

Pride, history connect

Main St. alive with marchers

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The sights and sounds of "Orange Pride" and the Halloween spirit were on full display for all to see Saturday when the city hosted the Orange High School homecoming parade.

The 2009 Orange Homecoming Parade featured the marching bands from Orange High and Newark's Central High. The two schools squared off in varsity football during the afternoon and Orange prevailed, 28-14, allowing the Tornadoes to clinch a berth in the upcoming regional playoffs.

Students from all of Orange's public schools and the Recreation Department's youth sports teams also marched. Participants included members of the Orange Police Department, Orange Fire Department and the Marching Majestics step team.

"It was good to see the Orange community come together to celebrate our athletes and school pride," said Ronald Lee, who marked his first homecoming parade as superintendent. Councilman Elroy Corbitt, a former Board of Education member, served as the parade marshal.

Joining the parade walkers and performers were members of the school's Homecoming Court: • King: Marquise Goods • Queen: Monica Reynolds • Mr. OHS: Khemani Gibson • Ms. OHS: Ramota Mustapha • Mr. Senior: Cherrod Roberts • Ms. Senior: Katherine Mateo • Mr. International: McKenzie Eltine • Ms. International: Alaysia Saint Furcy • Mr. Junior: Marcus Narcisse • Ms. Junior: Jackie Owes • Ms. Sophomore: Tillani Waller