Jacob Bottelberghe (20) reflected the outcome for the Vikings as Walker Hennen (23) took a look at the dispair on Bottelberghe's face.

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The string was snapped — and it was almost loud enough to be heard across the state.

The Dawson-Boyd Blackjacks snapped Minneota's 19-game winning streak when they beat the defending Class A State Champs and No. 1-ranked team in the state, 28-20 Friday night at their Homecoming.

"On defense we did not play a good consistent game," said Minneota Coach Chad Johnston.

At halftime the score was tied at 14 and Johnston told his team the difference was going to be the Vikings defense. He was right.

Dawson-Boyd's Randy Bjerkest intercepted a Beau Buysse pass to start the second half, then went on a nine-play, 40-yard drive that ended when quarterback Ryan Swenson ran a yard into the end zone. He kicked the extra point and the Blackjacks led, 21-14.

Minneota had to punt on the next series and again, Dawson-Boyd drove 51 yards in nine plays and scored just into the fourth quarter for a 28-14 lead.

They put points on the board the first two times they touched the ball in the second half.

"Give credit to them," Coach Johnston said. "This is a good team and we knew that.We knew they'd give us a tough look up front."

Minneota tried to battle back with the time clock becoming an enemy.

They mounted a drive that took up over five minutes but ended 70 yards and 14 plays later when Brandon Anderson rolled into the end zone from a yard out to make it 28-20.

The Vikings Saul Calderon missed the extra point to add extra pressure to a final potential drive.

Minneota got two more chances but the sturdy Dawson-Boyd line held and the Blackjacks held on for a 28-20 upset win.

"I'll give our guys credit for a great effort the fourth quarter. But when you put that much pressure on yourself to respond with big plays, it's difficult."

MINNEOTA scored first to start the game when Jacob Cheadle broke lose on a 65-yard run

down the sidelines and Calderon kicked the point.

But the Blackjacks got a touchdown right back on a 46-yard run by Justin Lee, missed the point and Minneota led just 7-6.

The Vikings got a touchdown at 5:48 of the second quarter when Cheadle ran eight yards for a score, Calderon kicked the point and it was 14-6.

But in this game no lead was safe and Dawson-Boyd not only got a 29-yard pass from Swenson to Zach Stelter for a touchdown, but Swenson ran in a two-point conversion to tie the game at 14-14.

That's the way it stood at halftime. The third quarter belonged to Dawson-Boyd and eventually they got the first win over Minneota anybody has had in the last 20 games.

STATISTICS: Dawson-Boyd was also rough on running back Brandon Andersonb, holding him to just 75 yards on 16 carries. This is the first time all year he's been held under 100 yards rushing. Cheadle had 12 carries for 122 yards and Dawson-Boyd's Lee rushed 19 times for 104 yards.

Buysse threw 16 times with just five completions and 123 yards with two interceptions in his roughest outing of the year while Swenson was 12 of 16 for 139 yards and no inteceptions.

Viking receivers included Cheadle catching two for 60 yards and Walkr Hennen one for 40. Stelter caught for passes for 67 yards for Dawson-Boyd.

LITTLE SIOUX SCORES:

Dawson-Boyd 28, Minneota 20

Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 33, Fulda 0

Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 34, Lakeview 7

Canby 41, Ortonville 6

Adrian won forfeit over Renville Co. West

MACCRAY 43, Murray County Central 6

LITTLE SIOUX Standings: Minneota 5-1; Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 5-1; Adrian 5-1; MACCRAY 4-2; Canby 4-2; Lakeview 4-2; Fulda 3-3; Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 1-5; Ortonville 0-6; Murray Country Central 0-6; Renville County West 0-6.