



**DEFENSE:** The varsity basketball team prepares for the opposing team (Douglas County High School) to make their way down on the court. The student section cheers them on as the game goes on. The final score was 42-36 in favor of the Huskies.

**REGROUPING:** Varsity basketball teams come into a huddle during a timeout. The timeout was used to regroup the players and get them back on track to be successful.

**EYES OPEN:** Junior Evan McKean looks for the next open pass as he receives the ball. McKean had a total of 14 points in the Battle of the Rock heling the team to compete.



**HUSTLE:** Junior Blake Graham advances the ball down the court on Friday, Feb. 26 in the Battle of the Rock. Graham forced 3 turnovers during the game in the teams loss. "The game didn't go the way we wanted it too that is for sure," Graham said.

**SHOOTING THREE'S:** Senior Lareonzo Dixon collects the ball as he gets ready to shoot a three pointer in the Battle of the Rock. Dixon had 5 points and was shooting 33% from the field.

**PUMPED UP:** The Castle View student section cheers on the varsity basketball team during the Battle of the Rock. Even though CV didn't end up winning, the student section was electric the entire game.



# THE BATTLE

## PLAYING IN THE BIGGEST GAME OF THE YEAR, THE BATTLE OF THE ROCK

The rivalry between Castle View and Douglas County is a battle for the ages. Both teams know that for the students and families of both schools, this is the most attended game of the season. For junior Blake Graham, the game is one of the most fun games to be part of and to be able to play in.

"It is just another game but it is the big game that everybody likes to go to and is fun to be able to play in and be a part of," Graham said.

Even though the game is fun and a huge deal to be part of the competitive side of the game is what makes it different than the rest. For senior Larenzo Dixon, the game becomes more competitive as the game comes closer and starts.

"The game has a lot of competition and is going to be more competitive than the rest. Going to be a high intensity game with a lot of energy," Dixon said.

Playing in this highly competitive, high energy game comes with one goal in mind. For both Graham and Dixon, winning is the goal in mind as well as being engaged in the atmosphere.

"The main goal is obviously winning but I do like all the fans and having big crowds on both sides," Graham said.

For both boys winning is the only thing in mind.

"My main hope is winning for sure but just being in the atmosphere with everybody makes the game worth it as well," Dixon said.

The game ended with a score of 62-49 for the Huskies, but the game was close until the last quarter when the Huskies scored 20 points and the

Sabercats only scored 12.

The Castle View versus Douglas County basketball rivalry is no longer just a clash of teams; it's become a symbol of resilience, dedication and the relentless pursuit of victory. And every year, as the teams meet again on the court, the town of Castle Rock comes alive, savoring the anticipation and the undeniable magic that lives within this timeless battle.

Even though the game ended in an upset for the Sabercats, the Battle of the Rock, in every sport, is a tradition that won't be going away anytime soon.

## SABERCATS

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## HUSKIES

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