

"BEING A CAPTAIN, THE GUYS LOOK UP TO US, SO WE HAD TO BRING THE WIN BY ACTING T.U.F.F. ON THE FIELD." JOHN GEARY '24

1. THANKS FOR THE DONATION.

Standing at the 50-yard line, varsity football captain Owen Taylor '24 holds a check with representatives from United Power during a halftime presentation recognizing the donation of \$1,000 to the athletic department. "It's always nice when our community like United Power donates to our school, especially to our athletic programs. It helps us continue to do what we love to do, and that is play sports like football," Taylor said. *by n.duran*



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2. AIR BALL. Jumping up into the air, Jackson Quammie '24 attempts to catch a ball thrown to him by quarterback Blake George '25 in the third quarter of the football game. The Bulldogs were down 42 to 53 at the time. "We definitely were feeling the pressure. We knew that we were close and had to stay focused so we could get the win," Quammie said. "With us winning the rivalry, it just pumped us up as a team. We couldn't lose that game. Not for our team and not for our school." **3. SIGNS OF SUPPORT.** Standing in the student section, Taylor Dahlberg '25 holds up a sign, "Hey, PV is this your WR?" and Taylor Hoisington '25 holds up her "WE EAT CHKN FOR DNR" sign before the rivalry game begins. "I just wanted to show my school spirit and watch our team beat PV," Hoisington said. **4. ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS.** 9News reporter Ashley Moore interviews cheerleaders Madison Henninger '25 and Aubrey Shortridge '25 live on the football field before the rivalry game. The cheerleaders were answering trivia questions against the Prairie View cheer squad. "All I kept thinking is I didn't want to sound ridiculous on TV. We just wanted to represent our school," Henninger said. *photos by n.duran*



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1. ACTING TUFF.

Football players like Ryan Wadsworth '26 and Blake George '25 gather around head coach Michael Brown as he raises his hands up after the team beat the Thunderhawks to win the Superintendent's Cup. "The boys played their hearts out, and I couldn't have been more proud," Brown said. *photo by n.duran*



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2. STRIKE A POSE. Arianna Vargas '24 stands in her final pose as the varsity pomps team finishes their performance during halftime of the rivalry game. "Hearing the crowd gets us hyped up and helps keep our energy up while performing," Vargas said. **3. BLOCK THEM.** Izaiah Schoepp '24 puts his hand forward so he can block players as he rushes the football down the field to score one of three touchdowns in the third quarter of the rivalry game. *photos by n.duran*



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yeah, WE OWN THIS TOWN

Bulldogs defeat the Thunderhawks in rivalry football showdown 56-43

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WITH THE BIG SUPERINTENDENT'S CUP ON THE LINE, the varsity football team listened in the locker room as head coach Michael Brown spoke that they needed to be T.U.F.F while competing against the Prairie View Thunderhawks in the rivalry game. This acronym meant they needed to be tenacious and unselfish on the field, remember their fundamentals and that the boys were a family.

The game was chosen as the 9News Game of the Week. 9News brought the cheerleaders of both high schools and the superintendent of 27j schools Dr. Christopher Fielder before the game to interview them about the legacy of the rivalry.

Bulldogs caught up by the first half with the score 36-30.

"I felt like it was a back and forth the entire game which made it exciting but also super stressful," Blake George '25 said. "A highlight of the game for me was running into the end zone when I was on the five-yard line. As quarterback, I do feel the pressure to get the ball to the team so we can score as many points as we can."

"The rivalry goes back to when PV opened. It just brings the entire community together for two great teams to compete in a football game," Fielder said.

By the end of the third quarter, the Bulldogs were down 42-43. Once the fourth quarter began, Izaiah Schoepp '24 scored his third touchdown of the game.

"We knew that we had to work for the win, so I wanted to remind the team that the win would come if they were T.U.F.F. They had to stick together," Brown said.

The game started off with both student sections throwing baby powder in the air. By the end of the first quarter, the Thunderhawks were in the lead 16-8, but the



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1. GET LOUD. Anna Radriel '24, Yithzel Sanchez '24, Kaitlynn Pulver '24 and Ace Miles '24 countdown as they prepare to throw baby powder as the Bulldogs kick the ball to the Thunderhawks at the beginning of the rivalry game. **2. SPLIT IN THE MIDDLE.** Superintendent Dr. Christopher Fielder stands in front of the Bulldog and Thunderhawk cheerleaders in his jersey while 9News records them on camera. *photo by n.duran*

"Losing was not an option. My cousin was playing for Prairie View, so I had to show him who the real dawg was and that was Brighton," Schoepp said.

and coaches with the Superintendent's Cup at the 50-yard line.

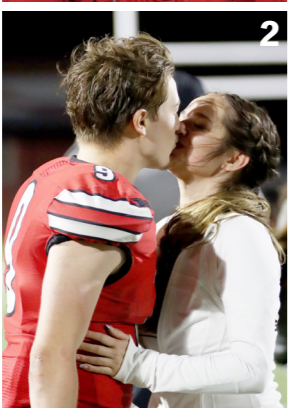
"The best part of the game was watching our boys absolutely destroy Prairie View and win the cup," Riley Ernst '24 said. "I really enjoyed the spirit of the student section and the whole vibe of the game in general."

By the end of the game, the Bulldogs scored another touchdown with the final score 56-43. Superintendent Fielder presented the Bulldogs

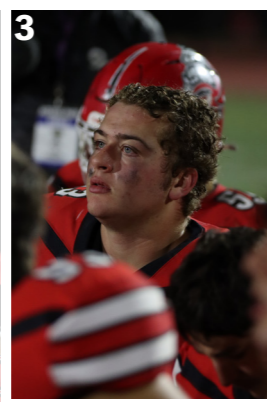
1. TIME TO FLY. Tenley Lindemann '27 stands center while being held up by Madison Henninger '26 and her other flyers as they finish their final pose in front of the student section during the second quarter. "I'm always having fun and getting to know all the other cheerleaders which is a highlight for me," Lindemann said. **2. PROUD OF YOU.** Giada Yantorno '24 runs up to her boyfriend Joran Leete '24 to give him a kiss and a hug after his team wins the rivalry game. "I was just so proud of him and the team. I knew he was on edge that night, so I just wanted to cheer him on," Yantorno said. **3. EYES ON COACH.** Dominic Petrocco '27 kneels with his team and stares at head coach Michael Brown as he talks about their win at the end of the game. **4. DEFENDING OUT TURF.** William Marshall '26 gets in front of the Prairie View player to try to block him from catching the ball in the third quarter. **5.** Izaiah Schoepp '24 holds up the Superintendent's Cup while getting interviewed by 9News reporter Ashley Moore after beating the Thunderhawks 56-43. "My emotions were through the roof. I just shared with the reporter that we never lose to Prairie View," Schoepp said. *photos by n.duran*



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