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WE BEAT KAWAGA EDITION

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Thought of the Day

“Do something every day that you don’t want to do; this is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain.”

-MARK TWAIN

We Beat Kawaga! 36-35! by Woody

What a comeback! What a victory! After falling behind, 29-19, we thought our chance had gone. Kawaga we’re playing well, but the games/sports that might (perhaps) favor us were to come on day two of the competition. And so it proved. By the end of the second day, as the rain forced us all inside, the decision was made to resume the competition the following day – a third day!

So Thursday was to be judgement day, and what a day it was to be. Not since 2005 has the competition been so close, with all the players and spectators so anxious, nervous, and excited.

The following reports will, I hope, help to convey all the excitement and energy that surrounded the three days.

16A Softball by the Editor

The atmosphere was tense, and the air was brisk while each 16A softball team practiced on the freshly dried Bob Bender Senior Diamond. The score of the competition was 35-35, meaning the winner of 16A softball would clinch the competition. For the first time in history, part of the second day of competition was rained out, causing the need for a third day to finish

the remaining events. As such, both camps had all campers and counselors show up to the game, and this meant that close to 400



The 16A Softball team celebrates their historic win in the lake.

people were watching. It’s been a long time since the competition had been this close, you have to go back to 2005 with the famous “Elman Pin” that won the competition for Menominee in a pivotal moment. Kawaga started the game off strong, obtaining a 2-0 lead early in the top of the first. Moving into the bottom of the inning, bases were loaded for **JOSH PETERMAN** as he hit a ball just over the short center’s head, securing three runs for Menominee. Just after that **CHASE KAPLAN** hit a rip right to short-stop, who fumbled the ball and allowed **CHASE** to get on first. Meanwhile, runner **MICAH BLUM** advanced to third and two more runs were scored for Team Menominee. **RYAN MARTIN** was next up to bat and managed to hit an RBI, allowing **MICAH** to score, and put CM up 6-2 in the game. In the outfield, **RYAN WEIL** laid out for the catch to send the game into the next inning. During his at-bat, **ZACH DANZIGER** was walked on a 4-0 count for the second time in a row. Following a changeover, **JACOB SCHNEIDER, CHASE KAPLAN,** and **JOSH PETERMAN** all made plays in the field for a 1-2-3 out inning. The momentum was rolling in CM’s favor, but the boys at Kawaga were not willing to go down without a fight. In the fourth inning, Team Menominee stumbled as errors from the fielders led to Kawaga scoring five runs

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and taking an 8-7 lead. However, CM wasn't down for long, as **MAX AGINS** lead off the half inning with a bomb to center field, allowing him to get a double. Right afterwards, **JACOB SCHNEIDER** hit another dinger over center field to send **AGINS** home and tie the game 8-8. The men in green continued their run as **ZACH DANZIGER** stepped up to the plate and hit a triple, allowing CM to take the lead 10-8 going into the fifth inning. The back-and-forth nature of this game held true in this half, as Kawaga scored three runs and came out only a single run behind. In the bottom of the fifth, incredible hits from **RYAN MARTIN** and **JACK CARTER** put Menominee up a couple runs, making the score 13-11 CM going into the top of the sixth. Doing what they seemingly do best, Kawaga tied the game up once again and the pressure was on for Menominee to take the lead prior to entering the final inning.

ASHER DIAMOND, now more locked-in than ever, began the half by hitting a home run deep into left field, putting CM up by one. Menominee didn't score any more runs, meaning Kawaga only needed to put one on the board to keep the game alive. During their at-bat, Kawaga managed to tie the game up 14-14, sending it into the seventh inning where CM needed to score once to win. In the top half, an unassisted double play from **ASHER DIAMOND** allowed Menominee to get back to hitting rather quickly. In an unfortunate turn of events, they couldn't pull out any runs which meant that an eighth inning would be played. The crowd seemed worried and anxious, but the cheers kept coming as what could be the loudest "Go Menominee, beat Kawaga" was shouted by the entire camp. After two outs and a gunned throw from **JACK CARTER** to first basemen **MICAH BLUM**, CM knew it was time to finish the game in this half. **ZACH DANZIGER** knew this especially well, as he led off the bottom of the eighth with a dinger to the outfield, getting him onto second base. Electricity and excitement flew through the audience as we quickly realized how close we were to closing out the game, and thus the competition. With one out in the field and **DANZIGER** now on third, **RYAN WEIL** was up to bat. With a hit that can best be described as, "hard and on the ground", **WEIL** ripped the ball past the second basemen, allowing **DANZIGER** to touch home plate and win the game for Menominee with a final score of 15-14 CM. Immediately, everybody rushed to the athletic field to celebrate and followed with a historic run down to the lake. In the words of former camper and counselor **JAKE HERMAN** as he livestreamed the

game to 100+ viewers, "A competition that needed a third day and an extra inning, will end in the lake".



ZACH DANZIGER prepares to hit a bomb over the outfielder's head.

11B Softball by Charlie Ratterman

The sun was starting to peek through the clouds, as 11B softball got under way. The team was ready for the game, and you could feel the energy from the whole Camp. The boys were rallied by the speech given by **NATE BEERMANN** after lunch and were more ready than ever to play some ball. Because the game was at Menominee, we started in the field with **RUSSELL ROSENTHAL** pitching. He stayed on the mound and threw his first pitch. "STRIKE!" was called and the whole Menominee field erupted to cheer on **RUSSELL**. That's exactly when I knew that it was going to be a good game. By the bottom of the third inning, Menominee was up 5-2 and still batting with only one out. After two more runs the camp from the west, coach **CHARLIE RATTERMAN** called a huddle and brought the infield in to talk. The Menominee men knew that this was their game to win. In the top of the fifth, one player from the 'swamp' sent a line drive-laser to short center **NATE SKRENTA-PIPKIN**, who quickly turned to tag second base and throw to the first basemen, **JACK FRIEDMAN**, who made the catch and secured the double-play. In the bottom of that same inning while Menominee was up to bat, six more runs scored, and the score was now 11-3 CM. Going into the 6th inning the Menominee men wanted to do a little more hitting than the coaches wanted. However, the bats were flying and so were the balls. By the end of that inning, the score was 15-4 and all they needed was three outs to finish the game. The top of the 7th was a textbook inning, as **JACK FRIEDMAN** caught a beautiful throw from **THEO PASCALIS** to win the game, resulting in cheers from all of Team Menominee who came out to support 11B Softball.

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