

TEAMMATES FROM DIFFERENT TEAMS: While his teammates sulk after their loss against Douglas County on Sept. 15, Ryder Smith '24 shakes hands with a friend on the opposite team. Smith worked out with him and coached a youth team over the summer with him. "We never got into 1 on 1 against each other but we ran into each other a few times during the game," Smith said. **IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES:** With high emotions after the game, Rory Panepinto '23 makes sure to congratulate his opponents for their efforts. Panepinto kept the purpose of the game in focus despite the outcome. "It was disappointing in the end. I really thought we had something going, but I'm glad I got to play. I had a lot of fun even though we lost," Panepinto said. **SENIOR SPIRIT:** The bleachers rattle and Riley Schultz '23 can barely hear herself amongst the loud cheers and screams around her. Spirit leaders kept the student section high spirited between every play. "I remember 3 people in front of the railing, everyone was jumping and we were going nuts over any and every play," Schultz '23 said.



ROUGH LANDING: After a few yards gained, Nathan Schmidt '23 suspends in air for mere seconds before making contact with the turf. This risk of injury did not result in a win.

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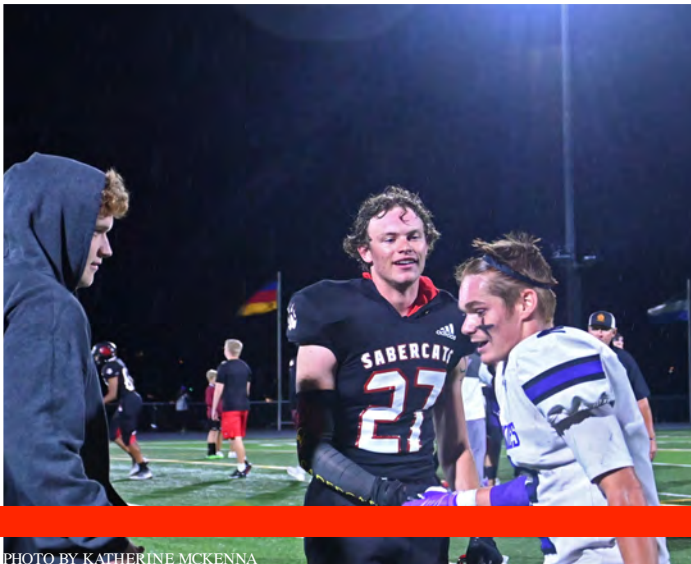


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VARSITY FOOTBALL LOSES TO DOUGLAS COUNTY FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

should have scored more

From the field, the bleachers are a flood of red and purple parted down the middle. Seniors line the front row, dressed out in senior pants, face paint, body paint and red accessories. "It was different as a senior because obviously you're in the front row, wearing your senior pants. It makes you feel very proud to be a Sabercat," Riley Schultz '23 said. Both varsity football teams took the field and the annual Castle View vs. Douglas County rivalry football game was underway. "The energy was crazy. It was just a great experience," Schultz said. Students were close and the game was even closer. By halftime, the team had taken the lead over Douglas County, leading 13-10. The crowd was still in it, with high spirits and loud cheers. Rory Panepinto '23 came off the field, proud of

his teammates' performances and their plays. "I think it was one of our best defensive games by far. In the end of the 4th quarter, I could tell the students were just like 'Aw, we lost.'" Panepinto said. When the final whistle blew at the end of the fourth quarter, the team had lost to Douglas County 21-24. Though they won, the players and students still enjoyed the game. "I'm glad I got to play, I had a lot of fun even though we lost. I think a lot of kids forget to look for that, the fun of the game," Panepinto said. Sometimes losing brings students closer together by bonding through the loss. "I had a lot of fun at the game. Even though we lost, it made me feel closer with my other seniors and classmates," Schultz said.

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we are family

TENNIS PLAYERS EXPRESS THEIR LOVE OF THE SPORT AND THE TEAM

"It [the game] was fun; I do play it more for the fun rather than playing competitively. I have always had fun playing tennis. I've been playing since 8th grade, so not very long but I like it. It taught me about how to push through things even when I'm struggling a lot. It's also given me a new appreciation for my coaches because they push me in a good way. They're kind. They're there for me but they also want the best for me."

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"I think it [the game] was good. The community is great; it's a fun experience for people who don't really like sports. Games are always fun and there's a lot of playing time," even fenske '24

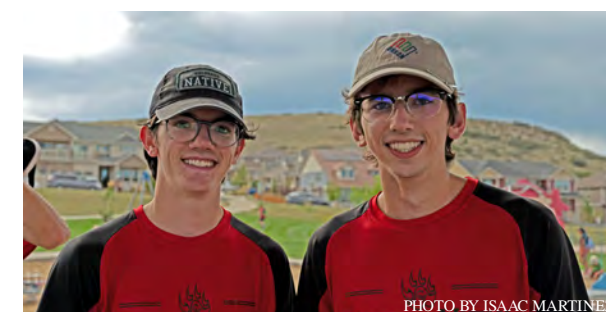


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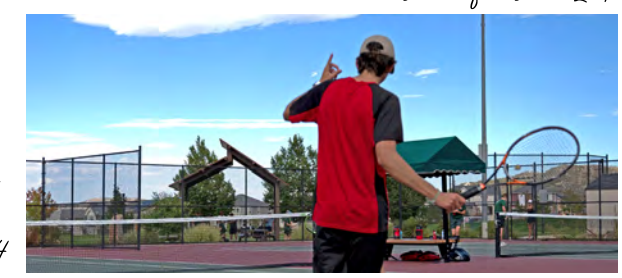


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more than a run

REALITIES OF CROSS COUNTRY



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ON THE RUN: Not only do cross country runners train out on the course, they also train in the weight room. Runners weight train their body to prepare for the season. "The easy days are just running, the hard days are weights. We work out our arms mostly, which is weird to me considering we use our legs all day," Sumner Cottrell '25 said. **PUSH IT FURTHER:** Cross country pushes runners to better themselves. Runners worked on their times all season. "Cross country has this competitiveness and this goal to strive to get better," Christian Claypoole '24 said. "Keep going up, keep going stronger, get my times faster each day."

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"Be there for poms. Come prepared and always show up for practice," Emily Smith '26 said.



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don't

"Don't be lazy. Put in the work. Don't run through motions. Be present," Hiwot Fenske '26 said.



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cheers and tears

JV POMS ADVISES ON HOW TO BE A GOOD TEAMMATE
 ALSO PICTURED: ALEXANDRA BROCK, ROXIE CAPPS, REAGAN VAN PUTTEN

grounding the goals

STUDENTS EXPLAIN THEIR FAVORITE AND LEAST FAVORITE PARTS OF SOCCER

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"It's a lot less competitive than varsity soccer. You get experience that a lot of other teams don't offer you learn a lot. [We have a] good coach, and a good team," Samuel Martinez '24 said.

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"You're not getting as much practice and experience, which if you're looking to play in college, might be a beneficial experience," Ethan Tucker '24 said.