

THE LAST PAIR

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EXT. FOOTBALL FIELD - NIGHT

The home crowd CHEERS as members of a high school football team rush onto the field.

The mood is familiar - a good old-fashioned rivalry under Friday night lights.

In the middle of the pack, PLAYER 45, beams a joyful smile towards his FAMILY in the STANDS, puts his thumb up.

EXT. BLEACHERS - CONTINUOUS

His GRANDPA (80's) and his MOM (40's) exude the same radiant smiles, cheering, their thumbs up in return.

EXT. FOOTBALL FIELD - LATER

45 catches a long pass, shakes off a tackle and takes it home for a touchdown. The crowd erupts.

EXT. BLEACHERS - CONTINUOUS

Grandpa and Mom high-five each other in excitement.

INT. HOUSE - FRONT DOOR - LATER

45 and his grandpa walk through the door, both celebrating over the game ball.

INT. HOUSE - BEDROOM - LATER

Grandpa sneaks into 45's bedroom while he sleeps, uses the boy's laptop.

He types something using one finger.

On the screen we see the word PROUD in a dialogue box.

Grandpa grins.

INT. HOUSE - KITCHEN - ONE WEEK LATER

45 and his Mom sit at the kitchen table in silence, somber.

Next to them, an empty chair.

HALLWAY

A PICTURE memorial of Grandpa leans next to fresh flowers and a FOLDED U.S. FLAG in his memory.

EXT. FOOTBALL FIELD - NIGHT

The home crowd CHEERS as members of the same high school football team rush onto the field.

Except today, 45 trails the pack, his spirit low.

He glances at the stands, sees the empty seat next to his mom who looks on, cheering with utter sadness.

SIDELINES

45 approaches his usual spot on the bench, sees A SHOEBOX. Taped on top of it is a picture of him and Grandpa.

He looks around confused, opens it to reveal: a brand new pair of cleats.

He picks one up, sees the word "PROUD" engraved on one heel and "Luv G-PA" engraved in the other.

45 fights back his tears, a heartfelt smile dawns his face.

He looks to the bleachers and raises a thumbs up.

EXT. BLEACHERS - CONTINUOUS

His mom smiles, returns the thumb.

EXT. SIDELINE - CONTINUOUS

45 pulls on his new cleats and runs onto the field.