

# Lady Bears advance to play Sebeka

by Coach Janelle Bright

The Bertha-Hewitt Bears earned a bid in the Section 5A south and west pod championship by defeating Menahga and Browerville Thursday and Friday nights. Both matches ended with scores of 3-0.

Against Menahga, the Bears started out of the gates with a vengeance. They defeated the Braves 25-7 in the first set. The second and third sets got a little closer, but were able to hang on for the victory. Set two was 25-16 and set three ended 25-22.

This sent the Bears traveling to Browerville Friday night. The first set was the closest at 25-21.

"We got up on them 5-0, which is always a good way to start a match."

Alli Thiel, the libero for the Bears, had the match of her career. She served very well with 8 aces and only one error, and serve received 100%.

"It was a great night for our libero to have her best match."

The Tigers did not roll over, however, they fought back and were within two or three points the entire set. Set two was close all the way through also.

Ashton Kapphahn served a run of 5 consecutive points early in this set to give the Bears the early lead.

"One of our goals was to never give Browerville more than a three point run. We were able to stand up to that



Kathryn VanDenheuvel tried to help this closely set ball over the net.

—photo by Matt Ganz

and that is one of the reasons we attained a victory."

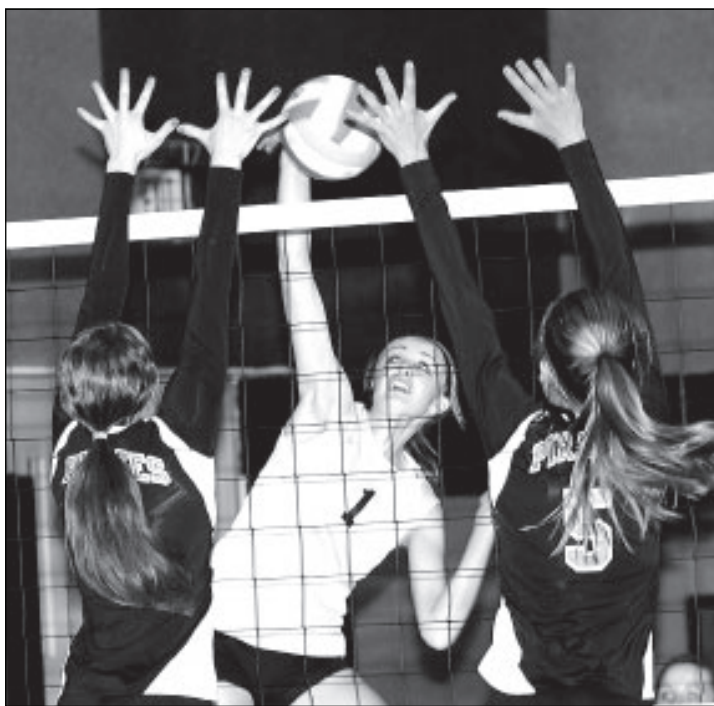
Set two ended 25-20. Set three was 7-6 in favor of the Bears after one complete rotation around the court. The second time around, the Bears managed two runs of six points each, which led to their 25-18 victory.

Overall, Arei Stokes led the Bears with 18 kills, while Haley Chaffin had an awesome night with 7 kills and

no errors. Stokes also led the team in blocking, being very noticeable at the net. Hannah VanHale led the team with 16 serve receptions without an error. VanHale also had 15 digs with Stokes following with 11. Kapphahn had 14 set assists along with 19 for 19 serving.

"We had a pretty good night, and now need to prepare for Sebeka on Tuesday night." Go Bears!

# Lady Rebels ousted from playoffs



Steph Asfeld powered this hit through the double block that Verndale put up.

—photo by Ray Benning

by Coach Missy Dossdall

On Thursday, the Lady Rebels traveled to Verndale for the first round of section playoffs as they faced the #4 ranked Verndale Pirates.

While the Lady Rebels lost to the Pirates 3-1, they played exceptionally well and very strong in their winning match. The Lady Rebels attacked strong and coverage was outstanding. Our serving was great as well.

Playing their last match for

the Rebels were seniors: Becky Ecklund, Courtney Hinzmann, Jaclyn Perish, Bonnie Oliver, Ashley Wildman, Katie Long and Mariah Malwitz.

It has been a tough season for the Lady Rebels, but we got through it. Special thanks to all our dedicated fans and parents who loyally followed the Lady Rebels throughout the season.

# DNR question of the week

by Susan Burks, DNR Forestry invasive species program coordinator

**Q:** I've heard that invasive species like zebra mussels can hitchhike on boats to move from lake to lake. I like to hike and hunt. Are there invasive species that hitchhike on land?

**A:** Yes, for example, invasive plant seeds can be transported in mud and hay. Invasive plants can choke out native plants and reduce wildlife habitat. The eggs and larvae of invasive insects like emerald ash borer can be spread by moving firewood. Emerald ash borer kills ash trees.

By taking a few simple steps, you can prevent the spread and help keep your favorite recreation areas healthy:

- Clean your outdoor gear before recreating and before leaving the recreation site.
- Remove seeds and mud from clothes, boots, gear, pets, and vehicles.
- Burn local or certified firewood.
- Use local or certified weed-free hay.
- Stay on trails.

For more information go to: [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/prevent\\_the\\_spread.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/prevent_the_spread.html).

# Rebels end Bears' season



Bears running back Michael Grewe had a big night as he picked up 156 yards of rushing against the Rebels.

—photo by Matt Ganz

by Coach Rick Harig

The eighth seeded Bertha-Hewitt Bears traveled to Eagle Bend to take on the number one seeded Eagle Valley Rebels in the first round of the Section 4 9-man playoffs on Tuesday night. Although the Bears played their best game of the year it wasn't enough as the Rebels prevailed 48-26.

The Bears rushed for 289 yards on the night and passed for 57 more, while gaining 18 first downs.

"We were so much more productive this time. Last time we played they held us to 127 yards

rushing and zero yards passing and seven first downs."

The game started very similar to the regular season meeting as Eagle Valley scored on their opening drive and summarily stopped the Bears on four downs on defense. After falling in a 12-0 hole, the Bears offense responded with the first of Matthew Frethem's four touchdown runs. The two point conversion failed and the Rebels held a 12-6 lead.

The Rebels scored one more touchdown in the second quarter to take a 18-6 lead. The Bears found success running the

ball against Eagle Valley and continued to pound the ball. Michael Grewe broke loose for a 45-yard run down to the 5-yard line to set up Frethem's second touchdown run. Grewe punched in the two point conversion and the Bears closed the gap to 18-14 at halftime.

The Bears received the kick to open the second half and drove inside the Rebels 25-yard line, but fumbled the ball away to the Rebels. The Rebels took advantage with a long touchdown pass. The Rebels also recovered the ensuing onside kick and punched in another touchdown to take a 32-14 lead with two minutes to play in the third quarter.

The Bears answered on Frethem's third touchdown run as the Bears stuck with their pounding rushing attack. Trailing 32-20 the Bears defense looked to have the Rebels stopped, but they gave up another long touchdown pass giving the Rebels a 40-20 lead. The Bears scored once more to pull within 40-26, but the onside kick attempt was unsuccessful and the Bears never touched the ball again. The Rebels ran the clock down and scored the last touchdown of the night to make the final 48-26.

Michael Grewe led the Bears rushers with 156 yards. Frethem added 120 yards to reach 1,005 for the season. Dalton Baker continued his great defensive line play picking up 12 total tackles while Skylar Voge collected two interceptions on the night.

"We played our hearts out tonight. There is no doubt in my mind that this was our best game of the year, unfortunately we were playing one of the top two teams in the section. I am extremely proud of this team as they kept battling through all the adversity they faced all season and never gave up."

# Lady Tigers end season with loss to Bears

by Coach Mary Irsfeld

On Friday night, the Browerville Tigers volleyball team hosted the Bertha-Hewitt Bears for a sub-section match up. The Tigers ended their season as they were defeated 0-3 (21-25, 20-25, 18-25).

Blocking and serve receive were definite factors in the game. We needed an effective double block up in the middle. All our front row players needed to jump with their hands completely above the net to block and attack effectively. We need more blocks. We need more kills.

Serve receive was up and down. We just could not get it under control. The offense doesn't run smoothly if the passes aren't consistent. Aside from these struggles, there were many positives during the game. We picked up balls on coverage, ran quicks when we could, stayed home on defense, covered a majority of tips and pushed the ball into their openings at key points in the game.

Highlighted stats were Brianna Ludwig with 10 kills and 7 blocks, Megan Kruzel with 7 kills and Katelyn Middendorf with 14 set assists.

A big thank you to these volleyball players. Their time, effort and dedication to our program is much appreciated. A special thank you to the staff, parents and fans for all the support you give these student-athletes.

Good luck to the football team—Go Tigers!

# JV Bears defeat Comets

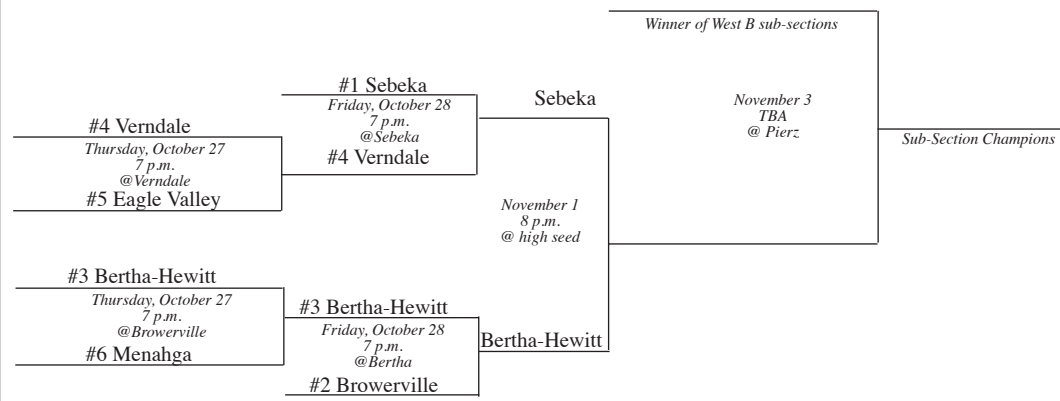
The JV Bears football team defeated Hillcrest 28-20 on Monday, October 20 at Bertha-Hewitt. Running back Nick Bennett scored a touchdown on a 10-yard run. In the second quarter, quarterback Preston Riewer scored a touchdown on a 12-yard run. The two-point conversion was no good and Hillcrest led at halftime by a score of 20-12.

In the third quarter, Bennett ran a touchdown in from 5 yards out. The two-point conversion was good on a run by Bennett. Bennett finished the scoring on a 85-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion was good on a pass from Riewer to tight end Brandon Fah.

The game was stopped with five minutes left on the clock due to a serious neck injury to Bears defensive tackle Dylan Ellis. He had no permanent damage to his spinal cord and we are encouraged by his quick recovery. The Bears football program thanks the Bertha Ambulance service and Dylan's parents for the care to his neck injury.

Defensively, Riley Boehland, Albert Boldt and Jacobi Loeffelbein each had fumble recoveries.

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