



**IT'S A ZOO.**  
Seniors Sebastian Paz, Marcelo Arteaga, and Oliver Massolo cheer on the football team at the game vs Coral Gables in the fan section newly dubbed "the Blue Zoo." "It was a great feeling having all of my friends together at one place having fun and showing school spirit to support our team," Paz said. Whenever the team scored, students jumped and shouted in celebration in the packed section. Photo by Julian Concepcion

## RAIDER RIVALRY

THE FOOTBALL TEAM BEAT ONE OF THEIR BIGGEST RIVALS, BELEN JESUIT PREP.

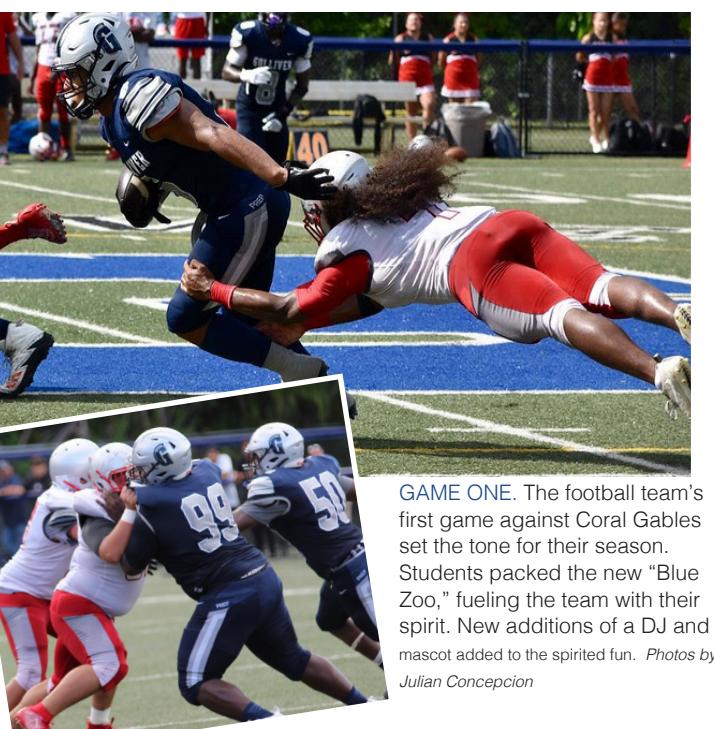


The football team made history with a win against major rival Belen Jesuit Prep. They easily beat Belen, with a score of 45-16. The game was also the first ever Prep Bowl, and to accompany their win, the football team received the Prep Bowl trophy. "For the simple fact that we have a Prep Bowl is super exciting! We aspire to make winning the crown a priority," football coach James Callier III said. Photos by Julian Concepcion

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Scan the QR code to watch a video made by freshman Lucas Figueroa of the game.



**LOUDER.** Students show their spirit at the game against the Belen Wolverines on Aug. 28. The first 150 students received free t-shirts, and student council passed out thunder sticks. Fans danced to a mix of popular songs while cheering on their Raiders. "The merchandise is part of what the student government is doing to try to invigorate school spirit because in years past it was lacking," sophomore class president Samuel Cano said. Photos by Julian Concepcion



**GAME ONE.** The football team's first game against Coral Gables set the tone for their season. Students packed the new "Blue Zoo," fueling the team with their spirit. New additions of a DJ and mascot added to the spirited fun. Photos by Julian Concepcion

# Spirit RENEWED

STUDENTS BROUGHT THE SPIRIT AT SOME OF THE FIRST FOOTBALL GAMES OF THE SEASON

**CELEBRATE.** Before the game began, Student Council handed out powder to fans. Fans threw into the air whenever the team scored, filling the air with colorful clouds of powder. "The powder was a really fun and cool aspect that was added to the game," senior Olivia Connor said. Photos by Julian Concepcion



Seniors Oliver Massolo, Marcelo Arteaga and Sebastian Paz waited with anticipation and screamed with excitement as they watched the team score. Students started to bring energy and cheer on their football team at the home games. Their season opening games against Coral Gables on Aug. 23 and Belen Jesuit on Aug 28 had some of the biggest student turnouts compared to past years. The bleachers were flooded with students cheering the team on to victory.

"This season is much different than last year because we have a lot more energy now and a crowd to perform in front of instead of just playing in front of family and friends," senior Dante De Rosa said.

With the theme of the Belen game being "white out" the first 150 students received free "white out" t-shirts to wear. The school spirit was definitely one for the books, as almost the entire student body showed up with great enthusiasm to watch the first ever Prep Bowl on Aug. 28.

"It felt great to win the first ever Prep Bowl because we worked very hard as a team all off season to beat our rivals and showed that our hard work paid off," sophomore Will Bettridge said.

The new official name for the outdoor student fan section was the "Blue Zoo." The student body voted on the name they thought fit best, and "Blue Zoo" received the most votes.

"It feels amazing to see more spirit at football games. It makes us play with more confidence and energy seeing our friends rooting for us," De Rosa said.

The addition of a DJ and mascot helped to pump the crowd as well as the team.

"The atmosphere was electric. Our student support is proving to be an important part of our success this year," Football coach James Callier III said.

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