

= Raging Bully =

" Raging Bully " is the sixth broadcast episode of the animated television series Phineas and Ferb . In the episode , Phineas Flynn is challenged to a thumb wrestling competition at the mall with the local bully , Buford , after he accidentally embarrasses him in the food court . Meanwhile , the evil Dr. Heinz Doofenshmirtz tries using a hypnotic contraption to force everyone to celebrate his birthday and clean up their mess after the party .

" Raging Bully " was written by series co @-@ founders Dan Povenmire and Jeff " Swampy " Marsh and directed by Povenmire . Heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield guest starred as himself , training Phineas for the big thumb @-@ wrestling match . The episode originally broadcast on Disney Channel on February 6 , 2008 , as part of the month @-@ long special event , " Phineas and Ferb @-@ urary . " It received generally positive reviews from television critics and the featured musical number , " He 's a Bully , " became available on the official Phineas and Ferb soundtrack in 2009 .

= = Plot summary = =

While at the food court in the mall , Phineas accidentally drops his ice cream cone on bully Buford 's pants , causing the whole food court to laugh at Buford . Enraged , he challenges Phineas to a fight right there , but boxing champion Evander Holyfield arrives and convinces them to instead fight in an organized thumb wrestling match later that day , which Buford accepts . Despite being cautioned by Phineas 's friends Baljeet and Isabella , Holyfield trains Phineas through simple tasks , including punching a chain of sausages and playing Dance Dance Revolution .

Meanwhile , Perry the Platypus arrives at an abandoned cake factory , where he is trapped in a vat of cake mix . His nemesis , Dr. Heinz Doofenshmirtz , appears and explains that today is his birthday . All throughout his life , his parents never showed up to his birthday parties (even his own birth) ; now , he plans on using a hypnotic device to force everyone to celebrate his birthday . He then rides off with the invention on a flying machine . Perry escapes from the mix and follows after him . In the air , Perry and Doofenshmirtz fight and the machine is activated , but while trying to get Perry to let go of the wall of the flying machine he accidentally makes the machine malfunction , causing the people below to still not want to celebrate his birthday . Doofenshmirtz , defeated , drops the ice cream cone he is eating in the fight and it falls to the ground below .

Finally , the big match commences and Phineas is vigorously beaten by Buford in each round . When the final round begins , Buford overpowers Phineas and pulls him up through the air . Just then , Doofenshmirtz 's ice cream cone falls and lands on Phineas 's head . Buford is satisfied now that Phineas is embarrassed and calls off the match . The audience who was watching cleans up the mess (due to Doofenshmirtz 's machine accidentally telling them to) . At the parking lot a few minutes later , Phineas thanks Holyfield for his help and Holyfield walks off . Ferb makes a comment which accidentally offends Buford and he is about to be beaten up , but he knocks Buford out with a Vulcan nerve pinch , to Phineas 's surprise . When Phineas asks him why he did it he responds , " Well , he was all up in my face . "

= = Production = =

" Raging Bully " was written by Phineas and Ferb co @-@ founders Dan Povenmire and Jeff " Swampy " Marsh . It was storyboarded by artists Wendy Grieb and Kent Osbourne and was directed by Povenmire , who manages the bulk of animation direction in the series along with Zac Moncrief . It was originally broadcast in the United States on February 4 , 2008 , on Disney Channel with a TV @-@ G parental rating . It was part of the network 's marathon event " Phineas and Ferb @-@ urary , " which debuted new episodes of the series every night for the entire month .

Heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield guest starred in the episode as himself , appearing at the mall to help train Phineas for the big thumb wrestling match against Buford . Holyfield 's guest performance was heavily expected since the original announcement of guest stars

lined up for the series released in September 2007 . Cast members response to working with Holyfield was highly positive ; Vincent Martella and Alyson Stoner , who portray Phineas and Isabella respectively , cited working along guest stars like him as a benefit of working on the show .

In 2008 , " Raging Bully " became available on the DVD compilation Phineas and Ferb : The Fast and the Phineas , along with fellow first season episodes of the series " One Good Scare Ought to Do It ! " " Lawn Gnome Beach Party of Terror , " " The Fast and the Phineas , " " Are You My Mummy ? " " Flop Starz , " " Lights , Candace , Action ! " and " It 's About Time ! " In 2009 , the episode 's song , " He 's a Bully , " became available on the official Phineas and Ferb soundtrack .

= = Reception = =

" Raging Bully " received generally positive reviews from television critics . DVD Talk 's David Cornelius stated that he enjoyed Holyfield 's guest appearance . Ed Liu , of Toon Zone , wrote that the episode and others included on the DVD The Fast and the Phineas were " way too manic for their own good , never giving a gag enough time to develop a proper laugh before ripping off to the next one , " but considered Phineas 's " He 's a Bully " training montage to be one of the series ' " amusing video sequences . " A Wired magazine review for the soundtrack said that the " He 's a Bully " was " butt @-@ rock , " but blended nicely with other melodies of completely different genres .