

**STAYING SHARP** Junior Will Ingram stares at the now blank white board after the Lions pregame team meeting. Now empty, the locker room provides a quiet place for Ingram and his Lion teammates to prepare for the rivalry game against the Episcopal School of Dallas Eagles.

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ESD RIVALRY NIGHT

# DEFENDING HONOR

**WINS AND LOSSES** come and go throughout the season, but when the cross-town rival Eagles step onto this campus, Lion athletes do whatever it takes to get the win. Junior Will Ingram gives his take on the Lions' 62-42 victory Feb. 5.  
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# BATTLING RIVALS

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We'd been hyping up the game all season. It may not have been our toughest opponent of the season, but we knew we couldn't lose to ESD.

The morning of the game, the Superfan guys introduced the whole Upper School to 'Silent Night,' and from the audience's reaction I knew how pumped the stands would be come game time that night.

The rest of the day went by so quickly, and it was hard for me to focus during school. As the clock struck 3:05 p.m., I rolled into the great hall for our pre-game meal, chick-fil-a as always, and then a bunch of the guys and I headed to Jalen's house to try and relax a little before the game.

Once it came time to get back to school the whole team met in the back of the Hick's locker room for coach [Greg] Güiler's pre-game speech.

He is always very self-reflective in his speeches and in this particular one he talked to us about brotherly love. Although his speech wasn't focused on strategy or really the game at all, knowing that he truly does care for us and wants the best from us each and every day made us go out and play our

hearts out for him.

And so as his speech came to an end, I was ready to step out onto the court.

Warmups were hyped. Wearing the 'Lion Order' spirit shirts, we were going through the motions as we always did. The crowd was there early to watch us, and I remember we did our best to keep the crowd on their feet as Parker threw down some ridiculous dunks.

But once the game began the crowd fell silent, waiting for that tenth point to be scored. It didn't take us long, so after Brannon hit that layup to cap off an 11-0 run, the whole gym went crazy.

I was on the bench in front of the crowd, and I'd never heard anything like that from our guys in the stands. Everyone was going nuts, and we just rode that momentum for the rest of the game.

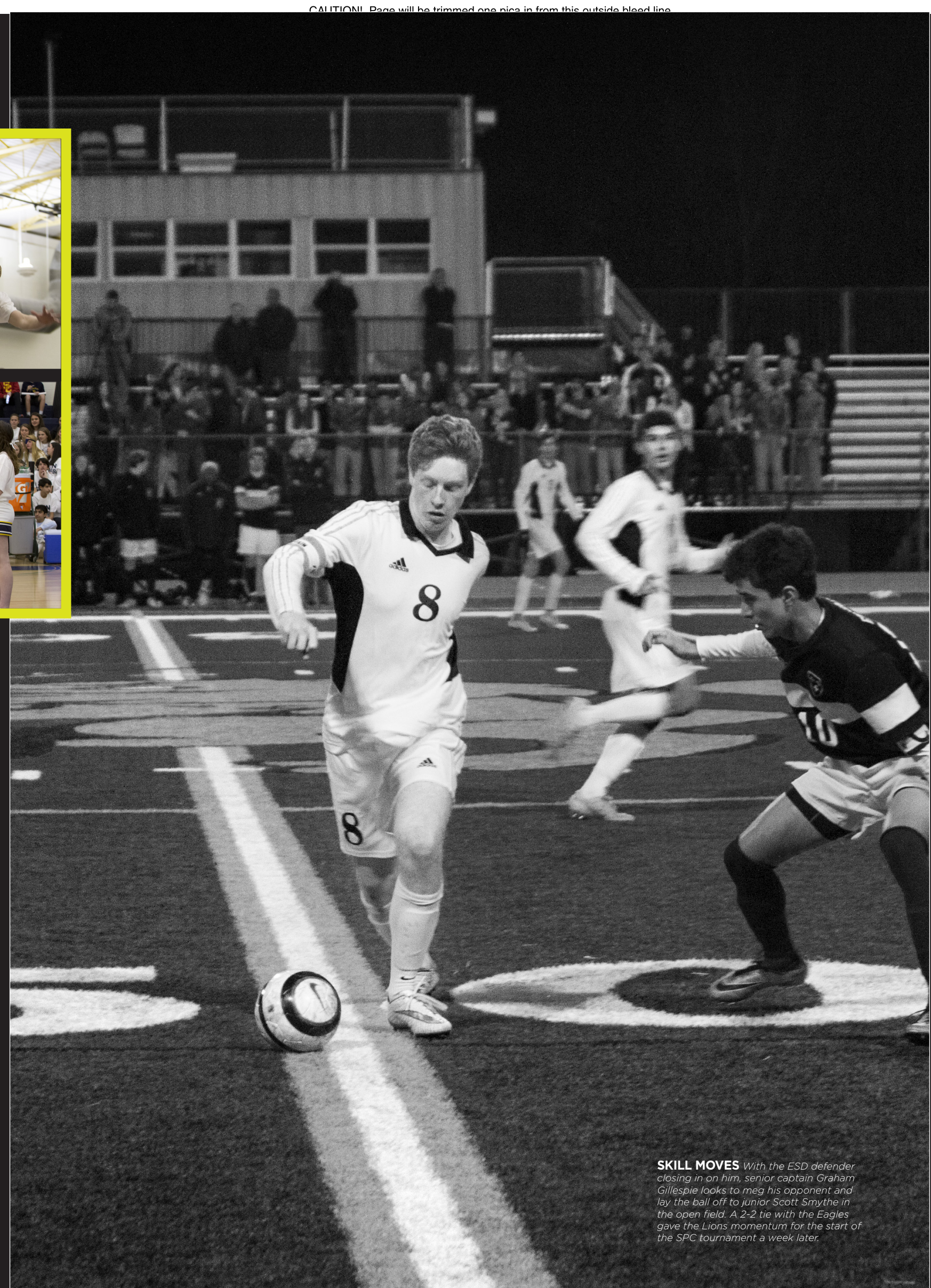
As the clock struck zero, the crowd joined us on the court for the *Alma Mater*. There was no game-winning three, no storming of the court this year, but it still was a special game for all of us.

It felt good to beat our rivals at home and we rode that win into the SPC tournament the following week."

— Will Ingram, as told to Will Diamond



**COMPETITION** Taking the ball down the right-wing, sophomore Arjun Singh (upper left) looks to cross the ball into the middle of the box. Singh finished the game with an assist to senior Alex Sanchez to tie the game with less than two minutes left. The Lions finished the game on a 2-2 tie, riding the momentum from the comeback into the SPC tournament the following week. In his 'Lion Order' spirit shirt, senior Brannon Rouse (upper right) throws down a slam dunk in warmups of the ESD rivalry game Feb. 5. Rouse also scored the tenth and eleventh points of the game, the cue for Marksmen to go crazy in the stands. Senior Philip Smart (above) greets fellow senior William Caldwell with their traditional handshake as he walks through the line of Lion cheerleaders.



**SKILL MOVES** With the ESD defender closing in on him, senior captain Graham Gillespie looks to meg his opponent and lay the ball off to junior Scott Smythe in the open field. A 2-2 tie with the Eagles gave the Lions momentum for the start of the SPC tournament a week later.

