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Thought of the Day

“Decide promptly, but never give your reasons. Your decisions may be right, but your reasons are sure to be wrong.”

-LORD MANSFIELD

Kawaga Jersey Reveal: “The Bomb Drop” by Eric Coestad

Each year at Menominee, the Senior Cabin oversees an important part of preparation for our competition with Kawaga: the jersey reveal. This year, the Senior



SAM MILLER throws the bag of jerseys off **ERIC**'s plane.

Cabin approached me with an interesting proposition – they wanted me to drop the jerseys from a plane. For context, I earned my pilot’s license three months ago and can fly passengers in single-engine airplanes. It is also legal to drop items from a plane, so long as the drop does not pose harm to people on the surface. I was initially reluctant about their idea: dropping jerseys would require flying extremely low with a high level of precision. **JASON** felt the same way; eventually though, I was able to convince him that it would be safe. He also confirmed this with his insurance agent. I also told the Senior Cabin that there was a 25% chance that a bag of jerseys would end up in the woods. For

this reason, we decided that we would only drop a few jerseys from the air – the rest would be brought in on a truck. The night before the drop, **COURTNEY “MR. MENOMINEE” MANN** was in the office, and suggested bringing two bags in case one ended up in the woods. The next morning, I departed for the Rhinelander Airport with **SAM MILLER** and **RYAN FIRMIN**. We took off as scheduled and circled over camp until we received the “all clear.” As we flew over camp, we released both bags: one landed in the woods and one landed in the hockey rink. According to those on the ground, the kids were amazed and surprised. I was glad to be able to practice my piloting skills and give the kids a positive experience that will hopefully be remembered for years to come.

16A Football by Jason Feldgreber

In America, we have laws. Laws against killing, laws against stealing. And it’s just accepted that as a member of American society, you will live by these laws. At Menominee, there is another society which has its own laws. 16A Football. Football is a way of life. After a week of intense practices, where even the coaches put some flags on and got into it, the team was ALMOST ready for battle. As the team (16A Football) sat down to dinner Tuesday night down 16-10 in the overall competition, there were still two key components that they had been missing. As the sun set over the golf course and the last ray of light disappeared into the night, a mysterious car drove down the service road. The door slowly opened, and you could hear the THUNK of the size 16 boot belonging to **JACK BERGER**, and feel the energy and positivity of **AARON PELTS**. The team was complete.

What would this team’s identity be? Would they set the world on fire and put up 45 points like the legendary team of **FINFER, PUJOLAS, WEISS, WEISS**

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and **BRAMWIT**? Nay, this team's legacy would be one of grit, determination, and scrappiness. Win pretty, win ugly, it doesn't matter...JUST WIN.

The game did not start well for the men in Green. The coaches made an aggressive call to go for it on 4th and 6 in their own territory and were stopped in their tracks by Kawaga's defense. Kawaga responded with a quick drive resulting in an early touchdown, but did not get the conversion. 6-0 Kawaga early.

Then Menominee started to set the tone defensively. **MAX AGINS** learned more and more about Kawaga's blocking scheme with each down, and was able to put more pressure on the quarterback each play. **COOPER SPECTOR, RYAN MARTIN** and **DRAEDYN SANFORD** locked down defensively, barely letting up a completed pass, and pulling flags like they were getting paid for it. CM's defense made Kawaga look like the Chicago Bears offense under Mitch Trubisky. Unfortunately, our offense wasn't much better. **ZACH DANZIGER** and **DRAEDYN SANFORD** looked like hall of fame offensive lineman, but no matter how much time he had, QB **AARON PELTS** did not have any receivers open down field. Then it all changed. After a completing few long pass plays to **JACK BERGER** for momentum, and creating a turnover, Menominee found themselves deep in Kawaga territory. In the offensive huddle, the team decided to scrap the playbook and keep it simple: bunch formation, every player rolls out to the right, **SCHNEIDER** pretends to block for a beat, then rolls left. The play worked flawlessly...TOUCHDOWN Menominee! When a play works that well, what should a team do? That's right...run the same play!! This time everyone rolled left, **RYAN MARTIN** rolled right, conversion successful. 7-6 Menominee!!

Kawaga wasn't done fighting, though, and came out strong inside of 5 minutes left in the game. It looked as though they completed a long game winning touchdown to the corner of the end zone, but THERE WAS A FLAG ON THE PLAY!! The receiver stepped out of bounds and was not eligible to catch the ball. Crisis temporarily averted for CM. Then on 4th down from their own 15-yard line, their QB launched up a prayer that just cleared the outstretched hands of safety **JACK BERGER**, and our hearts collectively melted as Kawaga ran down the field celebrating their chance to win the game...1st and Goal inside 2 minutes. After a few great defensive plays and a penalty or two, it came down to 3rd and goal from the 5. **MAX AGINS** got through the line and pulled the flag of the QB before he could run. The stage was set for the last play of the game: 4th and goal from the 3-yard line, 15 seconds left on the clock. Menominee locked in, did their jobs, and stopped Kawaga's attempt at a

pass to the left side! GAME OVER. CM - 7 CK - 6. It was a legendary game all around. **JACK BEHAR** and **JASON FELDGREBER** are so proud of the team for battling so hard.



The 16A Football team flies the 'W' after their win against Kawaga.

11C Soccer by Zak Loft

During day two of the electrifying Kawaga competition, it was time for the 11U players to get into their soccer events. The C team was scheduled to play first out on Ingram's Pitch. Starting in the goalie position for the C team was none other than **JAKE LEVIN**, who was saving shots left, right, and center. However, the opposing team managed to slip through the durable defense of **JACK DAVIDSON, HAYDEN SCHREIBER, NATE SKRENTA-PIPKIN**, and **NOAH BRAVERMAN** to score a goal just before the halftime whistle blew. During the break, many substitutions were made to try and better the team. **SPENCER ACKERMAN** took the position of goalie, while **JAKE LEVIN** pushed up to the midfield. **FIN JOHANSEN** also subbed in to play midfield and was able to make stupendous tackles, lighting up the field with long range passes. However, the ball ended up going just out of bounds, giving Menominee a goal kick. A small flaw in the kick lead to Kawaga acquiring the ball in an open goal, and just like that, we were down 2-0 to Kawaga. Even with an extremely solid midfield, centered by the worthy **MAX ROTHBART**, the opposing team applied pressure that we couldn't quite withstand. Kawaga managed to score one more by the end, meaning the final score was 3-0 CK. While the Menominee men were strong and stable, they could not keep up with Kawaga's fervor. Nonetheless, the team should be proud and congratulate themselves on playing well and sticking with it until the end.

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