

AND WE DO IS WIN



Football team wins Superintendent's Cup

WHO: Varsity football team including William Ferguson '24 and Hayden Cuevas '23

THE GAME: The Bulldogs faced the Prairie View Thunderhawks in the annual Superintendent's Rivalry Football Game. The Bulldogs beat the Thunderhawks 34-14 and kept the trophy for another year.

THE VICTORY: "We have kept the cup with us for a few years now. We went into the game knowing that we had to win. We were playing at their stadium, but we had our student section behind us. Holding that trophy at the end of the game meant everything," Cuevas said.

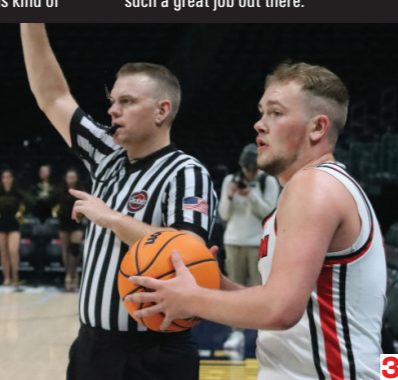
1. FREE-THROW TIME. Zia Gonzales '23 attempts to score two free throws after a foul is called against Prairie View in the second quarter of the rivalry game. "Beating PV was a huge accomplishment for us, especially beating them at the Ball Arena. It was so surreal and a game that I will never forget," Gonzales said. *photo by c.carmichael*

2. KEEP THE BALL AWAY. After dribbling the ball, Riley Hirsch '24 stands guard looking for someone to pass the ball to in the third quarter. "It was nice to have the school there to support us in our game because we feed off the crowd," Hirsch said. *photo by r.doherty*

3. PASSING IT ON. Standing next to the referee on the sidelines, Calvin Doyle '23 looks to see who is open on his team to resume the game in the first quarter. "The Ball Arena game was an experience of a lifetime. It was kind of

breathhtaking. I thought the team all played together and worked as one unit. I feel like everything we did was for one cause and that was to win the game not just for us but for the school," Doyle said. "I am glad that we got to have this moment, especially since I have played on this team for four years. I wanted to end on a high note. Winning against PV here at Ball Arena definitely made that happen." *photo by c.carmichael*

4. ALL DRESSED UP. Standing for the national anthem, Manager James Powers '26 stares at the American flag before the boys rivalry game at Ball Arena. "I decided to be a manager because I am not that great at basketball, and I have a lot of friends on the team," Powers said. "Everything about the game was awesome. It was so intense up until the very last moment. Our guys did such a great job out there."



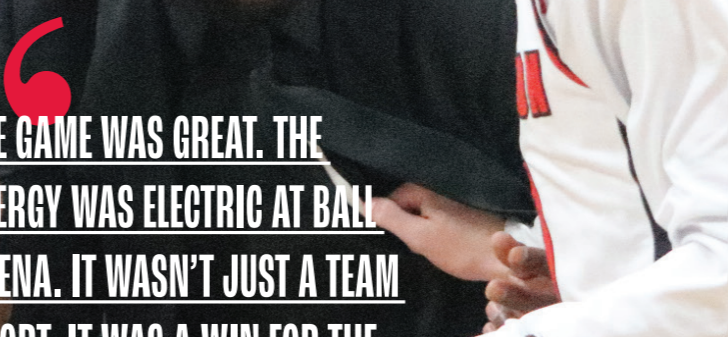
5. TEAM ADVICE. Huddled around her team, Lilly Rivas '23 listens as Head Coach Jim French tells them what they should do when they return to the court in the fourth quarter of the game. "I loved getting to play out on the Ball Arena court. I am proud of our team and that we won the game," Rivas said.

6. WE GOT SPIRIT. Jackson Quammie '24, Samuel Dinkel '25, Joey DeLay '25 and Haver George '25 stand shoulder-to-shoulder to do "The Color Shout" in the Ball Arena stands with the cheerleaders and poms squad during the third quarter of the boys rivalry game. "The game was lit. Everyone played their hearts out there. I am proud of both teams, but so glad that we beat

Prairie View," Quammie said.

7. OUT OF MY WAY. Gio Velarde '23 drives through his defender to make a layup to close the gap in points in the boys rivalry game against Prairie View in the third quarter. "There is nothing like playing at Ball Arena and beating PV," Velarde said.

8. IT'S A VICTORY. Andrew Bernatow '23, Gio Velarde '23, Calvin Doyle '23, Head Coach John Hawk and Micah Spotts '25 gather at the center of the Ball Arena court after the boys beat the Prairie View Thunderhawks in the rivalry basketball game on Dec. 14. *photos by c.carmichael*



AND WATCH US GET THAT WIN

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Varsity basketball teams defeat rivals Prairie View at Ball Arena

RETURNING TO THE BALL ARENA COURT AFTER A THREE YEAR HIATUS, BOTH THE GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS FACED THEIR RIVAL, PRAIRIE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL ON DEC. 14.

The game took place during the school day. Students who bought teachers were excused from their afternoon classes to attend. Their tickets also gave them entry into the Denver Nuggets game that evening.

"It was exciting to bring back this tradition for our students and the programs," Athletic Director David Smith said. "Our students are always great sports on and off the court."

The girls basketball team played the Thunderhawks first. With each quarter staying close in score, the Bulldogs came out victorious with a final

score of 36-31.

"The girls stayed focused out on the court. They were communicating with one another and passing the ball to score," Head Coach Jim French said. "I was so proud of their win."

The boys went to the court after the girls win. The game was close with PV ahead by two in the final 20 seconds of the game. A PV player made a technical against Gio Velarde '23 causing him to shoot four free throws.

With 10 seconds left, the Thunderhawks could not score with a final score of 58-56.

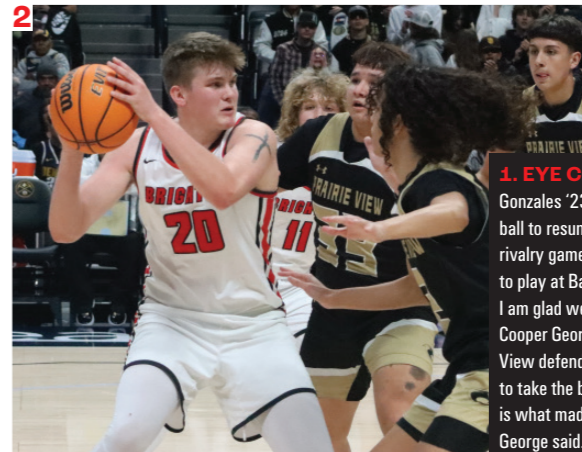
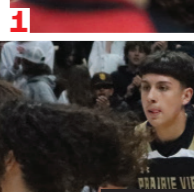
"We all came together to celebrate. Playing at Ball Arena and beating our rivals, you couldn't ask for a better ending," Cole Kistler '23 said.

THE GAME WAS GREAT. THE ENERGY WAS ELECTRIC AT BALL ARENA. IT WASN'T JUST A TEAM EFFORT. IT WAS A WIN FOR THE BRIGHTON COMMUNITY."

john hawkins, head coach

1. EYE CONTACT. Shelby Musgrave '23 stares at Zia Gonzales '23 while standing on the sidelines to pass her the ball to resume play during the second quarter of the girls rivalry game. "This being my senior year, I am glad that I got to play at Ball Arena and played with the team that I did. I am glad we won," Musgrave said.

2. KEEP AWAY. Cooper George '23 holds the ball away from the Prairie View defenders as Cole Kistler '23 comes up behind him to take the ball. "Winning that game in the final seconds is what made it so special. It's always great to beat PV," George said. *photos by c.carmichael*



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