

Thursday Night Football

Girls Powder Puff game

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When a football team takes the field, they're typically in full gear: jerseys, helmets, and shoulder pads. They also come out in teams close to 50 players. They're not normally wearing athletic shorts, colored shirts, and have teams of roughly 10 players. This is not your average football game. It's DHS's annual Powder Puff game.

If you've never seen or heard of a Powder Puff game, then you're in for a treat. Powder Puff football games are flag football games between girls from the freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior classes. It's a great way for some friendly competition, and it's a ton of fun for the spectators who come to watch.

This year's annual Powder Puff game jersey colors were pink for the freshman, with '20' on the back to show that they belong to the class of 2020. The Sophomores jerseys were baby blue with number '19' on the back for the class of 2019. Junior jerseys were orange with number '18' on the back to signify the class of 2018. Finally, the seniors wore black jerseys with '17' on the back for this year's class of 2017.

The weather for the game wasn't ideal as it was raining on and off all day, as well also being cold and windy. Despite the wind and rain, it was still a fantastic game to watch.



Senior vs. juniors in action during the game. Photo taken by Cris Rojo.

The first game was between the freshmen and sophomores. It was a low scoring game all night, and more like watching a soccer match instead of a football game. With no passing between the two teams, due to the wind and cold, it made it very hard to throw the ball accurately. So the coaches made the smart call by sticking to the running game.

There were only two touchdowns between the Sophomores and Freshmen. The freshmen struck first early in the first quarter with a 15 yard score from Darian Lucas. The freshmen went for two points to try and make it an 8 point game, but failed and were stopped, making it only a 6-0 score. However the Sophomores got the last laugh by getting a touchdown from Grace Bauling. When the Sophomore team went for two, Grace took the ball and scored again. She gave her team the lead of 8-6.

Near the end of the game, the sophomore team ran one more play to run the clock out. Sophomore Lindsay Franzene took the handoff from Abby Kiley, and she took it 60 yards to the house which would have made the final score 14-6, but sadly, it was called back because of a penalty.

The most anticipated game of the night was between the juniors and the Seniors. This game had everything, from deep passes, long runs, and big hits.

Junior Cyan Mcgee said "The game was so much fun, and I already can't wait for next year! The team played really hard, and it was all smiles even though we didn't come out with what we wanted. We all got a view of what the boys go through. What we were do-



Senior team poses for a victory picture. Photo taken by Cris Rojo.

ing much easier."

From the beginning, it was a good game with the seniors getting on the board first. The juniors quickly answered taking the lead by converting a 2 point conversion.

Coming out of half time, it was a tough defensive battle with neither team scoring until the seniors broke one scoring with less than 2 minutes left in the second half. Unfortunately the Juniors couldn't break one which led to the Seniors coming up with the win after a tough game. All and all it was a great night for everyone to enjoy with family and friends to watch some great dancing and some well played football.



The Freshman team getting a pump up speech before kick off. Photo taken by Cris Rojo.