

MONKEYSHINES



FOUNDED IN 1931
BY ROBERT BUEHLER
AND RICHARD VALENTIN
IN MEMORY OF CARL BUEHLER

AN INDEPENDENT, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION NOT AFFILIATED WITH CHICAGO BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

2501 W. Irving Park Rd.

463-1848

Edition No. 3530

Nov. 23, 2006



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 our parents who've been supportive, lining the fields to cheer for their sons and daughters.

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who are working to make the day a success, from the 30+ alumni officials to the parents and friends who are helping with the refreshments. Thanks to **Matt Marino, Kitty Gale and Greg Czjakowski** of the Chicago Park District, to **The George Howe Family** for sponsoring the Turkey Toss prizes, to **Fred Divieto and the Dominick's on Chybourg**, to sponsors **Brenda Weigelt and The Duckmann Family**, to the **Alumni Volunteer Officials** and to the **NBGC Cheerleaders**. Have a great day!



GET YOUR HOLIDAY HAM FROM THE NBGC MOMS!

Orders Taken Nov. 27th - Dec. 15th



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. Orders will be taken from Nov. 27th through Dec. 15th. **Pick up and payment is on Tues. Dec. 19th.** Order forms will be available at the office. You can fax your order to (773) 463-5392, e-mail [Chris Prokaski \(chris@NBGC.org\)](mailto:chris@NBGC.org) or leave a phone order with Mrs. Borgert at (773) 427-8385. Spread the word to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers!



DADS' CLUB PLANNING TREE SALE



The Holiday Season is fast-approaching and with that comes much chaos. The long standing tradition of the **Dad's Club Christmas Tree Sale** will continue. **This one day sale will feature only Fraser Firs.** We are ordering a limited number of **7-9 foot Fraser Firs** and strongly suggest that, if you would like to have one of these beautiful trees and help out the Dad's Club, to pre-order by contacting **Chris Prokaski** at (773) 463-4161 or e-mailing chris@NBGC.org. Roping and wreaths will also be available. **Please mark Sat. Dec. 9th on your calendar** and plan on coming out to spend some time talking with old friends and making new ones.



CITY CONTRACT RENEWED



Everyone at NBGC would like to give a great big THANK YOU to **47th Ward Ald. Gene Schuller** for his support in renewing the Club's **Youth Program Initiative** contract. The contract, through the **Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services**, helps to fund the Assistant Program Director position, three part-time League Director positions, the Cadet, Pebble and Discovery programs, as well as a pilot after school program at Coonley School. Thank you, Gene, for your outstanding support!



DID YOU KNOW THAT...



...the NBGC programs are supported by the **Chicago Park District, Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services and After School Matters?** CDCYS and ASM funding was secured with the support of **Ald. Gene Schuller (47th)**. NBGC also co-sponsors a pilot Community School program at Coonley School through the support of CDCYS, ASM and Ald. Schuller.

FLOOR HOCKEY & VOLLEYBALL SIGN UP JANUARY 6TH - 13TH



THANKSGIVING DAY SPONSORED BY BRENDA WEIGELT AND THE DUCKMANN'S



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 about 20 years.

HELMETS MUST BE RETURNED

We'd like remind everyone that the **NBGC football helmet must be returned after your last game on Thanksgiving Day**. Those who do not turn in their helmet on time are subject to having their pictures held and being held out of basketball games. Please cooperate and help us with this major task.

If you have lost any of the NBGC helmet parts, you are responsible for paying for their replacement before your next game. The costs are:

Football Helmet	\$65.00	Chin Strap	\$5.00
Helmet Jaw Pad	\$ 5.00	Helmet Head Pads	\$10.00
Clips & Screws	\$.25		



BEARS BASH IN DECEMBER! Sponsored By Morici, Figlioli & Assoc., Mike Hosp & Oriole Enterprises



Hey football fans, IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! **The NBGC DADS' CLUB'S 23rd ANNUAL "BEARS BASH"** is right around the corner. Save the date of **Mon. Dec. 11th** and watch the Bears battle the St. Louis Rams. Men and women 21 and older are welcome to join an avid group of Bear Fans for an "all you can eat" **Ray Harrington's** corned beef dinner with unlimited beverages, and top it off by watching the Bears go for a victory! This year's BASH will be bigger and better than ever! If you've never joined us you won't want to miss it.

The doors open at 5:30 PM in the St. Andrew's Gymnasium, 1658 W Addison. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the game will kick off at 7:30. Unlimited beverages will be served from 6:30 until 10:00. **There is a \$35.00 donation per ticket, payable in advance by Dec. 3rd. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.** The event always sells out and we know that you and your friends won't want to be left on the sidelines. The night includes a free mug, a raffle, table prizes, football pools and LOTS OF FUN! Join the NBGC Dads' Club with a seat on the 50 yardline. Tickets can be purchased from Dads' Club members or at the NBGC administrative office. You'll have a great night and contribute to the program at the same time.



NBGC CLOSED FRIDAY & SATURDAY



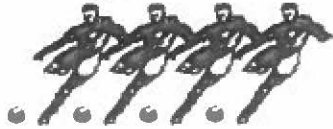
NBGC will be closed for clean up on **Fri. Nov. 24th**. We will also be closed on **Sat. Nov. 25th**. We will return at 3:30 p.m. on **Monday Nov. 27th** with pre-season basketball games.



HELP FIGHT BREAST CANCER

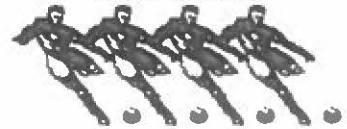


Save the pink lids from **Yoplait Yogurt!** Yoplait is working with the **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation** to raise funds. They will donate 10 cents per lid through Dec. 31st. Yoplait will donate a minimum of \$900,000.00 and a maximum of \$2.1 million!! You can mail the lids yourself (address on inside of lid) or drop them off at the office. Please pass on to all your family and friends.



SENIOR PUMAS vs. TWISTERS
FIELD 1 - 8:00 AM
 By: Ashley Pernau

Nov. 23, 2006



The Senior Pumas are without a doubt the most enthusiastic team in the league. Guided by Head Coach Tracy Rhodes, and Captains Chloe Rhodes and Silvia Turney, the Pumas have come to show that this soccer season was unlike any other. Their effort and proficiency have come to show that they were able to overcome any assumptions in games played. Their strategies for this soccer season have changed since we saw them last year; new techniques and old approaches to the game have made this year an undoubtedly great one. Even though we asked the Pumas to share with us a strategy, their reply was "If we told you, we would have to kill you", they still end up leaving us at a mystery.

A typical starting line up for the Pumas would go as follows: Chloe Rhodes and Cassie Kielnik at midfield, Sabrina Scholtes, Denise Hearn, and Ariana Kroger on Defense, Thea Lazarova and Silvia Turney at Forward, and Sarah Romo at Goalie. But that isn't all the players the Pumas have up their sleeve. With Deja Brown splitting the role at Goalie, she has been known to make the unstoppable stop! Jade Rueda and Stephanie Romero bring the endurance at Midfield, and Gisselle Cruz rounds things up at Forward, which makes the Pumas' opponents ready to crumble when they step on the field. Fancy footwork, fast moving, and tricky passes, as Head Coach Tracy describes, are the qualities of their best runners, Cassie Kielnik and Chloe Rhodes. "They amazed the team this year." For kickoffs, the Pumas look at their greatest kicker, Sarah Romo, who is described to "...pack a punch!" This year, the Pumas thought that the Aliens were their toughest opponent. The Pumas said that the Aliens just "... don't let up!" Although this soccer season was filled with many ups and downs for the Pumas, they managed to focus on just having fun and making memories. As far as their favorite memory goes, Tracy says that it had to be when Deja took a ball to the stomach, successfully blocking the goal. Thanksgiving Day this year will be an exceptional one at that for the Pumas. The reason they should win? Well, Tracy says that they should win because they've worked really hard all season. Well, it all comes down to Thanksgiving Day to determine the victory, but they are right about one thing, they have worked really hard. Good Luck Pumas and see you on the field.

It seems that every season, no matter what the league, the Senior Twisters manage to blow us away, not only in good sportsmanship, but field work as well. This Thanksgiving Day, the Twisters will still be led by their two outstanding coaches, Sam Prodromos and David Parks. This year will be different for them though. This year, they have become more mature, more competitive, and less lenient towards their opponents. With the help of their Captains, Valin Myers and Tonya Prodromos, the Twisters have shown us that soccer not only takes skill, but knowledge as well. When we asked the Twisters their best offensive strategy, they replied with a 3-on-3; 3 offense, 3 defense. This year it seems that the Twisters have grown out of the freestyle forms they had last year, and are using more challenging formations to test their opponents' skill.

With a tough to beat lineup, the Twisters constantly amaze us when game time rolls around. The lineup consists of Mary Guiragossian, Jocelyn Parks, and Karen Gibbons playing at midfield, Valin Myers and Karen Gibbons defending the line, Kristin Kattner and Erin Thompson as their forwards, and Tonya Prodromos as their goalie. Let's not forget that Rosana Mulchrone serves as the Twisters' partnering goalie and also plays their defense when things are getting rocky. This season, the Twisters told us that with Tonya's goal kicks, Kristin's power plays and Jocelyn's free kicks, it has made their soccer season most successful. Their strengths are known to be their speed and their goal kicks, which makes it hard to break such amazing techniques. When asked, Coach Dave told us that the Aliens were their toughest opponent because they were "physically aggressive and were hard to compete against without losing your 'cool' or being physically aggressive back" Yet, this year, they seem to have recognized one individual who has improved the most this year. That person would be Kristin Kattner. Coach Dave tells us that she has "improved in stamina and power, which has allowed her to play offensive wing really well." Every game for the Twisters seemed to be a great one, with each player leaving dignified and satisfied. As for the coaches, one certain memory seems to stand out to Coach Sam. "It was pouring rain outside and everyone was pretty much frozen. My girls still played an awesome game, and bad weather seems to be a good friend of our team."

This Thanksgiving Day, the Twisters are hoping to beat their opponent, rain or shine. When asked about the Twisters' season, Coach Dave said "Despite a losing season for the Twisters, they still kept very high enthusiasm and spirit." I guess that the Twisters will have to watch the weather and see if a Thanksgiving tradition will put them in its favor. Great season and good luck on Thanksgiving Day!



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

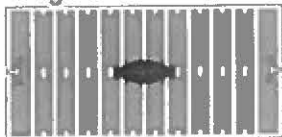


The Tribe Eagles and the Tribe Pirates are set to square off in a Thanksgiving Day Classic. Both teams did well this season, and although the Eagles finished in front of the Pirates for much of the season, both teams have proved to be very dangerous. The game should be quite exciting, with both teams showing off how much damage they can do.

The Eagles are going into the Turkeybowl after an excellent season, being coached along the way by Jon Connelly and Geronimo Salgado. Captains Jonathan Connelly and Brandon Walters keep the team motivated and energized for every game. The Eagles like to run their offense out of the standard 'I' formation to keep defenses on their toes, never knowing when a run or pass was coming. Jonathan Connelly handles the passing duties with his cannon like arm and the team has a trifecta of running backs behind him. Danny Hernandez is a strong and speedy power runner, Freddy Jacome is small and elusive, and Gabriel Colon uses his size, strength, and speed to stretch the field. Their offensive line of Jaime Espinoza, Salman Bhagat, Richard Bolinas, Edgar Castillo, Alexis Salgado, and Victor Ochoa give their quarterback time to find open receivers and open gaping holes for their backs to dance through. Marty Haderlein uses his size and good hands to make big plays as a receiver, while Thomas Grogan has excelled at running pristine routes. The Eagles defense has a feared reputation around the league. Marty Haderlein is a mad-man who is always around to make a play and Vincent Velez breaks through every offensive line. Brandon Walters is an excellent defensive end with tremendous power and surprising speed, while Jonathan Connelly dishes out bone crushing tackles. The Eagles say their strengths have been a swarming defense, and athletes that can make plays from any point of attack. They say they have had tough moments against all their opponents this year, and they plan on winning this Thanksgiving Day because of their persistence and hard work!

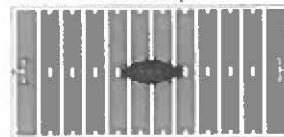
The Pirates are looking forward to Thanksgiving Day after an outstanding season. Coaches Tom Seegert, Neiko Smith, and Fredy Rodriguez, along with captains Timmy Jensen and Antonio Ramirez make sure their team is ready for any situation, and are always keeping their heads in the game. The Pirates run their offense mainly out of the I formation, with simple dives and big passes being the most successful plays for them. Quarterback Antonio Ramirez has emerged as a great leader, using their own dangerous rotating backfield. Timmy Jensen is a shifty back who follows his blocks, Tyler Seegert is a hard-nosed runner who earns what he gets, and Cody Jackson simply won't be tackled. The offensive line of Dennis Peralta, Wilfredo Castaneda, Alexis Barrero, Brandon Diaz, Jesus Sandoval, and Arturo Sotelo have the important job of giving their offense time to work, and have done the job beautifully. Joshua Camacho is a star receiver for his team, someone who is always a threat to score, while Matthew Mohring uses his speed to get open and the sure handed Erik Perez is an excellent possession target. The Pirates also have one of the most devastating defenses in the league. Leon Jasso's motor never stops running, delivering crushing blows on every play, while Emmanuel Alvarado tackles anything that moves! Their strengths have been their balanced offensive attack, and their stingy defense. They believe they will win on Thanksgiving because they have worked hard all season, and all their preparation and hard work will pay off!

This match-up looks to be a hard-nosed slugfest between two relatively even squads. With huge bragging rights on the line, this game should be as exciting as any game all season!



PREP BEES vs. COUGARS
FIELD 3 - 8:00 AM
 By: Manny Miranda

Nov. 23, 2006



Kicking off the 2006 Turkey Bowl in the Prep league we have a great game between the Cougars and Bees. Both teams are fresh off very strong finishes in their seasons, and definitely have a lot of confidence coming into the match-up. The Bees, who will be missing their play making quarterback Aram Wilkinson and star halfback Tori Harvey, are a bunch loaded with speedsters in the backfield and a heck of an offensive line. With Jacob Echeverri taking most of the snaps, the Bees feature a trio of backs in Ian Scheffler, Alex Segura and Benji Barclay, all of whom are threats of breaking a big play at any time. The backs like to run their offense mostly out of the I-formation which can prove tough for the defense as there is always a speedy pair in the backfield. Anchoring their very good offensive line is first year player Logan Bailey who along with Matt Wettig, Macklin Mahurin, and Bob Hobert make this offense work. The Bees do a great job of using that same speed on the defensive end of the ball, which makes them very tough to match up with. Leading the scary defensive line and most improved Bee is Logan Bailey followed by Hayden Gallup and Zach Prybyl, but it's the linebackers that make this defense so tough. They include sack machine and team captain Kip Zazuk in the middle, and sure tackling outside linebackers Walker Post and Benji Barclay. The Bees have a lot of momentum heading into the big game and credit that to very hard work in practice which lead to a very strong second half of the season.

The Cougars have been together for a long time and have both experience and size on their side going into Thursdays game. The Cougars play no nonsense type football that is established by a tough running game and arguably the best defense in the league. A big and physical defense that is led by All-American Peter Casey, followed by monsters Liam Mulchrone, Julian Brummitt, and Joseph Schroeder. This defense has overpowered offenses all year and there's no doubt they'll try to use that size to counter the speedy Bees offense. As if there defense weren't enough, the Cougars also come with an explosive running and passing mixture. The offense is led by leading vote getter on the team and quarterback/runningback Ian Osinski. Ian has had a great year and has racked up the touchdowns whether it's on a handoff or a QB keeper, a big reason for their success. The Cougars have a good mixture in their run game with quick backs like Ian Osinski and Noel Mendoza, that are balanced by power backs Wade Hinton and Dan Lydon who run up the gut for the tough yards and first downs. The Cougars like to take advantage of their size on offense too by using Julian or Liam on passing situations while using Peter Casey as a tight end, who has several touchdowns on the year, and sure handed Justin Sopanorat at the wideout position. Their offense cannot be mentioned with their line who are a new group that started off shaky but has molded into a solid unit. They are led by newcomer Mehmet Aksoy who has handled the important center position well, and linemen Obie Brown, Manny Camacho and Killian Cancellor who have improved each and every game. This game looks to be a good ol' hardnosed football game the way they're supposed to be played, and after talking to some of the players from each team, I don't think they'll disappoint us.



SENIOR ANGELS vs. ALIENS
FIELD 1 - 9:15 AM
 By: Phil Jensen



This year the Senior Aliens will be defending their championship title against their NBGC rivals, the Senior Angels. Led by Head Coaches Tracy Yanes and Steve Cox, the Aliens have clearly proven themselves to be a defender of this title each year, making this no different. With Captains Amaris Noriega and Adriana Medina, the Aliens are everything except weak. They have played an amazing soccer season just to show us that this championship title will not be given up as easily as some people would like to think. For the Aliens, a normal lineup goes something like this: Adriana Medina, Liana Gissendanner, and Claudia Cox playing midfield, Amber Rivera and Natalie Zepeda on defense, Angelica Arzuaga and Vivian Moreno as their forwards, and Angella Starr in the goal. Splitting these positions are Siria Arzuaga as their midfield/defense, Vanessa Moreno and Priscilla Ramos as defense, and Karina Maya as their forward.

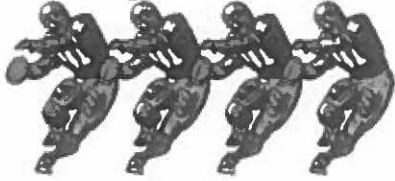
The Aliens are strategically skillful and they know how to work their plays well. Their famous offensive play for this season is called "The Pyramid". Although we have no certain information on how they set this up, it definitely worked for them. The Aliens are players who continually pass the ball from player to player, forcing other opponents to get easily tired and worn out when chasing after them, this being their most successful play this season. To best describe their best runner, Coach Tracy had to say this, "She's like butter melting". Who is this person? Well, that's Claudia Cox. She is known to move the ball as far away from the opponent, apparently as quickly as butter melting. To the Aliens, Nana (Adriana) is known to get the ball faster and plays from where she defends. As for the kickoffs, the Aliens rely on Liana Gissendanner, their most powerful kicker on their team, and possibly in the league. When we asked who has shown the most improvement this year, Coach Tracy had replied with Amber. "At first, she was afraid to charge the ball...now she goes for the ball to beat out opponents." For every other team in the league, the Aliens were chosen as their toughest opponent. But who is the Aliens' toughest opponent? "All the teams were great this year..." says Coach Tracy, "...there were a lot of ties." I guess we will never know. This year, the Aliens have shown that soccer can be a competition, but when it all comes down to it, it's about the people and the fun. To Coach Tracy, her favorite memory is when they beat the Angels. "They are the opposite side of us, and when we played that day with back and forth goals, it was like nothing could go wrong."

Thanksgiving Day is sure to be a great one. Who will win the championship game this year? Coach Tracy believes it will be them, stating "...we are defending champs and want to keep it that way..." Well, looks like we'll have to wait and see, but good luck and see you on Thanksgiving Day!

The Senior Angels are once again in the run for the championship this season. In the event of an unfortunate loss of the championship last year, the Angels have risen up to get the chance to win it back. This year, the Angels are led by Head Coach Fredy Rodriguez and Captains Mariella Rodriguez and Selena Chavez. This soccer season for the Angels has proven to be another efficient and successful one, but can they win back the title? This season, the Angels have started every game adequately, with players like: Cynthia Lopez, Selena Chavez and Ericka Perez at midfield, Andrea Lopez and Emily Lopez at defense, Mariella Rodriguez and Daisy Salazar as forwards and Victoria Gonzalez as goalie. But that's not all, they also have Jaselyn Taylor splitting the role at midfield, Monica Garcia at their defense, and Shelby Johnson in midfield.

The Angels are probably the only league that uses the same defensive/offensive strategy every soccer season. They tell us that their formation consists of 4 people up front, and 4 people in back, which brings out a diamond shape. The Angels are known to be an aggressive team, so when we asked them what they thought their successful play was this season, they told us it was Sideline Press. Even though it sounds easy, I'm sure the Angels can understand the difficulty of successfully doing it. Mariella, Selena, and Cynthia; three powerful girls with three different skills. Coach Fredy tells us that Mariella has the power of the team, and that Selena and Cynthia handle the slashing and shifting during the games. As for the kickoffs, this is left to Victoria, Andrea, and Mariella, all whom have great and powerful kicks. With all these powerful players, only 3 stand out in Coach Fredy's mind. Daisy Salazar, Jaselyn Taylor, and Monica Garcia. Coach Fredy tells us that Daisy's best improvement was when she scored her first and most important goal this year, Jaselyn is now Tiny Dynamite, and Monica with her help in "...picking up the slack when Shelby was gone." This year, Coach Fredy said that his favorite memory was when "Victoria stopped Claudia's free kick. She was so nervous, and her mom was cheering her on, and just as she told her mom how nervous she was, she stopped the goal."

The Angels' soccer season all comes down to Thanksgiving Day. The Angels told us that the Aliens are their toughest opponent. "They're the team that makes soccer. Aliens vs. Angels is NBGC at its best." The championship game will be one game that determines if the Aliens keep their title, or if the Angels snatch it back. "It being the last game of the year..." says Coach Fredy, "...everything is going to be settled." Good Luck Angels! See you on Thanksgiving Day!



**TRIBE LOCUSTS vs.
COUGARS vs. BEES**
FIELD 2 - 9:15 AM
By: Kevin Ward

Nov. 23, 2006



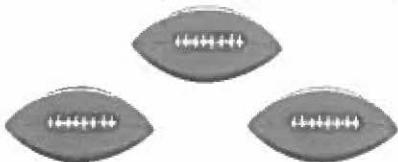
This Thanksgiving day is one to remember. The second half of our day features a round robin between the Tribe Bees, Cougars, and Locusts. All three teams have greatly improved since the beginning of the season, so no team should go underestimated. With the talent that will be on the field, there looks to be plenty of fireworks in the bouts that'll take place.

The Bees had an overall successful season. Coaches Gipp White as well as captains Spencer Barclay and Pat O'Connell have kept their team passionate and craving victories all season long. Their offense likes to work out of an I-formation with the quarterback Spencer Barclay barking out insane cadences. Spencer has stepped up for his team, and has developed into one of the most versatile players on the field this year. The speedy running backs of Pat O'Connell, who is known for his dynamic ability to stretch the field, and Tyson Harvey, who is known for his killer shifts, keep opposing defenses on the move. However, the backfield would not have enough time to make such sweet moves without the help from the powerful offensive line of Cyrus Vallejo, Joel Sanchez, Kevin Joy, Cameron Gallup, Antonio Nelson, and Angel Valentin. The team also likes to run bootlegs and throw down field to sure handed receiver Holden Leon, as well as the outstanding big play receiver Femi Akinrade. The defense is a big part of the Bees success as well. Chris Gissendanner is a machine on the field, taking on whoever is placed in front of him, while Corbin Bryant plays excellent as a shut down corner back. The team takes pride in executing properly and making sure to remain competitive at all times. The coaches are extremely proud of their team and expect to win because the team works hard and wants the big win.

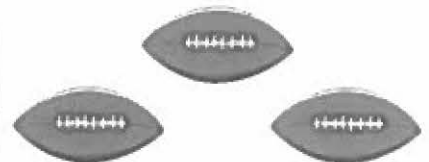
The Cougars are definitely looking forward to the Turkey Bowl. Coaches Jason Grigsby and Dustin Scholtes, along with captains Mike Scott and Luis Garcia, led the Cougars through a highly competitive season. They battled with the best all season, and are proud of their impressive improvement. The Cougars like to run out of the power-I formation, with the flanker left working the best. The quarterback position is held by the multi-talented Trey Prunte. He is a committed runner, using his amazing determination and freakish speed to burst through holes and get out into open space. His half-backs are the outstandingly elusive Luis Garcia and the powerful Zach Hinton. This offense is mainly attributed to their powerful, and tough as nails offensive line consisting of Ivan Barajas, Brandon Scholtes, Rodolfo and Adrian Santillan, Sean Shaughnessy, and Sterling Meisels. When the Cougars are not using their strong running game, they turn to the down field threats Asher Meisels, Jack Benson, and Taylor Scholtes at wide receiver for some long yardage. Jack and Taylor have sure hands, and Asher runs pristine routes to find separation. Defensively, the Cougars play full speed at all times. They rely on each other to hold their ground, and make sure to keep their heads in the game. Mike Scott has been the anchor and mentor for his defensive squad. He fires through his gaps and makes huge hits, while Xavier Vargas manages to find himself around the ball on every play! The Cougars expect to win this Thanksgiving because they play hard and never stop until the final whistle is blown!

The Locusts are excited to step on the field this Thanksgiving. They really turned their season around in the second half, and look to make some noise at the Turkey Bowl. Coach Ron Prokaski, and captains Chris Wood and Daniel Melendez keep their team mentally and physically prepared for every game. Connor Prokaski handles most of the quarterback duties, finding success due to his abilities to manage a game and slip through tight spots all over the field. His backfield, however, is what really provides the fireworks for the team. Marshall Hall is as explosive as any player on the field, managing to turn broken plays into long touchdown runs, while Max Silva likes to pound the ball and hit the defense before they hit him! However, the offense wouldn't have enough time to work anything out if it weren't for the strong play of the offensive line consisting of Daniel Melendez, Peter Paterno, Dylan Horsch, Sam Silva, Brian Howe, and Chris Wood. When the Locusts are in need of some razzle-dazzle, they call on the big play abilities of Justin Montalvo and the strong sure hands of Alan Gunderson. Both players are considerable threats any time the ball is thrown their way. Special teams and defense has also played a big part in the Locusts second half turn around. Julius Alvarado is calm and collected handling most of the kicking duties, while Anthony Wojdyla, Luke Helliker, and Pat Howe act as the bash brothers on defense. Anthony and Luke give offensive lines fits when they bust into the backfield play after play, while Pat Howe covers the field like a hawk looking for his next target. Coach Ron Prokaski expects his team to win on Turkey Day because his kids are truly at ease and having a blast together as a team!

These games look to be explosive, and highly competitive. The teams will be digging deep and playing their hearts out so there is sure to be plenty of action. This Thanksgiving, the players will be hungrier for a win rather than for turkey!

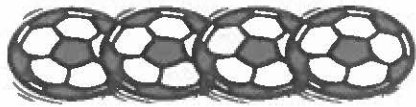


PREP LOCUSTS vs. EAGLES
FIELD 3 - 9:15 AM
By: Manny Miranda

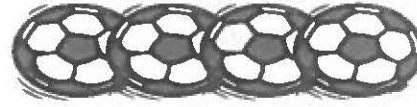


The second game of the day is the big one, a highly anticipated match up between the two best teams in the league. In a game that has been built up as a must see between two teams who are each playing at the top of their game, the two-time football champion Locusts will take on the strong, fast, and hungry Eagles. These teams have met three times this season and each game has come down to the wire, with the last three being decided by seven points or less. Earlier in the year the Locusts were coasting to an undefeated first half when the Eagles gave them their first loss of the year, the Locusts since then have taken care of business and the Eagles have used that game as a jumping off point and never looked back. The Locusts who run a high scoring Colt like offense are anchored by a devastating two headed monster of a running game lead by total package Nadji Oueid and one of the most exciting backs in any league Dante Davis, both have been carving up defenses all year on their way to the endzone. At the helm for the Locusts is All-American Jake Morris who is no stranger to the endzone, and at the wideout positions are Andrew Harmon, Jack Brosnan, and Nate Grassi. Their offensive line are a big group who work very well together are lead by two-way beast of a lineman Christian Brosnan, followed by Caleb Smiley center Charlie Sullivan, Riley White, and Ethan May. But you can't talk about the Locusts without mentioning that "wild dogs" defense of tough and aggressive tackling machines that they are known for. The key to their defense is constant pressure by the D line led by Logan Hershoff who has become one of the more sure tacklers on the team, along with linebackers Ben Sodoski, Joey Lauletta, and much improved Nate Grassi, all who are more than willing to smash pads. Their corners Mac Sullivan and Sam Sodoski are tough against the pass and key runstoppers. The Locusts best quality is that they are a well prepared team that has been together for a long time and know what it takes to be a successful and cohesive unit. The Eagles like the Locusts are another very well prepared team that have proved to be a thorn in the Locusts sides all year long.

The Eagles are a very well rounded team and have great players at key positions on each side of the ball, they have a very strong run game and a defense that has proved capable of shutting down any offense in the league. The offense starts with their quarterback and field leader Joey Arena who has been the backbone of this offense and has been crucial in the success of this team. Lining up behind him are a pair of versatile backs each who use their individual strengths to move ball and have done so very well. Jordan Pasternak is a big strong runner who finishes each run of hard and can grind down defenses with his size and power. Sam Zepeda wasn't even a running back at the beginning of the year but has turned out to be a great back with deceptive speed who can run over linebackers and the secondary, he has been a major spark in the offense and the two compliment each other very well. The Eagles have great mix of wideouts and runningbacks in Tyler and Brandon Brown and All-American Alex Garcia. Their offensive line was another that started off very shaky but has become very good throughout the season and are a big reason for their success. The line is lead by Juan Fierro who handles the snapping duties while Jarrell Williams, Martin Chavez, and Alex Pletsch have all made great improvements as lineman. The Eagle defense is a very aggressive and sure tackling unit lead by the "best tackler in the league" Sam Zepeda who has run many backs into the ground followed by a mean "D" line featuring big Ruben Santiago, Alex Mendoza, and Joevon Morgan at middle linebacker. They also like the Locusts have very tough corners in Mikey Rodriguez and Zafar Patel who like to stick their noses in plays and blow up the backfield. Both teams are very disciplined, well coached and will both definitely be ready to get it on on Thanksgiving for all the bragging rights for one year. I will have the pleasure of reffing these great games but they both promise to be instant classics and encourage everyone to come watch if they want to see good tough football. Good Luck to all the teams on turkey day and remember, the turkey always tastes better after a big win in the biggest game of the year!



JUNIOR PUMAS vs. ANGELS
FIELD 1 - 10:30 AM
 By: Nina Kanoon



The first Junior game on Thanksgiving Day is between the Angels and the Pumas. Both of these teams have been working really hard and playing great throughout the regular season. We're sure that this game will be very exciting and full of soccer action.

The Junior Angels are coached by Lizbeth Bastidas with help from captains Chastity Cantu and Madison Roman. Starting out the game for the Angels on Thanksgiving will be Madison Roman, Rose Questal, and Mallory Gonzalez at midfield, Julisa Camacho, Alyssa Ochoa, and Samantha Gibbons on defense, Chastity Cantu as forward, and Emma Pokorny blocking the goal. Also playing for the Angels will be Jasmine Rodriguez (midfield), Victoria Ochoa (defense), Samantha Gonzalez (midfield), Audrey Ortiz (defense), Deanna Smith (midfield), and Elizabeth Martinez (defense). Mallory will be handling the kick off as well as adding her speed and agility. Chastity and Madison will also be contributing to their team through their passing and dribbling skills. Rose, Audrey, Alyssa, and Victoria have all improved during the season at defense and midfield. The Angels' toughest opponent this year has been the Twisters because of their fast runners. Coach Lizbeth says that she has gotten really close to the girls and it makes her happy "to see the smiles on their faces when they win". She also adds that her favorite memory was the game when Chastity scored three consecutive goals with the support of the rest of the girls on the team. The Angels expect to win on Thanksgiving because they know that if they do their best they can be undefeated. They also believe so because they are determined and they play to have fun.

The Junior Pumas are coached by Gerry Haslwanter assisted by Kathy Halswanter. The captains for the Pumas are Katie Morgan and Isabelle Harmon. Playing as the starters for the team are Jennifer Halswanter, Alexis Sosa, and Cecilia Katten at midfield, Katie Morgan, and Cheyenne Martinez at defense, Alanis San Miguel and Vanessa Rameriz as forwards, and goaltending for this game is Jessica Martorano. Also playing for the Pumas are Deja Kerns (midfield), Katie Nelson (defense), Alicia Banuelos (forward), and Madeline Sadowski (midfield). Offensively, these girls work hard at pressuring the goal. Defensively, the Pumas make sure not to allow any shots on the goal. This team does not stand still, they are constantly playing the ball. Showing improvement throughout the season were Katie Morgan and Alicia Banuelos playing aggressively on defense Alexis Sosa persistently chasing the ball and Jessica Martorano keeping her goal box clear. Through the season they believe that the Twisters were their toughest opponents because they play hard and have good players. Coach Gerry states that his girls "tried very hard and gave their best." He also adds that his favorite memory was playing their best game against the Twisters coming out victorious. The Pumas expect to win on Thanksgiving because they have progressively grown with their soccer skills. They also believe that this will be "the culmination of all [their] hard work."

Good Luck to both teams. You have both played a great season. We hope to see you again next year.



THANKS TO THE STAFF & LEADERS

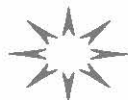


The special group who really makes this Club work - *makes all activities possible* - is the NBGC Staff and Leaders. They officiate your games the best they can, like you play the best you can. They keep score, teach at practices and camps, try to keep your attitude a positive one and look for ways to 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 be an NBGC!*

Thank you to new Program Director Rene Torres, Assistant Program Directors Tim Ward and Phil Jensen, After School Outreach Director Farrah Douglas, boys and girls League Directors Nina Kanoon, Manny Miranda, Kevin Ward and Dan Ward. They are here for you and your parents every day. We would also like to thank NBGC Executive Director Jim McNulty, Director of Development Bill Abplanalp, Administrative Assistant Chris Prokaski and Volunteer Assistant Gloria Goerner.

The Leaders deserve our biggest "THANK YOU". Their job is difficult and often under-appreciated. They have the challenge of doing a public service for which their judgment is sometimes questioned. They handle themselves with poise and confidence, realizing that their work is appreciated when the kids grow up. Thank you to Junior Leaders Mitchell Annis, Michael Van Den Bosch, Sammy Jensen, Chris Brundidge, Vince Millwood, David Miranda, Mark Pycke, Derek Hearn, Tim Geschrey, Russell Geschrey, Max Glassner, Timmy McNamara, Julian Rodriguez, Lito Torres, Jeremy Spivey, Tommy Nickels, Ross Uhler, Ashley Pernau, Samantha Prodromos, Anna Parks, Leslie Annis, Jasmine Anza, Erin Scheffler, Katelyn Krey, Yasmine Marrero, Nicole Przytulski, Thalia Quinones, Holly Schroeder, Kathi Jensen, Caitlin Howe, Stephanie Benitez, Amanda Seegert, and Severa Zielger.

A new group of candidates have just passed the test and now are also leaders. The group consists of: Alex Aldana, Adrienne Garcia, Samantha Geschrey, Chris Gissendaner, Timmy Jensen, Liannie Melendez, Aldin Nuginovic, Antonio Ramirez, Rebecca Reynoso, Chloe Rhodes, Ashley Seegert, Tyler Seegert, Emmanuel Alvarado, Karena Anderson-Rodriguez, Mirriam Ortiz, Cyntia Casteneda, Mariella Rodriguez, Krystal Starr, Denise Hearn, and Hannah Mellske



THANK YOU!



It takes a real team effort to make NBGC a great place for all of our kids. We thank those mentioned below for their contributions during recent weeks.

The Baird-Warner office at 4040 N. Lincoln Ave., headed by Kerry Jerger (wife of alum) and Richard Johnson (alum), participated in the national "Make A Difference Day". Their group of volunteers spent Sat. Oct. 28th cleaning windows, weeding our garden and bushes, trimming hedges and cleaning outdoors. What a difference their help made!

The six cinder blocks that held a backboard in place in our Small Gym were breaking. Tom Nickels (parent, alum, Dads' Club) and Jim Kartheiser (alum, Board) came in to remove the backboard and blocks. Ron Prokaski (parent, Board, Dads' Club) offered to run to the store and pick up replacements. Ricardo Solis (parent, alum, Board) and his brother, Jesus (alum), came in on a Sunday to mortar the blocks in place. Tom Nickels and Paul Goerner Sr. (alum, Board, Dads' Club) came in to remount the backboard.

The Chicago Bulls recently donated 28 tickets to the last pre-season game. Robbie Ehrhardt (Board) recently donated "Rockettes" tickets. Vince Poliszczuk (parent) donated a PA system and microphone.



ALL MOMS ARE INVITED!



Come out, meet new people and have FUN at the Moms' Club Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 12th from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Get in the *Spirit of the Holidays!* Bring a dish to share (entree, salad, side dish, dessert), a \$5.00 grab bag gift and little (can be silly or serious) gifts nicely wrapped for the fun-filled Krazy Bunco Game! Please RSVP by Friday, December 8th to Victoria at (773) 419-6144.



DADS' CLUB NEWS



All dads are invited to our next monthly meeting on Wed. Dec. 6th at 7:30 PM. The dads are having their annual Christmas Tree Sale Dec. 9th and getting ready for an exciting Bears Bash on Dec. 11th. 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.



CADET BEES VS. LOCUSTS
FIELD 3 - 10:30 AM
 By: Dan Ward



Thanksgiving day will be a day of great joy, good food, and football madness at the Neighborhood Boys and Girls club. Everyone has worked so hard all year and Thanksgiving will be the culmination of those accomplishments. The Cadet boys have transformed from strangers of the game to all-out football warriors. It was great to see all the teams having fun, yet playing a serious game of football. Judging by the great increase in the Cadets skills, this Thanksgiving is going to be a memorable one.

Taking the field bright and early on Thanksgiving Day will be the Locusts and the Bees. The Bees ran away with the first half of the season, going undefeated in their first six games. The Locusts played hard in the first half of the season, but they did not reach their full potential until the second half. Because they each won half of the season, the two teams will square off for the Cadet League Championship. Both teams demonstrate good teamwork and are capable of making the "big" play. With friends on the opposite team and the league championship on the line, the Locusts and the Bees are sure to impress on Thanksgiving Day.

The Locusts are led by their trio of coaches: Josh Hershoff, Chris Gonzalez, and Jim Coffman. While they are a dynamic scoring team and have a very strong defense, the Locusts' coaches stress good teamwork and good sportsmanship. While winning is always a perk, having fun and respecting the game of football is what has made this team so good. Taking the field for the Locusts on Thanksgiving day will be Lucas Osinski at wide receiver, Leo Pellegrini at left tackle, Roan Quinn at left guard, Sam Hershoff at center and kicker, Rory O'Connor at right guard, Josh Bailey at right tackle, Michael Gonzalez at quarterback, Fabio Cesar at tailback, Brennan Quinn as a defensive end and back-up quarterback, Paul Huetteman at defensive end, Noah Coffman at defensive tackle, Matthew Dulberg at defensive tackle, and Ryan Wojdyla on patrol as a linebacker. While the boys have general positions, the coaches are good about rotating players so they stay fresh. The Locusts work out of the single-back formation, and they run a steady diet of power keepers and wide receiver reverses. Mike Gonzalez is the go-to guy when the Locusts need a big play, but Fabio Cesar has a motor that won't quit and Lucas Osinski can carve the corners like nobodies business. With his tall frame and strong arm, Brennan Quinn is the team's undisputed passing specialist. He gets just enough time to unleash the ball thanks to power blocking by Josh Bailey and Leo Pellegrini. While they have some weapons on offense, their defense is just as strong. Fabio Cesar led the team in flag pulls, but he got tons of help from the likes of Roan Quinn and Ryan Wojdyla. The Locusts are especially good at sealing off the corners, forcing opposing runners to cut back inside where more defensive help awaits. The Locusts know they are going to have their hands full with the Bees, one of their toughest opponents. The final score just isn't as important as its cracked up to be. Coach Jim Coffman stated, "We're not going to worry about winning or losing. We're going to focus on doing a great job blocking, carrying the ball, and defending, and let the chips fall where they may." With a roaring crowd behind them and the Cadet championship on the line, you better believe the Locusts are going to be ready to play.

The Bees are a flashy offensive team with a surprisingly strong defense. Led by their coaches Jim Roth and Clark, the Bees make up for their small size with a whole lot of speed. Using a rotation scheme that allows everyone to get a chance to make a play, the Bees know they have great depth and a multitude of playmakers. Carrying out the Bees game plan on the Turkey Bowl will be Ethan Hepding, Jack Laurensen, Jack Curran, Spencer Clark, Ryan Hong, Liam Roth, Andrew Annulis, Conor George, Ian Hanson, Tommy Schmitz, John Buffo, and Michael Lavin. While every player rotates on offense, Tommy Schmitz has been a mainstay with big-play capabilities. Running out of the single back formation, Tommy is just as dangerous quarterbacking as he is coming from the wide receiver position for a reverse. Ryan Hong, Conor George, and Liam Roth all bring a different aspect to the tailback position, but they are just as effective. Spencer Clark and Ian Hanson are used as scrambling quarterbacks, allowing the Bees to control the clock and set up the pass. When they need that long ball, Coach Roth looks to Jack Curran to find a wide-open Andrew Annulis, who has great height and solid hands. While the Bees have good depth on offense, their defense thrives on speed. Michael Lavin and Jack Laurensen are beasts on the front line, forcing would be runners to the outside where they are met by the quick hands of Ethan Hepding and John Buffo. Both players do a good job of meeting the runner before they can get into the open field. Tommy Schmitz, Conor George, and Ryan Hong are the playmakers in the secondary, having little regard for their bodies and they dive and tumble to get the flag. The Bees have an all-around solid team that could be dangerous if given a lead. Using their depth and speed, the Bees have a chance to win every game. If they could find their first half form, the Locusts are going to have their hands full come Thursday morning.



STAY WARM THIS WINTER
INSIDE YOUR LOCAL PARK



The fall in temperature signals that winter is right around the corner—and so is the Chicago Park District's winter session. We have a number of awesome activities for individuals of all ages to keep warm and active this winter. Whether it's cultural programs, pre-school, or aerobics classes: the Chicago Park District offers a place for every child and adult to build his/her interests, talents, and confidence.

Most winter classes start the week of January 8th and run through March 25th. Programs vary at each location. You can pick up winter schedules at your local parks or view the complete list of programs on our website www.chicagoparkdistrict.com. Early registration is recommended due to limited space.

Chicago Park District classes offer great value for a reasonable fee. Program costs vary (some classes are even free of charge. Note: fees are doubled for non-Chicago residents). Some parks only offer on-line registration, as their programs fill to capacity within a matter of minutes; other parks may not fill their vacancies for several weeks. Contact your neighborhood park to verify program availability, days, and times—as well as to determine whether there are any special requirements for class participation.

There are two ways to register for classes:

On-line registration begins Monday, November 27th at 9 am—and continues until the first day of class. On-line registration is payable only by Visa or MasterCard. A message will be automatically emailed to you regarding the status of your financial transaction; that message bears a confirmation number which is your proof of enrollment in a given program.

Walk-in registration begins at most parks on Saturday, December 2nd at 9 am—and continues until classes are filled. Several parks will be accepting credit cards for more convenient payment.



RECYCLE YOUR PRINTER CARTRIDGES
FOR THE NBGC KIDS!



Here is a great way that everyone can pitch in to help NBGC and the environment at the same - **RECYCLE YOUR PRINTER AND TONER CARTRIDGES!** Chris Gallagher and our friends at Cartridge World, 2634 N. Clark, will donate between \$1.00 and \$5.00 per cartridge! Just drop your used cartridges in the gameroom collection container. Spread the word to your neighbors, friends, co-workers and employers and you can help the Club in a big way. All funds raised from the recycling go right back into the programs! If you would like to check out Cartridge World's great prices, call Chris Gallagher at (773) 2REFILL.



NBGC COMMUNITY DIRECTORY
AD CAMPAIGN BEGINS



For almost 60 years the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club has printed a Community Directory. You may have volunteered to help deliver the booklet in recent years. The book contains ads from local businesses as well as those of alums, parents and friends. Last year's ad book generated over \$13,000.00 to support the programs.

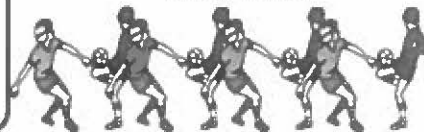
We are asking our parents, alumni and friends to help on this project. We can use help soliciting ads over the telephone starting in December. We need help from people with the knack of salesmanship who might visit the many new businesses in the area with a directory packet. And anytime you frequent a local business, ask if they would consider an ad. If you have your own business, consider supporting the Community Directory or asking your company to consider an ad. The ads range from \$40.00 to \$300.00 and all of the proceeds go to a good cause - your kids!

For information call or e-mail Chris Prokaski (chris@NBGC.org) or Jim McNulty (NBGC1931@aol.com) at (773) 463-4161.



JUNIOR TWISTERS vs. ALIENS
FIELD 1 - 11:45 AM
 By: Sam Prodomos

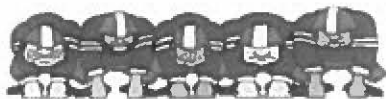
Nov. 23, 2006



The second Junior game on Thanksgiving is the championship game between the Twisters and the Aliens. All season long these two teams have been competing for the top spot. We expect this game on Thanksgiving to be action packed and full of twists and turns.

The Aliens are headed by coaches Andres Castillo and Aris Noriega and captains Korynna Pepin and Ivette Cebrero. The starters for Thanksgiving will be Bianca Diaz, Abigail Ramos, and Jallene Espinoza as midfielders, Korynna Pepin, Abigail Noriega on defense, Crystal Castillo and Ivette Cebrero as forwards, and Janae Lang in the goal. Also playing for the Aliens will be Victoria Rueda (forward), Maya Stefani (forward), Andria Rodriguez (defense), and Celeste Galinda (forward). Over the season Victoria and Celeste have shown the most improvement hustling for the ball. The Aliens' toughest opponent was the Twisters because they were unable to beat or tie them but according to Coach Andres, the fifth time is the charm. Coach Andres feels that the team was "a little disorganized at first, but with practice and play time the girls found their position and played well together". The Aliens think that they are going to win on Thanksgiving because "our team has worked hard all year and have only gotten better. We are at the top of our game. No matter the result, one thing is certain, the Aliens are going to leave everything on the field".

The Twisters are coached by Missy Cabrera and Glenn Zarymbksi. The captains are Sarah Parks and Jordan Thoma. The first to take the field are Alex Espinoza, Sarah Parks, and Sarah Zarymbksi at midfield, Sara Davis and Yasmine Gali at defense, Jordan Thoma and Maria Valencia as forwards, and Baylee Cabrera guarding the goal. Also playing for the Twisters will be Allison Thoms (forward), Giselle Ceron (midfield), Elizabeth Davis (forward), Selena Guzman (midfield), Alyssa Sopanarat (midfield), Jacqueline Siegle (defense), and Amber Griffin (forward). The Twisters play offense with very quick players. They play defense by knocking the ball to the other side of the field. Playing hard and showing the most improvement are Yasmine Yali, Selena Guzman, and Alyssa Sopanarat playing the ball and quickening their step. The Twisters believe that the Angels have been their toughest opponents because they are aggressive and quick. Coach Missy says that her girls "never gave up even when [they] were down three goals." Her favorite memory was "watching Elizabeth Davis actually going for the ball and kicking it." The Twisters expect to win on Thanksgiving because their team "has a lot of spirit and have enjoyed [many] victories this season." They also add that "playing the Aliens will be tough because they have won first place several years in a row." Good Luck to both teams. You have both played a great season. We hope to see you again next year.



CADET COUGARS VS. PIRATES
FIELD 3 - 11:45 AM
 By: Dan Ward



The second game of the day features the Pirates and the Cougars. Both teams had solid seasons, really showing their skills in the second half. While they didn't have undefeated seasons, they played every team hard and never gave up. Strong offensive efforts always kept the two in games, so a whole lot of scoring can be expected. They might not be playing for the Cadet championship, but fireworks will definitely fly during this game.

The Cougars are managed by the veteran coach Salim Patel. He stresses good attendance and focus during practice. Using this winning formula, Coach Patel puts his team in the best scenarios to win the game week-in and week-out. Most of his team is new to the game of football, but he has no shortage of athletes. Patrolling the field for the Cougars on Thanksgiving Day will be Chris Williams at left tackle, Jimmy Prodomos at left guard, Amir Bhagat at center, Afzal Patel at right guard, Jordan Jacob at right tackle, Nathan Wettig at tight end, Xe Cabrera at wide receiver, Ryan Hegg at quarterback, Colin Hegg at running back, and Jack Mellske at tailback. Working out of the single-back formation, the Cougars have a multitude of crafty runners who have a nose for the endzone. Xe Cabrera and Colin Hegg are straight ahead runners who know how to blow past the defense, and Chris Williams has fancy moves that make defenders miss. While they like to stick to basic run plays, the Cougars have been known to bust out double reverses to catch defenses sleeping. When they need a pass play, they look to Ryan Hegg to fire one into the great hands of Jack Mellske, who is capable of taking the ball all the way to the endzone. The offense is anchored by linemen Amir Bhagat and Afzal Patel. The one-two combo gives the Cougars enough time to make sure they gain positive yardage. Nathan Wettig handles a lot of the kick-off duties, due to the fact that he makes the ball hard to handle. Jimmy Prodomos and Jordan Jacob are forces to be reckoned on the defensive side of the ball. Jimmy does a good job busting up the line while Jordan has no fear about leaving his feet to make a diving flag pull. The Cougars have a solid team with playmakers on both sides of the ball. While they know the Pirates are going to give them a good fight, Coach Patel feels as long as his team shows up focused and ready to play they have a great chance to win the game. The only thing that stands in their way is a geared up Pirates team.

The Pirates receive their game plan from coaches Gipp and Cesar White. Both coaches have been around the Club for a few years now, so the big stage of the Turkey Bowl won't phase them. They will depend on Kyle Gissendanner, Jamison Post, Victor Rodriguez, Edgar Bonilla, David Vaughan, Christian Pokorny, Benton White, Jeremy Martorano, Miguel Hernandez, Antonio Mosier, and Eduardo Gomez to work together and make some positive plays. The Pirates are mainly a running team, using their big offensive line to make holes for their crafty runners. Benton White manages the team from the quarterback position, while Kyle Gissendanner is the workhorse in the backfield. Kyle is the leading rusher and top scorer on the team. He can thank Victor Rodriguez and Miguel Hernandez, who provide the power on the line. Although they tend to run a lot, David Vaughan is the unquestioned vertical threat at receiver. His tall frame and deceptive speed make him the go-to receiver on the team. On the defensive side of the ball, the Cougars should think about doubling up on Edgar Bonilla. The man-child destroys offensive lines and is consistently in the opposing team's backfield. Because he is such a defensive force, teams seem to forget about the crafty flag pulling of Jamison Post, Jeremy Martorano, and Christian Pokorny. These team players know what it takes to win games. Combining their high-powered offense and their opportunistic defense, the Pirates just might have a winning combination for Thanksgiving Day. They have squared off against the Cougars multiple times already this season, so they know what to expect. If the Pirates come out focused and ready to play some football, there is no telling the outcome of this game.



DISCOVERY PROGRAM STARTING



NBGC's "Discovery Program" will start after Thanksgiving break on Sat. Dec. 9th. Girls and boys in 1st & 2nd 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 9:00 - 11:00 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 Farrah Douglas at 773-463-4161 or e-mail fdougla@yahoo.com.

**CHECK OUT WWW.NBGC.ORG!
 GET YOUR SCHEDULE, REGISTRATION
 DATES AND NEWS & EVENTS.
 CHECK OUT THE LEAGUE
 BULLETIN BOARDS AND POST MESSAGES FOR
 YOUR TEAMMATES, FRIENDS & ALUMNI!**



**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 Wed., Thurs. and Fri. Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m.



2005 Free Throw Contest Winners



Cadet & Pebble

Liam Mulchrone (15)
Evelyn Mann & Sarah Parks (14)

Prep & Junior

Connor Prokaski (16)
Murielle Van Sach (14)

Tribe & Senior

Jamal Fletcher (11)
Anna Parks (15)

Teens

Tim Ward (22)
Jasmine Anza (15)



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



2005 Basketball Achievement Contest Winners



Small Hoops

Liam Mulchrone 2017 pts.

Big Hoops

Arianna Salas 2069 pts.
Connor Prokaski 1998 pts.
DeAnthony Kirkland 1993 pts.

All-Time Basketball Achievement Contest Scores

Juan Gibson	1995	2769 pts.
Steve Diversey	1981	2767 pts.
Tim Traversa	2002	2697 pts.
Kenny Kohindorfer	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.
Rogelio 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 29th annual event starts at 9:30 AM on Sun. Dec. 3rd 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 75 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.

Junior League

Aliens: Andres Castillo and Anis Noriega
Angels: Lizbeth Bastidas
Twisters: Missy Cabrera and Glenn Zarymbksi
Pumas: Gerry Haslwanter (A) and Kathy Haslwanter

Senior League

Aliens: Tracy Yanes and Steve Cox
Angels: Fredy Rodriguez (A)
Twisters: David Parks and Samantha Prodromos (A)
Pumas: Tracy Rhodes

Cadet League

Locusts: Josh Hershoff, Chris Gonzalez, and Jim Coffman
Bees: Jim Roth and Tom Clark
Cougars: Salim Patel (A)
Pirates: Gipp White and Cesar Acosta

Prep League

Locusts: Josh Hershoff, Sid Sodaliski, and Tom Brosnan
Cougars: Mike Ramirez (A), Erwin Canciller, and Jack Lydon
Eagles: Bob Pasternak (A), Edward Mendoza, Salim Patel (A), and Johnny Fierro
Bees: Andy Ekem, Will Hobert, Bob Scheffler and Keith Kazuk

Tribe League

Bees: Gipp White
Pirates: Fredy Rodriguez (A), Tom Seegert (A), and Neiko Smith
Eagles: John Connelly, Geronimo Salgado, and Andres Castillo
Locust: Ron Prokaski
Cougars: Jason Grigsby and Dustin Scholtes (A)



**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.**

Wed. Dec. 27th	10:00 AM Pebbles	12:00 PM Cadets
Thur. Dec. 28th	10:00 AM Juniors	12:00 PM Preps
Fri. Dec. 29th	10:00 AM Senior	12:00 PM Tribe



DECEMBER FUNDRAISERS



MOMS' CLUB'S HAM SALE

DADS' CLUB'S CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

DADS' CLUB'S BEARS BASH



2006 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



Prates: Edgar Bonilla, Kyle Gissndanner, David Vaughn, Benton White, and Christian Pokomy
Cougars: Jack Meliske, Colin Hegg, Ryan Hegg, Xe Cabrera, and Jimmy Prodromos
Locusts: Michael Gonzalez, Fabio Cesar, Lucas Osinski, Josh Bailey, and Roan Quinn
Bees: Tommy Schmitz, Ryan Hong, Conor George, Liam Roth, and Andrew Annulis



Prep League



Locusts: Logan Hershoff, Christian Brosnan, Jack Brosnan, Nate Grassi, Dante Davis
Cougars: Wade Hinton, Peter Casey, Obie Brown, Ian Osinski, and Dan Lydon
Eagles: Sam Zepeda, Joey Arena, Jordan Pasternak, Jarrell Williams, and Alex Garca
Bees: Tori Harvey, Benji Barclay, Aram Wilkinson, Alex Segura, and Kip Kazuk



Tribe League



Bees: Spencer Barclay, Pat O'Connell, Femi Akinrade, Chris Gissendaner, and Bobby Cooney
Eagles: Marty Haderlein, Jon Connelly, Brandon Walters, Danny Hernandez, and Gabriel colon
Locust: Marshall Hall, Connor Prokaski, Justin Montalvo, Max Silva, and Alan Gunderson
Pirates: Leon Jasso, Emmanuel Alvarado, Antonio Ramirez, Cody Jackson, and Timmy Jensen
Cougars: Trey Prunte, Luis Garcia, Taylor Scholtes, Miachale Scott, and Zach Hinton



Junior League



Allens: Jailene Espinoza, Bianca Diaz, Abigail Ramos, Korynna Pepin, and Janae Lang
Angels: Madison Roman, Chastity Cantu, Julisa Camacho, Samantha Gonzalez, and Mallory Gonzalez
Twisters: Sarah Parks, Alexandra Espinoza, Maria Valencia, Jordan Thoma, and Selena Guzman
Pumas: Katelynn morgan, Jennifer Haslwanter, Alexia Sosa, Vanessa Ramirez, and Isabelle Harmon



Senior League



Allens: Adriana Medina, Claudia Cox, Siria Arzuaga, Vivian Moreno, and Amber Rovera
Angels: Cythia Lopez, Andrea Lopez, Erika Perez, Mariella Rodriguez, Victoria Gonzalez
Twisters: Jocelyn Parks, Tonya Prodromos, Ashley Hall, Rosana Mulchrone, Mary Guiragossian
Pumas: Cassie Kielnik, Chloe Rhodes, Sabrina Scholtes, Denise Hearn, and Silvia Turney

UPCOMING NBGC EVENTS

Dec. 6th	Dads' Club Meeting at 7:30 PM
Dec. until 15th	Holiday Ham Sale orders
Dec. 9th	Christmas Tree Sale and Family Fun
Dec. 11th	Dads' Club's Bears Bash at St. Andrews
Dec. 12th	Moms' Club Christmas Party at 7:30 PM
Dec. 19th	Holiday Ham Pick Up/Payment
Dec. 20th	Board of Directors Meeting
Dec. 23-26	NBGC Closed for the Holidays
Dec. 30-Jan. 1	NBGC Closed for the Holidays
Jan. 3rd	Dads' Club Meeting at 7:30 PM
Jan. 6th	Start of Floor Hockey and Senior Volleyball Sign Up
Jan. 9th	Moms' Club Meeting at 7:30 PM

NEED HOMEWORK HELP? TALK TO AMANDA!



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, with special thanks to Fred Divierto and the Dominick's on Clybourn. 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	Freddy Rodriguez & Freddy Rodriguez Sr.	28 Pts	Turkey
2 nd Place	Natalie & Gladys Aponte	1 Pt	Turkey
Cadet			
1 st Place	Diego Rios & Andrea North	21 Pts	Turkey
2 nd Place	Ryan & Chris Hegg	13 Pts	Turkey
3 rd Place	Colin & Chris Hegg	12 Pts	Certificate
Pebble			
1 st Place	Madison & Andy Ekern	20 Pts	Turkey
2 nd Place	Madeline & Chris Prokaski	15 Pts	Turkey
Prep			
1 st Place	Tyler & Ken Brown	21 Pts	Turkey
2 nd Place	Benjie & Buck Barclay	14 Pts	Turkey
3 rd Place	Juan & Julie Fierro	15 Pts	Certificate
Junior			
1 st Place	Crystal & Sylvia Castillo	23 Pts	Turkey
2 nd Place	Sarah & David Parks	18 Pts	Turkey
3 rd Place	Amber & LaShante Griffin	12 Pts	Certificate
Tribe			
1 st Place	Josh & Juni Camacho	33 Pts	Turkey
2 nd Place	Jason & Dustin Scholtes	25 Pts	Turkey
3 rd Place	Chris & Natalie Gissnedaner	23 Pts	Certificate
Senior			
1 st Place	Mary Guiragossian & Julie Fierro	23 Pts	Turkey
2 nd Place	Angela & Butch Starr	23 Pts	Turkey
3 rd Place	Mariella & Fredy Rodriguez	14 Pts	Certificate

**THANKSGIVING VOLUNTEERS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

One great aspects 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. 22nd, the people listed below have volunteered to maintain the tradition of this great event. We could not do this without them.

Thanks you to alums Bill Abplanalp, Jovi Argumedo, Mike Christian, Joe Cullotta, Paul Flatley, Jason Frumkin, Anne Gallery, Mary Gallery, Paul Goerner, Jr., Scott Goerner, Dennis Gonzalez, Andrew Gschwind, Elliott Gschwind, Erin Gschwind, Steve Haftl, Matt Henneman, Arp Horvath, Dan Jensen, Wally Johnson, Jim Kartheiser, Yasmine Marrero, Jim McGuire, Vince McGuire, Maggie Nickels, Rich Paschall, Joe Prybell, Thalia Quinones, Tony Ramirez, Ricardo Solis, Bill Swanson, Jim Swanson, Tom VanDenBosch, Bonnie Werstein and Fares Zanayed, as well as to parents and friends Vicki Bauer-Spivey, Gloria Goerner, Dennis Hearn, Marilyn Maldonado, Delilah Perez, Rosann Provenzano, Kelly Pryztulski and Nicole Pryztulski.

FLOOR HOCKEY & VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

NBGC will be holding Floor Hockey registration for boys in 2nd-8th grade or born between 9/1/92 through 8/31/99 and girls in 2nd-5th grade or born after 9/1/95 through 8/31/99. We will also holding Volleyball registration for girls in 6th-8th grade or born after 9/1/92 through 8/31/95. The Programs are free but each member will need to purchase a team shirt for \$10.00. The teams play games twice a week, one weekday and Saturday.

Registration Dates and times are Saturday, January 6th and 13th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 8th through Friday, Jan. 12th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL GAMES

Pebble League (2nd & 3rd Grade Girls)

Fri. Dec. 1st 4:30 All Pebble Teams

Cadet League (2nd & 3rd Grade Boys)

Thurs. Nov. 30th 4:00 Locusts - Falcons Practice
 4:00 Bobcats - Bees Practice
 4:30 Locusts vs. Falcons
 4:30 Bobcats vs. Bees

Prep League (4th & 5th Grade Boys)

Tues. Nov. 28th 5:15 Bees vs. Locusts
 6:00 Falcons vs. Cougars

Junior League (4th & 5th Grade Boys)

Wed. Nov. 29th 4:00 Open Junior Practice
 4:30 Aliens vs. Angels
 5:00 Aliens vs. Twisters
 5:30 Angels vs. Twisters

Senior League (6th - 8th Grade Girls)

Mon Nov. 27th 4:00 Aliens - Pumas Practice
 4:30 Aliens vs. Pumas
 5:15 Angels - Twisters Practice
 5:45 Angels vs. Twisters

Tribe League (6th-8th Grade Boys)

Thurs. Nov. 30th 5:30 Bobcats vs. Pirates
 6:15 Eagles vs. Bees vs. New Team
 Fri. Dec. 1st 4:00 Eagles vs. Bobcats
 4:45 Pirates vs. Bees vs. New Team

REVERE GYM RULES

Park Supervisor Greg Czajkowski 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. Do not leave any belongings unattended 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.

BASKETBALL COACH MEETINGS

If you missed the first meeting you must attend to coach starting Sat. Dec. 2nd

Wednesday, November 29th, at 6:30pm for BOYS TEAMS
 Thursday, November 30th, at 6:30pm for GIRLS TEAMS

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, Riverview Music Festival, Golf Outing, Toys Sale, Bears Bash, Alumni Cheerleader Fundraiser, a Moms Club and a Dads Club Ham Sale, A Christmas Tree 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

BOYS FOOTBALL FIRST HALF

CADET	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Bees	6	0	0	6	6	0	24
Cougars	4	2	0	6	6	0	20
Locust	2	4	0	6	6	0	16
Pirates	0	6	0	4	6	0	10

PREP	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Locust	5	1	0	4	6	0	20
Eagles	2	4	0	4	6	0	14
Bees	1	3	2	4	6	0	14
Cougars	2	2	2	2	6	0	12

TRIBE*	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Eagles	4	0	0	3	4	0	15
Pirates	3	1	0	4	4	0	14
Locust	2	2	0	3	4	0	11
Cougars	0	4	0	4	4	0	8
Bees	1	3	0	1	4	0	7

* First Round Standings

SECOND HALF

CADET	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Locust	5	1	0	4	6	0	20
Bees	3	3	0	6	6	0	18
Pirates	3	3	0	3	6	0	18
Cougars	1	5	0	6	6	0	14

PREP	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Locust	5	0	1	5	6	0	22
Eagles	1	4	1	5	6	0	14
Bees	1	3	2	3	6	0	13
Cougars	2	2	2	1	6	0	13

TRIBE**	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Eagles	4	0	0	3	4	0	15
Pirates	3	1	0	4	4	0	14
Locust	2	2	0	3	4	0	11
Cougars	0	4	0	4	4	0	8
Bees	1	3	0	1	4	0	7

TRIBE***	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Eagles	4	0	0	3	4	0	15
Pirates	3	1	0	4	4	0	14
Cougars	1	3	0	4	4	0	10
Locust	2	2	0	2	4	0	10
Bees	0	4	0	0	4	1	4

** Second Round Standings *** Third Round Standings

GIRLS SOCCER FIRST HALF

JUNIOR	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Twisters	4	1	1	5	6	0	20
Aliens	2	2	2	4	6	0	16
Angels	2	1	3	2	6	0	15
Pumas	0	4	2	2	6	0	10

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

SECOND HALF STANDINGS

JUNIOR	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Aliens	2	2	2	6	6	0	18
Twisters	3	2	1	4	6	0	16
Angels	2	2	2	1	6	0	13
Pumas	2	3	1	0	6	0	11

SENIOR	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Angels	3	1	2	6	6	0	19
Aliens	3	2	1	5	6	0	18
Pumas	2	1	3	4	6	0	18
Twisters	1	4	1	1	5	1	9

