Simmons, Trey Puente, Charlie Wright, John Anthony Dickerson, Richard Tipton

Eagles: Jack McLaughlin, Jonathan Connelly, Vinnie Zeman, Matt Hernandez, Zachary Garay

Spartans: Jordan Smith, Erik Perez, Alex Arias, Adrian Gomez, Geffery Accari



Tribe League



Wasps: Vincent Gerage, Jason Carrasco, Anthony Muzquiz, Francisco Arias, Graham Behlow

Pirates: Michael Gonzalez, Ben Gonzalez, Reggie Henderson, Julian Rodriguez, Tim Shaw

Spartans: Andrew Figueroa, Miguel Olivo, David Carrion, Greg Gebien, Edwin Vega

Bees: Sean McCarthy, Jake Polsczuk, Sam Hobert, Kareem Adewole, Tommy Kane

Eagles: Jonathan Patino, Marty Haderlein, Carlos Paiz, Josh Rodriguez, Ismael Rodriguez

Cougars: Bill Miller, Matt Bensen, Kyle Boyko, Amicar Morales, Michael Van Den Bosch



Pebble League



Allens: Crystal Castillo, Korynna Pepin, Lucy Tertuel, Taylor Vazquez, Jordan Thoma

Angels: Samantha Gibbons, Alejandra Hernandez, Rose Questal, Taylor Stoffle, Alexandra Espinoza

Pumas: Jennifer Haslwanter, Katelynn Morgan, Anais Vazquez, Jocelyn Vazquez, Meghan Zimmer

Twisters: Baylee Cabrera, Alexandra Castillo, Marissa Macias, Sarah Parks, Mallory Gonzalez



Junior League



Allens: Adriana Medina, Claudia Cox, Vivian Moreno, Vanessa Moreno, Liana Gissendanner

Angels: Mary Guiragossian, Erika Perez, Cynthia Lopez, Andrea Lopez, Mariella Rodriguez

Twisters: Jocelyn Parks, Jacqueline Rodriguez, Tonya Prodomos, Gabriela Rodriguez, Rosana Mulchrone

Pumas: Audrey Haderlein, Marisa Nakamura, Renee Haderlein, Elena Bernstein, Jessica Pagan



Senior League



Pumas: Sioban Stahl, Jessica Romero, Lia Chan, Lauren Corso, Sophia Kanoon

Twisters: Estefani Ceron, Monica Hurtado, Anastasia Protopappas, Cassy Santos, Andrea Short

Allens: Alexandra Mendoza, Jamie Retondo, Caitlin Ramirez, Ashley Jeracki, Irene Okubo

Angels: Lizbeth Bastidas, Kathi Jensen, Colleen Prendergast, Ashteigh Lewandowski, Vanessa Yanes



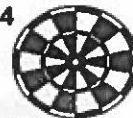
DISCOVERY PROGRAM NEWS



NBGC's "Discovery Program" will resume after Thanksgiving break on Sat. Dec. 4th. Girls and boys in K and 1st grade are welcome. This Saturday program includes instructional athletics, table games, gameroom activities, arts & crafts, tournaments, computers and lots of FUN! The group meets from 12:00 - 2:00 on Saturdays. Just bring in your child, with birth certificate if new, and we will fill out a membership form and tell you more about the program, or you can call Bonnie Werstein or Brian Wright or e-mail bonnie.werstein@NBGC.com.



TURKEY TOSS RESULTS



We had a nice turnout of 72 teams for the annual Parent & Son/Daughter Turkey Toss. The event was sponsored by the George Howe Family. Teams of parents and sons/daughters took turns tossing darts at paper turkey targets. There were some excellent scores, but most importantly there was a lot of parent & child fun. The winners are listed below. First and second in each age group received a turkey (one per family) for Thanksgiving dinner, and certificates were awarded for 3rd. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who participated.

Discovery	Child & Adult	Points	
1 st Place	Jimmy & Gail Prodomos	5 Pts	Turkey
1 st Place	Dupree Hamilton & DeAnthony Kirkland	5 Pts	Turkey
1 st Place	Michael May & Ramona Piske	5 Pts	Turkey
Cadet	Child & Adult	Points	
1 st Place	Alex Garcia & Dylan Gschwind	22 Pts	Turkey
2 nd Place	Joey & Tom Lauletta	10 Pts	Turkey
3 rd Place	Liam & Will Mulchrone	9 Pts	Certificate
4 th Place	Peter Casey & Catherine Marcroft	8 Pts	Certificate
4 th Place	Tyler Brown & Kim Gierke	8 Pts	Certificate
Pebble	Child & Adult	Points	
1 st Place	Monica Medina & Matt Hennemann	22 Pts	Turkey*
2 nd Place	Julissa & Eusebio Camacho	13 Pts	Turkey*
3 rd Place	Jailene & Maribel Espinoza	12 Pts	Certificate
4 th Place	Dana & Rod Luery	5 Pts	Certificate
Prep	Child & Adult	Points	
1 st Place	Charlie & Brian Wright	17 Pts	Turkey
2 nd Place	Josh & Eusebio Camacho	12 Pts	Turkey*
3 rd Place	Ulysses (Chris) Gissendanner & Yolanda	8 Pts	Certificate
4 th Place	Tommy & Tom Lauletta	6 Pts	Certificate
Junior	Child & Adult	Points	
1 st Place	Mariella & Freddy Rodriguez	27 Pts	Turkey
2 nd Place	Liana Gissendanner & Daisy Starr	18 Pts	Turkey
3 rd Place	Adriana Medina & Matt Hennemann	16 Pts	Certificate
4 th Place	Victoria Gonzalez & Amber Jozat	12 Pts	Certificate
4 th Place	Karla & Carlos Rodriguez	12 Pts	Certificate
Tribe	Child & Adult	Points	
1 st Place	Luis Medina & Matt Hennemann	19 Pts	Turkey*
2 nd Place	Tim & Paul Jensen	17 Pts	Turkey
3 rd Place	Julian & Freddy Rodriguez	14 Pts	Certificate
4 th Place	Andrew Medina & Tracy Yanes	10 Pts	Certificate
Senior	Child & Adult	Points	
1 st Place	Veronica Gonzalez & Julie Fierro	31 Pts	Turkey
2 nd Place	Krystal & Butch Starr	26 Pts	Turkey
3 rd Place	Polette & Angel Medina	14 Pts	Certificate
3 rd Place	Lizbeth Bastidas & Tracy Yanes	14 Pts	Certificate

* Only one turkey winner per family



CHEERLEADING NEWS

By: Liz Torres & Dani Tetrault



Cheerleading this year has been fun and very interesting. This year was the first year in 25 years that one of the Moore-Werstein girls (Colleen Moore, Bonnie Moore-Werstein, Candice & Jennifer Werstein) have not done cheerleading, so it was very unpredictable and what was going to happen but it had to happen. This was our first year as coaches and we had so much fun! The cheerleaders have been busy working long hours and through bad weather. We started off on a slow foot but came right up to date.

Our 2004 NBGC JV Cheerleaders are Courtney Borucki, Julisa Camacho, Isabelle Harmon, Daisy Martinez, Courtney Pina, Yasmine Ramos, Natalia Rueda, Autumn Schroeder, and Nyeire Smith. The All-Star Squad Cheerleaders are: Cassandra Brownlow, Ashley Camacho, Joanne Carrion, Jessica Chavez, Krystal Decker, Veronica Gonzalez, Kaitlyn Heilemann, Nicole Martens, Frida Medina, Liannie Melendez, Joselyn Morales, and Nicole Przytulski.

The All-Star Squad has lots of new faces on the team and many returning members. Everyone seems to get along with everyone even through a few ups and downs. Nicole M. and Alexandra B. are honorary all-star squad members (they are, by age, supposed to be a part of the JV squad) and they proved that they are mature and strong enough to work on the All-star squad. It has been so much fun teaching these girls all new dances and some cheers. Especially when we were teaching the girls toe touches and Dani had to do like 50 in a row. They really made this a welcoming experience for us. We worked hard and had lots of fun on the way. Thanks.

The NBGC cheerleaders are the youngest group of kids that I know that really understand what they need to do. Of course we like to goof around a lot but when it came down to knowing the cheers they dug in and did a great job. We have (continued on page 10)

PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL GAMES

Pebble League (2nd & 3rd Grade Girls) in the NBGC Gym

Mon.	Nov.	29th	5:20	Twisters	vs.	Angels
			6:05	Aliens	vs.	Pumas

Cadet League (2nd & 3rd Grade Boys) in the NBGC Gym

Wed.	Dec.	1st	4:00	Bobcats	vs.	Locusts
			5:00	Bees	vs.	Falcons
			6:00	Eagles	vs.	Cougars

Prep League (4th & 5th Grade Boys) in the Revere Gym

Tues.	Nov.	30th	4:00	Wasps	vs.	Bobcats
			4:45	Bees	vs.	Spartans
			5:30	Eagles	vs.	Scorpions

Junior League (4th & 5th Grade Boys) in the Revere Gym

Wed.	Dec.	1st	5:20	Angels	vs.	Tomatoes
			6:05	Comets	vs.	Aliens
Fri.	Dec.	3rd	4:00	Hurricanes	vs.	Wildcats

Senior League (6th - 8th Grade Girls) in the Revere Gym

Mon.	Nov.	29th	5:20	Aliens	vs.	Twisters
			6:05	Hurricanes	vs.	Comets
Fri.	Dec.	3rd	5:00	Pumas	vs.	Angels

Tribe League (6th-8th Grade Boys) in the Revere Gym

Thurs.	Dec.	2nd	6:30	Cougars	vs.	Spartans
			7:15	Pirates	vs.	Falcons
			8:00	Eagles	vs.	Bees

* If you are not sure which team you are on, call Bonnie, Brian or your League Director (Nina, Phil, Amber, Matt, Kevin or Dan).

SHIRTS & NUMBERS ARE NEEDED FOR GAMES!

Basketball players will need an NBGC team shirt with ironed on numbers for each game. Shirts must be worn starting with the first pre-season game and numbers must be in place by Sat. Dec. 6th. Shirts are being sold at practices through your League Director (Pebbles - Nina, Juniors - Phil, Seniors - Amber, Cadets - Malt, Preps - Kevin, Tribes - Dan). They cost \$7.00 and it is a good idea to have two shirts.

REVERE GYM RULES

Park Supervisor Rob Nabar asks for the cooperation of our members and parents in using the Revere building and facilities. He would appreciate your compliance with the following rules:

1. Only gym shoes are allowed on the gym floor. They must be clean and dry. Try to carry your gym shoes and change downstairs.
2. When walking from NBGC to Revere, please use the sidewalk which cuts between the buildings instead of walking through the mud.
3. Players are asked not go over to the park more than 15 minutes before the start of their game or practice.
4. Everyone is asked to wait in the balcony until the current activity ends, rather than to sit or stand on the stairs, around the lobby or downstairs.
5. All of your belongings are to be kept in a locker downstairs, or by your parent or friend in the balcony. Coats, caps, clothing, etc. are not allowed in the gym or gym lobby. It is a good idea to bring a lock as NBGC and Revere will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.
6. Food, pop, candy, gum, etc. are not allowed in the gym or balcony. Noise in the balcony must be kept to a minimum. Spectators who are negative toward the officials or any team will be asked to leave.
7. Misbehavior will not be tolerated in the fieldhouse. The park staff can have you leave the building and miss your activity if you get out of hand.
8. Please do not leave the back door of the fieldhouse open.

CHEERLEADING NEWS - continued

spent lots of time perfecting the cheers and making new ones. Their dance is a little hard but we all got the hang of it after everyone pulled together and helped out. These girls are so bright and filled with fun and energy. We had so much fun with so many different games like 'Cheerleader Says' and practicing yelling the cheers for everyone to hear. Believe me, these girls can yell! They have so much spirit and they really put the cheer in the word cheerleader. Great job!

We would like to thank all the NBGC Parents, JV and All-star cheerleaders for coming out to practices and having lots of fun with us. A special thanks to Jennifer Werstein who came out to help us when times were rough and for never forgetting us. Thank you coach we really couldn't have done it with out your help. Also we would like to thank everyone who came to help the bake sale, Leader Ashley Pema for helping with the dances, Staff Amber Jotzat for helping with the stunting and Leader Chelsea Gschwind for helping with the cheers and a special thanks to our volunteer Rebecca Shepkowski. It has been great and so much fun. We hope to be back next year. Thanks so much.

FIRST HALF STANDINGS

CADET

	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Bees	5	1	0	6	6	0	22
Bobcats	5	1	0	5	6	0	21
Eagles	1	5	0	6	6	0	14
Locusts	1	5	0	5	6	0	13

PREP

	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Spartans	5	0	1	5	6	0	22
Locusts	3	2	1	5	6	0	18
Eagles	2	2	2	6	6	0	18
Bees	0	6	0	6	6	0	12

TRIBE

	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Bees	5	1	0	6	6	0	22
Eagles	4	1	1	6	6	0	21
Pirates	3	2	1	6	6	0	19
Spartans	3	3	0	6	6	0	18
Wasps	1	5	0	6	6	0	14
Cougars	1	5	0	5	6	0	13

SECOND HALF STANDINGS

CADET

	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Bobcats	5	0	1	6	6	0	23
Bees	3	2	1	6	6	0	19
Locusts	2	4	0	5	6	0	15
Eagles	1	5	0	5	6	0	13

PREP

	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Spartans	5	1	0	4	6	0	20
Locusts	3	2	1	5	6	0	18
Eagles	2	3	1	5	6	0	16
Bees	1	5	0	5	6	0	13

TRIBE

	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Spartans	6	0	0	6	6	0	24
Bees	4	2	0	6	6	0	20
Eagles	4	2	0	4	6	0	18
Pirates	2	4	0	5	6	0	15
Wasps	1	5	0	6	6	0	14
Cougars	1	5	0	6	6	0	14

FIRST HALF STANDINGS

PEBBLE

	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Aliens	3	1	2	6	6	0	20
Pumas	3	0	3	4	6	0	19
Angels	1	3	2	5	6	0	15
Twisters	0	3	3	5	6	0	14

JUNIOR

	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Angels	3	2	1	6	6	0	19
Aliens	3	2	1	5	6	0	18
Twisters	2	3	1	5	6	0	16
Pumas	1	2	3	5	6	0	16

SENIOR

	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Pumas	4	0	2	4	6	0	20
Aliens	3	2	1	5	6	0	19
Twisters	1	3	2	5	6	0	15
Angels	0	4	2	5	6	0	13

SECOND HALF STANDINGS

PEBBLE

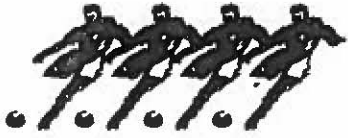
	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Pumas	3	0	3	4	6	0	19
Angels	3	3	0	3	6	0	15
Aliens	1	3	2	5	6	0	15
Twisters	1	2	3	4	6	0	15

JUNIOR

	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Angels	2	0	4	6	6	0	20
Twisters	2	1	3	6	6	0	19
Aliens	3	3	0	6	6	0	18
Pumas	0	3	3	3	6	0	12

SENIOR

	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Aliens	3	0	3	3	6	0	18
Twisters	1	2	3	5	6	0	16
Pumas	2	1	3	2	6	0	15
Angels	0	3	3	4	6	0	13


PEBBLE TWISTERS vs. ANGELS
FIELD 1 - 12:00 AM

By Nina Kanoon

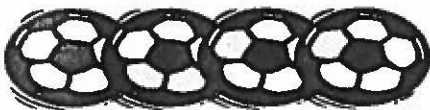


The second Pebble game on Thanksgiving will be between the Angels and the Twisters. Both of these teams have a lot of enthusiasm and energy. They've had so much fun that on one Saturday they turned a muddy field into a giant slip and slide. Both teams have been doing such a great job, and I'm sure that they'll play with everything they got on Thanksgiving.

The Twisters are led by coaches Lea Parks and Anna Parks with the help from captains Alexa Castillo and Rachele Imhoff. Starting off the game on Thanksgiving will be Mallory Gonzalez and Baylee Cabrera as midfielders, Marissa Macias and Sara Davis on defense, Sarah Bianchi and Sarah Zarymbki as forwards, and Sarah Parks protecting the goal. Also playing for the Twisters will be Rachele Imhoff and Alexa Castillo. The Twister's offense usually sets up with one forward taking care of one side of the field, one on the left and the other on the right. Alexa Castillo has proven to be the team's best runner. Baylee and Alexa usually handle the kick off for the Twisters at the beginning of each game. Sarah B. has improved the most at kicking the ball. Sarah P. has also improved at playing goalie, being able to grab the ball and get it down the field quicker. Coach Lea feels that the team is a group of very nice girls with a great attitude. One of the coaches' favorite memories is the time when a large dog named Shadow escaped from his yard and wound up on the soccer field during the beginning of the game. Shadow ran around the field about ten times before we were able to get a hold of him. The girls also had a great time playing in the rain and mud, and rolling around in the mud puddles after the game (pictures have been posted in the counter window). The Twisters hope to win on Thanksgiving because they've been working hard all season.

Mike Claudio has been coaching the Angels with the help of team captains Rose Questel and Alejandra Hernandez. The starters on Thanksgiving will be Catherine Cumbe and Samantha Gibbons as midfielders, Amy Cumbe and Deanna Smith on defense, Taylor Stoffle and Alejandra Hernandez as forwards, and Julisa Camacho as goalie. Natalie Hernandez, Rose Questel, Alexandra Espinoza, and Evelyn Marin will also be playing as both forwards and defenders. Alexandra Espinoza usually handles the kick offs for the Angels. Taylor and Catherine have been the teams best runners with Alejandra and Catherine being the shiftest players on the field for the Angels. Coach Mike thinks that all of the girls have improved in many areas including shooting, passing, and working together as a team. The Angels' toughest competition has been with the Pumas because they have very fast runners and a great goalie. The team's favorite memory is the Saturday when the field was full of mud and at the end of the day everyone was covered with mud from head to toe. Coach Mike believes that his team will see a victory on Thanksgiving Day because *"the team has improved a lot in many areas and Thanksgiving Day is the day they will use everything they have learned to win the game"*.

Like I've been saying all season, all of the girls and teams have been doing such an impressive job working together and improving with every game. The Pebbles have really impressed me because in the beginning of the season many of the girls lacked confidence and they weren't really sure of themselves, but with hardwork and determination the girls have become really awesome soccer players. I hope that everyone enjoys themselves on Thanksgiving Day, and plan to come back next year.


PEBBLE PUMAS vs. ALIENS
FIELD 2 - 12:00 AM

By Nina Kanoon



On Thanksgiving Day the Pumas and the Aliens will be facing each other in the championship game. The girls came out to the soccer camps not knowing a lot about soccer, but with the help and guidance from the leaders and coaches all of the girls have become such great players. The Aliens came out strong in the beginning of the season, being the champions of the first half. Improving with every game, the Pumas came out on top for the second half of the season. I know that everyone is anticipating and preparing for a great game on Thanksgiving Day when these two teams face off for the title of the championship. Regardless of who wins, everyone has done such a great job this season.

Coaches Aristo Noriega and Mercedes Pepin have been practicing and working with the Aliens along with the help from captains Taylor Vazquez and Lucy Tertuel. Starting the game for the Aliens on Thanksgiving will be Ivette Cebrero and Blanca Diaz at midfield, Maria Valencia and Taylor Vazquez on defense, Korynna Pepin and Jordan Thoma as forwards, and Lucy Tertuel at goalie. Crystal Castillo, Jailene Espinoza, and Abigail Noriega will also be playing defense and Leilani Rebolledo and Kaina Castillo will be playing as midfielders. Jordan Thoma and Leilani Rebolledo have both proven to be the fastest runners on the field for the Aliens. According to the coaches all of the girls deserve recognition for their great attitude and hard work that they have put in at both games and practices. The team's strengths have been the girls' ability to make great goals, the awesome blocking by the goalie, and the teams' defensive efforts overall. Throughout the season all of the girls have been improving but according to coach Mercedes, Taylor Vazquez and Maria Valencia have really improved with handling the kick offs. This year the team's toughest opponent has been the Pumas because they have attained other skills such as heading the ball. The Aliens have had such a hard time playing against the Pumas, and they are due for a win since they haven't been able to secure a win for the past few weeks. They expect to win on Thanksgiving Day because everyone will be coming out ready to play and give 100%.

The Pumas are led by captains Anais Vazquez and Katelynn Morgan, and coaches Andres Scarpetta and Rita Vera. Beginning the game for the Pumas and Thanksgiving will be sisters Anais and Jocelyn Vazquez as midfielders, Meghan Zimmer and Simone Greblo on defense, Genesis Scarpetta and Jennifer Haslwanter as forwards, and Katelynn Morgan as goalie. Oliva Woods and Nieve Espy will also be playing as forwards. The Puma's offense usually works with two forwards and one midfielder. The team's best play has been a forward waiting patiently for another teammate to pass and then shoot the ball. According to Coach Andres *"Anais is one of our best runners because she is very fast. Jennifer is also really good at following through fearlessly"*. The team's strengths have been teamwork, kicking power, attentivness, and the teams spirit and enthusiasum. All of their players have improved but Nieve has gained a lot of confidence, Genesis has better ball control, Jennifer has learned to pursue the ball, Katelynn has learned to not fear the players or the ball, and Olivia has maintained her willingness/excitment the entire season. The Twisters have been their toughest opponent because they have such a strong defense. Coach Scarpetta says that the team has been awesome to work and play with, they have been super energized and positive. The Puma's favorite memory is when they played a game on a field that was completely covered in mud. The Puma's plan to win on Thanksgiving day because they have worked super hard and practiced a lot to be on the top of the standings each week.

I know that it will be a very intense game. Both teams have done such an awesome job through out the season, and their work and efforts have proven to pay off. Regardless of who wins, all of the girls have been great and should be very proud of themselves.

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