

Senior-Soph team wins Powder Puff game 19-13

Abraham scores twice to lead Black team victory

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The senior-sophomore team beat the junior-freshmen team in the annual Niles West Powder Puff game on Wednesday, Oct. 4, by a score of 19-13. Although scheduled to play under the blaring lights of the Basrak Field, the game was relocated to the field house due to weather conditions.

After weeks of intense practice under the supervision of student activities director Peter Geddeis and Assistant Principal of Pupil Personnel Services Paula Miller, the members of the senior-sophomore (black) team were confident in their ability to win.



The junior-freshman team (red) attacks the senior-sophomore (black) defense. Photo by Maheen Nageeb.

After preventing the red team from scoring a late touchdown, the black team emerged victorious as winners of this year's Powder Puff game, causing face-painted senior Joanna Park to lead the black team in a raucous round of cheers. The red team displayed good sportsmanship as they hurried over to congratulate their opponents with smiles and handshakes.

"I'm so proud of all the girls: the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. They practiced hard and played even harder," Geddeis said. "They were very enthusiastic and such great sports. I'm really proud of the attitude the girls maintained throughout the day, even with the location of the game getting switched on last notice."

The win was particularly satisfying for the seniors. "Because we had lost the Powder Puff game last year as juniors, it was a doubly sweet victory to have finally won this year," said senior Tram Tran.

"It's our last year; we have to win! We have such awesome players on the team; I don't see why we wouldn't [win the game]" said senior Saba Mukhi before the contest.

After the red-clad junior-freshmen squad, coached by fine arts teacher John Zilewicz and science instructor Roxanne Jamroz, scored on in the first play, the steam began to rise.

The seniors and sophomores refused to remain disheartened and struck back, determined to take the lead. Despite a head-on collision with a wall earlier that day in practice, senior Ina Abraham used her track skills to help the black team get back in the game. Using her incredible speed, Abraham easily scored two touchdowns.