

BRIDGEMAN RIVALRY

THERE IS ONLY ROOM FOR ONE

WINNER

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Bulldogs beat Prairie View Thunderhawks in Superintendent's Cup Rivalry football game 34-6



IT'S A WHITEOUT. At kickoff of the Superintendent's Cup Rivalry football game, Cassiah Costigan '22, Annika Cunningham '22, Chandler Hand '22, Conner Brown '22, Edward George '22 and the rest of the student section throw baby powder in the air to cheer on the Bulldogs against the Prairie View Thunderhawks on Aug. 27. The Rivalry game was the first football game students could attend in over two years due to Covid-19. "I was super excited that we were finally watching a football game, filling the stands and getting to cheer on the team. We felt like 'This is it. This is what senior year is supposed to feel like,'" Hand said. **WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS.** After Superintendent Chris Fielder presented the Cup to the Bulldogs, wide-receiver Noah Canale '22 holds the trophy while running back Maxson Cisneros '22 flexes as the team prepares to sing the school fight song to the crowd after beating the Thunderhawks 34-6. This was the sixth win in a row for the Bulldogs.

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MAX CISENEROS '22

"This win meant everything to us. After not playing them last year because of Covid-19, we wanted to beat Prairie View and keep the tradition of winning the Cup alive. Six years in a row, baby. It really proved that we are still that team, that we're the better one in the Rivalry."



OVER THREE THOUSAND BULLDOG AND THUNDERHAWK FANS filled the stands to cheer on their teams in the traditional Superintendent's Cup Rivalry football game on Aug. 27. It had been two years since the rival teams from Brighton and Prairie View competed because the game was canceled last fall due to Covid-19 guidelines.

As gates opened at 5:30 p.m., fans could get Bulldog tattoos and other fan gear from the Student Government table or buy food from one of three food trucks. People could eat barbecue from No Joke Smoke, burgers and chicken from Shmmakkins or choose from a variety of different churros from Snowy Churro.

Once alumni and football announcer Kenneth Kreutzer yelled, "Ladies and gentlemen, look to the south, here come the Bulldogs" at 6:50 p.m., Tytan Snyder '22 led the Bulldog football team through the inflatable tunnel to midfield while holding an American flag.

"With the Rivalry game being the first game of

the season, we were pumped as a team. As we ran out onto the field it was such a rush to finally have fans back in the stands after not having any last year," Payton Paplow '22, wide receiver, said. "Being on the field again after everything we went through last year you could feel a difference in the mood of the game. Our biggest motivation was getting a win."

Before kickoff, high school choir teacher Dr. Chad Clark and Prairie View choir teacher Madeline Gardner combined choirs to sing the national anthem at the 50-yard-line on the track.

"The national anthem was the very first song we learned and singing with Prairie View's choir was awesome because it shows that music can bring people together even in a Rivalry game," LeAnne Lloyd '22 said. "It was a little upsetting that the Prairie View's football team came out while we were singing, but it was a nice experience."

As the Bulldogs kicked the football to the Thunderhawks at 7:02 p.m., the student section filled the air with baby powder. Thirty minutes later, the Bulldogs scored their first touchdown.

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EDDIE CLEMENTS '23

"When we won, I felt happy. We all did our job, so it was big team win. It was the first win for Coach Flynn, so it was nice to have all that hard work pay off."



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CHRIS FIELDER, SUPERINTENDENT

"This is a great tradition that continues to bring our community together. I love seeing each school bring their own spirit to a friendly rivalry."

KYNADI FAIRCHILD '23

"I always just like the excitement of the Rivalry game and being with everyone in the stands. The energetic environment makes it a good time."

BAILEY KENSINGER '24

"Being able to be in the crowd is the best because it is always energetic and always fun to be in, with all the little cheers and the different themed games."

ANDREW GOSS '22

"I liked the competition especially in the last quarter of the game and our will to win. We worked so hard during the summer and so you just want to win."



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TRYSTAN COCHRANE '25

"It was weird because everyone was filling the stands and we weren't able to watch anything last year. I really enjoyed actually being able to go and enjoy it."



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LUCAS MUNOZ '22

"It was cool to just look around and see everybody in the stands cheering us on. You know, they want their school to win so bringing home that 'W' is so important."

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