

Homecoming Game Reaches a 'Shocking' Conclusion

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Homecoming is the largest event that Alhambra High School hosts annually, so it is understandable that some may be upset with the outcome of the game on Oct. 12. Although the preceding parade and the dance the following day went as planned, the Homecoming football game between the Moors and the San Gabriel Matadors was, unfortunately, cancelled due to nearing thunder, lightning and rain.

However, the game began normally in the first quarter. As students of Alhambra and other spectators made their way into their seats, fireworks went off while Alhambra's choir sang the Star Spangled Banner.

The Moors began the game with a kick off, stopping San Gabriel at the 25-yard-line. Shortly after gaining their possession, the Matadors called a timeout with 8:18 left in the quarter.

The Moors battled until San Gabriel was left at fourth down on offense, when the Matadors went for the goal line. This resulted in a turnover on downs broken up by Alhambra junior Vito Russel.

With 6:55 left in the first quarter, the referee delayed the game due to lightning. However, the game resumed once again for a short amount of time. In this time, Alhambra quickly lost their

possession to a fumble on the first play back, leaving the ball on the 50-yard-line and 6:38 left on the clock. San Gabriel then lost their possession when Alhambra senior Gabe Taesali sacked their Quarterback, leaving yet another turnover on downs.

This is where the Homecoming

game ended. The Referees delayed the game yet again due to nearing lightning, and it became evident to some that this time the game would not resume.

The game was postponed to the following Monday, resuming where the game left off. However, Alhambra Head Coach Eric Bergstrom felt confi-

dently in the Moors' possession on San Gabriel's 43-yard-line with 4:12 left on the clock in the first quarter. Alhambra then punted, leaving the ball at the Matador's 22-yard-line. A sack by San Gabriel's number 28 left them with first down at the 35-yard-line. The first quarter ended shortly after with no points on the board.

a fumble, the Moors were able to score a touchdown and make the extra point on the field goal, leaving the score at 7-0.

A few plays after the kickoff, Alhambra senior Cody Chung got the ball to first and goal with two big runs. Senior Captain Anthony Herrera then brought the ball down to the 1-yard-line as the clock ran down.

Alhambra scored a touchdown with an extra point leaving the score at 14-0 at the end of the second quarter.

In the third quarter, three more touchdowns were scored by Alhambra. The first was made by Russel in a 97-yard-line touchdown reception. The next touchdown was made by Herrera with an 80-yard touchdown interception. The last was made by senior Raul Cortez with a 42-yard touchdown interception. All extra points were made, leaving the score at 35-0.

In the beginning of the fourth quarter, Chung ran through the Matador's defense to score a touchdown after San Gabriel lost their possession shortly after gaining it. This allowed him to score a touchdown.

Later in the fourth quarter, senior Alberto Contreras scored another touchdown in another touchdown interception.

This left the final score at 48-0 with the Moors winning the game. Although the Homecoming game was delayed, Alhambra was still able to pull together and clearly assert their dominance in the league.

"It's a kind of a reflection of the effort [the team] put in," Bergstrom said. "It's a payoff for them to see this kind of success."

Their season record now stands at 7-1, and the team hopes to maintain their winning streak in their next game against Bell Gardens on Oct. 19.



REMATCH Senior Gabriel Taesali (middle), junior Vito Russel (right) and junior Noah Aguado (left) run out on to the field for Monday's postponed Homecoming game

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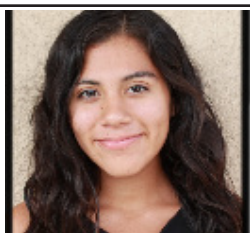
dent in the Moors ability to perform in the rest of the game despite the delay.

"I don't know if the outcome would have been the exact same," Bergstrom said. "But it definitely felt like a game we felt good going into."

The game reopened on Oct. 15 with

The second quarter began with the Moors' possession. Shortly after losing possession and regaining it, Alhambra received their punt on San Gabriel's 41-yard line with 7:13 on the clock.

Shortly after, the Moors called their first timeout on second down. After recovering



Athletic Fame Based on Business

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Most fans believe that professional athletes get to the top of the sports industry by pure skill or simply being at the right place at the right time. A big part of a professional athlete's success is due to their sports manager and the business deals conducted behind the scenes. Billions in revenue flow through these managers to ensure that each player is getting their desired contract. With an accumulated \$33.4 billion combined in contracts and commission deals, sports managers have controlled how each player is affected by the business world.

Agents have proven how negotiating skills affect the athletic industry through million dollar deals. From team contracts to sponsorship deals, a sports agent could transform a player's salary, public image and potentially their future partnerships. Business heavily impacts how much an athlete or team could make in profit per season. As a result, managers can choose excessively high commission rates based on the revenue value of each player.

According to the New York Times,

"A-list managers are in charge of many athletes and report incomes of over 200 million alone for management fees."

Sports managers take commissions from each player to negotiate deals with other businesses. In other words, if an athlete has a higher income, the more commission an agent can collect. Sports managers are eager to find the next big athlete contract because it could earn them millions in commission. A recent example of this would be the negotiation that followed soccer player, Cristiano Ronaldo's move from Real Madrid to Juventus that took place for an astounding \$117 million transfer fee. This costly negotiation reveals the huge impact of how much an athlete's manager could affect their future in the athletic industry.

Agents can also earn income from negotiating marketing and endorsement contracts for their clients. The value of each contract is negotiable, however, there is not concrete data on how much each agent may charge an athlete. Ultimately, a player's success is heavily impacted by the business deals conducted by their managers.

Cross Country Runs Bell-Jeff Invitational

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On Sept. 29, the Cross Country team attended the Bell-Jeff Invitational, an annual cross country event hosted at Griffith Park. The course was 2.94 miles long with hills, dirt and grassy surfaces. With league meets coming around the corner, the team hoped to do well at the Bell-Jeff Invitational to fuel them for the meets to come.

"We had gone to practice at Griffith Park several times before the actual race, so most of us knew the course and the fact that it's one of the hardest races we go to," sophomore Milan Cambon said, "It has hills on hills and the weather doesn't normally cooperate."

In the Girls Red Varsity Jimmy Balders 2.9 Mile Race, Alhambra High's first event of the day, the team placed third out of 31 teams with seven runners.

Some notable runners in this event include senior Serena Dueñas placing 2nd with a time of 18:45.0, senior Alyssa Romero placing 11th with a time of 19:35.1, and junior Paloma Sanchez placed 20th with a time of 20:12.0. Dueñas, Romero and Sanchez all received medals for placing within the top 50.

Shortly after that event, the Boys Red Varsity 2.9 Mile Race took place. Alhambra High placed 22nd out of 32 teams with seven runners. Out of

196 runners, senior Bryan Albarran placed 82nd with a time of 18:10.6.

Another notable event was in the Girls Red Frosh/Soph 2.9 Mile Race. The team placed fifth out of 17 teams with seven runners. Cambon placed fifth out of 123 runners with a time of 20:47.2. Sophomore Aaliyah Sanchez placed 26th with a time of 23:53.3. Sophomore Maria Romero placed 51st with a time of 25:13.4. Cambon and Sanchez both received medals in this event for placing within the top 50.

In the last event of the day, the Boys Red Junior Varsity 2.9 Mile Race, Alhambra High placed 11th out of 21 teams. Junior Devyn Cowab placed 15th out of 145 runners with a time of 17:50.9. Cowab received a medal in this event for placing within the top 50.

Overall, the boys placed 35th out of 77 schools and the girls placed third out of 75 schools. Alhambra High stood tall in the Bell-Jeff Invitational and were ready for the league meets coming up.

"Our League meet course at Legg Lake is super flat, with almost all of it being packed with dirt," Cambon said, "So if we could handle the Bell-Jeff Invitational and do well, a lot of the team medaled, we could definitely handle the league meet race."

The Alhambra High Cross Country team will attend their next meet, the Riverside Invitational, on Oct. 20 at Riverside City.