

Assassin Strikes Again

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Where Were You When They Struck?

It was the paranoia that got to him the most. He peered his head out of the curtains, surveying his backyard for any intruders that may have been lurking in the shadows. Check. In a quick instant, he was on the other side of the room, scanning his front porch for any signs of movement. Check. Finally, he began to monitor the area around his car sitting in the driveway. Clear. With his car keys in hand and his water gun at the ready, he burst through his front door and out into the open. He knew he was a target, but where and when he'd be hit, was the real question.

These were the thoughts running through students' heads, all throughout the North Kansas City School District, playing Assassin this summer.

"I was very reluctant to hang out with some of my friends during the course of the game," said senior Mackenzie Nelson, "[I was] thinking that they'd either 'kill' me or lure me into a situation where I'd get out."

Senior Orië Agbaji and 2015 grad-

uate Joey Scott started the first Assassin game on April 10, 2015.

"I got the idea for Assassin from my friend that goes to Olathe-Northwest," said Agbaji. "I asked her to explain the game to me. She told me that it is a fun game to bring the school together and also stir up some healthy competition."

Agbaji then collaborated with Scott to revise the set of rules from Olathe Northwest, and thus Oak Park Assassin was born.

It was every man for himself.

The rules were simple: eliminate the target assigned to you with ei-

ther a water gun or bottle, no "kills" could be attempted inside or outside of Oak Park or inside the target's home, and the person with the most "kills" at the end won a large cash prize which was formed from the initial sign up fee required from every player.

However, the game slowly altered into something much more competitive during the summer game when teams were introduced by a new admin, senior Absalom Solorio.

"I came up to Orië with the idea of having teams. I got the idea from one of my teammates so I thought it would be a good idea to try it at OP," Solorio said..

Solorio then became an admin for the new game, being in charge of the teams where he would record all of the "kills" as well as letting each team know who their targets were.

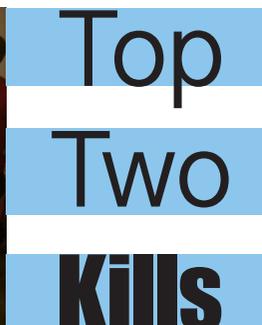
"[In this game] there were four people per group and they were assigned a team," said Solorio. "The goal was to 'kill' as many of them as possible if they were to take out all 4 people, they would be assigned a new team."

Instead of just keeping the game open to Oak Park students, the admins then opened it up to all 4 North Kansas City schools making it more difficult to the people playing.

"Luckily [I] didn't have to face

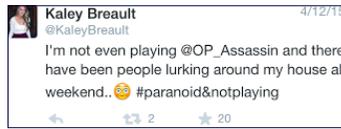


Senior Mackenzie Nelson shoves cake into 2015 graduate Conner Clapham's face after assisting graduate Matt Wingerson with the "kill".



The Oak Park Team "The Presidents" was able to assassinate all 4 members of "The Dream Team" in only 24 hours.

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people from another school,” said senior Ricardo Campos,” but if you didn’t have connections in those schools than it was basically impossible to even try to get them.”

To deal with the difficulty of finding teams, the players began to come up with unique strategies to keep themselves from being “assassinated.”

“My basic Assassin strategy was to just not tell anyone that I was playing. No one suspected that I was a part of the game, which made it easier to help my team “kill” our targets.” Nelson said. “[Also] one of my most constant precautions taken was driving my parents’ cars when going out. My car is very distinctive and memorable, so my parents were generous in supporting my playing in the game and let me drive their cars so no one would recognize me.”

Other strategies included working better with teammates.

“You definitely had to communicate as a team in the second game,” Cassity said. “I really feel the teams that communicated better and had a plan were the teams that were more successful in the game.”

Within the last two hours of the summer game, the only Staley team ended up coming out on top with 9 “kills”.

“The top “kill” this game had to be when the Staley team got four people out within two hours to win the whole game. Had they not

gotten those “kills” they wouldn’t have won first place,” Solorio said.

However, Cassity was crowned the first ever Mr. OP Assassin, on May 13.

“Winning the game the first season was pretty cool.” said Cassity. “I mean it was the first ever, so being known as Mr. OP Assassin is pretty awesome. At the end of the game it was between me and Logan Allenbaugh, so the friendly competition made the win that much better.”

Although he was “assassinated” early on in the summer game by senior Kale Snipes, Cassity still had a positive attitude.

“Really, I’ll still always be OP’s first ever Assassin winner, so I was okay with getting eliminated in the second game, but now I will be a host and not a competitor, so it’ll be time for a new champion. It’ll be

cool to still be involved in the game, but on the other end as a host. Is that saying that I’ll never come out of retirement? Who knows? We shall see! Anyone with questions should contact me with details!”

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In Numbers there were

3 Schools 39 Boys & 21 Girls

Oak Park
Northtown
and Staley

15 Teams

60 Players 41 Kills 3 Admins

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