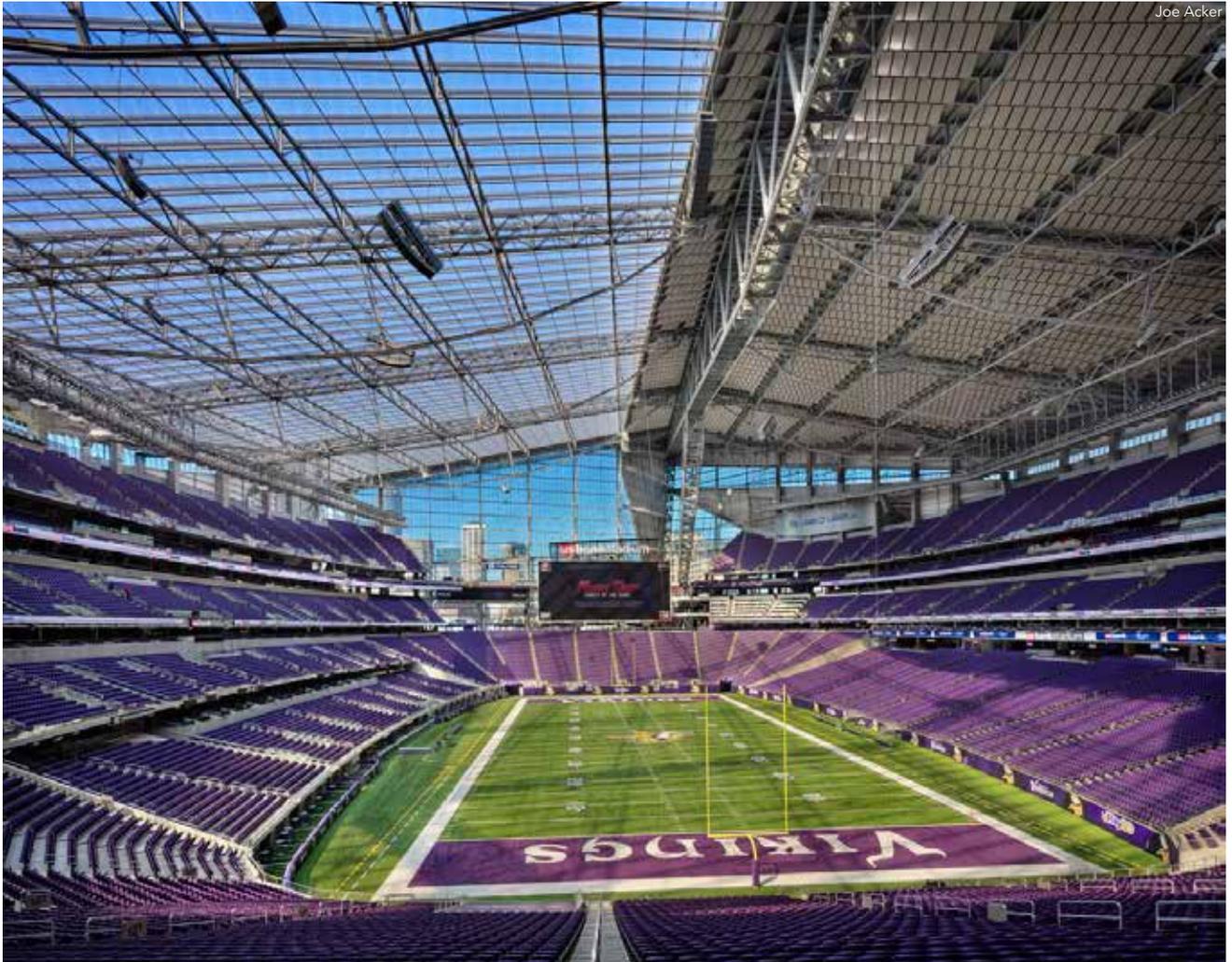


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ON FEBRUARY 4, more than 67,000 football fans filled US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, witnessing a historic Super Bowl that featured the most-ever combined offensive yards gained in an NFL game—and resulted in a stunning Philadelphia Eagles victory over perennial favorites to win it all, the New England Patriots.

But during the regular season, the vast majority of fans wear purple, as the stadium is the new home of the Minnesota Vikings, replacing the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome when it opened in 2016. The structural steel venue—designed by HKS and Thornton Tomasetti and fabricated by AISC member/certified fabricator LeJeune Steel—features an operable wall made of five massive mechanized, pivoting panels and is topped by a 240,000-sq.-ft ETFE (ethylene tetrafluoroethylene) roof, the largest of its kind in North America.

Not only did the stadium host Super Bowl LII, but it is also one of this year's AISC IDEAS² Awards winners. You can find out more about the project, as well as the rest of the winners, in next month's issue. And all of this year's winners will be highlighted at NASCC: The Steel Conference, taking place April 11-13 in Baltimore (www.aisc.org/nascc). ■