

Jackrabbit Fever Springs to Life in Redfield

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On February 5, the school was full of spirit as the SDSU cheerleaders and dance team came to Redfield with their mascot Jack the Jackrabbit. SDSU Night here in Redfield was a night in remembrance for the smiling, laughing, SDSU basketball-loving fan, Logan Klebsch.



Wearing their "Live Like Logan" shirts, four RHS elementary students pose with Jack from SDSU at the boys' basketball game on Thursday, February 5th.

A majority of the RDHS students and even the opposing visitors, Clark/Willow Lake, were wearing yellow and blue to help celebrate the night. There were approximately over 1,800 people present, and a majority of them were wearing their 'Live Like Logan' shirts or anything with the SDSU logo on it. During the evening games, the jersey was displayed that was made for Logan and presented in his honor at the SDSU "Redfield" night.

The Redfield FFA and FCCLA groups sold ice cream and yellow and blue cotton candy. The Pheasant Club and the RHS Competition Cheer team were also a huge help with the night. The groups helped with another project: The Samaritan Food Project. If a pair of shoes

was donated, that person received a free bag of popcorn. The first 75 donations received popcorn and an SDSU souvenir cup. In support of the project, the Redfield coaches went barefoot during the game. By the end of the

night, 92 pairs of shoes had been donated. An auction was another activity during the varsity game; two autographed SDSU basketballs, one women's and one men's, were auctioned off, raising \$700.00.

On the athletic side of the evening, the Pheasant JV team played a hard-fought game, but just couldn't keep up with the Cyclones and lost 30-40 in overtime; seeing their record go to 7-7. The JV game was led by junior Dalton Jessen's 10 points and sophomore Alan Masat with 7 points.

The boys' varsity game against Clark Willow Lake was one of the most exciting games of the season. The Redfield-Doland Pheasants gave it all they had, ending the first half in the lead at 31-21. The game didn't slow down after half time, and by the end of the third period the Cyclones had gained ground, but Pheasants still held a 36-33 lead. The 4th period was a fight for all on both sides of the court. With less than a minute to go, the Pheasants had a chance to tie or take the lead, but couldn't convert on a couple of different occasions. Clark/Willow Lake made 5 of 6 free throws in the last 45 seconds to seal the win of a hard fought game, ending it 44-49. The game was led by senior Kyle Stover with 16 points and 6 assists, and senior Ephram Albrecht added 12 points and 7 rebounds; freshman Dalton Howe contributed 11 points, nine of which came from his three 3-pointers.