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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The NBGC Staff & Leaders, our Program Committee, Parent Club, 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 in since camps started this summer. 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.

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who are working to make this day a success, from the alumni officials to the parents and friends who are helping with the refreshments. Thanks to Colleen Gallagher and Greg Czajkowski of the Chicago Park District for use of the fields, to The George Howe Family for sponsoring the Turkey Toss prizes, to event sponsors The Weigelt Family, The Duckmann Family and Jack Sharkey & Friends, to the Alumni Volunteer Officials and to Samantha Prodromos, Krystal Starr, Bethany Nannen and the Cheerleaders. Have a great day!



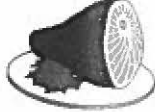
NBGC CLOSED FRIDAY & SATURDAY



NBGC will be closed for clean up on Fri. Nov. 27th. We will also be closed on Sat. Nov. 28th. We will return at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30th with pre-season basketball.



HOLIDAY HAM SALE!



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 costs **\$5.89 per pound** elsewhere so you'll save over \$2.39 a pound if you buy from us.

The sale is held to raise funds for the programs. Orders will be taken now through Dec. 5th. Pick up and payment is one Wed. Dec. 16th from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. You can call or e-mail Mary Jeske at (773) 463-4161, ext. 10 or mary@nbgc.org for more information or to place an order. Spread the word to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers!



CHRISTMAS TREE SALE DEC. 5TH & 6TH



Looking for a fresh, full tree to warm up the home can be a hassle. The NBGC Parents Club wants to make it easy for you. They are selling fresh-cut Frasier Firs, roping and wreaths, in back of the Clubhouse, on Sat. & Sun. Dec. 5th & 6th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This sale will feature a limited number of 7 - 9 foot Frasier Firs, starting at \$75.00. Pre-orders are strongly encouraged. 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. To place your order, call Mary Jeske at 773-463-4161, ext. 10, or e-mail mary@nbgc.org.



CITY CONTRACT RENEWED



The NBGC would like to give a great big THANK YOU to 47th Alderman Gene Schuller for his support in renewing our city contract for 2010. The contract, through the Chicago Department of Family Support Services, helps to fund various staff positions, the Pebble, Cadet, Junior, Prep and Discovery programs and an after school program in partnership with Coonley School. Thank you, Gene, for your outstanding support.



THANKSGIVING DAY SPONSORED BY THE WEIGELTS DUCKMANNS & JACK SHARKEY & FRIENDS



NBGC is very thankful for the continued support of The Weigelt Family, who is co-sponsoring the Turkey Bowl Classics in the memory of their late parents and longtime NBGC friends, Johnnie & Brenda 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 them for their 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 over 25 years. And we welcome a new sponsor, NBC Alum Jack Sharkey & Friends. This group played here in the 1950's and brought the coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts.



PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL GAMES



Monday 30-Nov	Revere	4:00	Sr.	Aliens	vs	Twisters
	Revere	4:30	Sr.	Twisters	vs	Hurricanes
	Revere	5:00	Sr.	Aliens		Hurricanes
Tuesday 1-Dec	Revere	5:15	Pr.	Eagles	vs	Locusts
	Revere	6:15	Pr.	Bobcats	vs	Bees
	Revere	7:00	Tr.	Bobcats	vs	Locusts
	Revere	7:45	Tr.	Falcons	vs	Spartans
	NBGC	4:30	Pb.	Aliens	vs	Angels
	NBGC	5:30	Pb.	Twisters	vs	Pumas
Wed. 2-Dec	Revere	4:00	Disc.	Hornets	vs	Spartans
	Revere	4:00	Disc.	Cougars	vs	Bees
	Revere	4:45	Jr.	Aliens	vs	Angels
	Revere	5:15	Jr.	Pumas		Angels
	Revere	5:45	Jr.	Aliens	vs	Pumas
	NBGC	5:00	Disc.	Scorpions	vs	Locusts
Thursday 3-Dec	NBGC	5:45	Disc.	Eagles	vs	Bobcats
	Revere	5:15	Ct.	Wasps	vs	Locusts
	Revere	5:15	Ct.	Cougars	vs	Bees
	Revere	6:15	Ct.	Pirates	vs	Spartans
	Revere	6:15	Ct.	Bobcats	vs	Eagles
	Revere	7:00	Tr.	Eagles	vs	Bobcats
Friday 4-Dec	Revere	7:45	Tr.	Spartans	vs	Locusts
	Revere	4:00		Leader Training Before Test		
Saturday 5-Dec	Revere	9:00	Ct.	Pirates	vs	Cougars
	Revere	9:00	Ct.	Spartans	vs	Locusts
	Revere	10:00	Ct.	Bobcats	vs	Bees
	Revere	10:00	Ct.	Wasps	vs	Eagles
	Revere	11:00	Jr.	Angels	vs	Pumas
	Revere	11:30	Jr.	Aliens	vs	Pumas
	Revere	12:00	Jr.	Aliens	vs	Angels
	Revere	12:30	Pr.	Locusts	vs	Bees
	Revere	1:15	Pr.	Eagles	vs	Bobcats
	Revere	2:00	Sr.	Aliens	vs	Twisters
	Revere	2:30	Sr.	Aliens	vs	Hurricanes
	Revere	3:00	Sr.	Hurricanes	vs	Twisters
	NBGC	9:00	Pb.	Angels	vs	Twisters
	NBGC	10:00	Pb.	Pumas	vs	Aliens
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A FEW WORDS FROM PHIL, ANDREA AND TIM

When I began my journey at "the Club" about twenty years ago, I never thought I would find myself sitting down to write about my accomplishments and endeavors. At the age of seven years old, I began my long career as a member in the Cadet league. Back in 1990 I was as shy as I was short...and let's just say these were both VERY apparent characteristics of me. I was an original "year-round" 4-sport member - meaning I played football, basketball, floor hockey and baseball as the seasons changed. I was an avid participant in the annual fitness contests and track meets, both of which I hope will one day be a part of Club traditions again. Two years of Cadet, two Prep, four Tribe and one Teen league later I was looking at nine years as a member. In thinking back about all those years, one of the most memorable parts of my playing days at the Club was having my father as my coach, as well as having my mother at every game for encouragement and support...because she would never miss a game for the world. By the time my playing days came to an end, I had four football championships, several baseball championships, a handful of basketball and floor hockey titles, and enough trophies and ribbons to show for all the hard work. Most importantly though, are the seemingly endless memories I have from growing up here at the Club.

It was evident that I still had a passion for athletics even after I could no longer play as a member. This led me to do the next best thing: coach my younger brother, Sammy, and his football team. One sport gave way to another, and I soon found myself having six years of coaching under my belt. Sammy's team, the Spartans, went on to win all six years of football (2 years each of Cadet, Prep and Tribe); surpassing the four-year dynasty I was a part of in the 90s as a member of the Pirates. As the Spartans, we also went on to claim multiple championships in basketball, floor hockey and baseball over the years. Just as I was a "year-round" member, I was a "year-round" coach as well. When Sam became too old to play at the Club, he also began as a youth leader, and I moved on to coaching my youngest brother, Tim, for the next two years.

After spending the summer of 1999 volunteering and setting up the first ever NBGC computer lab (nothing like the one we have now!) I found myself with a lot of spare time on my hands. After some "persistent" persuasion from my parents and both, Jim McNulty and Bonnie Werstein, I began working at the Club as a youth Leader in November of 1999. I quickly advanced through the ranks, directing one league after another. During the fall of 2002 I was given the challenge of being the first ever male to run a girl's league! I soon realized that running a girl's league was more of a privilege than a challenge, as the girls were extremely cooperative and focused on learning the fundamentals of the game. Being the newly appointed Pebble League Director, and having a very creative staff on hand definitely made for some very interesting and entertaining nicknames that stuck over the years. I still cannot seem to make it through a year without being called the "Pebble Princess" or "Philbert." Nicknames aside, I went on to run multiple leagues over the years, and became a longtime assistant to Jim Kartheiser and Jim McNulty on the NBGC Family Fest. I spent the last nine years dedicating my summers to the Family Fest and have had a blast being a part of the team. Over the years, I worked my way up to the Athletic Director position, which took place during the summer of 2005. This is the position I have had the pleasure of being a part of until now.

A few months ago I was offered a position as a Physical Education Teacher at Lane Tech High School. Having gone to school the entire time while I worked at the Club, this was always one of my lifetime goals. As a result, I took the position and remained on staff here at the Club. I have to say that I LOVE my job as a Physical Education Teacher. Some people go through life never quite knowing what it is that they want to do for a living, and I am ecstatic to say that I AM NOT one of those individuals! I constantly find myself using what I learned at the Club, whether it is facilitating activities where everyone plays, or simply preaching the importance of sportsmanship and fair play. Now that our new Athletic Director, Tim Mondl, has had a chance to become accustomed to the "ways" of the Club, I feel more than confident in leaving my "child" (meaning the athletic program) in his hands. Tim is a dedicated and hard-working individual, which further supports my confidence in the future and success of the Club.

Have you ever felt like there was a place you could call your second home? Well, if you have, then you know exactly how I feel when I say
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The day I walked into The Boys and Girls Club for my interview, my reaction was, "Wow! Nothing has changed around here!" Well, that was the biggest compliment an Alumni can give to such an amazing organization!

My family was extremely fortunate to be a part of the Club when my brother and I were growing up. When we attended NBC, yes that long ago, my mother never had to wonder if we were safe or who our role models were. Accepting the position of the Coonley After School Program Coordinator was an easy decision, a pleasure, a privilege.

In the last 2 months I have confirmed that not much has changed, especially the core values of this Club. The quality of the staff is just the way I remember it, caring, hard working and friendly. The work ethic of the young leaders still amazes me! The programs offered are of such importance to the community for not only the leaders but the participants as well. The name change has just invited so many more youth to become a part of something amazing, providing more opportunities, increasing the number of young people that are able to be touched by this organization.

I would like to thank all of you that have welcomed me back to NBGC and all the new faces that I have had the pleasure of getting to know! I am extremely excited to return to a place that has been so influential in my own life and give back to the community all the rewards my family has been lucky enough to be a part of.

Thank you for being a part of my past and I look forward to a wonderful future!

Andrea Richard

I would like to introduce myself to all new and returning members of the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club. My name is Tim Mondl and I have the pleasure of saying I am the new Athletic Director!

The past few months have brought many amazing experiences, from the riveting Discovery football games and tightly matched Senior soccer games to the ambitious after school kids and numerous welcoming faces. Despite having no prior experience or involvement with the club, my wife and I were accepted with great warmth, and therefore, are extremely grateful for such!! The positive atmosphere and life-changing opportunities for both kids and adults were just some of the immediate attractions of the position.

With its rich history and community wellness the club offers to its many neighborhoods, my wife and I greatly anticipate a long, fulfilling career surrounded by joy and bliss from every aspect of the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club. We thank Jim, Bonnie, Phil, Amanda, Andrea, Mary, the League Directors and remaining staff and leaders, as well as everyone else who has supported and welcomed us with open arms!

Tim & Rachel Mondl

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that the Club is THAT second home for me. In the past twenty years I have spent nearly as many waking hours at the Club as I have at my actual residence! When I think about who I should recognize for my experience at the Club, it is difficult to thank only a select few individuals, because anyone who has ever been a part of the Club has helped me become the person I am today. I am happy with whom I am, so in turn, I thank the Club for everything "it" has given me. If you consider yourself to be a part of or have ever been a part of the Club, then consider this to be your "thank you!" I am proud to say that I have experienced everything and anything the Club has had to offer in my years here as a member, coach, volunteer and employee. There are no books, schools or institutions that could ever teach me what I have learned in my experience here at the Club. So what do I have to look forward to now? I like to call it the switch-over from employee to "lifetime volunteer." Besides, when I have children one day they will play here...and you had better believe I will be coaching them! Most of all, know that I will NEVER leave this place...I am what they call a "lifer" and there is absolutely nothing wrong with that!

Phil Jensen



JUNIOR ANGELS VS. PUMAS

8:00 A.M. - FIELD 1

By: Kathi Jensen

Nov. 26, 2009



Throughout the season the Junior Angels and Pumas have worked hard and never gave up. These two teams will be playing against each other on Thanksgiving Day for bragging rights. They are prepared for a challenging soccer game because they have worked toward this day since the beginning.

The Pumas have two coaches that have worked hard to teach these girls how to play soccer. **Alfredo Aguirre** is the head coach and assisting him is **Felipe Castanedu**. **Victoria Aguirre** and **Destiny Ruiz** are the team captains; they lead their team by showing great examples of teamwork. Their offense usually consists of three midfielders and one forward. **Destiny Ruiz** and **Karen Morales** use their power to control and kick the ball, while **Irelyn MacDiarmid** slashes the ball, and **Mikaela Blackwell** is shifty. **Monica Herrera** handles the kickoffs because she has a powerful kick. The Pumas offensive strengths are their speed and power of their kicks, but on defense it is also their speed, and then their ability to take the ball away from their opponents. Alfredo felt that **Maggie Baker** has shown the most improvement. She started out as a defender, but she has made her way up to midfielder. The Pumas felt that the Aliens were their toughest opponents because, "they have a strong team and their games were always down to the last minute". The starting line up will be **Annabelle Watkins**, **Destiny Ruiz**, and **Sofia Sinnokrot** at midfield, **Victoria Aguirre** and **Alex Avila** on defense, **Monica Herrera** playing offense, and **Rebekah Cozza** in the goal. Subbing in for the team will be **Karen Morales**, **Irelyn MacDiarmid**, **Galaxy Garcia**, **Sophia Elouati**, **Mikaela Blackwell**, **Maggie Baker**, and **Alyna Manatos**.

The Angels are led by their independent coach, **Tracy Yanes**. **Natalia Rueda** and **Gabriella Salazar** are the captains of the team; they have shown good sportsmanship during the game no matter what the score is. The Angels are famous for their offensive formation known as the "Morse code". Getting to the ball and passing to the middle has helped the offense score goals. **Sarah Ruiz** is the team's best runner because she is always near the ball, **Gabriella Salazar** is shifty, **Sahra Ash** is also a fast runner, who gets to the ball immediately, and **Natalia Rueda** has a powerful kick. The girls take turns kicking the ball for kickoffs, so that everybody has a chance. Some of the Angels strengths on offense are moving the ball to the middle. On defense they get to the ball before their opponents and kick the ball down field. Another strength they have performed all season long is working together as a team. Coach Tracy feels that **Cynthia Gonzalez** has improved with her footwork; **Lisette Pravinchandra** takes long strides to get to the ball, and **Sierra Mariduena** as a goalie. The Angels toughest opponent was the Aliens because they have strong players. Tracy feels that she has a good bunch of girls who play hard and look forward to winning. The Angels expect to win on Thanksgiving because of **Lisette Pravinchandra's** "along the way" strides, **Sarah Ruiz** "sound around" style, **Gabriella Salazar** "shifty feet", **Sahra Ash** "on the ball time", **Natalia Rueda** with her "fast forward" approach, **Cynthia Gonzalez** "swift feet", and **Sierra Mariduena** plays like "ocha" in the goal. The rest of the team is "halos". Starting on midfield is **Gabriella Salazar**, **Cynthia Gonzalez**, and **Sarah Ruiz**, defending will be **Eva Roman** and **Sahra Ash**, playing forward is **Natalia Rueda**, and playing goalie is **Sierra Mariduena**. Rotating in for the team will be **Emely Tacuri** (forward), **Laura Aldana** (goalie), **Lisette Pravinchandra** (midfield), and **Nathalie Figueroa** (forward).

A good match up will result in a good game; it will be exciting to see who can overcome their opponent's defensive strengths. These teams have been preparing for this game and finally it will be played. We are ready to see an action-packed game on Thanksgiving Day!



TRIBE EAGLES VS. FALCONS

8:00 A.M. - FIELD 2

By: Manny Miranda



Kicking off the Turkey Bowl in the Tribe league this year, we have a great match-up between the top two teams in the league, the defending champion Eagles against the only team to hand them a loss in over a year, the Falcons. This will be a classic game pitting smash-mouth football against a high-scoring, high octane offensive. And with both teams laying bone-jarring hits all over the field on defense, this will be the must see showdown of the year.

We begin with the champs, led by a fantastic coaching staff in Offensive Coordinator **Bob Pasternak** and Defensive Coordinator in **Ed Mendoza**, the Eagles are the closest thing to a dynasty as there can be as their core guys have been together for several years and have only tasted defeat once in their tenure, one that included a perfect season just two years ago. That group of core guys starts on the offensive side of the ball with their supremely confident and unquestioned leader on the field QB **Joey Arena**, as well as their three-headed nightmare of a RB corps. That group includes power runner **Jordan Pasternak**, who leads the team in touchdowns, **Sam Zepeda**, one of the fastest and toughest runners in the league, and last but not least, my hero, **Roberto Juarez**, who may just be one of the most complete players in the league, both offensively and defensively. That group usually causes most of their chaos coming out of double wing formations, and then just uses tough and scary downhill running to out hit their opponents, usually on the way to the end zone. Another big key for the Eagles running game is rookie **Andrew Shultz**, seldom talked about, he has continued to improve and show he can handle a starting workload and can be the future of the Eagles running game.

But as with every football team, you cannot run the ball without a line that blocks, and the Eagles have a very good offensive/defensive line. This group is lead by a few of those "core" guys and former All-Americans **Josh Ruiz** and **Alex Mendoza**. They are rounded out by newcomers **Morel Reynoso**, **Victor Rodriguez**, and **Anthony Sigelko**, all who have continued to get better as the season wore on. As for the defense, the Eagles have one of the stingiest in the league and they will certainly be tested against the Falcons high-powered offense. Lead by the booming voice of defensive coordinator **Ed Mendoza**, the Eagles combination of size and speed on the defensive side of the ball have them perched near the top of the league in points against as well as turnovers. Led by a very disciplined and sure tackling line-backing corps, headed by veteran **Jarrell Williams**, it is the depth of the defensive line with guys like **Jimmy Prodromos**, **Matt** and **Brian Sullivan** that makes this group special, because of their ability to plug new guys in and not skip a beat in terms of pressure.

But the real test on defense for the Eagles on Thursday is going to be their corner backs, **Andrew Shultz** and **Isai Arroyo**, as well as safeties **Sam Zepeda** and **Roberto Juarez** against the Falcons great play action passing game and big play wide receivers. With all their depth and experience in all phases of the game, the Eagles have another shot to end a year on top, and you can bet that with this being the last year for the majority of those core guys, they want nothing more than to stay atop that Tribe league mountain.

Given the task of defeating the powerhouse Eagles are the last team that did so earlier this year, the mighty Falcons. The Falcons are lead by head coach and veteran of many big time Turkey Bowl games, **Tom Saegert** and assistant coach **Austin Harris-Gibson**. Both teams are very similar to one another, each showcasing a hard hitting, take no prisoners defense as well as a seemingly endless array of play makers on the offensive side of the ball that can put up points in a flash. But the main difference is the way they go about putting up those points, while the Eagles are very much a smash mouth, downhill running team, the Falcons run a very explosive and exciting pro-style offense that is headed by a their own trio of All-Americans.

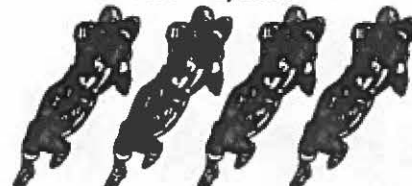
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**PREP EAGLES VS.
COUGARS VS. LOCUSTS
8:00 A.M. - FIELD 3**

By: Sam Jensen

Nov. 26, 2009



The **Locusts**, led by head coach **Bill Nemeth** and assistant coach **Brian Morris**, have improved a lot since the beginning of the season. They played strong games against the **Cougars** and **Eagles** the last time they faced them and look to pull off an upset in the Turkey Bowl! The **Locusts** are scheduled to play in the second game of the day against the **Cougars** at 8:30 and then again at 9:00 facing the **Eagles** to finish up the prep season. Their starting lineup on offense features **Jeremy Martorano** at quarterback with **Earl Manaog** and **Kenny Kostanski** as the main running backs. They usually run out of the I formation and look for holes created by **Jake Morris** and **Carlos Burgos** (The team Captain) up the middle. Their most successful plays thus far have been handoffs to **Earl Manaog** and **Aleksandar Rick** (Co-Captain), as well as roll out passes. When it comes to receiving they look for the speedy **Kenny Kostanski** along with **Liam Hudson** (also a Co-Captain) who has great hands. The offensive line consists of **Carlos Burgos** at center, **Jake Morris** at right guard, **Carlos Castillo** at left guard, with **Alex Navar** at left tackle and **Joseph Sanchez** at right tackle. Their biggest strength on offense is the power run up the middle or the option run to the outside with the ability to throw the pass when its open. The defensive line is as follows, **Carlos Castillo** and **Jake Morris** as the defensive tackles, and **Joseph Sanchez** followed by **Aleksandar Rick** covering the defensive end positions. **Carlos Burgos** is a big asset on defense clogging up the middle on occasional blitzes stopping opposing running backs and pushing them back, usually for a loss. Finally, when it comes to special teams, **Carlos Burgos** handles the kickoffs and **Kenny Kostanski** punts when necessary. The rest of the team maintains strong coverage containing any return hopes the other teams may have. When asked which players had shown the most improvement **Bill Nemeth** spoke about **Earl Manaog**, who had never played football before this season, he quickly became one of the best runners in the league. He also talked about **Joseph Sanchez** and how he made some amazing open field tackles in the second half of the season. Heading into the final day of the season, the **Locusts** look to pull off an upset and definitely have the skills to do so. Both games should be very competitive and come down to the wire to decide the final outcome.

Starting off Thanksgiving morning will be the **Eagles** who play the **Cougars** first and also play in the third game of the day after a little breather. The **Eagles**, who are coached by **Tom Seegert** and **Rico Monge**, have had a great season in which they look to finish up with a good note. **Xe Cabrera** is the offensive captain calling plays and taking command under center as the quarterback. The offense is run out of the Split formation as well as the Power-I with **Michael Antonietti** and **David Garcia** as the feature backs. Their main plays are QB sweeps, hand offs to the backs, end around plays to **Marcus Monge** and the deep pass across the middle to **Israel Garcia**. **Xe Cabrera** is the leading runner with his combination of power and speed, followed by **Michael Antoniette** who also has speed and an amazing ability to make cuts across the field, and last but not least **David "The Bull" Garcia** who smashes his way through the line before turning on the jets and taking off. When the running game is held up the **Eagles** look to **Israel "Dizzy Izzy" Garcia** who is usually 20 yards behind the defense before they even realize it which has led to a few big touchdowns this season. When it comes to defense they leave it to **Brandon Romero** the defensive captain to handle things as the middle linebacker. The strong line in front of him consists of **Israel Garcia** and **Andy Garcia** as the defensive ends and **Anthony Lomas** with **Gregory Giraldo** covering the tackle positions. **Brandon Nuon** and **Jason Turrentine** also come in to play on the line when the **Eagles** really need to put up a stop. **Andrew Alvarez** plays nose tackle and usually comes up with some huge hits. Finally, when it comes to stopping the outside run, the **Eagles** rely on **Brian Vera** and **Cesar Rodriguez** to contain and push everything back to the middle. On special teams **Brandon Romero** is the primary kicker, but everyone has been given an opportunity to kick this season. The most improved players in the coaches' eyes would be **Xe Cabrera** who has greatly improved in his passing game, followed by **David Garcia**, the backup quarterback, his footwork and mechanics have helped him transform into a good young quarterback for the future. Their toughest opponent has been the **Cougars** because every game has been close and decided with the last possession of the game. The **Eagles** have made great strides this year and the team can do anything they put their minds to. They expect to come out fired up, play consistent as well as protect the ball, and if they can do that coach **Seegert** believes they can walk away with the win.

Bright and early at 8:00 am the **Cougars** will be taking the field against the **Eagles** first, followed by a game against the **Locusts** at 8:30. As the season champs, they will have to keep up their strong play with their opponents looking for an upset in the turkey bowl. Coaches **Mark Warnaar** and **Wally Nasser** have done a great job all season and the team reflects that. The **Cougars** captains are **Ian MacDiarmid** and **Adrian Espinoza**. Quarterback **Sebastian Nunez** calls the plays on offense with **Shaun White** and **Cully MacDiarmid** behind him as the two running backs. They have a strong offensive line led by **Ian MacDiarmid** at center, with **Luchinni Monty** playing left guard, **Adrian Espinoza** at right guard followed by **Albert Warnaar** and **William Lue** playing left and right tackles. The tight end is **Edgardo Rivera** who shares playing time with **Stephen Nunez** on offense. The offense runs out of the I and Pro-set formations with the main runners being **Shaun White** who is very shifty, **Cully MacDiarmid** the inside power man and **Sebastian Nunez** the touchdown machine. The best plays have been power sweeps to the outside where they find the sideline and turn it up field. They are basically a run team when it comes to offense and tend to keep the ball on the ground. On defense the big 4 stopping the run up the middle are **Adrian Espinoza**, **Luchinni Monty**, **Albert Warnaar** and **Cully MacDiarmid**. They have created many turnovers with their attacking defense and quite a few of those resulted in touchdowns or at least gave them good field position. Coach **Wally Nasser's** favorite memory was from a previous game where the **Cougars** were down 13-12 to the **Eagles** with only 1:30 remaining in the game, he called a timeout and told his team that if they were going to win they would have to come up with a turnover. On the following play **Shaun White** took the ball from the opposing running back and ran it back 60 plus yards to give them the lead and the eventual win. The toughest opponent for the **Cougars** has been the **Eagles** because they were the only team capable of beating them during the regular season. The **Cougars** feel that no one can beat them when they are at full strength and expect to come up big with a win in the Turkey Bowl!

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This group is lead by captains **Zak Pasha** and **Juan Aguirre**. **Zak Pasha**, who took over at QB after starter **Alex Garcia** got injured very early in the season, has become one of the most poised and pocket savvy QB's in the league, leading head coach **Seegert** to compare him to one Tom Brady. The **Falcons** offense is most effective in the Power I-Formation, single RB/3WR sets, and their bread and butter formation, the double tight-end set. And, like Brady, **Pasha** has an arsenal of play makers, like favorite target, **Juan Aguirre**. **Aguirre** has excelled all year as a TE, especially in end around plays, where he is just a monster with the ball in his hands, and is rarely taken down on one. Complementing them are a slew of nice running backs lead by **Alex Garcia**, who is already know as one of the smartest players in the league, bounced back after an early injury to head this corps. The RB's are rounded out with a nice combo of backs in **Alex Garcia**, speed and vision, power backs like **Chris Delgado** and **Daniel Bautista**, as well as flourishing newcomer, **Jacob Cihak-Pepin**.

Unlike many teams in the Tribe league, the **Falcons** also have the ability to stretch the field with the passing game, and they do so early and often. With QB **Zak Pasha** at the helm, the **Falcons** have primarily used WR's **Austin Seegert**, **Avery Harris-Russell** and first year player, and big play machine, **Antonio Mosler** to make plays in the passing game, along with afore mentioned **Juan Aguirre** wrecking havoc along the seams from the tight end position. Not only is it the talent at each position, but the execution of plays in the passing game that make them so good, especially when it comes to play action plays that not only leaves coaches and players baffled, but also the refs! For the **Falcons**, none of these plays would be possible without their big and nasty OL, this group includes studs like **Axel Perez**, **Abel Abrego**, **Luis Acevedo**, **Jacob Ramirez**, **Anthony Melecio**, and **Caleb Smiley**.

As with any team, you can only go as far as your defense takes you, and the **Falcons** have a defense as ferocious as any. The defense is lead by their fearless middle line backer **Juan Aguirre**, and have taken his fearless and sometimes reckless style of play, and made it their unit's identity. The defense is predicated on run stopping pressure from the DL lead by **David Melecio**, **Orlando Roman**, as well as much disciplined gap control and gang tackling. With both teams so very well matched up, on both sides of the ball, this game will come down to tenacity and execution. There's no doubt that each team is going to leave it all on the field in what is being called one of the most anticipated games in recent memory.



**JUNIOR ALIENS VS. TWISTERS
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
9:00 A.M. - FIELD 1
By: Kathi Jensen**



The Junior Aliens and Twisters are rivals on the field, but off the field these teams are friends. Whenever these teams meet it's always a close game. The Aliens came out with a strong start, but the Twisters ended their season strong. They have given each other a run for their money.

The Twisters have three consistent coaches who push them in a motivational way. Roger Ceron is the head coach and the assistant coaches are Antonio Lima and Estefani Ceron. Jasmine Patino and McKeely Malas are the team captains, who have motivated their team every single game. The Twisters have had success with dribbling up on the side of the field and their defensive plays are what keep their opponents from scoring. Jasmine Patino is the team's best runner because she is consistent and Alyssa Brandon runs fast and swiftly. Gisselle Ceron and Jasmine Patino usually handle the kickoffs for their team because they can get the ball past the defenders. On offense the Twisters may look small, but they are quick to get that ball. Their defensive strengths are attacking and clearing the ball quickly. The midfielders have been running fast, swiftly and running up and down the field to help out the forwards and defenders. Most improved on the team is Erin Sanders because she learned a lot about playing defense and now she is hard to get past. Arianna Perez has also shown improvement because she started off a little slow, but progressed rather quickly throughout the season. Now she has transformed into a great defender. The team they find most challenging to play against is the Aliens because of the team plays they have formatted. The coaches' favorite memory was beating the Aliens 1-0 because it encouraged the girls and kept them motivated. The Twisters are changing up their formation and their line-up will look different from before. They are hoping this could help them win the championship. During the season their starting line-up looked like this Celeste Galindo, Erin Sanders, and Jasmine Patino playing midfield, Gisselle Ceron and Arianna Perez on defense, Crystal Lima and Alyssa Brandon on offense, and McKeely Malas in the goal. Subbing in for the Twisters are Jullanna Hasselberger, Jillian Korey, Katie Malate, Isabella Thomas, and Dinah Hayes.

The Aliens have two coaches that have been working hard and teaching the players everything they know about soccer. The head coach is Jose Flores and helping him out is his brother, Bulmaro Flores. Vanessa Ortega and Joanna Flores are the dependable team captains that set the example for the team. The Aliens found success in using the pass & go technique and also when they take shots from far away. Running fast for them are Joanna Flores whose type is power and Tia Soto who is slashing. Normally Vanessa Ortega or Joanna Flores handles the kickoffs because of their strength. On offense the Aliens never give up and they keep pushing forward. As for defense they have an "imaginary wall" and nothing gets past! Katherine Martinez has improved a great deal all around; she can play any position that is asked of her. Martha Segura has improved very much as well; she is a hard worker who practiced hard. Joanna Flores is one of the smallest girls in the league, but that does not faze her, it only makes her try harder. The Twisters were definitely their biggest competition, they tied with them 3 times and they were the only team to beat the Aliens 1-0 in the regular season. The coaches feel that they had a great group of kids, each player was a character and they were all cooperative. Coach Jose said "we expect to win on Thanksgiving because we have worked hard all season for this date. Plus, we have a secret plan to play". Watch out, Twisters! They seem to be confident in winning the championship. The Aliens have two sets of identical twins on the team, which made things a bit more challenging. The parents have been supportive and involved with the team. They were always motivating the team and it had a great impact on all the players and it brought them this far. The Aliens starting line-up consists of Joanna Flores, Vanessa Ortega, and Katherine Martinez at midfield, Brenda Nevarez and Brandi Nevarez as defenders, Tia Soto and Martha Segura at forward, and Ruth Segura as the goalie. Subs for the team are Katie Fish (forward), Ashley Contreras (defense), and Kelly Martinez (defense).

They will be playing each other for the championship on Thanksgiving Day! The Aliens won the first half by far, but the second half was taken by the Twisters. Whichever team wins, wins everything! Everything is put on the line for the biggest day of soccer. Who will win the championship? We will find out on Thanksgiving Day!



**TRIBE BEES VS. COUGARS
VS. PIRATES
9:15 A.M. - FIELD 2
By: Manny Miranda**



Finishing out Thanksgiving day in the Tribe league on Thursday we have a very exciting round robin matchup pitting the three remaining teams, Pirates, Bees, and Cougars against each other in the ultimate gauntlet for end of the year bragging rights. Although none of the three teams ended the year where they wanted, each team has plenty left in the tank and would love nothing more than to get a big win on the biggest football day of the year.

The first of the three teams are the Bees who are coached by Jim Bailey, Tony Staniszewski, and Steve Willuweit. The Bees are one of the most versatile teams in the Tribe league, on both the defensive and offensive sides of the ball, and are coming into Thanksgiving as one of the hottest teams in the league. We'll start with that very versatile offense, and it's no secret in the league, that their offense starts with All-American Imu Mwitumwa. He is an incredible athlete that basically learned the game of football on the fly and has been a thrill to watch every Saturday. With his combination of size and blazing speed, he is a handful for any defense, especially when he is running out of the Bees very successful wildcat formation. Complementing Mr. Imu is a bevy of very good running back, each putting his own stamp on their potent run game. Heading that group is Tyler Brown, a smart slashing runner, Noah Snyder, who is definitely the beef and power of that corps, and Alexis Bahena, a very good runner who can do it all.

Handling the primary passing duties for the Bees is Brandon Brown, a veteran player who won the job shortly after his first game of the year. The phase of the offense that makes them so versatile is the ability of multiple guys that can not only run but also throw the ball. This forces defenses to play honest and expect the unexpected because they can see passes from QB Brown, but also Imu, Jacob Oden, a line man that is sometimes packaged in the backfield, as well as Bahena, a former QB. Catching the passes from all those throwers are a very quick and shifty group of receivers led by co-captain Chris Vass, as well as Antonio Cruz, and Ryan Wojdyla, all of which have big play capabilities. As for the offensive line, the Bees have a line full of very big boys which include beasts like center/long snapper Eil Guzman and Fabio Muisleaux.

On the other side of the ball, the Bees have a very stingy defense that is headed by their run stopping, quarterback pressuring defensive line. The D-line is highlighted co-captain Josh Bailey, Juan Fierro, Logan Bailey, and sack machine Marcus Lozano. Another very important part of that Bees defense is linebacker/defensive end Luis Iwamuro, someone who head coach Jim Bailey referred to as an endless worker, and an inspiration to the defense. Another big advantage the Bees have as team is their ability, through the soccer leg of Imu Mwitumwa, (continued on page 6)

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to drastically change field position in the kicking game. Whether its punts or kickoffs, the Bees special teams hardly ever give the opposition a short field, forcing the offense to execute long drawn out drives, against that very tough defense, something that is no easy task for even the best offensive teams. With all these weapons on both sides on the ball, the Bees pose a great threat to any team they would face, and with plenty of guys coming back next year, I'm sure they'll be a force for quite some time.

The second of the three teams facing off in the round robin are the Cougars. The Cougars are lead by coaches **Mike Ramirez**, a former Cougar/Bobcat himself, and **Antonio Velez** and are simply put, a hard-nosed and defensive minded team, both characteristics their coaches say that their team has embodied throughout the season. As I said, for the Cougars, it's all about their defense and they are as big up front as any team in the league. Starting with the defensive line, one who is the catalyst for the run stopping defense the Cougars throw at their opponents, we have some very big boys like **Ajibola Olayemi**, **Rodolfo Mendez**, **Albert Hernandez**, **Daniel Velez**, and **Mehmit Aksoy**, who after speaking with the coaches is said to be their most improved lineman, hands down.

Blitzing right behind that monster line is a very good, and sure tackling linebacking group, led by team captain and leader **Liam Mulchrone**. Liam is one of the toughest players in the league and has a great determination to go along with that toughness, making him the man to stop on both offense and defense when going up against these Cougars, much easier said than done. The Cougars defense is not only a good tackling team but they are very well versed in the blitzing game, and whip up schemes for each game that will leave opponents scratching their heads as well as picking up teammates off the ground. Outside linebackers like **Ludwin Rios** and **Edwin Cisneros** usually are the guys coming around free due to double teams on other big guys, and this group takes advantage of this early and often.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Cougars are a run heavy team who like to use an array of good, but very different backs, as well as misdirection plays, to keep the opposing defenses on their heels. It starts with their QB, and although small, **Aaron Moss**, who stepped in at QB midseason is about as tough a football player as there is, in this league or any other. His combination of speed and decision-making abilities make him a big threat, especially when he gets to the edge or in the open field. Those skills also make him a great decoy, allowing RBs like **Kyle Gissendanner** and **Taylor Scholtas** to use their very successful misdirection plays to slash the defense. And of course **Liam Mulchrone** is another primary back, and a very scary downhill runner. Expect to see him also running out of a wildcat formation, similar to how the Bees use **Imu Mwitumwa**, as he is their leader in yards from scrimmage and touchdowns.

As for the passing game, the Cougars rarely throw but that may be the advantage they need on Thanksgiving in order to launch an air attack, probably for the defense will arise quickly as all the RBs can throw the ball downfield, whether in the pocket or on the run, and they have talented receivers like **Jonathan Vera**, **Adan Bello**, and tight end **Edwin Cisneros** who can all stretch the field. Providing the running lanes for this combination of backs are the afore mentioned defensive line, who wreck havoc on both sides of the ball along with key role players like **Miguel Castaneda**, **Grant Heard**, **Giovanni Islas**, and **Chris Delgado**. With all this talent, in all three phases of the game, the Cougars are a tough opponent for any team, are likely to be tougher on Thursday, and when asked what was his favorite Cougar moment this year, coach Velez simply said, "our best moment is yet to come, wait till Turkey Day."

The final team of our three way round robin series are the Pirates. Very well coached by head coach **Angel Cortes**, and assistant coaches **Michael Fernandez Jr** and **Miguel Olivo Jr**, the Pirates came into the season as a team to be reckoned with, using their tough as nails defense to complement their absolutely explosive running game. Opening the gaps for that running game is a very young, but continuously improving offensive line which includes the three most improved players on the team in **Aaron Tehrani**, center **Jonathan Speaker**, **Vincent Flores**, all of which have drastically improved their skills as the season progressed, and nobody was happier about the o-line than the Pirates running backs.

That group is headed by All-American and absolute stud running back **Eric Novit**, who according to several coaches, has all the tools and skills to carry a team on his back not only in the Tribe league but certainly in high school and beyond. With his combination of size, speed, and power he is an absolute threat to take one to the house on every single run, and maybe carry a defender or two with him. And unfortunately for opposing defenses, he is not the only threat on this offense which includes QB **Xantos Ortiz**, who can do it all, run, throw, and take charge in the huddle and on the field. As well as a variety of power backs like **Vincent Sedeno** and **Daniel Cuyun**, as well as speedy and super slick running back **Ray Santiago Jr**. Making plays in the passing game for the Pirates are receivers **Danny** and **Brandon Cortes**, who is no deep threat, but is a very good possession receiver and match up problem for line backers.

On the defensive side of the ball the Pirates have a very strong and big defensive line that is anchored by veteran players like **Alex Manatos** and **JoeVon Morgan**, both of which can rack up sacks with the best of them and their aided by **James Riley** and **Sam Carbajal**, both guys that have stepped it up and taken advantage of the double teams thrown on Morgan and Manatos. With all these weapons at their disposal, I'm confident that coach Cortes, as well as coach Mike and Miguel, will have their troops ready to go on Thanksgiving and end their season on a positive note. Good luck to all the teams, it should definitely be a Turkey Bowl to remember.

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quick, and **Jenna Gonzalez** - power and agile. Handling the kickoffs are usually **Jenna Gonzalez** and **Bianca Guardian**. The Angels are known to have one of the best defenses in the league. It's because the defenders focus on the ball instead of the players, and they advance the ball up field quickly. The team has good chemistry and leadership out on the field. Everybody on the team showed improvement. **Jasmine Mayorga** improved her offensive awareness and aggressiveness. **Genesis Morales** gets to the ball fast on defense and she pushes it up field. **Bianca Guardian** has leadership, confident team player, and great awareness. **Jenna Gonzalez** is the most versatile player, she can play any position. **Jennifer Martinez** improved her passing. **Alyssa Hernandez** developed great goalie skills. **Lucy Harmon** became a great dribbler, and **Adrienne Korey** has better ball awareness. The toughest team they played was the Pumas; they had bad weather every time they played each other. The parents were supportive and interested in their success and development. The whole team developed good basic techniques throughout the season. "Seeing and feeling their confidence increase as they came together as a team has been a joy!" That was Coach Charlie's favorite memory and feeling of team. They are expecting to win because they believe in themselves. They know their roles and how they contribute to the success of the team and most importantly they believe in each other and know they can win when they work together as a team. "Plus...they want to have another pizza party to celebrate an Angels victory." The usual starting line-up for the Angels is **Jasmine Mayorga** and **Jennifer Martinez** as midfielders, **Bianca Guardian** and **Genesis Morales** on defense, **Alyssa Hernandez** on offense, and **Jenna Gonzalez** in the goal. Substitutes for the team are **Lucy Harmon** (forward), **Adrienne Korey** (goalie), and **Annie Rosenfeld** (forward).

The game between these two teams should be a good one. Will either team manage to score a goal and break down the others defense? A lot of ties have happened in regular season; hopefully one team will be able to score a goal for Thanksgiving Day!



CADET EAGLES VS. BEES VS. LOCUSTS

9:30 A.M. - FIELD 3

By: Tim Jensen



The Locusts have played great all season long from start to finish. Coach Tony Staniszewski put together game plans trying to outsmart the opposing team, playing mentally sound football. Much of their success is credited to the trick plays of the offense, and Great tackles by Shane Henger (safety), Joey Marky (linebacker), William Polich (end), and Ryan Munn (tackle), on the defensive side. The Locusts very rarely turned the ball over, Centers Dillon Wojdyla and Jared Staniszewski delivered perfect snap after perfect snap to a very dangerous runner, quarterback Tyler Lester. Special teams are also a strong point for the Locusts. Eddy Perez is a major threat returning kickoffs, give him any room to work with and he will take off down the sideline. Demetrio Aroujo handles the duty of kicking the ball off to the opposing team. Sending the ball very deep giving his defense a great chance to keep the other team out of the end zone. A Powerful offensive line makes any back look good, getting huge holes to run through. Matthew Obmann, Alexis Hippolito, Demetrio Aroujo, and Jacob Alcazar drive the defensive players backwards, giving running back James Webb and Joey Marky a clear path to run. Switching off between tight end and wide receiver are Cole Jeffery and Devin Polich. The outside running game would be nothing without these guys picking up 1-on-1 blocks on the outside. The Locusts run a very simple but effective offense. 1 quarterback and 1 running back in the backfield, 1 wide receiver and the remaining players on the line blocking. On defense the boys play very aggressive trying to force turnovers. Jacob Alcazar and Alexis Hippolito have an unstoppable bulrush at the defensive tackle position. The Eagles have been their toughest opponent throughout the season. They have tied twice in the season, but the Locusts have not been able to pick up win. This will surely be a great match-up to close out the round robin this thanksgiving day.

The Bees led by coach Dustin Miller, got off to a rocky start on the season. Their offensive line was outmatched, and their defense had trouble stopping the big plays. They have worked hard in practices and shown much improvement towards the end of the season. The Bees now have the best interior blocking in the league, and have shown much improvement tackling. Here is the starting lineup for the Bees: Michael Labate at left tackle, Riley Forst at left guard, Damian Leal at center, A.J. Miller at right guard, Ki Smiley at right tackle, Bryan Slavin at tight end, Saveer Giles at quarterback, Nick Romo at fullback, and Greg Biederman at running back. Subbing in and out keeping their team fresh are: Isalah Rodriguez at quarterback, William Carroll at running back, Alex Reitz at tight end, Paolo DeLeon-Rodriguez at left tackle, Carter Milan, and Coleman Williams at Right tackle. Players constantly switched positions on defense to try and find something going. Their biggest weakness on defense was not being able to stop the big runs to the outside. They would hold the offense to a third or fourth down but then give up a big play. That is one of the areas they will be focusing on trying to improve for the final game of the season. The Bees run their offense in the "I formation" and the "offset I". Damian Leal and A.J. Miller consistently create a hole for running back Greg Biederman. Once he gets that opening to run through he takes off making cuts to pick up huge gains. A couple of the players that have shown the most improvement are, Ki Smiley who is now one of the elite tacklers in the league, and Riley Forst working tough in the trenches to protect his RB and QB. The Bees played great down the stretch and hope to carry their momentum into the turkey bowl:

A highly confident Eagles team enters thanksgiving looking to stay unbeaten. Coaches Eric Alcantara and Richard Roman kept their team pumped up and motivated each and every week. The Eagles played tough football on both sides of the ball. Captain Israel Hernandez was the quarterback of the defense, showing everybody how football should be played. Delivering some of the hardest hits in the league and having fun playing the game while doing it. Andy Sanchez, Andy Perez, Kevin Santizo, and Christian Melecio were also a huge help on the defensive side as well. Hands down the Eagles had the most success on offense on the season. They ran the same, simple "single back" formation all year and no one was ever able to shut it down. Any adjustment the opposing team would make, they would counter by doing one simple thing, blocking. Adrian Marin and Devin Sheedy have been making the blocks to seal off the corners; Anthony Alcantara and Jordin Kean have had tough duties playing in the tackle positions but have never let the team down. The Eagles showcase some of the fastest and agile runners in the league. Quarterback Tyreece Morgan and running back Mark Ayala pose a double threat in the backfield. If these two runners can beat the safeties of the defense, no one is going to catch them. Center Juan Cruz is one of the more accurate snappers, the only time there have been problems with the center-QB exchange is in bad weather. That could end up being a big factor on thanksgiving morning. Julian Allen and Brando Barnes are two of the smaller guys on the defensive side. They are also the most aggressive players who look to force turnovers. Look for the Eagles to try and run up the score early on by getting their runners to the sidelines, as they try and stay undefeated on the entire season.



PEBBLE ANGELS VS. TWISTERS

10:00 A.M. - FIELD 1

By: Kathi Jensen



The Pebble Twisters and Angels will be playing an intense match against each other on Thanksgiving. These teams have the best defensive background, they defense is always committed to the game. This should be a close game. It's all going to depend on the offense because they will need to crack their opponent's defense.

The Twisters are coached by Monica Bailey and Andrew Lawrence. They are the most encouraging coaches in the league! The team captains are Shannon Bailey and Emery Lawrence. The Twisters did not have a formation for offense; they just tried to pass the ball to each other and score. The fastest runners on the team are Addison Taylor "quick as a whip" and Shannon Bailey "charges the ball like a bull". Nobody in specific handles the kickoffs everyone just takes turns. Their offensive strengths are powerful kicks and controlled dribbling. On defense they have made many great saves in the goal. The most improved players on their team have been, Addison Taylor as a defender and midfielder, Alexis Rivera in the goal and offense, she was always willing to play goalkeeper and making great saves, and Yasmina Chammas turned out to be a great dribbler. The Aliens were a tough team to play against because all of their players are aggressive, no matter how big or small they were. Also, the Aliens gave us "a run for our money" said Coach Monica. The Twisters' coaches are proud of all their girls! They played through the good and bad weather even the mud bowls! They did all of this with smiles on their faces. The Twisters are expecting to win on Thanksgiving because of their teamwork and there players are all flexible in positions. They are "hungry" for goals and they will try their best to score a goal on the big day. The starting line-up usually looks like this: Kenya Blancas at midfield, Shannon Bailey and Addison Taylor on defense, Emery Lawrence and Delaney Penn playing forward, and Alexis Rivera goaltends. Substitutes for the Twisters are Sawyer Mills (midfielder), Yasmina Chammas (defense), Lexie Anetsberger (forward), Lauren Glascott (forward), and Annie Blagojevich (midfielder)

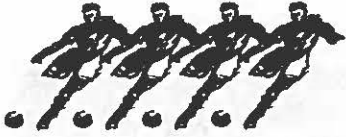
The Angels are led by two great coaches who have committed to teaching the players everything. These coaches are Charlie Gonzalez and Juan Mayorga. The captains of the team are Lucy Harmon and Genesis Morales. The Angels formation that their offense works out of is two wings and a center forward. The center forward is always focused on getting a pass or deflection around the goal. The main focus of this team is their defense. They have been successful with moving the ball out to the sides. Also, the goalies have been kicking and throwing away from the center. Some of the best runners on the team have different styles such as, Jennifer Martinez - power and slashing, Jasmine Mayorga - speed and

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PEBBLE ALIENS VS. PUMAS

11:00 A.M. - FIELD 1

By: Kathi Jensen

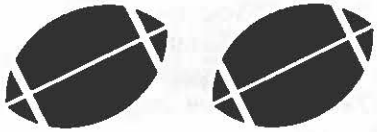


The Pebble Pumas and Aliens host a Thanksgiving match up. These two teams have proved their toughness in regular season; they have had some tough battles against each other. This game will not be a let down; it is definitely a match to see!

The Pumas have two great coaches who teach the sport very well. The head coach is **Jerry Garcia** and his assistant is **Evan Lane**. **Aliya Segura** and **Ava Kutilek** lead their team as the captains. The Pumas usually have two midfielders and one striker when they are on offense. Often you will see their successful play that they use it is called the "diamond". The team is known for their speed and making that possible are three players on the team. **Stella Kochan** is super fast, **Ava Kutilek** is a driver, and **Chloe Dubosky** is a finisher. **Aliya Segura** "drops bombs" from midfield on kickoffs. The Pumas have a strong offense because they keep possession of the ball and cause constant pressure. On defense they have relentless sweepers, great stoppers, and smart goalies. The Pumas have a "never surrender" kind of attitude towards the game. Coach Jerry thinks that the whole team has shown improvement together, they understand their roles on the team. All of their opponents brought something to the table, like the Aliens had great offense, the Twisters had outstanding defense, and the Angels were all athletic. When the Pumas came back from a 0-2 deficit and tied the game that was their favorite memory because that is the definition of teamwork. They expect to win on Thanksgiving Day because they play as a team and encourage each other on. "We are a unit, we are the Pebble Pumas". Their starting line-up consists of **Ava Kutilek** as midfield, **Kate Sartino** and **Aliya Segura** on defense, **Chloe Dubosky** and **Maia Lane** as forwards, and **Payton Coakley** defending the goal. Substitutes for the Pumas are **Lucy Mueller** (midfielder), **Stella Kochan** (midfielder), **Sophia Hannah** (midfielder), **Eleanor Sullivan** (forward), and **Ella Lane** (forward).

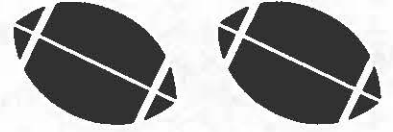
The Aliens are led by their motivational coach **Tracy Yanes**. The team captains who showed team spirit throughout the season were **Xiomara Rueda** and **Ajeya Brandon-Hopson**. The Aliens use their famous "scramble" formation on offense. The Aliens have some great runners with style, such as **Xiomara Rueda** who is always by the ball, **Desiree Rodriguez** who gets to the ball fast and kicks it away from the opponent, **Ajeya Brandon-Hopson** has "fancy feet", and **Alyssa Gonzalez** has a power kick. Whoever is playing midfield at the time handles the kickoff. That way different people have a chance of kicking it and everybody gets an opportunity. The Aliens are constantly running after the ball and trying to center it to get it in good position to score on offense. The twin goalies, **Marlo Dworkin-Cantor** and **Arielle Dworkin-Cantor** attacked the ball whenever possible and they were "awesome." Tracy feels that **Norah Sinnokrot** made the greatest improvement because she has such small feet and she keeps kicking, it looks like she's dancing. According to Tracy all the teams were evenly matched and all pretty tough to play against. The Aliens love being out on the field, kicking the ball and learning about the game. Their favorite memories are when they win games. They expect to win on Thanksgiving because they have the "twin tower goalies". "Fancy feet" **Ajeya Brandon-Hopson**, **Norah Sinnokrot's** "dancing toes", **Alyssa Gonzalez** "thunder foot", **Desiree Rodriguez** "the shuffler", **Xiomara Rueda** the "all around gal", and the rest of the team is a force field. "With this great team it's a win!" The starting line-up for the Aliens is **Xiomara Rueda** and **Ajeya Brandon-Hopson** at midfield, **Alyssa Gonzalez** and **Sarai Valencia** on defense, **Desiree Rodriguez** on offense, and **Arielle Dworkin-Cantor** as the team's goalie. Rotating in for them is **Marlo Dworkin-Cantor** (goalie), **Issabella Ortiz** (defense), **Natali Marin** (forward), and **Norah Sinnokrot** (defense).

Both teams have shown strong offense in their games, they have met before and the games have been very close. On a big day, such as Thanksgiving, the stakes are higher and the pressure is on. Who will rise above the other when the last game of the season takes place?

**DISCOVERY EAGLES VS. SPARTANS**

11:15 A.M. - FIELD 2

By: Mike VanDenBosch



The long time rivals, **Eagles** and **Spartans**, will face off on field two for the first game of the day. The **Eagles** have used their trick plays and great teamwork to carry them throughout the season. The **Spartans** have made multiple comebacks and dominated on defense. These teams will show the spectators a very intense game that will come down to the wire.

The **Spartans** have shown great improvement since the first football game, with their intense practices and explosive style of play. They have a shutdown defense and a quick backfield, allowing them to tear apart any teams game plan. **Geremiah Somerville** and **Aidan Perez** have kept the corners on lockdown all season, and have only allowed 3 touchdowns in the past two games. The speedy **Alex "A-Flo" Flores** is no stranger to the end zone and running out of the I-formation allows him to use cuts to burn defenders. The big boys upfront: **Jack Kendreck**, **Martin Herrera**, **Max Malate**, and **Jovani Santiago** have allowed their QB to achieve the highest completion percentage in the league. They also swallow up any runners who are brave enough to take them on. **Riley Porter** and **Joe Gonnella** keep the offense on their toes, as they point out any blitzers and acknowledge the defenses coverage. **Thomas Furman** is consistent at the defensive end position and is always able to reach the quarterback before he releases the ball. **Ryan DeSantis** has led the **Spartans** to multiple wins with his ability to outrun the defense, and thread the pigskin through coverage to connect with his receivers. One of the OB's favorite wide receivers is **John Gonnella**, who has hands of gold and has never dropped a pass. The **Spartans** have their work cut out for them, but they are one team to never give up.

The **Eagles** great focus and technique give them the drive to come out every game and perform to the best of the abilities. They have focused on blocking all season, which creates many holes for their halfbacks to burst through and reach the end zone. **Adrian Iniestra** and **Mark DeAnda Jr** contain the corners of the o-line and come up with huge stops on 4th down. Most teams are scared once they reach the secondary, because **Andrew Alcantara** is lurking and waiting to snatch the flags. **Liam Yee**, **Alonso Fajardo**, and **Robert Rojas** keep the **Eagles** alive on defense, which made them the team to never allow a TD in the red zone. The tight end position usually is overlooked, but **Isaac Rice** has made it a threat by catching quick passes and putting up huge blocks. **Andres Gomez** controlled the o-line and allowed **Cyrus "The Joker" Mehmedi** to use his deceptive speed to reach the promise land. When the citizens of NBGC were in danger, **Oswaldo "Batman" Segura** was there to rescue them. If he was not fighting bad guys, then he was on the football field catching everything thrown his way. **Ferdinand "The Juker" Centeno** was like a third coach, as he kept his o-line set and audibled on defense when he saw a change in the opposing team. The **Eagles** have had their ups and downs, but with weeks of practice under their belts they are ready to take on the **Spartans**.



DISCOVERY COUGARS VS. HORNETS

12:30 A.M. - FIELD 2

By: Mike VanDenBosch



Playing in the second game on field two are the **Cougars** and **Hornets**. The **Cougars** never had the need to run anything fancy, and used smash mouth football to lead them to victory. The **Hornets** spread the ball around, utilizing everyone's skill, and unlocked their dangerous pass game when it was needed. These teams have seen each other before, and the **Hornets** are looking for the "W" this time around.

The **Cougars** have perfected the single back formation and run the sweep during every game to give them positive yardage. Their unstoppable defense allowed them to give up the fewest 4th down conversions in the league. The heart of the defense can be seen within **Stephen Goonan**, **Matt Neylon**, and **Daniel Cahill**. These outside linebackers allowed nothing to get past them and redirect all runners out of bounds. Most of the **Cougars** plays are to the left side due to the uncanny ability of **Rory McNally** and **Jack Belmont** to force the d-line the opposite way. **Austin White** and **Emmanuel Patino** are the go to guys to get the extra point on the board. They use their power and slick moves to pass the goal line. The QB's main targets are **Sam Chapman** and **Aviel Acevedo**, who run precise routes and cause the secondary to miss many interceptions. Most teams find it difficult to run to the right, especially when **Tommy Lawless** and **Anthony Martinez** set in the 3-point stance on the d-line. **Basie Mollet** is hard to spot on defense, and all that is seen is a silver flash and after a burst of speed he is standing in the end zone untouched. **Keith O'Connor** has become best friends with the end zone and uses cuts and spins to visit on a regular basis. The **Cougars** have thrived in bad weather this season, and are predicting snow and a win.

The **Hornets** play "linebacker in the middle" at every practice, which gets them ready for game day. With their focus on defense, the **Hornets** have made it near impossible to complete a pass and have the most interceptions in the league. **Jack Estes** and **Carlos Gutierrez** were always seen with a flag in their hand, and were in on every defensive stop. Every time **Chappie Sartino** gained possession of the rock, he turned on the wheels and made defenders miss. The coaches were able to utilize **Ian Fields**, **Eric Bermudez**, and **Luke Fisher** at any position, as they thrived in each area of the game. The **Hornets** never hung their heads; because **Joe "Joe-Hustle" Kensik** was there to encourage them and help his teammates improve their skills. **Ben Mariani**, **Eamon Sullivan**, and **Owen Wilkins** created problems in the backfield with their great vision for which direction the running back was headed. **Jack Kensik** was a duel threat, as he exploded off the d-end to stop the running game, and had huge sprints for touchdowns. Watch out **Dick Butkus**, because **Jackson Dunne** is using his old school skills to take your intensity to a whole other level. The **Hornets** have practiced for weeks and are not going to let the **Cougars** beat them again.



DISCOVERY BOBCATS VS. SCORPIONS

12:30 A.M. - FIELD 3

By: Mike VanDenBosch



The **Bobcats** and **Scorpions** will take field three by storm for the second game. The **Scorpions** have had very tough defense all season, and are like a brick wall when the opposing team reaches the red zone. The **Bobcats** play last man standing during their practices, which get them focused and hyped for the games. Both teams have explosive run games and will look to their defenses to help them take home the victory.

The **Bobcats** have such a powerful backfield, that they never felt the need to put the ball in the air. This made them the team with the fewest turnovers. **Jake McLaughlin** and **Collin Kenyon** contribute to the success on the ground with their fearless style of running and ability to slash through defenders. The tough o-line consisted of: **Jake Caruso**, **Finn Connelly**, **Ethan Edlund**, and **Marty Eidenberg**. These boys helped their team reach the end zone, and picked up any blitzers with ease. **Anthony "Sack King" Malda** was a powerful running back, but was given the nickname since he caused havoc in the backfield. The linebackers are the heart of the defense and **Leo Klososky** and **Cullen "C-Dog" Irvin** are no exception. They point out any changes in the offense and close up gaps with their great vision. **DJ Morand** is no stranger to the end zone, and used his lightning speed to jolt past defenders. **Jake Besic** plowed over any obstacle in his way to allow the runners easy lanes to work with. The word around the league is that **Emerson DiFilippo** is a superior cornerback, and wide receivers should be scared of his punishing tackles. **Noah Klien** uses his speed to score touchdowns and catch up to runners who break away from the secondary. The **Bobcats** are looking to use their simple, but effective run game to take down the **Scorpions**.

The **Scorpions** tend to work out of the T-formation, and have found much success within the red zone. They have the highest TD percentage when they reach their own 10-yard line, and have yet to be denied a touchdown. **Martin O'Toole** and **Jonathan Sodke** use their quick feet to punch the pignose into the end zone. The right side of the o-line was extremely difficult to penetrate due to **Colin Pilcher** and **Mateo Brandon**, who put a stop to all the defenders. **Joey Magliochetti**, **Jack Baldwin**, and **Daniel Hepding** were the best line backing crew in the league. They worked together to create negative yardage and disrupt the QB before the handoff was complete. **John Pook** was the last resort in the secondary, and never failed to stop the halfback as they charged in his direction. The longest run in the season for the **Scorpions** belongs to **Colin Welsh**, who caused defenders to miss as she sprinted 50 yards to the house. **Coin Sheedy** and **Jacob Persons** also had the wheels and drive to burst through the defense and work for the extra yardage. Those runs would not be possible if **Ryan Hunneke** was not there to lead the way with his powerful blocks. **Aidan Farris** and **Daniel Buino** were defensive playmakers, as they came up with multiple tackles behind the line of scrimmage. The **Scorpions** run game matches well with the **Bobcats**, so they will rely on their defense to capture the win.

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Stafford, who at last minute agreed to step in and help the girls out, **Assistant Coach Bob Alacantara**, **Captain Tara Stafford**, and **Co-Captain Danielle Thomas**. Starting off the game with eagerness are **Kimberly Contreras**, **Nataly Quito**, and **Tara Stafford** as midfielders, **Danielle Thomas** and **Lilianna Meyer** as defenders, **Becky Henz** and **Nicole Garcia** as forwards, and **Janette Alabi** as goalkeeper. Waiting patiently on the sideline to contribute as well are **Genevieve Sachs**, who has a strongpoint at forward and **Hanna Hellman** playing a double roll at midfielder and defender.

The **Angels** play soccer in other leagues and some of the NBGC rules are a little different than what they are used to, but the **Angels** quickly adapted to the rules and got right into every game with an intense want to win. The **Angels** get every half started with a massive kickoff from **Danielle Thomas**. The **Angels** work out of a "3-2" formation on offense and push the ball hard against the defense. A lot of the pressure comes from a great communication and quick understanding of the **Angels** players. You can often hear the girls calling out plays or pointing openings to teammates playing the ball. The most successful thing the **Angels** had going for them was their "Give and Go" play. The girls would surround the ball and take control of it quickly before the other team could even blink. The player that stood out the most in the second half was **Janette Alabi** as goalkeeper. Some of the plays she made often made many cringe with apprehension as she would dive onto the ball as the opponent would wind back for a kick. She made some amazing dives and some incredible catches. Another player who stood out this season was **Tara Stafford**, who I cannot stress enough, had by far the best throw-in. Her

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**SENIOR PUMAS VS. TWISTERS
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
12:45 A.M. - FIELD 1
By: Samy Prodomos**



This season has been a thrill to watch and all the teams are more than qualified to be in the championship game. AS we have our champions playing already our second game is just as important. This game is for the final bragging rights of the season and also for many girls their last soccer game here at the NBGC. A team that has been through lots ups and downs this season is the Pumas. They have fought this entire year to be the top spot and never gave up. They gave every game their all. They are led by **Coach Tracy Yanes**, who has been coaching for countless years. I was recently reading an article on Coach Tracy and it was dated back to 2004, and after all this time, she still coaches with a great heart and intensity. Also helping to lead this team are **Captain Elizabeth Corronel** and **Co-Captain Selene Juarez**. Taking the field first on Thanksgiving Day will be **Nina Sedeno**, **Monica Perez**, and **Cecilia Kattan** as midfielders, **Iris Porrata** and **Amy Cumbe** as defenders, **Elizabeth Corronel** and **Kristina Reyes** as forwards, and **Patricia Corronel** as goalkeeper. Waiting on the sidelines for subs are **Selene Juarez**, **Malani Rosa**, and **Elissa Aguirre** eager to fill in the forwards spot, **Daisy Lomas** as midfielder, and **Catherine Cumbe** pulling a double shift at midfielder and forward.

The Pumas had a peculiar way of doing things, but regardless of how weird it was they still managed to take control of the ball fairly often. Coach Tracy describes their offensive formation as a "box". If I could guess what this means, I would believe it would be cornering the goalie and defenders in the goal box, passing the ball around quickly and taking a shot at the net. The Pumas were a quick team all season long and succeeded at taking control of the ball from both sides of the ball for a majority of the games. The most successful ways of play the Pumas had were getting to the ball first and kicking it down to the field for a goal. The Pumas were sure to spread out and not bunch as many of the other teams tended to do. The Pumas strengths were divided amongst their players as they had **Elizabeth Corronel** with her "thunder feet" putting the ball right in their mouths, **Iris Porrata**, who was moved up from Junior league, as the smallest player but with a "fear me not" style of playing, she always attracted to the ball like a magnet, **Nina Sedeno** with her "chopping feet" always seemed to get the ball from the opponent, **Amy Cumbe** was the "magnetic storm" as she would race to the ball and it would stick to her feet until she released it as a pass or a shot at the goal. Combining all these players together they had great strengths in power kicking and scoring goals, trapping the ball and taking it down field, and working as a team to take the win. Coach Tracy has enjoyed yet another great season of soccer and has enjoyed watching all her players advance their skills. She believes that **Selene Juarez** has improved a lot now that she moves around and not like a statue. She actually advances the ball quickly down the field. She also believes that **Daisy Lomas** has improved as a midfielder because she can move to the ball fast with her "speedy smile" style of playing.

The Pumas have enjoyed playing this year and have enjoyed how evenly matched all the teams were this season. All the girls have played and worked very hard and has made the season that much better. When asked what her feelings about the team were, Coach Tracy replied, "I have a good bunch of girls. Even though there were some new editions to the family [team] they work[ed] well together." She also enjoyed winning games which always brought up the spirits of her players. The Pumas are looking forward to taking the final win and last bragging rights. The reason they believe they can be successful in this is with players like **Elizabeth Corronel** "Thunder Feet", **Iris Porrata** "Fear Me Not", **Nina Sedeno** "Chopping Feet", **Amy Cumbe** "Magnetic Storm" and with the rest of the "Monopoly Clan", there is sure to be a "Carnivorous feast" for a Puma victory.

As the challengers for this final game, the **Twisters** are more than ready to get this game started. They have worked hard all season long and have been just as close as the Pumas to being that top spot. However, when you have two teams fighting for the same spot, either one of two things will happen one will prevail or they will both fall a little short in the end. And though they have missed the championship by just a few points, the **Twisters** are still champions to their sideline and fans. Leading the **Twisters** this season are **Coach Missy Cabrera**, **Assistant Coach Glenn Zarymbki**, and **Assistant Coach Gerry Haslwanter**, who have been working with the girls as long they've played in the league starting back in 2003. Also helping take the lead are **Co-Captains Milica (Mia) Devura** and **Courtney Munn**. Rushing the field first will be **Madison Roman**, **Jennifer Haslwanter**, and **Mia Devura** as midfielders, **Abra Ash** and **Allison Thoms** as defenders, **Courtney Munn** and **Samantha Gibbons** as forwards, and **Baylee Cabrera** as goalkeeper. Waiting eagerly for their turn at subs are **Katie Glascott** as forward, **Sara Davis** and **Carrie Leverso** as defenders, and **Autumn Schroder** as midfielder. Also on the team is **Sarah Zarymbki** who was injured earlier in the season, but has shown up to every game to cheer her team on.

The **Twisters** focus on putting their strongest players on midfield as they play out of the formation of 3 midfielders, 2 defenders, and 2 forwards. The **Twisters** are the only other team in the league besides the **Aliens**, who have the same bunch of girls they have had for years. This has worked to their advantage as the girls continue to have great communication on and off the field. The one thing they succeed at is playing in bunches. You can always hear **Coach Missy** and **Assistant Coach Glenn** telling the girls to spread out. Bunching up has certainly worked for them as they crowd in front of the goal box and confuse the defense to open up opportunities for other teammates to take a shot. This team has some pretty strong players with **Courtney Munn** who was also moved up from Junior league because of her great skills. There is also **Madison Roman** who pushes the ball quickly down the field and has a very powerful style, and **Baylee Cabrera** who controls and cheers on her team from in the goal box as goalkeeper. It has helped the **Twisters** immensely with quick players like **Mia Devura** and **Jennifer Haslwanter**. **Coach Missy** has loved watching her team flourish on the field and has enjoyed watching them succeed in many occasions. She believes **Abra Ash** has improved the most because she listens very well and has learned a lot this season.

As many of the other teams agree, the **Twisters** believe that the season was split with a lot of ties, so there was not one team that really gave trouble or pressure. They believe that there has always been a rivalry between them and the **Aliens**, which of course makes sense, since they are the two oldest teams in the league. When asked what her feelings about the team were, **Coach Missy** replied, "[The] players never gave up. We played in a lot of bad field conditions and they [still] always gave their all." The **Twisters** were very intent on playing every game and always played with their full potential. The **Twisters** are excited to play Thanksgiving and expect to win because "[they] are overdue!!! [The] players are very excited [and with] new players [there comes] new attitudes that are contagious." We all look forward to see these neighborhood rivalries on Turkey Bowl. Both teams are pumped up and ready to show what they have. Good luck to all the teams. It was a great season and in the end don't forget that in the end you are a winner no matter the score. Come in with a smile and leave with the same feelings.

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technique was near perfect and everyone in the league would agree with me that they enjoyed watching her throw it in regardless of the impact it had on their own team. The **Angels** were strong as a team with speed and exceptional passing skills, stout defenders and of course goalkeeping. **Coach Dan** has been very pleased with his team all year long and has enjoyed watching his players improve their skills. He believes **Kimberly Contreras** had the most improvement as she "[gained confidence] through play and practice."

The **Angels** go into this Championship game playing against the **Aliens**, whom they saw as their toughest opponents because of their "stingy defense". When asked what his feelings were about the team, **Coach Dan** replied, "The girls are tenacious. They give their all." The **Angels** have been the most vivacious team this season and always came into the games with a smile on. Looking on to Thanksgiving Day at the Turkey Bowl Soccer Championship game the **Angels** were asked why they expect to win and the replied, "We [have] the best defense and goalkeepers in the league and we take advantage of our scoring opportunities." With both teams claiming they have the best defense, expect this game to be very close and extremely enticing. Come out and support these girls as they fight for the last bragging rights.



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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KIDS CLUB
By: **Amanda Fox**



Kids Club is our afterschool program. It runs daily, Monday-Friday, from 2:00-6:00 on school days and 9:00-6:00 on most non-school days. Kids Club is open for kids from PreK-8th grade. When our kids begin walking in they head to the lab to get their homework started. Although there are only a few hungry kids by 2:45, we still take a break to get a bite to eat and then either head back to homework or on to activities! Our largest group of kids comes in from Bell around 3:15 to have snack before they get their homework started and head into the rotation schedule. We have many activities throughout the week that the kids participate in, including playing MarioKart or movies in the reading room, SquareUp or SuperTux in the computer lab, board games, arts and crafts, playing games in the gym, gameroom and outside when the weather permits.

Our daily staff include **Jasmine Anza** (Assistant Kids Club Director) and **Tim McNamara**, one of our leaders. In addition to our regular staff, the program is scheduled by the same leaders who are outside refing the games today. We also enjoy working with After School Matters for 20 weeks through the school year. This program brings in interns who are 16-18, in high school, and are interested in working with youth.

We just began our second session which runs until January 29th. We run on the same schedule as most CPS schools, so our sessions are the same as the school quarters. This quarter we have about 75 kids spending their days with us, but we still have room for more.



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 77 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.

Pebble

Pumas - Jerry Garcia, **Angels** - Charles Gonzalez & Juan Mayorga, **Twisters** - Monica Bailey & Andrew Lawrence, **Allens** - Tracy Yanes

Junior

Angels - Tracy Yanes, **Allens** - Jose Flores & Bulmaro Flores, **Pumas** - Alfredo Aguirre & Felipe Castanedu, **Twisters** - Fulgencio (Roger) Ceron, Estefani Ceron & Antonio Lima

Senior

Angels - Dan Stafford & Bob Alcantara, **Allens** - Andre Castillo, **Pumas** - Tracy Yanes, **Twisters** - Missy Cabrera & Glenn Zarymbksi

Discovery

Scorpions - Sean Buino, **Cougars** - Eddie Acevedo & Rob Thompson, **Bobcats** - Tiny McLaughlin, Joe Caruso, & Jim Kenyon, **Hornets** - Peter Wilkins, Gerry Sullivan, & Eric Mariani, **Spartans** - Eloy Flores, **Eagles** - Robert Rojas & Alonso Fajardo, **Locusts** - Nelson Derbigny, **Bees** - Al Geiser & John Balderson

Cadet

Locusts - Tony Staniszewski, **Bees** - Dustin Miller & Aragon Ruiz, **Eagles** - Eric Alcantara & Richard Roman,

Prep

Locusts - Bill Nemeth & Brian Morris, **Cougars** - Mark Wamaar & Wally Nasser, **Eagles** - Tom Seegert & Rico Monge

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Eagles - Bob Pasternak & Ed Mendoza, **Cougars** - Antonio Velez & Mike Ramirez, **Falcons** - Tom Seegert and Austin Harris-Gibson, **Pirates** - Angel Cortes, Michael Fernandez & Miguel Olivio, **Bees** - Jim Bailey, Tony Staniszewski and Steve Willuweit



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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, Bears Bash, Hot Dog Sales, Ham Sales, Christmas Tree Sale, Scholarship fundraiser** and others! 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.



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The Chicagoland Toys For Tots Committee proudly presents the **"World's Largest Toys For Tots Motorcycle Parade"**. The 32nd annual event will be held between **9:30 AM and 2:30 p.m. on Sun. Dec. 6th** from the Dan Ryan Woods at 83rd and Western, ending at Lane Tach High School at Addison and Western. The Parade Line Up starts at 6:00 AM. 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. Anyone with questions on the event or increased amount of traffic are encouraged to call the Alderman's office, (773) 348-8400.



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 Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club.

Pebble All-Americans

Pumas: Ava Kutilek, Aliya Segura, Stella Kochan, Lucy Mueller, and Chloe Dubosky.

Angels: Jasmine Mayorga, Jenna Gonzalez, Jennifer Martinez, Bianca Guardian, and Alyssa Hernandez.

Twisters: Shannon Bailey, Emery Lawrence, Yasmina Chammas, Alexis Rivera, and Kenya Blancas.

Aliens: Xiomara Rueda, Marlo Dworkin-Cantor, Issabella Ortiz, Arielle Dworkin-Cantor, and Ajeya Brandon-Hopson.

Junior All-Americans

Angels: Gabriella Salazar, Natalia Rueda, Cynthia Gonzalez, Eva Roman, and Emely Tacuri.

Aliens: Joanna Flores, Vanessa Ortega, Brandi Nevarez, Atianna Soto, and Brenda Nevarez.

Pumas: Irelyn MacDiarmid, Destiny Ruiz, Sofia Sinnokrot, Rebekah Cozza, and Galaxy Garcia.

Twisters: Gisselle Ceron, Jasmine Patino, McKeely Malas, Arianna Perez, and Celeste Galindo.

Senior All-Americans

Angels: Nicole Garcia, Nataly Quito, Tara Stafford, Kimberly Contreras and Rebecca Henz

Aliens: Jordan Thoma, Bianca Diaz, Alexandra Espinoza, Crystal Castillo and Abigail Ramos

Pumas: Elizabeth Corronel, Kristine Reyes, Catherine Cumbe, Amy Cumbe and Monica Pere

Twisters: Madison Roman, Baylee Cabrera, Courtney Munn, Milica Devura and Samantha Gibbons

Discovery All-Americans

Locusts: Daniel Pellikan, Rene Martinez, Payton Kane, Juan Lorenzo Manaog and Ryan Marx

Bobcats: Anthony Maida, Noah Klien, DJ Morand, Emerson DiFilippo and Martin Eidenberg

Spartans: Ryan DeSantis, John Gonnella, Thomas Furman, Joe Gonnella and Alex Flores

Eagles: Alonso Fajardo, Cyrus Mehmedi, Robert Rojas, Oswaldo Segura and Ferdinand Centeno

Cougars: Keith O'Conor, Matt Neylon, Aviel Acevedo, Sam Chapman and Daniel Cahill

Scorpions: Colin Pilcher, Ryan Hunneke, Jacob Persons, Aidan Farris and Daniel Hepding

Bees: Connor Regan, Lian Malas, Frankie Geiser, Gavin Han and Casey Lutz

Hornets: Chappie Sartino, Ben Mariani, Joe Kensik, Eamon Sullivan and Owen Wilkins

Cadet All-Americans

Bees: A.J. Miller, Isaiah Rodriguez, Gregory Biederman, Nick Romo and William Carroll

Eagles: Tyreece Morgan, Mark Ayala, Andy Perez, Jordin Kean and Andy Sanchez

Locusts: Tyler Lester, Joey Marky, James Webb, Shane Henger and Alexis Hippolito

Prep All-Americans

Eagles: Xe Cabrera, Michael Antonietti, Brandon Romero and Andy Garcia.

Cougars: Ian MacDiarmid, Sebastian Nunez, Adrian Espinoza and Albert Wamaar

Locusts: Carlos Burgos, Earl Manaog, Liam Hudson and Kenny Kostanski

Tribe All-Americans

Bees: Marcus Lozano, Imu Mwitumwa, Brandon Brown, Alexis Bahena and Logan Bailey

Eagles: Sam Zepada, Roberto Juarez, Joey Arena, Jordan Pasternak and Josh Ruiz

Cougars: Mehmet Aksoy, Liam Mulchrone, Aaron Moss, Ajibola Oleyemi and Taylor Scholtes

Falcons: Zak Pasha, Alex Garcia, Antonio Mosier, Axel Perez and Juan Aguirre

Pirates: Eric Novit, Xantos Ortiz, JoeVon Morgan, Aaron Tehrani, Vincent Sedeno



We had a nice turnout 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. The high scores in each group received a gift card for a turkey (one per family) for Thanksgiving dinner, and certificates were awarded for the other places. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who participated.

Winners based on total number of members participating per league

Turkey Toss Winners**Discovery League**

1 st	Jack & John Belmont	23 pts	Gift Card
2 nd	Sam & Mike Chapman	22 pts	Gift Card
2 nd	Myles & Nelson Derbigny	22 pts	Gift Card
3 rd	Jaden & Tony Sauer	21 pts	

Cadet League

1 st	Nick & Armando Romo	23 pts	Gift Card
2 nd	William & Christine Carroll	21 pts	Gift Card
3 rd	Gregory & Eric Biederman	18 pts	
3 rd	Jared & Tony Staniszewski	18 pts	

Prep League

1 st	Liam Hudson & Bill Nemeth		Gift Card
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Tribe League

1 st	Marcus Lozano & Jim Bailey	33 pts	Gift Card
2 nd	Alex Garcia & Donny Taylor-Hart	31 pts	Gift Card
3 rd	Bailey Giltner & Charlie Sullivan	25 pts	

Discovery League

1 st	Yasmine & Martin Chammas	23 pts	Gift Card
2 nd	Montserrat & Petra Garcia	21 pts	
3 rd	Madeline & Dustin Miller	17 pts	

Pebble League

1 st	Emery & Andrew Lawrence	22 pts	Gift Card
2 nd	Addison & Geoff Taylor	19 pts	Gift Card
3 rd	Shannon & Monica Bailey	15 pts	

Junior League

1 st	Victoria & Carmen Aguirre	22 pts	Gift Card
2 nd	Galaxy & Petra Garcia	19 pts	
2 nd	Gabriella Salazar & Tracy Yanes	19 pts	Gift Card
3 rd	Ashley Rodriguez & Jasmine Anza	15 pts	

Senior League

1 st	Nina Pulido & Donny Taylor-Hart	21 pts	Gift Card
2 nd	Crystal & Silvia Castillo	18 pts	Gift Card
3 rd	Baylee Cabrera & Hector Camacho	15 pts	

* Only one winner per family

**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. 20th, the people listed below have volunteered to maintain the tradition of this great event. We could not do this without them.

Thanks you to Bill Abplanalp, Joe Cullotta, Rich Paschall, Candice Werstein, Paul Flatley, Dan Jensen, Estephani Ceron, Wally Johnson, Jim Kartheiser, John Diversey, Bill Swanson, Jazmine Vasquez, Jim Swanson, Tom VanDenBosch, Tim Ward, Tony Ramirez, Paul Goerner, Mitchell Annis, Chris Brundidge, Mike O'Connell and Dave Miranda.



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