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BEST EVER



STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER

The smiles and expressions of joy on the faces of the Blossoms football players said it all after they captured Blooming Prairie's first ever state football championship Nov. 29 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. Captured in the moment of the excitement are Karson Vigeland (15) holding the state medals and Gabe Hagen (8) and Zach Weber (80) carrying the state trophy. Charlie Heimerman (62) also joins in as the Blossoms march off the field with their state title in hand. The Blossoms rolled past BOLD 41-15 to snag the title and end their season with a perfect 13-0 record. More photos and coverage can be found in the B Section.

Unbeaten Blossoms claim state title

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Bloomington has proven just how awesome it really is. For the first time in the school's history, the Blooming

Prairie Awesome Blossoms captured the state championship football title Nov. 29 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. The Blossoms upset top-ranked BOLD by blasting past them 41-15 to take the Class 1A title.

The Blossoms were out for revenge after BOLD knocked BP out of state semi-finals last year. This year it was the battle of the unbeaten as both teams came into the state championship game with unblemished records of 12-0.

After the celebration on the field, the Blossoms traveled back to Blooming Prairie for a welcome home celebration. Emergency vehicles escorted the team to the high school where about 500 people packed the school to welcome

back their hometown heroes. Check out the sports section for all the championship highlights and more photos. The Times will publish a souvenir edition commemorating the Blossoms' unforgettable season next week.

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