



# # Finish

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The cheerleaders lead the huge Hudson crowd as the Pirates score another touch down in the playoff game against St. Ansgar. There was a large turnout of students because school was canceled for the semi-final game, and then school was dismissed early for the championship game.

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kicking and screaming



Senior **Wes Geisler** kicks off after a touchdown in the UNI Dome. Just a few days before, Geisler kicked a 62-yard field goal in practice. "It felt rewarding to kick that far," said Geisler.

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## State Runner-Ups

The football team was motivated this year by the simple motto "Finish."

The mantra originated with head coach Justin Brekke, who just wanted to see the team finish the season better than the previous year.

The team started using the motto at the Simpson College Football Camp, and it became their guiding principle throughout the season.

To each player, it was more than a saying, it was a belief. "We knew we had the potential to finish the way we wanted to," said junior Caleb Koelling.

The motto was a success. The team finished with the best season for Hudson football in over two decades. The Pirates posted a shutout in four of their regular season games. Then the team started their playoffs with another shutout, defeating Pekin.



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The Pirates then took a 15-minute bus ride to the UNI Dome for the semi-final game against St. Ansgar. The Pirates defeated St. Ansgar 41-17, putting them where they wanted to be: the finals.

Though they fell to West Sioux in the championships game, the Pirates did what they set out to do this season: finish.

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AUTOPLAY



@HS\_Football Team stands on the field at the UNI Dome, awaiting their semi-final game to begin.



@Wes\_Geisler12 intercepts the ball and runs down the field until he is tackled while running the ball down the field, where he later scored the Pirates another touchdown.



@Al\_Hageman12 avoids being tackled while running the ball down the field, where he later scored the Pirates another touchdown.



@HS\_Student Section, dressed for the White Out, cheers as Hudson makes another great play at the championship game.