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Gopher Football Spends Time With HopeKids

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After a tumultuous week for the University of Minnesota football team, the Gophers took the time to gain a bit perspective as they spent part of their day helping local community youth.

The Gophers spent Friday morning with over a hundred children from the HopeKids organization, a group dedicated to helping kids with cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

The kids got the opportunity to interact one-on-one with some of their favorite Gopher players at the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex. The activity stations included passing and catching drills, defensive tackling, field goal kicking and scrimmaging.



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For the kids, it was a delight to be able to step away from a world often surrounded by medicine and treatments, and just spend part of a day just running around playing football with some of their role models.

However, the event also meant a lot to the Gophers as well as they simply got to enjoy knowing the positive moment they helped the kids have and give them a great memory on into the future.

"It's really special to the smile on the kids' faces and see them respond to our players," Minnesota head coach Jeff Horton said. "Our players are doing a great job with them and that's what makes this fun and exciting. We have great students here at the University of Minnesota, they're reaching out to the community and trying to make it better for a lot of people."

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