

Title: **Undefeated on our Own Turf**

Subhead: Spirited students discuss difference between Green and White Scrimmage and normal home games

On Friday night, fans rushed to the football field for the Green and White Scrimmage. The bleachers overflowed, forcing many students to stand on the ground. After an all-school draft, food trucks and a tailgate, the football team played the only game they have on their home turf. This is because regular “home” football games are played at Blue Valley High.

Rooting for the white team, senior **Abby Phillips** said the scrimmage was about celebrating both the school and the football team. Phillips said she was a regular attendee of all sporting events.

“I prefer [regular football] games because our entire school is united to support each other,” Phillips said. “But I feel like we would have even more spirit and more pride, if [football games were] at our school. Just because it’s more comfortable and more spirited.”

Playing for the green team on offensive and defensive line, senior **Alex Eggleston** said he prefers regular football games. However, Eggleston said he believes the scrimmage is more spirited for the student body. This is because the team doesn’t win or lose, and have the seriousness that comes with an actual game.

“In a regular game, you’re under the lights and a lot more pressure and a lot more people are there,” Eggleston said. “This is going to be my first year actually being under the lights. It’s kind of a lot of people and sometimes stressful.”

Standing on the sidelines with the cheer team, sophomore **Brooke Davis** said cheerleading during the scrimmage feels more at home. She said that going to another field is not the same and takes away from the enthusiasm she sees from her classmates when on their own turf.

“[The scrimmage] has a lot of adrenaline,” Davis said. “I had high expectations. I mean, it was really fun, a lot of people turn out for our grade and our school. So it was a bonding thing almost for our entire school.”

Phillips agreed that the scrimmage is low key and less serious than a regular game. Nevertheless, Phillips said the scrimmage has hyped up over the years, and has become a good playful competition that brings the school together.

“I hope [the scrimmage] continues to grow and continues to be a bigger event each year,” Phillips said. “I was really proud of our students for being so supportive of the football players this year and I think they noticed that, too.”

