

Annual Tennent powderpuff game raises \$4,000 for charity

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The mighty powderpuff football combatants weren't going to let a little snow and rain dampen their fun.

For nearly a decade, William Tennent High School has hosted a charity football game.

This isn't just any football game, though. This is powderpuff — a twist in the playbook where the roles on the field are switched. Girls are the players, while the boys are the cheerleaders. There is a rivalry between the seniors and juniors over who will be crowned victor in the spirit/dance contest and game.

I was given the honor of playing in the charity football game. For the past two and a half weeks, more than 100 other students and I practiced hard for two hours, every day, after school. The coaches, for both dance and football, put in excess hours, making sure their teams had a routine to perform and plays to follow.

In those two and a half weeks, both football teams knew the difference between the offensive and defensive lines, and the boys knew what a flyer was.

The game was held Nov. 13 at Alumni Stadium at William Tennent. All proceeds — a total of \$4,000 — were donated to Kisses for Kyle, which "offers a variety of services to families fighting childhood cancer in the Delaware Valley," according to kissesforkyle.org.

The game was brutal. Not because we girls were ramming into one another, but because the weather was particularly horrendous. We were all freezing as we stood in the 30-degree weather.

By the second quarter, it began to snow after raining for the past hour. We were all bundled in blankets and jackets ... that were soaked in rain and snow. I couldn't feel my toes or the bruise on my face.

However, none of that mattered. Everyone was so captivated by the game and cheering one another on, we didn't care if we turned into human ice cubes.

In the end, after a close game, the seniors took the trophy, 14-7. The juniors took the spirit/dance trophy for our unforgettable "Purge"-themed routine over the seniors' superhero-themed routine.

It was a night that will be remembered by those who participated, along with those who attended.

Congrats to both the juniors and seniors! Can't wait for what next year brings!