

Tell the world I'm coming home

Black reign drenches the Warriors' parade

Raindrops plummeted from an indigo sky laced with hundreds of storm clouds. John Gupton Stadium's parking lot – typically full on a game night – seemed emptier compared to usual. Still, dozens of Cedar Park Jeeps and trucks made their way onto the wet asphalt. Thunder shook the stands as freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors began settling into the student section.

This year, on Sept. 12, the T-Wolves' homecoming football game occurred in the midst of a thunderstorm. The Wolves won 34-10 against Westwood, despite the inclement weather. Even though students and field-goers alike were drenched by the first quarter, spirits remained high.

"The rain made the game more memorable," senior [Christina Lanzoni](#) said. "It was cold, but I stayed anyway because I like watching football and cheering for our team."

While life in the student section focused on spirit, the players remained concentrated on their game, which was delayed thirty minutes as a result of lightning strikes.

"Both teams had to start establishing their running games more," senior quarterback [Jake Pokorney](#) said. "The wet and soggy balls made it much more difficult to run passing plays as frequently."

As crowd members and coaches watched sophomore [Tyler Lavine](#) make a 27-yard carry for a touchdown, seniors of the marching band reflected on forgoing their last homecoming performance. The band did not perform their usual half-time routine, as the rain failed to relent.

"I was really upset," senior euphonium player [Tyler Campbell](#) said. "I was looking forward to performing our ballad for the first time."

The rain resulted in a different experience for everyone; students cheered in their rain-washed CP overalls, players tackled in their dripping jerseys, band members protected their instruments with plastic and the homecoming court tried their best to keep their formal-wear dry. This year, potentially damaging weather ranked among the concerns of homecoming royalty.

"The rain made me focus on not tripping in front of the entire student body," senior Princess [Mia Trautz](#) said. "But it was surely a night to remember."

Freshman Duke [Evan Dickinson](#) agreed that the turbulent weather caused a few minor inconveniences.

"It was difficult because we had to bring umbrellas," Dickinson said. "It was unexpected, but it wasn't a big deal."

Whether it was overall harmful or beneficial, the rain made homecoming 2K14 memorable.

"I think the rain really showed that the people who stayed were true fans" junior [Zachary Vessels](#) said. "It was something I could never forget."