



Powder Puff Entertains Once Again

BY HAYNES HORSLEY

This years powder puff tournament ended almost exactly like last year's, with the class of 2016 coming away with a victory. The Junior girls showed that they are starting a dynasty in the powder puff world. They started with a convincing win over the sophomores who looked very new to the game. Things got out of hand when Maddie Harris took over with a few long touchdown runs. Some would have called the game a shootout, but the juniors were the only ones with a gun. Offensive Coordinator, Worth Eskrigge, chemed around his athletic group of girls to make sure the ball reached the endzone as many times as possible (almost every drive). He was able to successfully run the reverse, double reverse, and even the triple reverse more times than anyone would have thought, and the sophomores never seemed to catch on. Ross Edwards and John Keeler built one of the

best defenses known to powder puff. Once the Juniors took care of business against the sophomores, they moved on to the hard hitting seniors.

The game started with the Juniors getting out to a big lead, but with the help of some interesting addition on the scoreboard, the seniors were able to get back into the game. After a few big plays like Riley Kellum's pick six, and Ainsley Smith's one handed grab in the endzone, the seniors edged a little closer to the fading juniors. Caroline "Way Too Into Powder Puff Football" Hannon and Riley Kellum took over on the offensive side to help the seniors out even more. Luckily for the juniors, Coach Eskrigge's offense got on a roll and put the game out of reach for the seniors, and allowed the class of 2016 to win their second powder puff football game.

Some awards were given in honor of players and plays that stuck out.

Awards

MVP: Maddie Harris was a threat running the ball throughout both games, and Heisman campaigns have been up in the air for the emerging star.

Best Offensive Player: Riley Kellum looked like Melvin Gordon slashing through and running over the defensive players.

Best Defensive Player: Mari-sol Moreno had a clutch interception and a few pass break-ups, as well as key tackles.

Best Play: Ainsley Smith's one handed grab over a defender is almost as impressive as her touchdown celebration.

Best Cat Fight: Tensions flared as Simmons Barazza and Tori Jones let their emotions get the best of them as they got in a little tussle at the beginning of the game.



Tori Jones drops back for pass.
Photo by Haynes Horsley

Three Buildings Lost in Ag Museum Fire

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At 5 p.m. on November 13, a sudden fire broke out at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum. Smoke billowed out of the back of the Ag Museum property, smoke that could be seen from the I-55. Three buildings were on fire.

Most Prep students have encountered the Ag Museum at some point, even if it is not to see the old wooden tools or learn about the history of agriculture in Mississippi. Many students have visited for some kind of event or party, but I suspect that few students have actually gone to tour the museum. For those who do not know, the museum tells the story of agriculture and forestry in Mis-

issippi through old equipment, farm animals, old pictures, and interactive learning. It is one of four museums in the "Museum Quad" near the Lakeland Drive bridge that crosses over I-55, the other three being The Mississippi Children's museum, The Natural Science Museum, and The Mississippi Sports Museum. While the other three museums contain interesting facts and figures, the Ag Museum tells us how the most important industry in Mississippi shaped the state.

Three buildings were burned, one person sustained minor injuries, and several rabbits were killed. The veterinary clinic, the children's barnyard,

and a maintenance shed are all gone now. The biggest hit was the veterinary clinic, a collection of century old vet tools were lost. Luckily, most of the major buildings went unscathed. The cause is said to be a light fixture that set fire to some dry hay in one of the barns. Everything at the Ag Museum was up to code; the fire was a complete accident that could have been easily avoided if a little more attention was paid to where the hay was stacked.

One interesting story that came from the fire was the story of how a security guard saved his coworker. It sounds like something from Hollywood. Two security guards

went to save the farm animals when they noticed the fire. The pen for the pigs was locked, so one guard grabbed a nearby fire extinguisher and broke the lock after hitting it repeatedly. They freed all of the large animals, and they were inside the burning barn when a door suddenly fell from above and hit one of the guards on the head. The uninjured guard dragged his unconscious coworker out of the barn only moments before the whole thing collapsed. The injured guard regained consciousness and was rushed to the hospital to ensure that she was not badly injured. She was soon released from the hospital with only minor injuries.

It was a sad event but one that could have been much worse if the fire had not been stopped. One of the buildings was only used for maintenance and another was used only to hold the animals. The veterinary building will be nearly impossible to replace because of its historical importance, but the majority of the buildings and most of the historical artifacts were preserved. While the fire was certainly unfortunate, it could have been much worse if the fire was allowed to spread throughout the property.