



THE COMPETITION EDITION

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MENOMINEE 34, KAWAGA 37

Menominee vs. Kawaga By Jake Goodman

It was a hard fought battle until the end between Menominee and Kawaga, but unfortunately Menominee was not able to get the 36 wins needed to overcome Kawaga, as the final score of the competition was 37-34. Going into the first day of the competition the consensus was that it wouldn't be hard to beat Kawaga this year. The first sport for the 11&U age group was hockey and losing both the 11A and 11B games set the tone for the 11&U age group for the entire competition. The 16&U age group began with tennis and battled to the end only to come up with a loss. While the 11&U and 16&U age groups were falling short over at Camp Kawaga, the 13&U age group dominated football at Menominee, winning all four games. As the first day of competition progressed, Menominee began to realize that after three years of losing, Kawaga would not be going down without a fight this year. After the 11&U age group only won 11A football and riflery, and the 16&Us only won 16D basketball, the 13&Us knew they had to pick up the slack. Their age group did just that after sweeping softball and taking a win in tennis carrying the momentum of the competition for their age group. The outcome of the first day of competition was surprising to say the least. It served as a wakeup call to most of the Menominee campers who had never experienced a loss to the other camp. After a long and tiring day of competition the score at the end of the first day was 18-14 in favor of Kawaga. This resonated strongly with the older age groups as they knew that they wouldn't have many more chances to compete against Kawaga as a camper. After a gathering by the campfire down at Sand Lake that night, Menominee would be ready to take on Kawaga with everything they had left and put it all out on the fields and courts. The 11&U age group fought hard and played the Menominee way in each of their newcomb games, but unfortunately got swept in all five of them. However, the 13&U age group was able to secure three out of the five basketball games and the 16&Us were able to win 16B soccer and our first 16A soccer game in a few years! The second day of competition was all about who wanted it more, who would win those 50/50 balls, who would lay out for that ball. The overall score was 31-31 when the final few sports for each age group were reached. There was still 11&U basketball, 13&U soccer, and 16&U softball. The 13&U age group persevered through the tough losses and won 13A, 13B, and 13C soccer, bringing Menominee to only one event behind Kawaga. The 11&Us were able to win at least one of their basketball games and the 16&Us won 16B softball but lost 16C in a close battle. It couldn't have been written any better, but the competition had come down to 11A and 11F basketball. Menominee would have to win both of these games and the competition would have gone down to 16A. Unfortunately, 11A and 11F lost and Kawaga had clinched their thirty sixth win bringing the competition to a close. We could not be more proud of the way every Menominee camper played and gave everything they had to support their camp in any way they could, whether it be cheering on their teammates from the side lines, or playing their heart out in each and every event. This competition could not have been possible without our head of competition **BRETT WEISS**. Thank you for the effort you put in to making this year's competition one to remember.



TYLER LONGNECKER, JASON ANDERSON and RUSSELL ROSENTHAL showing their support for Menominee.