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me hit
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brayden schlitt '19 hits
1,000 points in the first
quarter of the PV game

PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME. Brayden Schlitt '19 was just eight points away from accomplishing 1,000 points in his high school career. Schlitt shot his 1,000 point from half court on a buzzer beater shot in the first quarter. "After three years of hard work, effort and help from all my teammates and coaches, it all paid off," Schlitt said. Schlitt became the player of the game, and was invited to the Denver Nuggets game where he was recognized by the Nuggets organization just before the start of their game. *photos by s. demers*

BRIGHTON BULLDOGS VS. PRAIRIE VIEW THUNDERHAWKS

we played them at the PEPSI CENTER

girls and boys basketball
teams play prairie view at
the home of the nuggets

just ask
US
your question

Savanna
Anderson '19
asks...
"How did
you like the
rivalry game
played at
the Pepsi
Center?"



"It was another ENVIRONMENT that was really big and it EXCITED our crowd and the opposing crowd."

Daniel Sanchez '19

"The Pepsi Center provided more ENERGY and SPIRIT than at the Gamble Gym."

Hailey Radmann '20

"We saw our school's TRUE COLORS when we traveled and CHEERED for the teams in a more EXCITING place."

Madison Ruser '21

GIRLS GAME

The girls basketball teams hit the court at 1:15 p.m., with the Pepsi Center filled with students (and parents) who left school to attend the rivalry game against Prairie View.

"We fought really hard and gave it everything we had to try and walk away with a 'W.' I feel like our team never gave up and fought hard," Breanna Peterson '19 said.

As the first half ended, the Thunderhawks lead the Bulldogs 19-8. As the second half continued, the Bulldogs began to trim their deficit, and were down 29-23 heading into the fourth quarter. Only 16 seconds remained in the fourth, and the Bulldogs

caught up but were down by three, until Mai Le Walters '20 hit a corner three to tie the game at 37. That next possession, the Thunderhawks were fouled and made both of their free throws. As time ran out, Brighton had five seconds on the clock to work with and they put up two shots but both fell short. The Bulldogs fell just short to their rivals, 39-37.

BOYS GAME

The boys basketball teams took the court next. After losing to Prairie View in December, the boys had the chance to redeem themselves, according to Porter Lewis '19.

"We certainly wanted the opportunity to play PV again. We knew we had it in us to

come out with a win. We just needed the opportunity," Lewis said.

Brayden Schlitt '19 and Drake Cortez '19 helped the Bulldogs extend their lead to 10 points heading into the second half of the rivalry game. In the fourth quarter, Elijah Cortez '20, extended their lead by hitting a deep corner 3 pointer. As the Thunderhawks started to trim the Bulldog's lead midway through the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs went on to win, 70-51.

"Beating PV meant a lot to us. Ending our season with this game, and at the Pepsi Center, was huge. It is something I will remember," Samuel Schliep '20 said.

HERE'S THE BALL.

Throwing a chest pass to his teammate, Brayden Schlitt '19, Drake Cortez '19 creates ball movement for the Bulldogs. "It was exciting to play at the Pepsi Center because the size of the stadium and the court was crazy," Cortez said. "I feel that we played our game better than the last time and we were used to each other."

photo by b. wadsworth

WE ARE THE DOGS. Being a flyer for the "We are the Dogs" cheer Corrine Burnam '21 snaps her fingers for the crowd to follow along. "Cheering at the Pepsi Center was new and exciting and the stadium was so large and it made me feel important," Burnam said. *photo by b. wadsworth*

LET'S ENJOY THIS. Breanna Peterson '19 laughs along with Mai Le Walters '20, Jamie Fleck '19, Nikki Antonopoulos '21 and Chloe Doyle '20 as they watch Kaylah Lewis '19 cheer with the crowd. "I feel like we all have become a family not just a team. We all care about each other outside of basketball and that is what makes us unique," Peterson said. *photo by t. reichow*

NOW WE'RE EVEN. After Mai



NOTHING BUT NET.

Hitting a deep corner three, Elijah Cortez '20 follows through adding to the Bulldog's lead in the third quarter of the rivalry game. "Playing at the Pepsi Center did create different pressure for me because I knew walking onto the court that I had to bring my all because this game depended on where we were placed for the playoffs, and we needed a good placement," Cortez said. *photo by s. demers*

Le Walters '20 hit a three to tie up the score with the Thunderhawks in the last 20 seconds of the game, students such as Victoria Hendricks '20 and Liyah Bruin '20 cheer for their teammates. *photo by s. demers*

SLAM DUNK. Dunking in the final seconds of the game, Mason McGuire-Beauman '19 slams down the basketball against the Thunderhawks to finalize the score to 70-51. "It's such a surreal feeling to be able to dunk, especially when it's at the Pepsi Center against your rival on such a big stage," McGuire-Beauman said. *photo by s. demers*

LET'S MOVE THE BALL. Passing the ball up court, Chloe Doyle '20 throws the ball in bounds to her teammate during the first half. "I feel like we played very well and we never gave up and kept pushing for the win. Even though we didn't get the win, I felt very happy on how we played as a team," Doyle said. *photo by s. demers*

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"All of the girls felt a mix of NERVES AND EXCITEMENT but when we actually started to play we treated it like it was JUST ANOTHER GAME. I think there is always room for improvement. BUT I PLAYED MY HEART OUT."

photo by a. sianis

Mai Le Walters '20



where did
you have
your rival
game?

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