



The Menominee Megaphone



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Back-to-Back! By Editors

Well folks, we did it! Although we spent just a few days practicing and crammed 65 events into two days, the whole summer was building up to this competition. With a resounding 46 to 19 victory, Menominee celebrated happily in the lake last night. From the beginning, CM set the tone of the competition, despite a modified schedule on day one. Out at the camp in the west, CM's Seniors swept all four volleyball events, while the Juniors held their own in newcomb (winning 3 out of 4) and hockey (a 1-1 split). Back at the Friendly Con-fines, the Intermediates took 2 out of 3 football games to bolster the CM lead, 16 events to 8 at the end of the day. At the start of day two, the men in green knew they had to seize the momentum back after narrowly losing the wrestling meet. We were able to do just that by racking up win after win during 11U football and soccer (both sweeps for CM), 16U Soccer and Basketball, and 13U basketball and volleyball. By lunchtime, the greens could sense their impending victory as the magic number continued to shrink until it got down to 2 by lunch. It was 11B's softball win that gave Menominee that coveted 33rd win to secure the competition. But CM did not stop there. For the first time in many years, the 16U's won the A football game in a 45-0 drubbing of a stunned Kawaga team. The 11U's swept their basketball games, reversing their losses from last year, while the 13U's continued their excellence by taking 2 out of 3 softball games and 3 out of 4 basketball games. To cap off a great day, the 16A softball team put on an absolute show in front of both camps with a decisive victory. A great job was done by all CM players, coaches, and officials, and an especially great job by head of competition ETHAN WEISS. Here's to back-to-back wins!

16A Softball By Jonah Weiss *Menominee 17, Kawaga 4*

16A softball, a tradition unlike any other. The Menominee men came out in their green Menominee shirts ready for business. Our bats started a little slow and Kawaga jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead. However, Menominee kept their composure knowing that we were the much better team. Our bats started to wake up as everybody hit in the inning to go ahead 8-3. After that, it was smooth sailing. HARRIS GREENBAUM was simply punishing the ball as he smacked not just one, but two home runs over the left fielders head. 3B ADAM MASSELLO, SC JOEY FINFER, and 1B JAKE HOODACK were all rock-solid in the infield. BENJIE SOREN pitched an absolute gem as Kawaga hit only one ball to the outfield the entire game. The bats remained alive as the guys in green were cruising around the bases to extend our lead to 16-4 thanks to a BRETT WEISS 3-run home run. MAX PTASZNIK, WILL FRIEDMAN, CONNOR WALL, and ISAAC WEISS were all hitting the ball hard to keep the pressure on the swamp fielders. After GREENBAUM's second home run, we were up 17-4 going in to the last inning. After a weak ground ball for the first out, SOREN tossed up a moon ball that stuck out the Kawaga batter swinging for the second one. The last batter hit a weak liner right to MASSELLO for the third out as Menominee stormed the field to celebrate our 46th and final victory of the competition. Awesome job 16A playing softball the right way, and congratulations to everybody, especially the 16 year olds in their last game ever.

11B Basketball By Jackson Weil

Menominee 33, Kawaga 6

At the end of the second day of competition, the 11B basketball team took the court. Starters AARON PELTS, RYAN WEIL, LUKE LARAMORE, JACK CARTER and MICAH BLUM led by coaches JACKSON WEIL and JAKE HERMAN were eager to capture a victory in their final events of the competition. After the first quarter, CM was up 8-4. As soon as the second quarter began, CM began to dominate the game. Subs RYAN MARTIN and JASON NIEDER both gave the men in green great production off the bench, each scoring a couple of baskets. The duo of AARON PELTS and RYAN WEIL proved too much for Kawaga to handle as they racked up steal after steal. With five seconds left going into the half, CM were up big, holding Kawaga to just six points.. After some halftime adjustments, CM continued to extend their lead, with LUKE LARAMORE hitting some baseline jump shots and MICAH BLUM using his size to secure countless rebounds. Team Menominee showed off their athleticism and endurance when they continued to play their hardest in the 4th quarter despite a long day of competition. JACK CARTER finished the game strong, scoring a couple of baskets late in the game. As the final seconds ticked off the clock, the score was 33-6 in favor of CM. Despite the fact that CM scored a monstrous 33 points in the game, the most impressive part of the game was the strong defense. CM shut out Kawaga completely in the second half, showing that a great defense is the key to a great basketball team. Congrats to the 11B basketball team on closing out the competition strongly for the 11 and under portion of the competition!

11B Soccer By Jake Herman

Menominee 3, Kawaga 1

Just before lunch on day 2 of the competition, Menominee were building momentum and racking up huge wins everywhere. This momentum carried over onto the pitch for the 11B Soccer game as Menominee took the game by storm. Lucky Canteen Number 116. After defenders DAVID FINFER, ETHAN MANN, and ELLIOT ZELKEN fought off some early pressure from Kawaga, ASHER DIAMOND sent in a beautiful cross that connected with the left boot of BRADY KAY to put the men in green ahead 1-0. After a few tense moments where Kawaga hit the post, TYLER FIELD nearly doubled Menominee's advantage on a distant shot that struck the cross bar. Just before halftime, Menominee broke through again as AARON PELTS buried a chance created by scrappy midfield play of BRADY WEISS and GRIFFIN BRAMWIT. As the second half began, tactical changes by coaches MICHAEL OUEDRAOGO and JAKE HERMAN paid off as substitutes ALEXANDER SUAREZ, SAM WICK, and ARI SCHWARTZ brought fresh energy to the team. As a result, AARON PELTS scored on another breakaway after defenders pushed the ball forward and pushed the lead to 3-0. After Kawaga scored off of a crazy deflection, the men in green saw their lead cut to two. Anchored by the confident play of goalkeeper IAN GAU, Menominee held on for the victory after a diving save by GAU in the last minute. This game was won based off the effort and camaraderie of the Menominee boys, and they should be very proud of their effort!

Sports Question of the Day...

Who was the player who had the game-winning interception on the final play of the Patriots vs. Seahawks Super Bowl? What number did he wear?

Menominee Trivia Question of the Day...

What year was CM moved from its previous location? Where was the old location of the Friendly Confines?