

Horse hooves thunder along the ground. But silence and a half second of anxiousness fill the air before Elizabeth Schroeder ('25) and her horse return to the earth, immediately redirecting themselves to the course's next obstacle.

The starting point for her was pretty young: "I was two and was just doing camps. When I was 11, I joined a horse program and started jumping." After attending a birthday party at a horse camp, her mom quickly saw Schroeder's love for horses and got the information needed.

It all began with walking around in circles and learning form, such as heels down and safely jumping. Since then, she has come a long way. "In a span of four years, I went from being a walk trotter to jumping four feet."

As Schroeder got more into riding, she started

competing. "My current barn is a hunter-jumper, but I used to have a jumping horse." Training varies for every horse rider, and every horse has its needs.

For Schroeder, "Horses should only be safely jumped once or twice a week." She has her schedule down, "Monday's I would walk or trot around, repeating this on Tuesdays, Wednesdays I would jump, Thursdays I do pole work, and Friday's I would jump again."

Schroeder has big goals for herself, including wanting to go to CSU and being a part of the equestrian program. She continued, "I don't exactly want to go Grand Prix but rather jumping meter 3's."

The only time Schroeder has ever felt scared is when her old horse would go a bit rogue: "When jumps were little, she would jump the standard where the pole was."

by Kylie White ('23)



Elizabeth Schroeder ('25)

passionate performers



Reid Fuller ('24)

Relentlessly fighting injuries seems to be the definition of Fuller's high school soccer career. The injuries started over four years ago, and with recurring knee and tendon problems, he's been on and out of the field with 15 injuries.

During a game his freshman year, he suffered from a kneecap dislocation, an excruciatingly painful experience. The dislocated kneecap led to an MPFL tear, which required surgery. "I got a MPFL reconstruction and a Tibial Tubercle Transfer, which is where they basically break your upper shin and shift it back into its rightful place," said Reid. Post-surgery, he was put into physical therapy and unable to play for months.

His twin brother, Chase Fuller, hadn't experienced any of the hardships that Reid had been through and was able to secure a

spot on the varsity roster. Reid on the other hand hadn't been able to play for months, and after careful consideration, it was best that he hadn't played this year.

However, a simple injury couldn't stop his love for soccer though, so he decided to become team manager. As the manager, Reid did "everything from keeping the equipment in check, shagging balls, and setting up drills for the team." It served as a way for him to stay connected with the team without risking another serious injury. "I love being a team manager. Even though I would love to be playing on the team, it gives me a way to stay around the sport that I love." Even with the extreme misfortunes Reid's faced the last few years, he's managed to prosper through it all.

by Tradon Smith ('24)



Addison Shaffer ('25)

Playing one school sport while being a student is difficult, but two in one season? Sophomore Addison Shaffer managed to do the near impossible task of playing two CHSAA sports during the winter sports season, swim and basketball.

Shaffer has been playing basketball since she was five and swimming since she was two. When it came to high school sports, she knew she would probably have to make the decision between the two sports as they are during the same season.

Shaffer reached out to her swim coaches and basketball coach to see "if it would be possible... and allowed by CHSAA." After getting the green light, Shaffer started preparing for the season(s). In order for her to be successful, she had to be prepared.

"I just started putting together all my schedules. I had to start sending emails every single week about when I'd be at practices, meets and games," said Shaffer.

She had to be overly organized to get good grades in school and perform well in her sports. She "followed that schedule to a tee, had perfect planning, and did [her] schoolwork when [she] could."

All of Shaffer's hard work paid off in the end as she raced competitive times at swim state and was able to play both of the sports she loves.

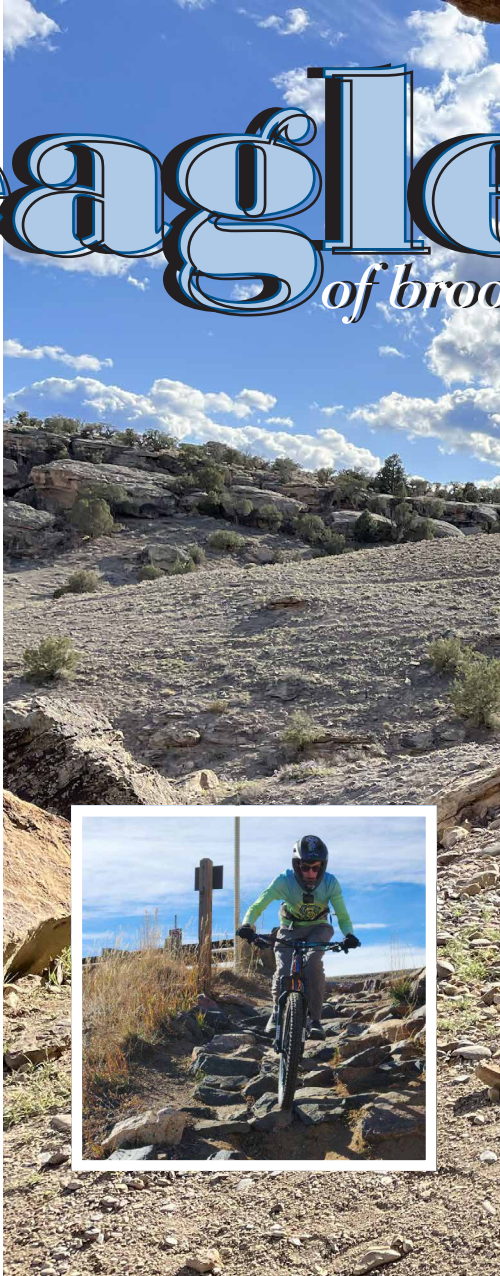
by Allie Brakel ('24)

eagles of broomfield

If you like going fast in a car, 30 MPH might not seem super fast. Now just imagine ripping down a hill at 30 on a mountain bike, especially compared to the average person that goes 10 MPH. That's what Kristof Pfeiffer does almost every weekend.

Going that fast on only two wheels can cause a rider to go through many tires. On average, Pfeiffer must replace two sets of tires every six or so months. Along with going through a lot of tires, Pfeiffer was also at constant risk of injury. One of his worst injuries was about two and a half years ago. He was in a head-on collision with another biker and obtained a traumatic brain injury. He was in the hospital for five days and was left with a permanent hole in the frontal lobe of his brain. However biking doesn't always have to be a scary hobby; more often, it comes with excitement, adrenaline, friendships, memories, pride, and glory. Some of Pfeiffer's greatest achievements include placing sixth out of seventy-five people and receiving a high-five from someone he looked up to: Loic Bruni, a French downhill mountain biking legend. Pfeiffer was previously sponsored by Demon which is a company for mountain biking protection gear. With his brain injury he still does well in school and enjoys biking and racing on a regular basis. This demonstrates how committed he has been to this daring sport and how stubborn he is about not letting even life-threatening injuries stop him from blazing down yet another mountain with hopes of the fastest time.
by Delaney Jones ('24)

Kristof Pfeiffer ('24)



DOWNHILL for the love of shredding mud

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from exemplary efforts to the unique ambitions that make each Eagle tick, each one of us has a meaningful story to share.



Laurenz Merbeth ('23)

Laurenz Merbeth is an exchange student from Germany who decided to spend his senior year at Broomfield High School. Becoming an exchange student can be a hard decision because a student must leave their whole life behind, but for Merbeth, it was an easy decision. "I was in the US three years ago and I liked it. Then my friend had the idea to do an exchange year because his sister did it some years before, and I also wanted to do it because Germany was boring at the moment. We planned to do it in the same year so when we come back we would be in the same class because this [exchange] school year doesn't count in Germany, so I have to retake it," said Merbeth. Although leaving Germany was something he really wanted to do, he does miss some things about Germany. "I miss my family and the water. I don't know why, but the water in Germany tastes

way better." Along with that, Germany is a lot different from the US, so adjusting presented some challenges. "I was a little intimidated to move because moving alone to a new country is kinda scary and everything is a little bit different, but I met a lot of people with the same interests and most of them are very nice. Being on the soccer team also helped me because I got to meet lots of people and I got to do something I already did before in Germany." Merbeth's favorite part about living in the US was the fast food and school because it's a lot easier than it is in Germany, but he does not like that he "always need[s] a ride. In Germany, I drive most of the time with my bicycle, but in the US everything is too far away and the streets aren't built for bicycles."

by Luke Seesdorf ('24)

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