



At the Pepfest for the Vikings, center Ty Lipinski wore his, "Myrv is my Homeboy" shirt, in honor of offensive coordinator Matt Myrvik. He was greeted by teammates as he ran into the gym.



"Mike the Vike" held court and led the youngsters in cheering for the football team.

Lots of Pep



Player Thomas Hennen tore up the Wabasso shirt and threw it into the Wabasso Rabbit stew pot.



Taking a bite out of an opponent was T.J. Esping.



Logan Sussner shredded the Dawson-Boyd jersey.



Players including Tyler Myhre, Mitchell Rost, Landon Rolbiecki and Lucas Bot stirred the rabbit stew.



Players like Brant Buysse (left) and Lucas Bot went into the stands to cheer right along with their young fans.



Coach Chad Johnston spoke about the team (left) and teacher Bree Anderson got the audience fired up by saying, "I can't hear you!"



The hallway was lined with kids as the players came through. Skylar Gilbertson was nearly mobbed by fans, including volleyball players Abby and Morgan Hennen (right). Behind Gilbertson was Cole Sanow and T.J. Esping.

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The Minneota Vikings posed for a photo after they captured the 2017 Minnesota Class A State Championship by beating Wabasso, 28-13. They were all smiles as captains Thomas Hennen (11), Isaac Hennen and Alex Pohlen (12) held the championship trophy for the team. Photo for *The Mascot* by Laura Buysse.



"We're No. 1," says Isaac Hennen (above). Father and son, Tony and son T.J. Esping, shared a final moment at the Prep Bowl.



Landon Abraham and several of his teammates stacked up on Rabbit quarterback Nick Altermatt.

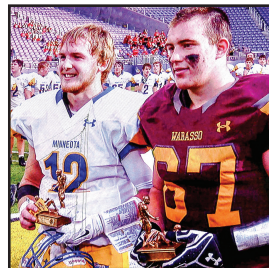
Final moments from an unforgettable season



Isaac Hennen was interviewed after the state championship game. Photo for *The Mascot* by Laura Buysse.



A final run by Alex Pohlen, who was chased by Wabasso's Ty Kemp. Photos for *The Mascot* by Brian Jeremason.



Voted Most Valuable Teammates by their teams in Class A were Alex Pohlen (left) of Minneota and Isaac Schmiesing of Wabasso (right). The MVT award is a new recognition program where one player from each championship team in each of the seven classes of Prep Bowl competition is chosen. They are chosen for leadership, sportsmanship and inspiration to his teammates during the three games of the state tournament. The player from each team was selected by his coaching staff.

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