

August 28th at Cara McGrane Memorial Stadium kicked off the first football game of the year, and what students knew would be the last game of the season due to Covid-19. Starting Sept. 8, on the first day of school, sports at Des Moines Public High Schools would

UNDEFEATED **SEASON**

A football season like no other

temporarily halt. Due to the governor's restrictions, once Des Moines Public Schools started virtual only school sports were halted until students went back in person, ultimately ending the Huskies season.

The boys started off the 7 pm game against their rivals, the North Polar Bears, with a brand new pink and gold rivalry game trophy up for grabs. The night set forth nerves of the players and crowd alike. Not only was it the first game of the season, it was senior night and the last night all of these boys would play together again.

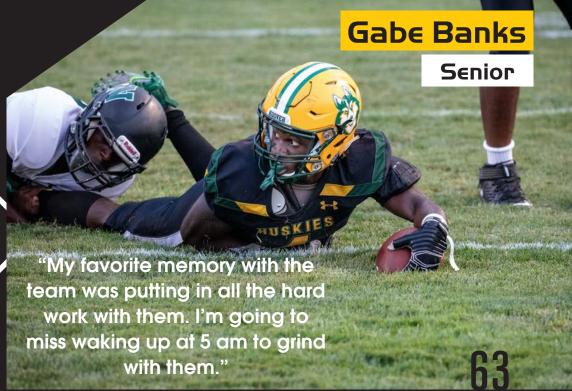
"I was looking forward to being able to play my senior year with all the other seniors on the team. We've grown and gotten better together working towards this season," senior Jerad Fischer said. The decision by the lowa Department of Education that if a school were to be or move to 100% online or remote learning, all in-person activities and practices would need to be suspended during that period devastated the team. This decision left Hoover and all other DMPS teams watching on the sidelines as neighboring district teams got the seasons they all desperately hoped for. That first game was all the boys had left together and they didn't disappoint. After a saddening senior walk at half time, the Huskies took a 40-6 win on that August night. Leaving their last memories together with joy and pride.











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