

coaches take action

Veteran football players step up as coaches for the first powderpuff game in three years

TWIN TELEPATHY Grady Guida '24 explains how to execute the newest play drawn up on his whiteboard. Guida strategized his game plan beforehand. Guida was not just a coach for his friends but also for his twin sister Brylie Guida '24. "I knew my sister was playing and all her friends were playing so I thought it'd be fun to teach them about a sport I know a lot about," Guida said. "Practices had a lot of team bonding; it was exciting." Photo by Nolan Mahannah



IN IT TO WIN IT Bringing the team together, Riley Anderson '23 pencils in his strategy to score. Anderson was passionate about standing up for the seniors and didn't want to lose their only powderpuff game. "My favorite part [of the game] was beating the juniors because they were talking smack all week long about how they were going to whoop us," Anderson said. "Finally winning, closing it out in the fourth quarter, was pretty fun." Photo by Reagan Stromberg



QUICK TURNAROUND Trenton Radloff '24 passionately yells out plays to his team. Radloff was the head coach for the juniors and he was happy with how they played. They executed multiple plays while still having a great experience. "It was zero, zero. The girls got a quick interception and boom, the offense had the ball," Radloff said. "It was pretty stressful. We had a free touchdown or at least yards, but we just dropped it." Photo by Matthew Scherber



founding father

With zero guidance, student coach steps up to organize the game

PROMISE FULFILLED Kody Curtis '23 shares play feedback with the senior team. Curtis had his mind set on having a powderpuff game since junior year, and he was thrilled for the opportunity to make it happen. "We didn't do it last year when we were promised that we would, so I wanted to do it because it's fun to watch and fun to do," Curtis said. "It was awesome and the turnout was great. My mom's in the football boosters so she really helped me out with that. I honestly couldn't have done it without her." Photo by Reagan Stromberg



powderpuff girls

Excitement builds before arrival of junior/senior game

On a chilly September evening, the buzz of excitement radiated throughout Bentfield Mills Park. Everyone awaited Buffalo's first powderpuff game after three long years.

The fans were excited for the amusement to come, while the players were filled with anticipation. The players each had their own reasons for deciding to play in the thrilling game.

"I thought it'd be really fun to do, especially since we haven't done it before," Anna Kubu '23 said.

Football is a game of teamwork and communication. It's also a time to get to know people and create friendships. The girls that participate in the powderpuff games create lasting friendships and memories.

"I thought it'd be a great opportunity for me to get closer with some of the girls that were also going to play," Anna Kugler '24 said. "It was a great way to be social with friends."

Senior year of high school is known for holding the most memories and is the last chance for students to try new things. It was exhilarating news to hear that the powderpuff game would happen after a three year hiatus. With everyone rallying around the game, it was bound to create a memorable experience.

"I just love everyone getting together, and it's my last year, so it was kind of emotional," Trinity Lovins '23 said.

The senior team won over the juniors with an ending score of 21-14. They rejoiced after the game, grateful for the opportunity to play.

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DOWN, SET, HUT Staring into the faces of the senior defensive line, junior quarterback Celia Zrust '24 yells out, "Down, set, hut!" Zrust knew that she wanted to play in a powderpuff game after hearing about other people's experiences. When the opportunity arose, she pounced on the idea. "I've always seen other schools do it," Zrust said. "It looked so fun, I knew I wanted to play." Photo by Reagan Stromberg



HEAD IN THE GAME Lauren Studnicka '23 continues to keep her focus in the game as her team takes the lead. The end of the game brought a variety of feelings and thoughts for Studnicka, who had been looking forward to the game since last year's cancellation. "I loved it; it was really fun," Studnicka said. "When we won, our coaches were really happy for us. Everyone cheered." Photo by Matthew Scherber



SWITCHING IT UP Looking into the sidelines, Quinn Grossman '24 searches for support as problems arise on the field. The juniors had issues with finding a successful and cohesive team lineup. "If we had a problem with someone playing a certain position, we would switch them out for a different player and see how that felt," Grossman said. "We made adjustments as we went along." Photo by Nolan Mahannah



"The hardest part was keeping the coaches in check and the fans in check while still having a fair game. I had to throw a flag for the junior side because they were using explicit language and I wasn't okay with that." James Winter '23