

Couple wears homecoming crowns

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Homecoming royalty is typically important to whoever wins it, but for this couple, it was more emotional.

Queen Stella Charles and King Mason Reed have been dating for more than two years. They were placed on the court together with their peers. Candidates were Rylie Koranda, Ava Schaal, Beth Brennan, Brady Gartner, Preston Price and Treyce Ferguson.

The fact that they won together was important in their relationship for numerous reasons.

“It felt really good to know the person I got king with,” Reed said. “I know everyone, but I know her on a different level.”

At the dance, the king and queen always dance together.

“I didn’t want to dance with someone, and it be awkward,” Charles said. “So, it was nice being able to dance with someone I’m used to being around.”

Charles receiving queen was not only huge in her relationship, but also in her life.

Charles' dad and grandpa are well known throughout the school for various records and accomplishments; following up on that legacy can be challenging both mentally and physically.

“My sister and brother also have records,” Charles said. “My family is known to be really good at sports, so I want to keep going with that.”

Charles, being named queen, followed up on the reputation her family had set and made her start to fall in line with it as well.

“My whole family has gone to Mead and set some kind of reputation there, so this is me starting to set mine,” Charles said.

Some wonder if they received king and queen together because they are a couple.

“I definitely think that played into it a little bit,” Charles said. “Some people have told me that if they were going to vote for me, they had to vote for Mason and vice versa.”

Charles and Reed had similar emotions leading up to the announcement, like nerves and excitement, but one of Reed’s stood out more than the others.

One of Reed’s close friends was injured during the game before the announcement; he was also on court.

“I was kind of hoping Treyce would get it to boost his spirits up a little bit after being injured,” Reed said.

After hearing he was on the court, Reed wanted to win.

“When I heard my name, I was super excited, just because I know that's a big accomplishment and really does show that you have more friends than you think you do,” Reed said.