Garretson goes ham against Hamlin

The Garretson Blue Dragons and Hamlin Chargers fight for a first round playoff win

by Sam Gonzalez

senior writer

The vibration of feet banging against the bleacher floor, the screaming of the student section blaring in the stands, and the sound of pads clashing viciously against each other as the football players rush toward the end zone. Ladies and gentlemen, just last night, on October 18, the Hamlin Chargers (7-1) and our very own Garretson Blue Dragons went head to head during the first round of playoffs at the Garretson Sports Complex.

“We have to understand that anything can happen, we have a goal, an agenda in front of us and a team we need to beat, that is our focus until the end,” senior Dakota Johnson said after the game.

Garretson really focused this week on perfecting those plays that could get past their defense and with Hamlin’s shotgun offense, the Blue Dragons wanted to make sure that they could force them to stop running the ball and have them pass so that their defense could shut them down.

“Hamlin threw some good blitzes at us and we didn’t pick them up, they came in with a different defense that what we were expecting. We had to start running some plays we didn’t practice all week and we blocked them well. They brought everything they had, and we overcame that because we trusted each other and followed our blocking rules,” Senior Dakota Johnson said after the game.

The Garretson Blue Dragon played hard and gave it all they had which resulted into a win of 24-20, meaning we are now officially able to move on and beat the next opponent.

“I love this team and last night showed us how something special can be almost taken away, but the guys and the coaches we have on this team are hard to find. This was a relieving team win and we’re happy to get on to the next win. We just have to survive and advance,” Johnson commented.

After an amazing game played by both teams last night, Garretson will be facing the Webster Bearcats (7-2) next Thursday with Garretson hosting for 2nd round of playoffs.

While Garretson had a few miscues in the game, the Blue Dragons were still able to play a fairly solid defensive game stopping a strong Charger offense. Hamlin’s run game was considerably limited by the Blue Dragon defensive line. Garretson came back late in the game to secure the 24-20 victory over the Chargers. (Photo by Sam Gonzalez)
S SDSU Jacks serve as host for State Journalism Convention

by Noble Nothstine
staff writer

If you didn’t notice, there were a number of students absent from school Monday. The reason being the state journalism convention in Brookings, SD. Seven students from Mrs. Buchholz’s journalism class loaded up in the mini-bus and took the hour long trip to the SDSU campus.

Before the beginning of the day, we got a keynote presentation from Lori Keekley, the Scholastic Press Rights Director of the Journalism Education Association. After listening to her speak about how many students are censored in student newspapers today, we participated in a Kahoot with over 175+ members! We also took place in a short contest about what topics we would write about if we didn’t have to worry about censorship at school. The randomly selected winner of aforementioned contest won a new laptop.

Latter in the day, we were split into four groups and rotated through different student session speakers. These covered a variety of topics: mobile storytelling through social media, upcoming yearbook and magazine design trends, story ideas and what to do with them, and how to do a podcast.

After lunch, we listened to a panel about diversity in coverage and staffing. The three main panel participants were Sarah Eagle Heart, a Native American independent journalist who works with the Indian country media network, Maria Kalywak, a Greek immigrant who is also the SDSU High performance facilitator, and Blaise Keller, a LGBT+ freelance meteorologist and dog care professional.

Lastly, there were door prize drawings (including coffee cups, cameras, kindles, colored pens, and notebooks) and awards handed out for honorable school newspapers, individual news writers, photography, and yearbooks.

Because the contest was in the fall this year, as opposed to the spring when it has been in the past, submitted content was a blend from the first week or two of this school year with later weeks from last year. Multiple students received awards and honors including Jayden Clark (sports writing), Dominick Krueger (feature writing) and Cory Bryan (photography). The school newspaper, Blueink, was also awarded for its layout, content, and production.

Overall, it was a fun learning experience and I hope to go again next year. If any of this intrigued you or peaked your interest, consider joining journalism class or yearbook next year!

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Snow? How about, no!

by Jacob Facile
staff writer

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