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Song Review

The Way Things Go by Beabadoobee

by Caroline Piszczatowski

Beabadoobee is twenty three year-old alternative artist that debuted in March 2018 with her debut EP 'Lice'. Since then, the singer-songwriter went viral for her debut single 'Coffee' and has released two successful albums. She has also opened for Taylor Swift's Eras Tour and has had multiple songs go viral on TikTok. From songs like 'Perfect Pair' to 'Cologne', Beabadoobee is innovative and creative with her melodies and songwriting. Beabadoobee released 'The Way Things Go' on July 18th, 2023. The song is essentially a bittersweet anthem; it is about a breakup. The song shows this breakup slowly fading. While it's sad that the break up has happened, the song accepts how inevitable life is. She wants to communicate with a past lover, but takes the higher road and does not. The song is a smart and mature way of approaching a past relationship and its inevitable breaking up point.

The song was received positively by critics noting the mature perspective and lyrics that appeared in 'Glue Song'. Fans were mostly positive with their reactions to the single, while some were not a fan of Beabadoobee ditching the acoustic and bedroom sound she usually does for this track. Most people loved the newer sound, as it sounded very refreshing and mature. The music video with the song pictures the singer-songwriter as a ballerina, trying to find peace whilst dealing with the final stage of grief.

The music video is a beautiful and artistic way to resemble her lyrics into videography.



But is the positive recognition associated with the single deserved for the song's sound, lyricism, and imagery? I believe it has a mature perspective and astounding lyrics.

Despite listening to Beabadoobee for a few years now, this does not affect my review of the song. I do truly love the song by itself for its lyricism and soft sound. The genre of this single is alternative, not a shocker if you had heard of any of her previous songs. I love the lyrics all throughout the song, as it can be interpreted in so many different ways despite being written with just one meaning. For example, I was listening to the song while driving to the first day of school. It's a very bittersweet feeling from going from your last summer as a child to your first day of senior year. The song captured this feeling of letting go of my childhood and letting life slowly spring adulthood my way.

Furthermore, the song is not tiring at all, I listened to it the whole time during the first day

and not once did I change to a different song. It's the perfect number to put in the background when you are walking through a busy hallway, not too loud that you won't notice what's going on around you, but not too quiet that you can hear all the loud voices a crowded hallway comes with.

I've said it before and I will say it again, this song is a bittersweet anthem for many situations especially if you're remembering previous relationships. I feel like comparing it to her other single from this year, 'Glue Song', which is quite underrated. 'Glue Song' was released on February 14th, 2023 and became a very popular song on TikTok and is beloved by fans for its heartwarming lyrics. It is a song about developing such a strong bond with someone and being deeply committed to them. While 'The Way Things Go' is still loved, it's not as appreciated as 'Glue Song' is. Overall I really enjoy and recommend this track and give it a 4.25 out 5 rating.

Kicking Into EA Sports FC 24

by Ben Brenner



Is your goal trying to get a new soccer video game for console?

Well you're heading in the right direction. No more FIFA licensing and say hello to EA Sports FC 24, a new type of soccer game which crossed the shelves late September. The famed Norwegian goal-scoring assassin Erling Haaland, who won the treble with Manchester City, graced the cover of the game. The new game features a new variety of game modes such as the new and improved "Evolution Mode". This mode allows players to increase their Ultimate Team, but with upgrading their cards based on performance in game.

Volta is back and it's better than ever! FIFA 23 covered Volta, but it had mixed reviews. Most exciting is the new graphics and more intense gameplay. Every player in the game now has a realistic face scan, features wonderkids, and has any player who is under the age of 21. Another new interesting feature in EA is the ability to play with the entire NWSL (Nation Women's Soccer League). The female players never got the credit and respect they deserve. Female players are also fairly rated this year with more leagues to choose from. Female players can be customized and can share the pitch with male players now. Sam Kerr and Alexia Putellas are the highest-ranked female players.

Haaland and Kylian Mbappe are the highest-rated players in the game with 91 rating. With that being said, the Era of Messi and Ronaldo is coming to an end. Messi is earning cash in Miami, while CR7 is fooling defenders in Saudi Arabia, but are in the twilight of their careers. The highest-rated midfielder is still Kevin De Bruyne with a high rating of 91 for the seventh edition in a row. He's possibly the most consistent player in the world and also part of that treble-winning Man City team.

Another new gamemode is "Clubs Career Mode" that allows the user to create their own club crest, jersey design and stadium. This allows the user to feel some ownership vibes, but not having to actually fork out any real money or deal with the stress of being an owner! As for gameplay, the new "Precision Passing" is cool and a way to diversify the playing style. With FC 24 fast-paced gameplay, it's certainly a Premier League-style banger.

In Light of New GC Phone Policy, Cell Phone Experiment Shows Interesting Results by Nawar Ahammed

By now we've heard about the new cell phone policy in school. If you haven't, let me enlighten you; the new policy is that students are not allowed to use our phones at all during class and if a student is caught using them, the teacher will tell us to put them away. If you still don't put the device away, the teacher will take your phone and put it in a ziplock bag. Afterward, the teacher will send it down and your parents have to come to the school and get the phone for at the main office. No one would want to be in that position with our parents. As a result, students should want to avoid using phones at all during class.

Even though we may not like this new policy, this new policy may have some really good effects. In Ms. Treder's Sociology Class, students did a little experiment. In that experiment, she gave all of us a posted note as students walked into class and told us to take their phones out and turn the notifications on. She then told us to write down every time students in the class get a notification on the posted note, while working on our lesson. During class, phones went off a bunch of times and one can say it was very distracting.

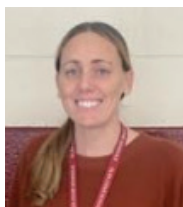
While trying to write down answers and focus in class, everyone's phones kept ringing with a bunch of notifications. At the end of class, we added all the notifications students had as a class, and in one period alone, there were 108 notifica-



tions. In another period of Ms. Treder's class, there were a total of 180 notifications. One would believe that there would have been even more notifications during afternoon time.

After interviewing some students in class about cell phones and distractions, here are some of their responses: "When we had our notifications on and our phones out, it was very hard for me to focus on class no matter how hard I tried to focus" "Even when I had my phone turned to the other side on my desk, the constant buzzing made me feel like I was missing out on something and had more of an urge to check my phone." "My phone didn't buzz that much, but every time I looked at it I had an urge to turn it on."

Like it or not, cell phones create a lot of distractions while we are trying to focus in class. By having it out, we may risk getting poor grades, getting in trouble and getting more addicted. Leaving them in our bags during class time can help us all with our attention span, grades and be more engaged in school as well as the world around us



Teacher Feature

Ms. Butterworth by Peyton Angalet

Our amazing community at Glen Cove is something that is especially contributed to by our teachers that work to create a safe and supportive environment for the students. Within recent years, you might have seen a new addition to the faculty. Teaching computer science and math classes is Ms. Butterworth!

Even from a young age, she had always loved the school environment and the opportunity to learn new things. A particular passion for math has followed her throughout her life. From counting change at the store to taking advanced classes like AP Calculus in high school, this interest helped inspire her to pursue a career in education. "It was my goal to help other people learn to love math as much as me without being afraid of a challenging subject," she exclaimed!

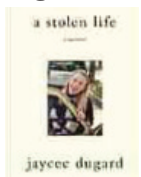
Although math is often seen as a daunting task for many students, Ms. Butterworth has taken great strides to change this mindset. In fact, helping students find joy in the challenges of math has become her favorite part of teaching. "Sometimes thinking of math as a 'class you have to take' can be overwhelming and seem kind of boring." Instead, she steers her students to see math in a completely different light, from an entirely new perspective. "It's exciting when math can turn into a lesson about sports statistics, investing and making money, cooking a meal, writing a song, and so much more," said Butterworth.

Having grown up on the South Shore and attending Molloy College for her undergraduate and graduate degrees, Ms. Butterworth is no stranger to Long Island communities. She is in her 10th year of teaching and currently in her third year at Glen Cove High School. She has picked up on several of Glen Cove's traits, most prominent being the sense of community and familiarity of people. "There are teachers who went to school here, families who have lived here for generations, and it seems like everyone knows each other in a way that makes it feel like a family," she stated.

Not only has she learned much about our community, but she has engaged in it by being the advisor for Mu Alpha Theta, the Math Honor Society, as well as being the assistant coach for varsity softball alongside Coach Kessel. She has also recently begun teaching AP Computer Science, which has provided her a fun learning experience for technology and programming.

Ms. Butterworth has already proven to be a wonderful addition to our Glen Cove Family, with her lively presence and determination to be an asset to our school. Providing a motivational environment, she leaves students with a few simple words of advice, "be a role model for kindness."

English classes at the high school use a portion of their class time for Independent Reading, where students and teachers select a book of their choice to read freely. Each month the Knightly News will talk to one teacher and one student to share their thoughts about what they're currently reading. Here's what they had to say:



Zoe Alvarez

A Stolen Life by Jaycee Dugard

Would you recommend this book to someone?

Why or why not?

I would recommend this book to people who like biographies, crime as it's both in one describing how quickly life had changed for this girl over the course of 18 years.

Why do you think other readers would enjoy it?

Readers will enjoy this book as it shows pictures from the actual scene to really put the reader in the moment. As for the chapter titles, the way Jaycee's details in her story engages the reader almost instantly. I had personally loved reading this book.

What ages or types of readers do you think would like the book?

Readers of a more mature age who aren't as sensitive to certain topics of mistreatment and abandonment although I believe any person who chose to read this book will enjoy and become genuinely invested as Jaycee is growing through her teen years.

How much did you know about this book before picking it up? What surprised you the most about the book?

All I had known before reading this book was about the case itself, general information that she had been kidnapped but never the in-depth of what she had endured and that is what had surprised me.

How thought-provoking did you find the book?

Did the book change your opinion about anything, or did you learn something new from it? If so, what?

Ever since I had started reading this book I had times where I wouldn't want to put the book down, urging me to find out what happens next, what does she do to deal or to cope as a recurring thing is what she does to get accustomed to those conditions from such a young age.

How did the book make you feel? Did it evoke any emotions? Make you laugh, cry, or cringe?

The book keeps me on the edge when I read it yet evokes empathy just to know that nobody had known where she was and her knowing she was so close yet so far from her home and her mom and sister that she always talks about wondering how they are doing or if they are still looking for her it aches my heart yet it's a relieving feeling that all of this comes to light and the kidnapper had received his justice.



Ms. Dominguez

The Radium Girls by Kate Moore

Would you recommend this book to someone?

Why or why not?

I would absolutely recommend this book to any of my students and friends. It is well written and the story is fascinating and terrifying at the same time. To learn the lengths that some corporations would go to in order to make money was sad and heart-breaking.

Why do you think other readers would enjoy it?

I think others would enjoy this book because it is informative and easy to read. I think that others would enjoy reading about historical events in an entertaining way.

What ages or types of readers do you think would like the book?

I believe that anyone from 7th grade and up would like to read this book. Students who like history would also enjoy this book. Because of the scientific elements (and the terrible effects of said elements), students interested in science and forensics would also enjoy this book.

How much did you know about this book before picking it up? What surprised you the most about the book?

I did know about the Radium Girls and how they died prior to picking up this book. However, I did not know how just horribly and unfairly they were treated by the corporations for which they worked and ultimately gave their lives. They were essential workers during World War I and were left to die.

How thought-provoking did you find the book?

Did the book change your opinion about anything, or did you learn something new from it? If so, what?

This book was fascinating; finding out the lengths to which corporations would go to protect their profits and actively harm their employees was rage-inducing. I learned that the corporations knew they were poisoning the girls, but did nothing but actively hide that fact from these young women.

How did the book make you feel? Did it evoke any emotions? Make you laugh, cry, or cringe?

This book made me want to cry several times when Moore discussed the physical toll that the radium had on these bright young women. It also angered me because these women were carelessly cast aside by their employers. Many times, these corporations tried to delay any court cases in order for the women to die so as to not pay out any settlements.



The Godfather:
Why you
should watch
it today

by Emmanuel Aschalew

When you hear about "The Godfather" what comes to your mind? I have found it all too common for people of my generation to dismiss this film. Many think of it as an irrelevant film of the past. And it certainly is a film of the past. And yet, I believe that it is an undeniably beautiful and meaningful film even today, 51 years after it was released into theaters. However, when most young people hear of it, they find it to be an annoyance. Most have never actually watched it, and simply associate it with a host of other old relics that their parents hold on to from their youth as a part of a bygone era. I find this to be a great tragedy, one I hope to rectify in this film review.

So then, what exactly is it that makes The Godfather such a classic and what meaning does it have today? Honestly, what makes the movie so good is not the beautiful plot, nor fantastic cinematography, but the idea it conveys. First and foremost, it is a story about moral corruption. Many mistake it for a mafia film. This is the most basic and slightly idiotic understanding of what it is about.

It is a film which is extremely layered. The Godfather is both a warning and a question. The story focuses on Michael Corleone, the youngest son of a mob boss by the name of Vito. Michael never intended to be apart of the "family business" or its tradition. But as his father's position as Don becomes less and less certain, Michael is slowly drawn into his family's life, his wills and desires become twisted by the reality of his fate and destiny. He enters into a new life, full of crime and morals that seemed so clear in the beginning and soon become twisted.

The entire film is a slow progression on the corruption of Michael from being an innocent young man into a mob boss, who is completely unrecognizable compared to who he used to be. And yet, it appears that although he is forced by fate, whilst this happens he also allows this foreign destiny to come upon him. He is a perfect example of how a person who is a morally upstanding citizen can turn into something vastly different. Ultimately, he represents the average person. The average individual is born with their own unique hopes and dreams. Yet slowly, over time, society (typically through the

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Poetry Corner

Halloween by A

Eagerly the students wait,
 All eyes on the clock perched against the wall.
 The orange and yellow leaves fall,
 Carried by the cold winds of October.
 Every mind is zoned out,
 Daydreaming about how many bags will be full of candy.
 The bell sounds loudly,
 Letting the students pour into the once empty hallways
 Footsteps thump against the floor,
 Creating a big thunderstorm of children.
 The school doors swing open,
 Ghosts of wind hitting their faces as they run out.
 They run and jump,
 Crunching the leaves underneath their shoes.
 Parents drive in lines,
 Awaiting to take their sons and daughters home.
 While other students walk together,
 Exhaling to make warm clouds of smoke in the air.
 Afternoon arrives,
 Thousands of bodies decorated in costume.
 Houses fill with chatter,
 As the sun begins to withdraw to the horizon.
 Lights flicker on,
 Illuminating the street in the night sky.
 Front doors open,
 Dark and bright colors fill the surrounding area.
 Children skip happily,
 Their baskets swinging recklessly next to them.
 Multiple doorbells ring,
 Faces bright with joy as the candy pours.
 Laughter echos throughout the night,
 Children unsuspecting of a Halloween fright.



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 Mr. Lombardo & Mr. O'Donnell

Communities Service Importance

by Hailey Aguilar

What is community service? Community service is voluntary work that helps people in a specific area. Community service could also be seen as unpaid work that can help the community in many different aspects. It's when you help out in your community without the intention of getting a reward.

Why is community service important? Community service is important because it helps people have a better connection to their community. The actions demonstrated by community service leaves a positive impact. Community service is also a key thing that colleges look for. Showing college administrations that you've done community service can provide a demonstration of leadership, collaboration, time-management and communication. Volunteer hours can also be a deciding factor between two equally qualified applicants.

How do you get community service hours? Community service can be acquired in many different locations in our community. The Glen Cove Public Library offers some community service hours. The Glen Cove Public Library has many activities, more specifically on Thursdays, and many of these activities count for community service. They also have an event called "The Great Give Back" where people are asked to donate an item to animal rescue. These items include cat/dog food, cat/dog treats, cat/dog toys, etc. If you donate such items to the Glen Cove Public Library, you can then receive two community service hours.

There are also clubs here in Glen Cove High School that provide opportunities for community service. This includes DECA and the Key Club. Key Club is a club that is mostly dedicated to community service. In this club, you will be provided with many different activities and opportunities to receive community service. If there were to be a parade and or fund raiser where help is needed for setting up or participating in selling food/other items, the Key Club provides information about such events. DECA is similar, but more complex. If you participate in DECA you receive a college credit. It mostly has to do with business although community service is also involved. You must do a certain amount of community service in order to be in the club. DECA provides opportunities for the community service that is needed. All members of DECA also need to do a competition in front of a judge in order to be a part of the club. The overall importance of community service is it's helpful in connecting with the community and looks good on a college application.



by Ibaad Naqvi

What are the most important things to do as a teenager?

When being a teenager, you're told to focus on your studies to get into a good university and to get a good job to live a good life. Although this is really important for you, it shouldn't be all you think about.

As a teenager, you should discover new aspects of life, create new experiences and meet different people. You should look at yourself and see your strengths and weaknesses as well as bettering yourself by creating goals and working towards them in a patient way. You should regularly maintain your emotional and mental health, while also being aware of how your friends and family are doing and helping them through their difficulties. Now, as I said in the beginning, your grades aren't everything and they don't value how smart or how good of a person you are, but they do have significance on your life. You should maintain fairly good grades, while also doing everything I've said in the column so far. This can be hard for some and some can take to extreme measures, but this is not the right answer.

If you're feeling like it's too hard for you to be able to manage and that you're not going to make it, you have to pull yourself together. Talk to people close to you such as your friends or family. I know for some it might be difficult to talk to a family member about certain topics, but you should at least talk to someone. Don't worry too much about what's going on now in high school, because in the future it won't be of significance.

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Imagine, you're in front of your college guidance counselor, looking down at a pen and a blank sheet of paper. Finally picking what you want to study, except you have no idea. This can be an overwhelming and daunting experience. But fear not, here are some tips to help you choose the right college major.

During your four years of college depending on certain colleges/universities you apply to, the amount of time you can hold off by being an undeclared major is usually until the end of your sophomore year. Before that time, you can choose classes that will help you graduate or help you develop an interest in a particular field. Even as early as high school, you could find out what you would like to do by taking harder classes that interest you such as AP Courses. Classes that you know you will have a special connection with, or things that just come easy for you. Look back at past life experiences and ask yourself what truly excites you. Ask people you trust for advice on what you could do and don't pick a degree just because your friends are doing it. Everybody should go into a career that they have a passion for and gives you stability.

Studying a degree that makes good money is everyone's initial thought when entering college.

Degrees that can lead to jobs that make a lot of money are computer science, accounting, finance, mathematics, nursing and most types of engineering. Students taking a type of engineering degree make up to \$65,000 to \$70,000 as soon as they finish college. Considering any of the degrees mentioned above requires the utmost dedication. The reason you get paid a lot for these jobs is because there are rigorous courses you are required to take. It is important to know your abilities and skill level before biting off more than you can chew.

Finding a perfect balance isn't easy in the slightest.

Most high school students choose not to follow passions in order to give their parents peace of mind. Every loving parent's dream is for their child to become successful and happy. Careers that make good money and give you free time could be a teacher, nurse, school psychologist, dental hygienists, judges, and principals. The pay with these jobs vary, free time during holidays and breaks are guaranteed. Some more than others like teachers compared to principals. Being a nurse also gives you one of the most flexible hours and very good pay. For more information, you should conduct further research when you have free time.

Finishing with this, choosing a future career is not easy, but with time, you'll find immense joy with your final destination. If you take note of these tips, whether you are a senior or a freshman, you still have your entire lives ahead of you. Don't sell yourself short and push yourself to make dreams a reality.

The Godfather:

"take the cannoli"

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family) psychologically ingrains new dreams and hopes into people. And yet, people accept this as their own.

The goal of society and the goals of your life become indistinguishable. In the same way, Michael (in the beginning), is entirely different from the society he was raised in. Yet slowly, as he feels the responsibility of his tradition, it transforms him into a new person. But he is not forced into this. He always has the option of quitting his life and chasing after his original dreams. Yet he allows himself to be subdued into this new life.

Ultimately, Michael becomes his father. However, he wasn't born that way. Michael knows this, but doesn't care. Yet you and I, looking at his life from the outside, can see the utter monster he's become. But who are we to call him a monster, when we may share in his fate? How many of us have become our parents? Yet is this fate forced upon us? These are questions that we should and must ask ourselves. Do we know who we really are? What do we really want? Or are we merely products of the society around us? Ultimately, this film serves as a warning for us.

For who we may become, who we already are, and who we may let ourselves become.

Theater Improvisation in GCHS by Barbara Benetiz

Theater improvisation was pioneered during the 20th century by Viola Spolin—a drama supervisor on the Chicago Recreational Project. If it weren't for her, theater as we know it wouldn't exist.

At the beginning of last year, a new Improv club was announced and that Glen Cove High School would be part of "The East Coast HS Improv Games." Needless to say, it was certainly interesting. The Improv club was the brainchild of District Coordinator Mr. Nadel, who thought adding another facet to the Fine Arts Department would be a good idea. The Knightly News asked some questions to the advisor of the Improv Club to find out what this year's competition might bring us. You might not be good at acting, but improvisation allows everyone to have fun while performing and there are no limits. EVERYTHING is possible!

That aforementioned advisor, Mrs. Cullen is in charge of the club and she mentioned that as soon as she heard about it, she knew she had to be part of it.

"For me, making others laugh and getting students to express themselves is the best part of teaching," she said. The previous year, Glen Cove went against Wantagh for the first round of Improv games, with some of our favorites were: Pan left, gibberish interpreter and freeze. Now, if you're not a theater person, you probably won't know how they work, so here's a quick summary:

Pan left; four players, four groups of two (each player acts twice), each group will be given a word and they will have to improvise a scene based on it. Each time the facilitator says "PAN LEFT" the scene will change.

Gibberish interpreter; with four players, two will speak gibberish/nonsense at each other while the other two try to act out the situation they were given. Freeze; The more players the better, the game will start with two players. They will choose a scene and act it out as dramatically as possible...body language, everything. The more exaggerated it is the better! At some point, if one of the other players thinks the pose or mood of the scene is interesting, they will yell "FREEZE!" and take out a player. The scene will reset, but this time it'll be different.

Sadly, we were informed that this year's East Coast Competition has been canceled. Even so, the members of the club still plan on making the most out of this year



Second-Half Surge Propels Glen Cove to Victory *by Ben Brenner*



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Who says you can't take care of business at home, while technically not being "at home?"

Case in point: an unrelenting rainstorm pushed this year's Homecoming Game at Centre Island Field in Bayville back 24 hours, but that didn't hinder Glen Cove from utilizing a 22-point second half to rough up Valley Stream North 46-27 to improve to 2-2.

The Knights had only a one-point lead at halftime, but thanks to 240 all-purpose yards and 3 touchdowns (two rushing and one receiving) from junior Devon Gonzalez, GC squashed any hopes the Spartans had of upsetting the homecoming apple cart. Quarterback Jady Johnson chipped in with 81 rushing yards and two scores of his own, while also connecting on a pair of two-point conversion tallies to Javier Cota.

Looking back, the reset at halftime was key. "We had a pep talk at halftime and we came out with more energy and we executed," said wideout Peter Satchell, who had a 41-yard reception in the game and has been the go-to man for Glen Cove when they decide to go to the air. Johnson also echoed those sentiments.

"Each player had to play their role and job and basically made us better and mistake free to prevail in the second half," he said. For Coach Tripp, the logistical challenges have to be taken in stride. "We like to say we have away games and further away games," he said. "However, the key was Thursday leading up to the game. We actually practiced on the Bayville field, so the kids could get comfortable and get the lay of the land. For many players, they haven't used this field since junior league."

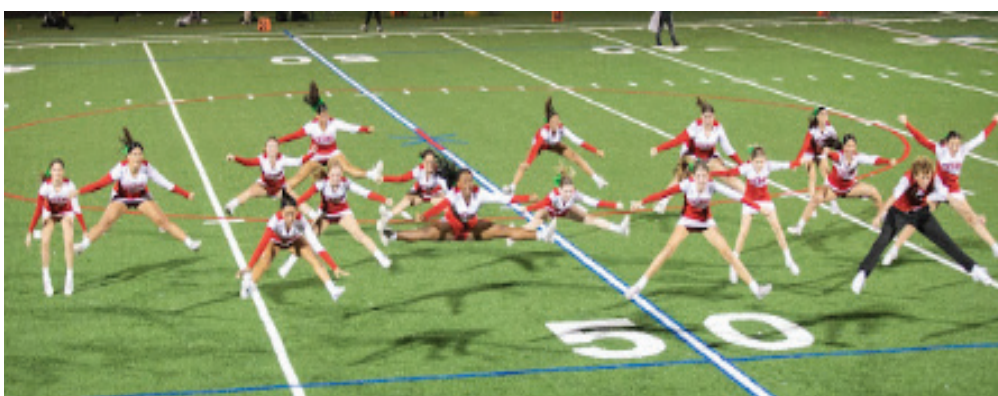
The coach worried that all the momentum built up from the pep rally on Friday afternoon would evaporate since the game was pushed back, but the team smartly did a run-through practice that Friday to keep them focused and ready for the next day. "We weren't as crisp in the early going, which we kind of expected," said Tripp. "But the opening drive of the second half we scored and we were able to capitalize on a few things to right the ship."

GC's run-oriented attack has been spurred on by junior Taha Waly and Gonzalez, who rumbled for 182 yards and a touchdown in the 34-20 win over Bellmore JFK earlier in the season.

Wali was no slouch either on that day with 135 rushing yards of his own and a score. Sprinkle in Johnson running the ball from the quarterback spot, which forces defenses not to key on one particular player. Unfortunately, Gonzalez suffered a left knee injury in the Valley Stream North game and will be sidelined for the remaining four contests.

"It was inspiring to win on homecoming and beat teams in general who are supposedly 'better' than us and make a run at the playoffs," said Gonzalez. Defensively, the team looks to its linebacking corps, led by senior stalwart Anthony Lambert-Watkins, to slow down opposing defenses, while left cornerback Davin Young, who has dubbed his area "the no fly zone", has stood out in the secondary. In the trenches, the Knights have seen inspired play from yet another pair of juniors in Josiah Mingo-Cooper and Derek Brown.

Despite a tough loss to Roosevelt a week later, the team is making strides in a positive direction and the goal is having a game in November. "The goal is the playoffs and a team that gets to five wins is able to get in," said Waly.



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