



The success of North Putnam's annual Homecoming, if measured only by the win-loss column, was unsuccessful. But in every other way it was quite successful.

The spirited Cougars fought an exciting game right to the finish only to fall to the visiting Southmont Mounties 7-16. Excited Cougar fans had high hopes of a victory through most of the game as the possibility was never out of reach until the waning moments of the final quarter. With a standing-room-only crowd on hand, even those with seats were standing during much of the game.

Adding to the festivities of the evening were the ever-popular "Marching Cougars." Led by John Sinnet and Debbie Higgins and with the pleasing addition of such talented Cougarettes as Jolie Martin (below-center), the band entertained the fans with pre-game and halftime performances and provided rousing music and appropriate sound effects throughout the game.

As always, an anticipated highlight of Homecoming is the crowning of the queen. Being crowned by her predecessor, Kelly Bainaka (top-left), and flanked by senior Cougars Tony Bryan and Larry Smith (top-center), Sarah Griffin modestly accepted this year's honor. Other members of the court (left-center) were seniors Staci Davies, Leesa Miller, and Barbie Simon, junior Stephanie Haler, sophomore Darcie DeBoer, and freshman Joyce West.

