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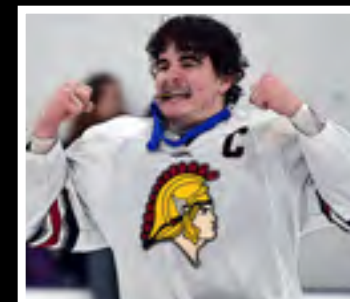
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Welcome to the tournament!

The nation's premier high school tournament lived up to the hype last season by producing two mesmerizing championship games. And guess what? All four title-game teams — Hermantown and Warroad in Class 1A and Andover and Maple Grove in Class 2A — are back and primed to give more five-star performances.

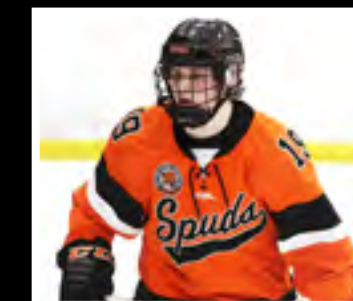
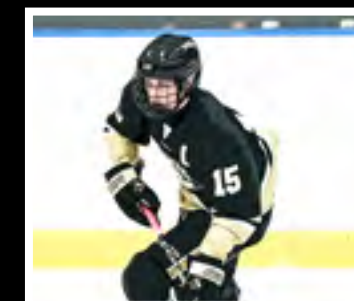
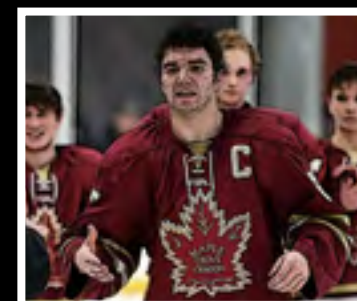
Of course, there's no guarantee any of those teams will again make extended tournament runs. Much of the charm of the tourney, after all, is its unpredictability. Are upsets lurking? Can Warroad complete an undefeated season? Is Minnetonka a college-level team stuck in a high school world?

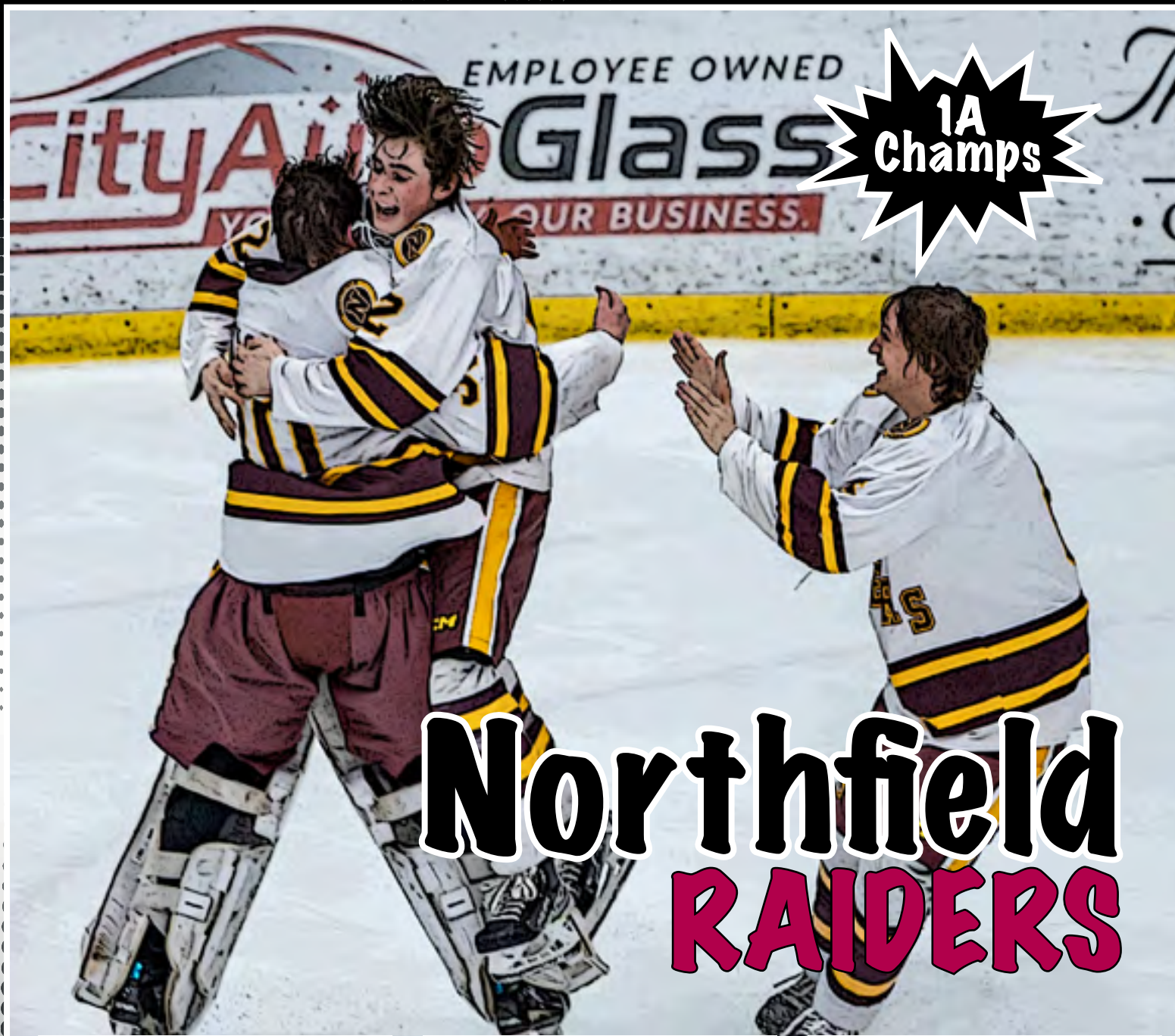
Answers will come soon enough. And what better way

to switch into tourney mode than reading this, the most comprehensive guide to all 16 qualifying teams and their players. It was published in cooperation with the Minnesota Hockey Coaches Association (MHCA) and through the efforts of Legacy Hockey's editors, writers, photographers and contributors.

Be sure to visit Legacy.Hockey all week for insight, commentary, photos and statistics documenting every twist and turn of the tourney. We'll get you elbow-to-elbow with the tourney's biggest stars and larger-than-life personalities and go deep with the details surrounding all the most important moments.

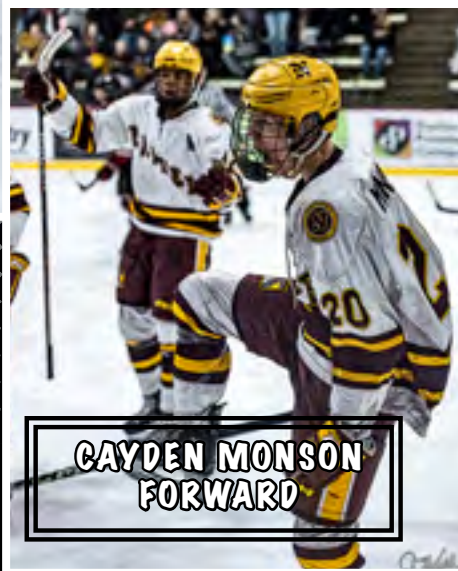
— Loren Nelson, Legacy Hockey editor



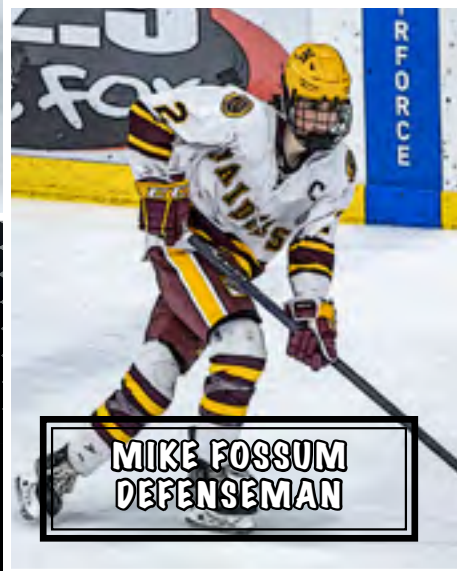


Northfield RAIDERS

1A Champs



CAYDEN MONSON
FORWARD



MIKE FOSSUM
DEFENSEMAN



KEATON WALOCK
GOALIE

Inside scoop

Ninth-year Northfield coach Mike Luckraft thought he had prepared for any and every circumstance his Raiders might encounter in the Section 1A championship game against New Prague.

“Leading by six goals in the third period wasn’t one of those scenarios,” he said.

Northfield’s 6-0 section final triumph over New Prague, the team that ousted the Raiders from the section tournament last year, shouldn’t come as a complete shock. The win extends what has been something of a dream season for a fully loaded Raiders squad.

Ranked in the top six in Class 1A for most of the season, Northfield (23-5-0) has lost just once since mid-January and enters the state tournament — the second state appearance in program history — riding an eight-game win streak.

Stingy defense and stellar goaltending have been Northfield’s signature strengths, although the offense has plenty of firepower, too. The Raiders’ shutout win over New Prague was their 10th of the season, and the team’s 1.46 goals-against average is third in Class 1A behind tourney favorites Warroad (1.25) and Hermantown (1.43).

No. 5
Info

CONFERENCE: Big 9
RECORD: 23-5-0
STATE TRIPS: 2
COACH: Mike Luckraft, 9th year (161-68-9)
HOME ARENA: Northfield Ice Arena

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Junior Kamden Kaiser, a 6-foot-1, 190-pound quarterback on Northfield’s football team, has 40 goals to rank in the state’s top 10. He gets plenty of support from fellow juniors Jake Geiger (25 goals) and Cayden Monson (19 goals).

DEFENSEMEN: Senior Mike Fossum (34 points) and junior Ty Frank (31 points) mix shutdown defense with high-level scoring and playmaking ability. Thirty-eight of their points have come on the power play, which clicks at a stunning 39-percent success rate (third best in the state).

GOALIES: Senior Keaton Walock’s shutout against New Prague was his 10th of the season and 22nd of his career, two behind what is believed to be the state career mark of 24 set by St. Cloud Apollo’s Ryan Althaus in 2012-16.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
12	Kamden Kaiser	11	F	40	25	65	30
11	Jake Geiger	11	F	25	34	59	10
20	Cayden Monson	11	F	19	37	56	36
13	Will Cashin	10	F	13	28	41	10
22	Brayden Olsen	10	F	16	24	40	6
2	Mike Fossum	12	D	4	30	34	10
7	Ty Frank	11	D	4	27	31	35
16	Andrew Winter	11	F	15	14	29	10
4	Bridger Riley	9	D	1	17	18	10
6	Brecken Riley	12	D	1	9	10	0
19	Cullen Merritt	12	F	5	5	10	4
21	Griffin Kennelly	10	F	3	6	9	0
10	Braden Brakke	12	F	2	6	8	8
14	Elliott Pontow	11	D	0	7	7	6
17	Parker Vogt	12	D	1	6	7	6
5	Gabe Sawyer	12	F	2	4	6	12
3	Barrett Bradley	11	F	2	3	5	4
15	Zach Paquette	12	F	0	1	1	0
30	Keaton Walock	12	G	0	1	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Max Frank	10	50:00	0-1-0	5.10	.706	0
31	Trey Shimota	11	51:12	0-1-0	2.99	.850	0
30	Keaton Walock	12	1324:11	23-3-0	1.23	.933	10

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 39.0%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 88.0%
Goals Scored Per Game: 5.46
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.46

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/25	@ Mahtomedi	L 2-4
11/26	@ Monticello	W 3-2
12/2	@ Rochester Lourdes	W 8-0
12/6	@ Red Wing	W 12-1
12/10	Faribault	W 4-1
12/13	@ Orono	L 1-3
12/16	Osseo	W 4-3
12/17	Spring Lake Park	W 6-1
12/20	@ New Prague	W 3-0
1/5	@ Rochester John Marshall	W 8-1
1/7	Delano	W 5-3
1/10	Owatonna	W 4-1
1/13	Rochester Century	L 2-3/OT
1/16	@ Rochester Mayo	L 2-4
1/19	@ Mankato West	W 6-0
1/21	Winona	W 7-0
1/24	@ Mankato East	W 8-3
1/26	@ Albert Lea	W 3-0
1/28	Rochester Mayo	W 3-0
2/2	Rochester John Marshall	L 4-6
2/4	@ Owatonna	W 5-0
2/9	@ Rochester Century	W 8-2
2/11	Mankato East	W 8-0
2/16	@ Austin	W 9-0
2/18	Mankato West	W 8-1

SECTION 1A PLAYOFFS

2/24	Rochester Lourdes	W 8-1
2/25	Dodge County	W 6-1
3/1	New Prague	W 6-0

Coach Mike Luckraft

Luckraft was a senior defenseman on Burnsville’s 1985 state championship squad. He guided Northfield to its only other state appearance (in 2017) and has a 161-68-9 record in his nine seasons at the helm. He works as the director of golf at The Meadows at Mystic Lake in Prior Lake.



By the numbers

8: Not only do the Raiders have 10 shutouts this season, they’ve allowed one goal in eight other games. Northfield has allowed a combined three goals in its last six games

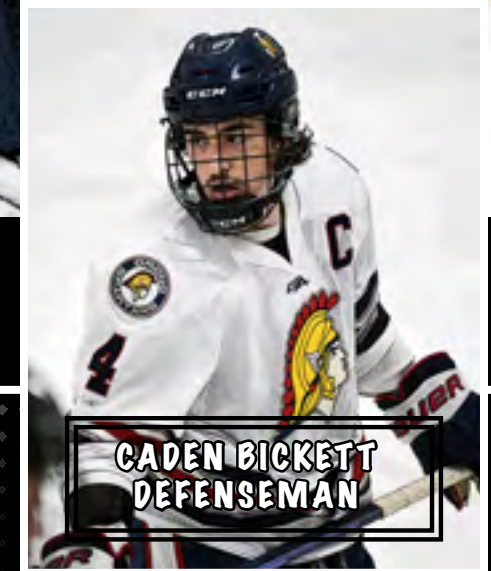


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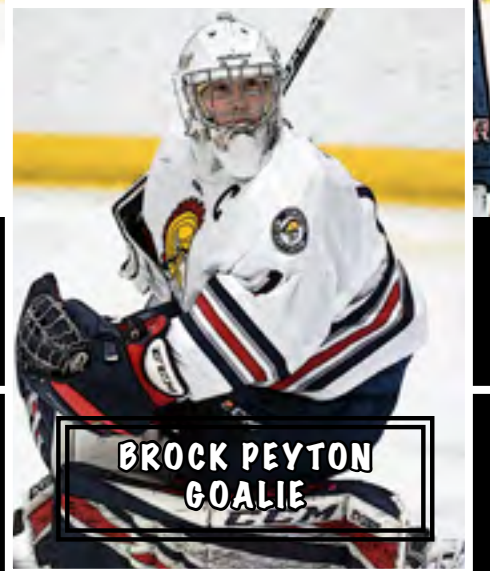
Orono SPARTANS



**AVERY ANDERSON
FORWARD**



**CADEN BICKETT
DEFENSEMAN**



**BROCK PEYTON
GOALIE**

Inside scoop

Before Orono's Bradley Walker ratcheted into full-blown celebration mode (dumping water bottles on his coach's head, accidentally disassembling the championship trophy, leaping atop the St. Louis Park Rec center boards) he paused for a quiet, tender moment with his most beloved goaltender.

The scene of Walker and Brock Peyton locked in a long hug and sharing a few heartfelt words after the Spartans beat Delano for the Section 2A title served as a stark contrast to the mayhem that followed. It was a touchstone moment nonetheless, given all that the two seniors have meant to an Orono program making its first state tournament appearance since it won the Class 1A title in 2018.

"Bradley is, I think, the best 200-foot player in the state," Orono coach Sean Fish said. "He wins draws, he blocks shots, he's physical, he plays the game the right way."

If Walker is Orono's heart and soul, then Peyton is the Spartans' backbone.

"I wouldn't trade him for any other goalie in the word," Walker said. "I don't care who it is."

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Walker leads Orono in goals (19) and points (48) and his physical, north-south style of play pairs impeccably with that of senior Avery Anderson (16 goals, 44 points), nicknamed "Showtime" because of his array of moves and all-around trickery with the puck.

DEFENSEMEN: John Engebretson and Joey Mugaas, 6-foot juniors who play a punishing, physical style like most of the rest of the Spartans, also have plenty of offensive chops. Mugaas is fourth on the team in scoring with 30 points and Engebretson fifth with 27.

GOALIES: Peyton, who missed much of the first half of the season because of injury, is a three-year starter and the school-record holder in career saves with 1,511. He has a 15-3-0 record and a sparkling .929 save percentage.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
21	Bradley Walker	12	F	19	29	48	47
7	Avery Anderson	12	F	16	28	44	24
15	Cayden Effertz	11	F	15	16	31	27
27	Joey Mugaas	11	D	3	27	30	16
5	John Engebretson	11	D	5	22	27	8
6	Easton Sankey	11	F	9	15	24	6
9	Joey Greenagel	12	F	8	13	21	20
22	Tommy Lewin	11	F	11	6	17	2
38	Brooks Fegers	11	F	9	8	17	26
4	Caden Bickett	12	D	1	13	14	12
29	Connor Lang	12	F	7	7	14	4
13	Brody Finnegan	11	D	5	4	9	8
3	Luca DeCubellis	9	D	1	6	7	4
39	Rylan Schultz	11	D	1	5	6	70
18	Trey Landa	10	F	1	2	3	2
1	Brock Peyton	12	G	0	1	1	0
2	Miller Williams	10	D	0	1	1	0
10	Ben Setnick	11	F	0	1	1	0
11	Kaden Landa	12	F	0	1	1	0
17	Sam Setnick	11	F	0	1	1	0
20	Lachlan Hoffman	10	F	0	1	1	0
34	Jackson Knight	9	F	0	1	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
30	Payton Anderson	11	17:00	0-0-0	3.00	.889	0
35	Johnny DeLong	12	531:39	8-2-0	2.69	.892	1
1	Brock Peyton	12	882:19	15-3-0	1.79	.929	3

BY THE NUMBERS
 Power Play Percentage: 23.8%
 Penalty Kill Percentage: 85.0%
 Goals Scored Per Game: 4.00
 Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.36

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
12/2	@ Little Falls	W 4-2
12/3	@ Alexandria	W 8-5
12/6	Bloomington Jefferson	W 4-0
12/9	@ New Prague	W 4-3/OT
12/13	Northfield	W 3-1
12/15	@ Minneapolis	W 3-2
12/17	Waconia	W 3-2/OT
12/28	International Falls	W 7-0
12/29	@ Warroad	L 2-5
12/30	@ Providence Academy	W 3-1
1/6	Gentry Academy	W 3-2
1/10	@ Chanhassen	L 1-3
1/12	Delano	W 5-1
1/17	@ Providence Academy	W 6-3
1/19	St. Cloud Cathedral	W 4-3
1/21	@ Bloomington Jefferson	W 5-2
1/24	New Prague	W 3-2
1/28	@ Waconia	W 3-2
1/31	St. Louis Park	W 3-2/OT
2/1	Hermantown	L 1-2
2/2	@ St. Louis Park	W 3-0
2/7	Benilde-St. Margaret's	L 2-6
2/11	Chanhassen	L 2-9
2/14	@ Bloomington Kennedy	W 11-0
2/18	Chaska	W 4-1

SECTION 2A PLAYOFFS
 2/25 Hutchinson W 2-1/OT
 2/28 @ Minneapolis W 8-5
 3/3 Delano W 4-1

Coach Sean Fish

Fish, in his first season leading the Spartans, played a starring role in the 2003 state tournament as part of the fabled "Triplets" forward line that helped Anoka win its only title. Fish previously coached Orono's girls' program for four seasons, guiding the Spartans to the 2022 state tournament, where they finished third.



By the numbers

2: Orono lost just twice to Class 1A competition this season. And the competition was top-notch — the tourney's top two seeds in undefeated Warroad and defending champion Hermantown.



CONFERENCE:
Big South

RECORD: 21-6-1

STATE TRIPS: 3

COACH:
Phil Paquette,
7th year (112-68-2)

HOME ARENA:
Blue Mound Ice Arena,
Luverne

**3A
champs**

Luverne CARDINALS

Inside scoop

Roll Cards, Roll.

That's the unofficial rallying cry for the far, far southwestern Minnesota program making its third state tournament appearance and first since 2017.

Roll, indeed. Luverne snapped longtime southern Minnesota kingpin New Ulm's 62-game win streak against Big South Conference foes with its 4-2 triumph in the Section 3A title game. The Cardinals (21-6-1) have won 11 straight and 15 out of their last 16 games.

The area of the state bordering South Dakota and Iowa generally isn't considered hockey country. Yet Luverne has produced two of the state's all-time great career scorers in Chaz Smedsrud (third with 357 points) and Jaxon Nelson (fifth with 290).

And now comes Brock Behrend, the senior who once scored seven goals in a single game, has a team-high 38 this season and 109 in his career.

"As far as skill and drive and raw talent, he is absolutely with them 100-percent of the way," Luverne coach Phil Paquette said about Behrend's place among the Smedruds and Nelsons of Cardinals lore.

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: It's not just the Brock Behrend Show for the Cardinals. Junior Patrick Kroski leads Luverne with 64 points, including 21 goals. Three more forwards have at least 17 goals.

DEFENSEMEN: Sophomore Blaik Bork was shifted from forward to defense this season and blossomed as a scoring threat in the section playoffs, scoring three goals — including two in the section final against New Ulm.

GOALIES: Backup? Who needs a backup? Junior Tyler Arends has started — and finished — every game for the Cardinals the past two seasons. He has four shutouts among his 21 wins.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
19	Patrick Kroski	11	F	21	43	64	12
11	Brock Behrend	12	F	38	23	61	32
9	Owen Sudenga	11	F	18	33	51	6
12	Elliot Domagala	11	F	21	19	40	23
13	Blaik Bork	10	F/D	10	27	37	48
8	Brady Bork	12	F	17	14	31	18
21	Maddux Domagala	9	F	12	10	22	8
2	Ethan Langseth	12	D	2	15	17	2
23	Henry Hartquist	11	D	4	12	16	19
7	Alexander Schlosser	10	F	4	3	7	12
10	Layke Miller	10	D	2	3	5	6
20	Marcus Vortherms	10	F/D	0	4	4	0
3	Kaleb Hein	12	F/D	1	2	3	28
14	Levi Gonnerman	10	F	2	0	2	2
27	Tucker Dammann	11	F	0	2	2	0
5	Will Serie	11	D	0	1	1	2
22	Spencer Kracht	11	F	1	0	1	0
16	Sage Viessman	10	D	0	1	1	2
15	Gavin Reisch	12	F	0	0	0	4
25	Jose Medina Najera	10	F	0	0	0	2
30	Tyler Arends	11	G	0	0	0	2

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
30	Tyler Arends	11	1436:20	0021-6-1	2.27	.908	0

BY THE NUMBERS
 Power Play Percentage: 31.9%
 Penalty Kill Percentage: 85.1%
 Goals Scored Per Game: 5.46
 Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.32

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/29	@ Marshall	W 5-2
12/2	Two Rivers	T 2-2/OT
12/3	Waseca	W 11-1
12/9	@ New Ulm	L 1-2
12/17	@ Rochester Lourdes	W 8-0
12/28	@ Rochester Lourdes	W 6-1
12/29	Dodge County	L 1-5
12/30	Albert Lea	L 3-6
1/7	Morris/Benson Area	L 3-4/OT
1/9	@ Worthington	W 8-1
1/12	@ Redwood Valley	W 7-0
1/14	@ Waseca	L 4-5
1/16	@ Fairmont	W 7-1
1/17	@ Albert Lea	W 4-2
1/21	@ Dodge County	W 9-1
1/24	Worthington	W 11-2
1/26	New Ulm	L 1-3
1/28	Windom	W 6-5
1/31	Redwood Valley	W 7-0
2/2	Marshall	W 4-2
2/4	@ Morris/Benson Area	W 7-4
2/7	Fairmont	W 10-3
2/10	Minnesota River	W 4-3
2/11	@ Minnesota River	W 4-0
2/16	@ Windom	W 5-3

SECTION 3A PLAYOFFS

2/24	Windom	W 5-2
2/27	Mankato East	W 6-2
3/1	@ New Ulm	W 4-2

Coach Phil Paquette

Paquette is a Luverne alum and former three-sport (baseball, football, hockey) star for the Cardinals. An accomplished singer and guitar player, Paquette has guided Luverne to a 112-68-2 record in his seven seasons.

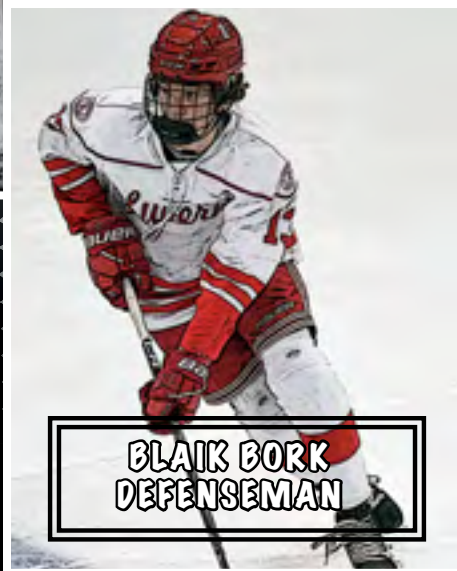


By the numbers

3: Luverne, making its third state tournament appearance, has drawn Hermantown as a quarterfinal opponent for the third straight time. Hermantown won the last meetings 6-3 and 3-2.



PATRICK KROSKI
FORWARD



BLAIK BORK
DEFENSEMAN



TYLER ARENDS
GOALIE

No. 3
Info

CONFERENCE:
Metro East
RECORD: 20-8-0
STATE TRIPS: 14
COACH: Jeff Poeschl,
26th year (446-255-22);
29th overall (476-294-22)
HOME ARENA:
St. Croix Recreation
Center, Stillwater



Mahtomedi ZEPHYRS

Inside scoop

It's hard to say Charlie Drage's name and not follow it with David Wolsfeld's . Or vice versa. Drage from Wolsfeld. Wolsfeld from Drage.

For any given Mahtomedi home game, the public address announcer at the St. Croix Recreation Center needed only to pre-program those two options into the sound system and three-quarters of the night's work was done.

It was only fitting that Drage and Wolsfeld both reached the 100-point milestone for their careers in a 9-1 section semifinal victory over St. Paul Academy. The three-year varsity regulars have played together so long they no longer bother looking for each other when passing. The puck just knows.

Mahtomedi makes its sixth state tournament appearance in eight years with those twin engines powering a multifaceted offense. Throw in a deep and talented defensive corps and Charlie Brandt having settled in nicely as the No. 1 goaltender and the Zephyrs, winners of nine straight, appear to be fully stocked to assume their usual position in the semifinals.

To get beyond that point might take a couple well-timed goals from two longtime linemates.

You know, Drage from Wolsfeld.

Or vice versa.

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Wolsfeld missed seven games this season to injury and still sits in a tie for second on the team in scoring with 39 points. Drage's 30 goals and 51 points are tops. Seth Nelson has 22 goals among his 39 points.

DEFENSEMEN: Senior Cav Bruner has scored two shorthanded goals this season on scintillating solo rushes, a testament to his standout skating and puck-handling abilities. He has 33 points, including eight on the power play. Sophomore Sam Harris is another defensive standout.

GOALIES: Brandt, quarterback on the Zephyrs' football team, hasn't allowed more than two goals in a single game since late January.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
11	Charlie Drage	12	F	30	21	51	16
4	David Wolsfeld	12	F	11	28	39	4
15	Seth Nelson	12	F	22	17	39	24
22	Carter Haycraft	12	F	12	23	35	53
2	Cav Bruner	12	D	7	26	33	10
9	Jonny Grove	12	F	10	22	32	22
24	Corey Bohmert	12	F	8	23	31	17
8	Jake Hodd-Chlebeck	11	F	11	10	21	12
21	Jimmy Egan	9	F	4	17	21	8
5	Cole Swanson	11	D	2	17	19	29
6	Sam Harris	10	D	1	17	18	16
17	Patrick Egan	11	F	7	8	15	16
16	Wyatt Tarnowski	11	D	4	4	8	10
26	Carson Marshall	12	D	0	8	8	10
7	William Brummel	11	D	0	7	7	2
18	Gene Wegleinter	11	F	4	3	7	0
19	Max Egan	10	F	3	4	7	4
27	Noah Mogren	12	F	2	3	5	8
28	Cody Dvorak	12	D	0	2	2	0

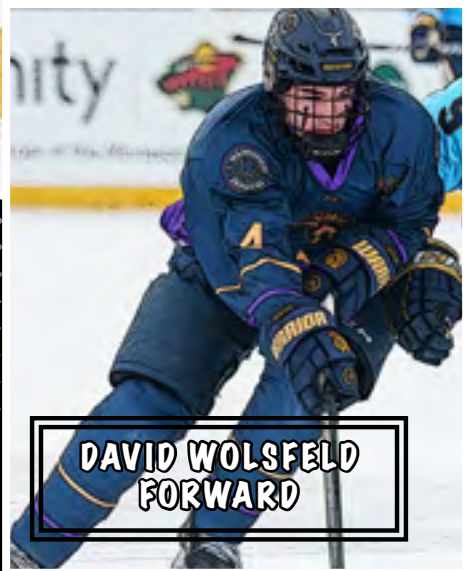
NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
30	Charlie Brandt	11	1030:4713	8-0	2.62	.910	1
29	Andrew Reister	12	408:18	7-0-0	1.25	.931	1

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 17.0%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 81.4%
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.93
Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.32

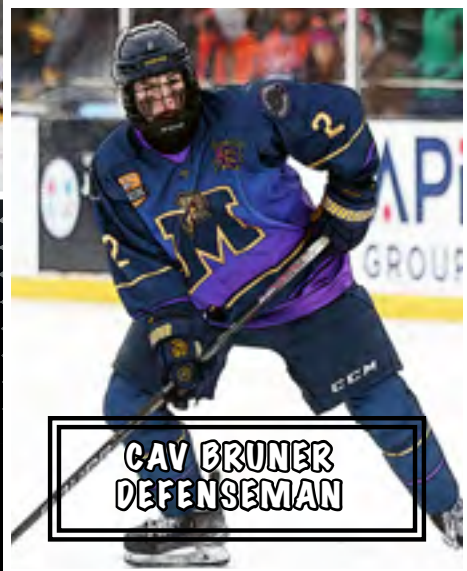
Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/25	Northfield	W 4-2
11/26	Little Falls	W 5-0
12/2	@ East Grand Forks	W 6-3
12/3	@ Warroad	L 4-7
12/8	@ St. Michael-Albertville	W 7-4
12/10	South St. Paul	W 3-1
12/20	@ Stillwater	L 1-3
12/30	Chisago Lakes	W 8-2
1/7	@ St. Thomas Academy	W 2-1
1/10	Cretin-Derham Hall	L 2-6
1/12	Tartan	W 7-1
1/13	Hastings	W 7-1
1/16	@ Benilde-St. Margaret's	W 6-4
1/18	@ Eden Prairie	L 2-3/OT
1/21	East Ridge	W 4-3/OT
1/25	Hill-Murray	L 2-4
1/28	Hermantown	L 3-6
1/30	@ Hill-Murray	L 1-2/OT
2/2	St. Thomas Academy	L 1-3
2/4	Simley	W 10-1
2/7	@ Two Rivers	W 6-0
2/9	@ Hastings	W 7-1
2/11	@ Breck	W 8-2
2/14	Delano	W 6-1
2/16	@ Woodbury	W 4-2

SECTION 4A PLAYOFFS
2/24 St. Paul Johnson W 10-0
2/28 St. Paul Academy W 9-1
3/2 Chisago Lakes W 3-1



DAVID WOLSFELD
FORWARD



CAV BRUNER
DEFENSEMAN



CHARLIE BRANDT
GOALIE

Coach Jeff Poeschl

Poeschl, a former standout goaltender at Hill-Murray, also played at Northern Michigan and got his start as a head coach at St. Thomas Academy. He's in his 26th year leading the Zephyrs and is approaching the 500-victory mark for his career.



By the numbers

5: The Zephyrs played five state tournament entrants (in 1A and 2A) during the regular season, posting a 1-5 record.



Inside scoop

Which team will show up for the Crusaders? A pertinent question because these guys are streaky.

A season-long roller-coaster ride continued in the Section 5A championship game as St. Cloud Cathedral needed some extra time and a comeback to claim its 11th section title with a 4-3 double-overtime win over Little Falls.

Despite trailing 3-0 in the second period, St. Cloud Cathedral kept coming back. That approach will be key this week in the Crusaders' quest to win their second state title.

St. Cloud Cathedral opened the season with a three-game losing streak but eventually won five-straight contests from Dec. 29-Jan. 10. And so it went. A three-game win streak in late January was followed by the Crusaders losing five of six (the win was over a ranked Providence Academy team) before righting the ship with a win over Monticello in the regular-season finale.

When on its game, Cathedral can play with anyone — ss shown in the section playoffs when the Crusaders outscored their opponents 16-5.



CONFERENCE:
Independent

RECORD: 16-12-0

STATE TRIPS: 11

COACH:
Robbie Stocker,
2nd year (30-26-0)

HOME ARENA:
St. Cloud Municipal
Athletic Complex

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Sophomores Joey Gillespie and John Hirschfeld have led the Crusaders in scoring all season but it was Andrew Dwinell who scored two power-play goals in the section title game, including the game winner. Junior Landon Swenson and sophomore Jaeger Wood combined for five goals in the section semifinal and championship.

DEFENSE: Freshman Griffin Sturm has stepped into an offensive defenseman role, leading the unit with four goals and 17 assists. Senior Tommy Gohman and junior Vince Gebhardt are also scoring threats from the blue line.

GOALIES: Nick Hansen has been in net for more than 2,700 minutes the past two seasons. He doubled his shutouts this season (from two to four) and improved in both goals-against average and save percentage from a year ago.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
6	John Hirschfeld	10	F	17	28	45	10
24	Joey Gillespie	10	F	19	22	41	22
26	Andrew Dwinell	11	F	17	24	41	6
19	Cole Hwang	11	F	12	17	29	6
17	Landon Swenson	11	F	13	12	25	54
13	Jaeger Wood	10	F	11	11	22	12
21	Griffin Sturm	9	D	4	17	21	4
27	Ben Petroske	11	F	4	16	20	16
2	Tommy Gohman	12	D	5	10	15	14
3	Vince Gebhardt	11	D	3	10	13	38
14	Phillip O'Neal	11	F	3	8	11	35
4	Cooper Kosiba	12	D	0	8	8	0
33	Kyle Kozak	12	F	3	4	7	31
10	Sam Hayward	11	D	0	5	5	14
7	Caden Johnson	10	F	1	2	3	0
31	Nick Hansen	11	G	0	1	1	2
34	Ian Bacik	10	D	0	1	1	4

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
31	Nick Hansen	11	1396:36	15-12-0	2.41	.909	4
30	Matthew Janu	11	51:00	1-0-0	0.00	1.000	1

BY THE NUMBERS
 Power Play Percentage: 26.6%
 Penalty Kill Percentage: 83.5%
 Goals Scored Per Game: 4.0
 Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.43

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/26	Warroad	L 0-4
12/1	Cambridge-Isanti	L 1-4
12/3	Thief River Falls	L 0-2
12/6	Princeton	W 7-2
12/10	Duluth Marshall	W 7-1
12/17	@ Rock Ridge	L 3-6
12/20	Delano	L 1-2
12/29	River Lakes	W 6-1
12/30	St. Cloud	W 2-1
1/6	Mankato East	W 6-0
1/7	@ Mankato East	W 5-2
1/10	@ Pine City Area	W 7-0
1/12	@ Hermantown	L 1-4
1/17	Alexandria	W 5-1
1/19	@ Orono	L 3-4
1/24	Northern Lakes	W 7-1
1/26	Mora/Milaca	W 8-0
1/28	@ Rochester Lourdes	W 7-0
1/31	@ Totino-Grace	L 2-3
2/2	@ Little Falls	L 3-4
2/4	@ Providence Academy	W 8-5
2/7	Little Falls	L 2-4
2/11	@ East Grand Forks	L 1-5
2/13	@ Holy Angels	L 1-5
2/16	Monticello	W 3-2

SECTION 5 PLAYOFFS

2/21	River Lakes	W 5-0
2/25	@ Monticello	W 7-2
3/1	@ Little Falls	W 4-3/OT



JOEY GILLESPIE
FORWARD



VINCE GEBHARDT
DEFENSEMAN



NICK HANSEN
GOALIE

Coach Robbie Stocker

Stocker, a St. Cloud Cathedral alumnus, is in his second season leading the team. Before taking over last season he was an assistant coach for the Crusaders in 2020-21 and an assistant coach at Delano. A multisport athlete at Cathedral before graduating in 2010, he played in three state soccer tournaments, three state golf tournaments and two state hockey tournaments.



By the numbers

3: The Crusaders have been streaky this season and are on their third win streak of three or more games. They also have had two three-game losing streaks.

**6A
champs**

Alexandria CARDINALS



TYLER KLUDT
FORWARD



JACK LAMSKI
DEFENSEMAN



ELIJAH RASMUSEN
GOALIE

Inside scoop

Alexandria has become such a fixture in section championship games in recent years that enterprising students now show up with confetti cannons, eager to add to the postgame ambiance.

Indeed, oblong bits of red, black and white paper were fluttering from St. Cloud's Municipal Athletic Complex rafters seconds after Leo Kompellen scored in overtime to give the Cardinals a 5-4 Section 6A title game win over Fergus Falls.

Alexandria has reached the state Class 1A tournament three times in the last six years, but St. Paul never felt so far away as it did on Dec. 28 when the Cardinals, playing in a holiday tournament in Roseau, lost their seventh straight game to start the season.

"We don't want to start 0-and-7 or 1-and-9 like we did, but it also taught us a lot early on in the season," Alexandria coach Josh Meyers said. "You want to be playing your best hockey at the end."

Mission accomplished.

Alexandria enters the state tournament having won six straight and 12 of its last 14 games.

**Unseeded
Info**

CONFERENCE:
Central Lakes

RECORD: 14-12-1

STATE TRIPS: 7

COACH: Josh Meyers,
3rd year (43-30-4)

HOME ARENA:
Runestone Community
Center, Alexandria

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Senior Tyler Kludt is the team leader in goals (19) and points (41) but this is a score-by-committee offense. Six players have 20 or more points, including Joe Lamski (34 points), a senior who scored twice on breakaways in a 7-2 section semifinal win over Wadena-Deer Creek.

DEFENSEMEN: There's lots of depth here, too. Junior Jack Lamski starred in the section title game, scoring a goal and adding two assists. He leads the group with 23 points.

GOALIES: Senior Elijah Rasmusen, like the rest of the team, had a rocky start to the season. And his improvement in the second half of the season — he's allowed more than two goals just twice since Jan. 19 — has mirrored that of the Cardinals.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
7	Tyler Kludt	12	F	19	21	40	8
6	Joe Lamski	12	F	12	22	34	22
3	Leo Kompellen	11	F	16	14	30	14
29	Nick Peterson	12	F	18	12	30	22
8	Gavin Olson	11	F	12	12	24	12
2	Jack Lamski	11	D	4	18	22	25
25	Keegan Lucy	12	F	7	6	13	4
4	Gage Castle	11	D	1	11	12	14
21	Evan Anderson	11	F	6	5	11	4
12	Matthew Hornstein	12	D	0	10	10	10
19	Mason Loch	12	D	0	9	9	12
16	Henry Ramstorf	12	D	1	7	8	2
22	Jack Breitzman	12	F	5	3	8	18
23	Caleb Lind	11	F	3	5	8	23
24	Zaven Noetzelman	12	F	3	4	7	4
11	Kasen Muscha	11	F	1	5	6	2
39	Cameron O'Shea	10	F	2	3	5	6
28	Bennett Olsen	11	D	0	2	2	10
14	Owen Draper	11	F	0	1	1	0
5	Cole Haabala	11	F	0	0	0	2

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Elijah Rasmusen	12	1024:32	12-8-0	3.09	.877	2
35	Jackson Cavers	11	364:06	2-4-01	2.66	.886	1

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 18.8%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 78.5%
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.07
Goals Allowed Per Game: 3.07

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
12/1	Sartell-St. Stephen	L 3-4
12/3	Orono	L 5-8
12/6	Little Falls	L 2-7
12/17	East Grand Forks	L 2-3
12/20	@ Northern Lakes	L 4-7
12/27	Minot (N.D.)	L 2-3
12/28	@ Roseau	L 3-7
12/29	Mankato East	W 4-2
1/6	Bemidji	L 2-5
1/7	Chisago Lakes	L 0-3
1/10	Brainerd	W 6-3
1/12	@ Sartell-St. Stephen T	2-2/OT
1/17	@ St. Cloud Cathedral	L 1-5
1/19	@ River Lakes	W 4-2
1/20	Fergus Falls	W 4-0
1/24	Willmar	W 8-0
1/26	Sauk Rapids-Rice	W 8-1
1/28	@ Monticello	W 3-2
1/31	@ Little Falls	W 3-2/OT
2/4	Duluth Denfeld	L 4-5
2/7	@ St. Cloud	L 1-2
2/9	@ Fergus Falls	W 4-1
2/16	@ Brainerd	W 5-1
2/17	St. Cloud	W 4-2

SECTION 6A PLAYOFFS
2/21 Breckenridge/Wahpeton W 14-0
2/28 Wadena-Deer Creek W 7-2
3/2 Fergus Falls W 5-4/OT

Coach Josh Meyers

Meyers, an Alexandria graduate, starred in college as a defenseman at Minnesota-Duluth, where he earned All-WCHA honors. He played six years of pro hockey in the minors, including three in Germany's top league.



By the numbers

7: The Cardinals have appeared in seven state tournaments dating to 1992, the first year of the failed two-tier experiment. They finished second to Orono in 2018.



Hermantown HAWKS



DALLAS VIEAU
FORWARD



GEORGE PETERSON
DEFENSEMAN



DANE CALLAWAY
GOALIE

Inside scoop

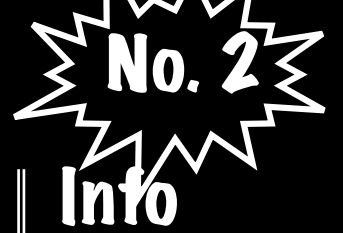
Play hard. Play fast. Take short shifts. Go, go, go.

“We keep the tempo hot and try to wear teams down,” Hermantown coach Pat Andrews said after an early-February win over Orono. “Lots of times teams can skate with us for a period, maybe even two, but at some point it usually breaks.”

Hermantown, long the state’s dominant small-school program, had another Hermantown-like season, going 25-2-1 and beating an array of top-ranked Class 2A and 1A teams.

But the defending Class 1A champion Hawks’ winning formula, usually reliant on a Mr. Hockey-caliber player or two, has been tweaked to account for the early departures of several upper-echelon standouts. Hermantown now rolls three and sometimes four lines and plays at such a frenetic pace that, by the third period, opponents are left gasping for and grasping at air.

Still, the Hawks aren’t invincible. They had their 10-year, 103-game regular season unbeaten streak against small-school opponents snapped in a 3-1 loss to Warroad on Jan. 14.



CONFERENCE:

Lake Superior

RECORD: 25-2-1

STATE TRIPS: 17

COACH: Pat Andrews,
6th year (140-21-9)

HOME ARENA:
Hermantown Ice Arena

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Senior Kade Kohanski’s return from a preseason injury has shoved Hermantown’s offense into a higher gear. He has 31 points in 18 games, fourth most on the team. Junior Penn State commit Dallas Vieau (21 goals) and senior Wyatt Carlson (20 goals) are the other go-to scorers.

DEFENSEMEN: George Peterson’s mega-production (42 points) adds another wrinkle to Hermantown’s attack as he ranks among the state’s top scoring defensemen. William Esterbrooks (25 points) is another Hawks blueliner with exceptional playmaking instincts.

GOALIES: Senior Garron Opsahl and junior Dane Callaway formed one of the state’s most effective tandems, but Callaway — superb in last year’s state tournament — figures to get all the starts from here on out.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
24	Dallas Vieau	11	F	21	32	53	27
22	George Peterson	12	D	12	30	42	14
4	Wyatt Carlson	12	F	20	17	37	8
11	Kade Kohanski	12	F	16	15	31	10
9	William Esterbrooks	11	D	5	20	25	14
3	Samuel Swenson	12	F	8	16	24	4
19	Joshua Kauppinen	11	F	17	7	24	8
23	River Freeman	10	F	12	11	23	16
17	Matthew Kauppinen	12	F	4	18	22	29
14	Aaron Evjen	12	F	8	10	18	2
7	Evan Gunderson	11	F	4	12	16	2
13	Weston Bohlman	11	D	4	10	14	4
16	Mason Sundbom	12	F	6	8	14	8
12	Nolan Barker	12	D	4	8	12	8
8	Drew Nelson	11	D	2	7	9	6
28	Rocco Erickson	12	F	2	7	9	2
18	Bradford Skytta	9	F	2	6	8	4
37	Holdyn Evjen	11	D	1	2	3	0
2	Henry Peterson	10	D	0	2	2	4
6	Andrew Johnson	11	F	0	2	2	0
21	Cade Winans	10	F	0	0	0	2

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
32	Dane Callaway	11	736:29	14-1-0	1.66	.922	2
31	Garron Opsahl	12	696:41	11-1-01	1.10	.934	4

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 30.8%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 91.7%
Goals Scored Per Game: 5.29
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.43

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
12/2	Cretin-Derham Hall	W 6-3
12/3	@ Hill-Murray	W 3-1
12/10	@ Centennial	T 3-3/OT
12/13	@ Duluth Marshall	W 9-1
12/20	@ Duluth Denfeld	W 8-1
12/28	Delano	W 8-0
12/29	@ East Grand Forks	W 3-0
12/31	Shakopee	W 4-3
1/3	@ Rosemount	W 4-3
1/7	@ Eden Prairie	W 6-2
1/12	St. Cloud Cathedral	W 4-1
1/14	@ Warroad	L 1-3
1/17	@ Hibbing/Chisholm	W 6-0
1/20	Moorhead	W 3-2
1/21	@ St. Thomas Academy	L 0-3
1/24	@ Superior (Wis.)	W 11-0
1/26	@ Proctor	W 7-0
1/28	@ Mahtomedi	W 6-3
2/1	@ Orono	W 2-1
2/2	Cloquet/Esko/Carlton	W 6-1
2/4	Totino-Grace	W 7-0
2/7	Rock Ridge	W 6-1
2/10	Benilde-St. Margaret's	W 7-2
2/11	Chaska	W 3-1
2/14	Grand Rapids	W 4-1

SECTION 7A PLAYOFFS

2/21	North Shore	W 15-1
2/27	Hibbing/Chisholm	W 3-2
3/1	Rock Ridge	W 3-1

Coach Pat Andrews

A Hermantown native who starred on the Hawks’ 1998 state tournament team, Andrews played for legendary coach Bruce Plante and then studied under him as an assistant. Andrews, in his sixth season leading the program, has a gaudy .823 winning percentage.



By the numbers

8: Extended road trips are no big deal for the Hawks, who are making their eighth journey this season to the Twin Cities area.

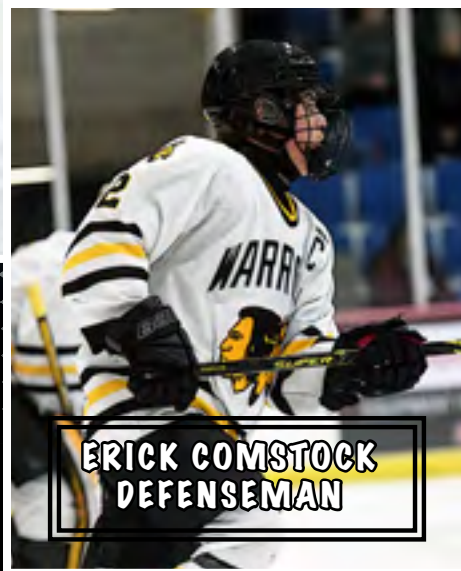
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Warroad WARRIORS



**CARSON PILGRIM
FORWARD**



**ERICK COMSTOCK
DEFENSEMAN**



**HAMPTON SLUKYNSKY
GOALIE**

Inside scoop

It would be an understatement to say Warroad's 3-2 loss to Hermantown in last year's state Class 1A championship game didn't digest easily.

Ultra-focused on a return trip to the state title game, Warroad gained a small measure of payback by halting Hermantown's 103-game regular-season unbeaten streak against Class 1A teams by beating the Hawks 3-1 on Jan. 14 in Warroad.

Warroad (27-0-1) enters the tournament as the state's lone unbeaten team. The Warriors' challenging schedule hasn't made it easy keeping that zero in the loss column. The Warriors shut out Class 2A powerhouse Wayzata 3-0 in January in a matchup of the state's top-ranked teams in each class at the time.

Senior forward Jayson Shaugabay and senior goalkeeper Hampton Slukynsky are among the finalists for the Mr. Hockey and Frank Brimsek awards, respectively. But there's more to Warroad than its biggest stars. The Warriors have outscored their opponents 154-35, with one-third of those goals coming via special teams.

Warroad last won a state title in 2005. Will the third trip for Shaugabay and Slukynsky be the one that returns a championship to Hockeytown?

**No. 1
Info**

CONFERENCE:
Mariucci
RECORD: 27-0-1
STATE TRIPS: 23
COACH: Jay Hardwick,
11th year (198-92-13)
HOME ARENA:
The Gardens Arena
Warroad

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Shaugabay leads the state with 57 assists, many of them going to junior linemate Carson Pilgrim, who broke out this season with 45 goals after netting 14 as a sophomore. Murray Marvin-Cordes enters the tournament on a hot streak with 12 goals in his last eight games, including three in the section semifinal.

DEFENSE: Erick Comstock and Ryan Lund both rank among the Warriors' scoring leaders. Comstock leads Warroad with 17 assists on the power play while Lund's 18 overall goals rank fourth on the team.

GOALIES: Slukynsky has hovered near the top of the state's goaltending statistics by posting a 1.28 goals-against average and stopping 94.8 percent of shots. He has nine shutouts this season and 20 in his career.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
17	Jayson Shaugabay	12	F	31	57	88	12
18	Carson Pilgrim	11	F	45	39	84	24
22	Murray Marvin-Cordes	11	F	23	24	47	14
25	Ryan Lund	11	D	18	25	43	24
2	Erick Comstock	12	D	7	26	33	24
15	Taven James	10	F	7	16	23	14
5	Garrett Hennum	12	F	6	5	11	14
27	Will Hardwick	11	D	1	9	10	18
11	Gaabi Boucha	12	F	5	3	8	33
21	Broden Hontvet	9	D	2	6	8	18
8	Griffin Marvin	12	F	2	5	7	12
6	Landon Thompson	12	F	4	2	6	20
33	Peyton Sunderland	11	F	0	5	5	11
1	Hampton Slukynsky	12	G	0	4	4	0
32	Wyatt Hennum	10	F	2	1	3	0
24	Deagan Watson	11	D	1	1	2	35
9	Kanon Hoffman	11	D	0	1	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Hampton Slukynsky	12	1390:59	26-0-1	1.28	.948	9
30	Ben Norris	11	51:00	1-0-0	0	1.00	1

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 33.8%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 94.0%
Goals Scored Per Game: 5.5
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.25

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/25	@ Delano	W 7-1
11/26	@ St. Cloud Cathedral	W 4-0
12/3	Mahtomedi	W 7-4
12/9	@ Rock Ridge	W 7-0
12/10	@ Grand Rapids	W 3-2/OT
12/20	@ Thief River Falls	W 5-1
12/28	Providence Academy	W 9-1
12/29	Orono	W 5-2
12/30	International Falls	W 6-0
1/6	Detroit Lakes	W 5-0
1/7	Fergus Falls	W 10-4
1/10	Roseau	W 7-4
1/12	Crookston	W 7-0
1/14	Hermantown	W 3-1
1/20	Wayzata	W 3-0
1/21	@ Duluth Denfeld	W 8-1
1/24	@ Roseau	W 5-2
1/28	@ Moorhead	W 4-2
1/31	Bemidji	W 5-3
2/3	Thief River Falls	W 5-0
2/4	Grand Forks Central (N.D.)	W 4-0
2/6	@ East Grand Forks	W 4-2
2/7	East Grand Forks	W 3-2
2/9	@ Bemidji	W 8-0
2/18	@ Sartell-St. Stephen T	1-1/OT

SECTION 8A PLAYOFFS

2/23	Park Rapids	W 8-0
2/25	Thief River Falls	W 6-1
3/2	East Grand Forks	W 5-1

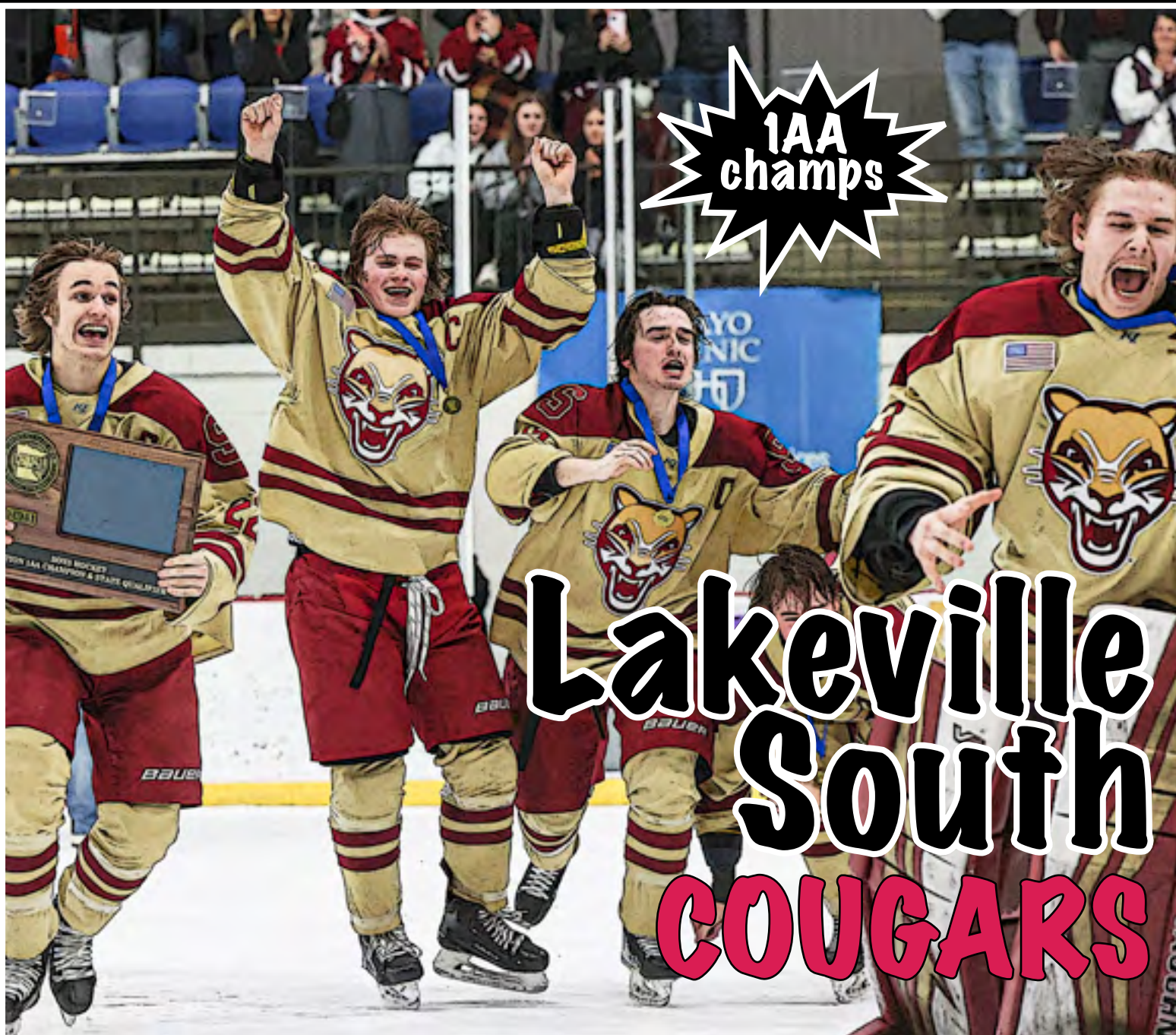
Coach Jay Hardwick

Hardwick enters the state tournament with 198 wins in his 11 seasons leading the Warriors. A former standout defenseman, he was a sophomore on Warroad's 1996 Class 1A championship team. He played at Minnesota-Duluth and spent six seasons in the minor leagues. Hardwick is a grandson of the late Dick Roberts, a legendary name in Warroad as a player, coach, educator, local business owner and, for a time, mayor.



By the numbers

25: Teams can't rest when on the power play against Warroad as the Warriors have 25 shorthanded goals, highlighted by Pilgrim's 13. In fact, Warroad has outscored its opponents 25-6 when on the penalty kill.



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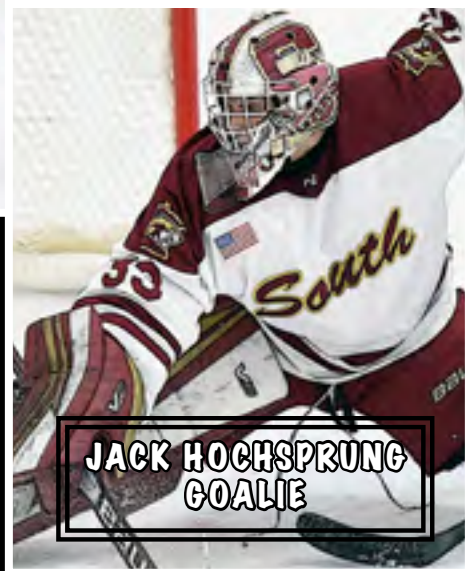
Lakeville South COUGARS



AIDAN WILLIS
FORWARD



TYLER LAFFERTY
DEFENSEMAN



JACK HOCHSPRUNG
GOALIE

Inside scoop

The 30-minute trip north up Interstate 35 is a familiar one for the Cougars, who have firmly planted their flag as king of Section 1AA over the last handful of seasons. But even with loads of tournament experience and some impressive recent results — namely a runner-up finish in 2021 — Lakeville South returns to St. Paul this year with something to prove.

Led by a battle-tested group of seniors, the Cougars (21-6-1) are looking to avenge an early exit last season and bring a championship back to Lakeville.

Lakeville South won't be the trendy pick this week in St. Paul, but with just enough offensive talent, a legitimate stud on the blueline and a star in net, it could be a sneaky underdog in a loaded field.

Unseeded
Info

CONFERENCE:
South Suburban
RECORD: 21-6-1
STATE TRIPS: 10
COACH: Josh Storm,
2nd year (46-11-1);
12th overall (190-11-14)
HOME ARENA:
Hasse Arena, Lakeville

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: South, which popped home an average of 4.39 goals per game this season, leans heavily on its senior trio of Tate Pritchard (56 points), Aidan Willis (50 points) and Ashton Dahms (43 points), and gets some scoring depth from sophomores Jackson Ernst and Will Kortan to aid the effort up front. Pritchard's status for the tournament is in question after suffering a hand injury in the Section 1AA final.

DEFENSEMEN: Tyler Lafferty, the do-it-all blueliner for the Cougars, is tasked nightly with shutting down opposing forwards and chipping in in the offensive zone. The senior has seven goals and 35 points. John Novak is another steady presence on the back end, giving Lakeville South a formidable one-two punch.

GOALIES: Jack Hochsprung has played all but 102 minutes this year and boasts 19 wins, a .915 save percentage and four shutouts.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Tate Pritchard	12	F	28	29	57	24
18	Aidan Willis	12	F	13	44	57	27
22	Ashton Dahms	12	F	25	20	45	10
7	Tyler Lafferty	12	D	7	31	38	40
14	Jackson Ernst	10	F	9	8	17	6
19	John Novak	12	D	5	10	15	14
23	Will Kortan	10	F	6	9	15	6
11	Zander Billins	12	F	6	8	14	8
2	Ryder Patterson	12	D	4	7	11	29
29	Jack Ohlund	12	F	4	5	9	10
8	Eiji Hofmann	11	D	5	3	8	4
28	Colton Kunkel	11	D	3	5	8	18
13	Thomas Boisjolie	12	F	3	3	6	12
21	Luke Johnson	10	D	1	4	5	6
12	William Weidemann	11	F	2	2	4	2
33	Jack Hochsprung	12	G	0	3	3	2
40	Owen Sheffel	12	F	0	3	3	2
16	Cullen Ryan	12	F	1	1	2	0
9	Camden Crawford	12	D	1	0	1	2
17	Evan Kasal	11	D	0	0	0	2

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
33	Jack Hochsprung	12	1337:02	0019-6-1	2.29	.916	4
32	Brooks Currie	11	102:00	2-0-0	0.50	.969	0

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 28.6%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 83.1%
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.39
Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.21

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/25	Chaska	W 5-2
12/3	Rogers	L 1-3
12/10	Apple Valley/Burnsville	W 4-1
12/13	@ Lakeville North	W 4-2
12/17	Eastview	W 3-2
12/27	@ Hill-Murray	W 5-4/OT
12/28	@ Chanhassen	L 0-3
12/29	Benilde-St. Margaret's	L 1-7
1/7	@ Edina	T 2-2/OT
1/10	Farmington	W 6-1
1/12	@ Rosemount	L 3-4
1/16	@ Eagan	W 8-1
1/17	@ Prior Lake	W 3-2
1/21	Delano	W 6-0
1/23	Shakopee	W 8-2
1/27	Lakeville North	W 4-0
1/28	Minnetonka	L 2-5
1/31	Blaine	W 6-0
2/2	@ Cretin-Derham Hall	W 5-4/OT
2/4	@ Shakopee	W 6-4
2/7	Eagan	W 4-0
2/11	@ Farmington	W 9-1
2/14	Rosemount	W 6-4
2/16	@ Eastview	L 2-5
2/17	Prior Lake	W 3-1

SECTION 1AA PLAYOFFS

2/23	Farmington	W 7-1
2/25	Rochester Century	W 6-0
3/2	Lakeville North	W 4-1

Coach Josh Storm

A Lakeville native, Storm has guided the Cougars to back-to-back state tournaments in his two seasons leading the program. He previously coached at Owatonna for 10 seasons, compiling a 144-100-13 record before returning to his hometown.



By the numbers

5: The Cougars are making their fifth straight state tournament appearance, joining Moorhead as co-owner of the longest current streak among Class 2A teams.

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Minnetonka SKIPPERS



**JAVON MOORE
FORWARD**



**JOHN STOUT
DEFENSEMAN**



**KAIZER NELSON
GOALIE**

Inside scoop

When Minnetonka head coach Sean Goldsworthy met with the media following the Skippers' 2-1 double-overtime victory over Chanhassen in the Section 2AA final, he said exactly what everyone had been thinking since the first puck dropped on the 2022-23 season.

"We're the No. 1 team in the state," he said. "We've played everybody, we've beaten everybody."

Minnetonka (26-2-0) enters the state tournament as the biggest stand-alone favorite since Duluth East in 2012. The Skippers roll three lines, suffocate opponents defensively and cruise into St. Paul on a 17-game winning streak.

Goldsworthy, who is making his second trip to the Xcel Energy Center as Minnetonka's bench boss, knows a thing or two about getting the job done — he led the team to its first state title in 2018.

His current group of Skippers might be even better and are the clear favorites to hoist the big prize Saturday night in St. Paul.

**No. 1
Info**

CONFERENCE:
Lake
RECORD: 26-2-0
STATE TRIPS: 7
COACH:
Sean Goldsworthy,
6th year (115-37-9)
HOME ARENA:
Pagel Activity Center,
Minnetonka

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: The depth of Minnetonka up front is unmatched. The Skippers have three Division I-committed forwards in Javon Moore (Minnesota), Sam Scheetz (Vermont) and Alex Lunski (St. Thomas). Hagen Burrows (45 points) and Gavin Garry (42 points) lead the team in points, and sophomore sensation Ashton Schultz (33 points) isn't far behind.

DEFENSEMEN: 'Tonka allowed just 1.11 goals-per-game, thanks in large part to the state's best defensive pairing in senior captain Liam Hupka and future Minnesota-Duluth Bulldog John Stout, a junior.

GOALIES: Senior Kaizer Nelson took over the starting job late last season and has been locked in ever since. His .933 save percentage and seven shutouts each rank among the best in the state this year.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
19	Hagen Burrows	11	F	21	24	45	20
15	Gavin Garry	11	F	18	24	42	18
11	Ashton Schultz	10	F	13	20	33	4
22	Javon Moore	11	F	10	23	33	10
10	Luke Garry	11	F	12	13	25	6
21	Sam Scheetz	11	F	9	16	25	4
12	Alex Lunski	11	F	11	13	24	15
23	John Stout	11	D	6	18	24	4
17	Liam Hupka	12	D	4	13	17	12
9	Jack Sand	12	F	5	10	15	21
33	Robby House	11	D	2	10	12	10
3	Danny Klaers	10	D	1	10	11	4
7	Jake McCuskey	12	F	6	3	9	6
8	Max Krebsbach	12	F	4	4	8	4
16	Danny Pasqua	12	D	3	5	8	2
2	Ryan Holzer	12	D	0	5	5	10
29	Gabe Tibbitts	12	D	0	1	1	0
5	Brayden Thompson	11	D	0	0	0	2

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
31	Kaizer Nelson	12	1186:50	21-2-0	1.16	0.933	7
1	Hunter Bauer	11	255:00	5-0-0	0.40	0.973	3

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 28.8%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 89.5%
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.46
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.11

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/25	Rochester Mayo	W 8-2
11/26	Andover	W 4-1
12/1	Bloomington Jefferson	W 9-1
12/3	Moorhead	W 3-0
12/8	@ Rosemount	W 3-2/OT
12/10	@ Chanhassen	L 1-4
12/15	Prior Lake	W 6-1
12/17	Rogers	W 5-0
12/28	@ Grand Rapids	W 4-1
1/5	@ Hill-Murray	W 5-0
1/7	Wayzata	L 1-3
1/10	@ Eastview	W 5-0
1/12	@ Buffalo	W 8-0
1/14	Duluth East	W 4-1
1/17	@ Chaska	W 7-1
1/19	Edina	W 4-0
1/21	@ Eden Prairie	W 3-2
1/26	St. Michael-Albertville	W 6-1
1/28	@ Lakeville South	W 5-2
2/2	@ Wayzata	W 4-2
2/4	Buffalo	W 6-0
2/9	St. Louis Park	W 4-0
2/11	@ Edina	W 1-0
2/16	Eden Prairie	W 4-3
2/18	@ St. Michael-Albertville	W 6-2

SECTION 2AA PLAYOFFS
2/21 Chaska W 4-0
2/25 Shakopee W 3-1
3/2 @ Chanhassen W 2-1/OT

Coach Sean Goldsworthy

Goldsworthy, a Minnetonka graduate, led his alma mater to a state championship in 2018. Now in his sixth season behind the Skippers' bench, Goldsworthy had a lengthy stint as the head coach of Division III St. Olaf before returning to Minnetonka.



By the numbers

6-0: Top-ranked Minnetonka went unbeaten in six meetings against fellow Class 2A tournament teams during the regular season.

Cretin-Derham Hall

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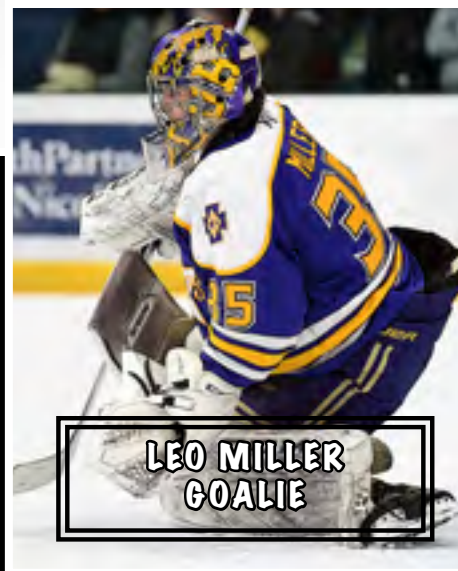
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JAKE FISHER
FORWARD



SIMON HOUGE
DEFENSEMAN



LEO MILLER
GOALIE

Inside scoop

At this time last year, Cretin-Derham Hall was cruising into Xcel Energy Center squarely in the state title conversation.

Fast forward to now, and the hype surrounding the Raiders couldn't be more different. The team struggled down the stretch before clawing its way through the Section 3AA tournament and enters the Class 2A field unseeded.

It might be the perfect situation.

The Raiders (18-9-1) still have the high-powered offense, are getting huge contributions from underclassmen and have some ever-important tournament experience. Cretin-Derham Hall is flying under the radar, and, with notoriously shortened benches in a television time-out tournament, this could be the most dangerous team no one is talking about.

Unseeded
Info

CONFERENCE:
Suburban East
2022-23 Record: 18-9-1
STATE TRIPS: 5
COACH: Matt Funk,
5th year (96-31-3); 7th
overall (151-64-3)
HOME ARENA:
Highland Arena, St. Paul

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Cretin-Derham Hall's run-and-gun attack is led by Mr. Hockey finalist Jake Fisher, a Northern Michigan commit who boasts an eye-popping 33 goals and 60 points. Attila Lippai, who will play his college hockey at nearby St. Thomas, is second on the team with 41 points. The secondary scoring comes mainly from freshman Max Anderson (14 goals) and junior Chuck Owens (10 goals).

DEFENSEMEN: Seniors Simon Houge and Colton Jamieson — another St. Thomas recruit — are modern, mobile defensemen who drive play from the point and join rushes whenever they get the chance. They have 31 and 26 points, respectively.

GOALIES: It was a goaltending-by-committee approach for the Raiders to start this season after losing star netminder Marko Belak to graduation. Junior Leo Miller eventually grabbed the starting job and was rock-solid in the Section 3AA tournament, stopping 72 of 75 shots.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
18	Jake Fisher	12	F	34	28	62	32
15	Attila Lippai	12	F	16	27	43	41
8	Simon Houge	12	D	3	32	35	20
21	Colton Jamieson	12	D	7	21	28	17
11	Chuck Owens	11	F	10	16	26	4
17	Max Anderson	9	F	14	10	24	8
19	Colin Scanlan	12	F	8	12	20	28
24	Jimmy Dodig	10	D	4	12	16	22
4	Nate Chorlton	9	F	5	10	15	14
5	Charlie Cantwell	12	F	5	6	11	6
20	Max Bennett	10	F	2	9	11	0
2	Trey Gnetz	12	D	2	7	9	14
10	Lucas Cernohous	12	D	3	6	9	10
22	Holden Saumweber	12	F	5	4	9	10
9	Easton Swift	11	F	4	4	8	12
25	Szilveszter Lippai	10	F	3	4	7	31
6	Aidan Stegfried	11	G	1	4	5	10
27	Luke Chorlton	11	D	0	3	3	13
7	Devin Cardenas	12	F	0	2	2	2
16	Dawson Kloek	10	F	1	0	1	0
30	Owen Nelson	10	G	0	0	0	2
NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
33	Marco Cerise	11	102:00	1-1-0	4.00	.833	0
30	Owen Nelson	10	543:18	6-4-01	2.72	.873	1
35	Leo Miller	11	802:47	11-4-0	2.60	.903	1

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 31.8%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 80.8%
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.54
Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.86

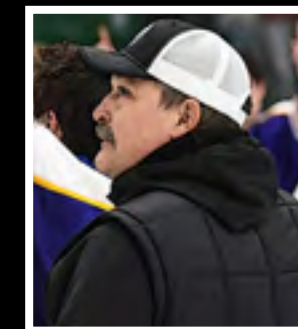
Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/25	St. Thomas Academy	L 2-4
12/2	@ Hermantown	L 3-6
12/3	Eden Prairie	W 2-1/OT
12/8	@ Woodbury	W 5-2
12/10	East Ridge	W 6-1
12/15	@ Benilde-St. Margaret's	W 6-3
12/17	Park of Cottage Grove	W 9-5
12/20	Lakeville North	W 7-1
12/22	St. Thomas Academy	W 4-2
12/27	@ Maple Grove	L 3-6
12/28	Wayzata	L 4-5/OT
12/29	@ Totino-Grace	W 4-1
1/5	Stillwater	W 7-5
1/7	@ Roseville	T 4-4/OT
1/10	@ Mahtomedi	W 6-2
1/12	@ Mounds View	W 7-1
1/17	Gentry Academy	W 7-0
1/19	@ Forest Lake	W 3-1
1/26	Eastview	L 2-4
1/28	@ Chaska	L 2-3
1/31	@ Blake	W 8-3
2/2	Lakeville South	L 4-5/OT
2/4	@ White Bear Lake	W 3-2
2/9	@ Stillwater	L 2-6
2/14	White Bear Lake	L 3-4

SECTION 3AA PLAYOFFS
2/21 Apple Valley/Burnsville W 7-0
2/24 Rosemount W 3-1
3/1 @ St. Thomas Academy W 4-2

Coach Matt Funk

Funk has led Cretin-Derham Hall to back-to-back state tournaments, the first time that's happened in program history. In his seventh overall season as a high school head coach, Funk, who started his career at St. Paul Academy, has a record of 151-64-3. Last May he was named Cretin-Derham Hall's athletic director.



By the numbers

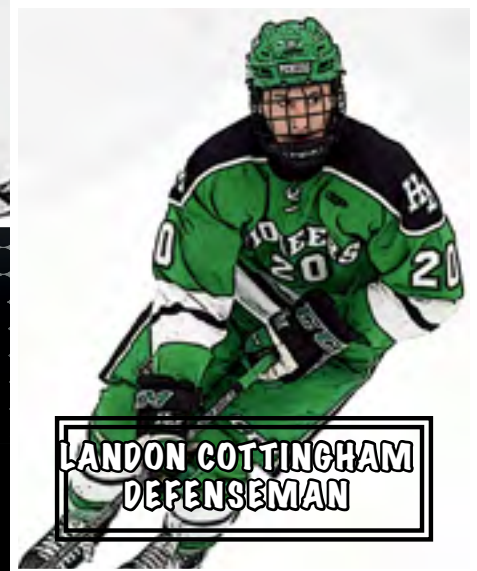
14-3: It was a rocky climb to the X for the Raiders, who lost five of their last seven regular season games. Cretin-Derham Hall rebounded to outscore Section 3AA tournament opponents 14-3.



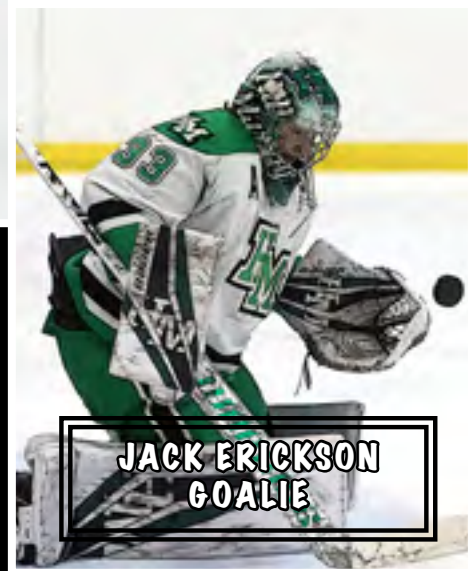
Hill-Murray PIONEERS



BRADY INGBRITSON
FORWARD



LONDON COTTINGHAM
DEFENSEMAN



JACK ERICKSON
GOALIE

Inside scoop

Death. Taxes. Hill-Murray making a run at the Class 2A state tournament.

How predictable.

A year after being the tournament's top seed boasting a roster loaded with talent, the Pioneers (14-13-1) return to St. Paul barely over .500.

But don't let the record fool you.

Head coach Bill Lechner, a tournament veteran with two state titles to his name, finds a way to mold his teams into pesky playoff participants no matter the record. Hill-Murray out-scored opponents 12-2 in the Section 4AA tournament and is as battle-tested as any team, thanks to arguably the state's best schedule.

Plagued by injuries all season, this edition of the Pioneers conjures up memories of the 2020 team — a younger group that peaked at the right time and captured the state title. Can Lechner and the Pioneers make a magical run again?

The task is formidable. Hill-Murray will meet top-seeded Minnetonka in Thursday's quarterfinals, a team it lost to 5-0 during the regular season.



CONFERENCE:
Metro East
RECORD: 14-13-1
STATE TRIPS: 32
COACH: Bill Lechner,
25th year (530-182-33);
30th overall
(588-260-36)
HOME ARENA:
Aldrich Arena,
Maplewood

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Hill-Murray won't wow you with offensive production — the two highest-scoring Pioneers notched 21 and 20 points respectively (Brady Ingebritson and Jackson Reeves). Caden and Boden Sampair have been formidable, and Northeastern commit Ben Miller is hitting his stride after sitting out with a knee injury for much of the season. The emergence of eighth-grader Riley Zupfer helps, too.

DEFENSEMEN: It's a youth movement on the Pioneer blueline after losing boat loads of talent off last year's team. Sophomores Graham Greeder (16 points) and Landon Cottingham (15 points) are poised beyond their years, and freshman Casper Lang isn't far behind with 10 points of his own.

GOALIES: Perhaps the only certainty in the Hill-Murray lineup this season was Jack Erickson, who played over 1,200 minutes and racked up a .924 save percentage against top-notch competition.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
15	Brady Ingebritson	12	F	9	12	21	16
18	Jackson Reeves	10	F	11	9	20	6
12	Caden Sampair	12	F	7	11	18	10
17	Boden Sampair	10	F	8	8	16	6
19	Graham Greeder	10	D	4	12	16	6
16	Lucas Mann	11	F	6	9	15	19
20	Landon Cottingham	10	D	5	10	15	35
9	Jude Bonin	11	F	6	7	13	12
8	Simon Seidl	11	F	3	9	12	16
27	Riley Zupfer	8	F	7	5	12	6
28	Casper Lang	9	D	3	7	10	4
11	Ben Miller	11	F	3	6	9	6
26	Seth Klepac	11	D	3	5	8	16
7	Ryan Madigan	11	F	3	4	7	6
14	Matthew Whisler	12	D	0	6	6	20
2	Joseph Luger	11	D	1	4	5	24
6	Brayden Houge	12	D	0	2	2	0
10	Cullen Ingebritson	10	R	1	1	2	8
22	Zach Laumeier	11	R	2	0	2	4
21	Jack Blissenbach	11	F	0	1	1	2
25	Caden Zasada	8	F	1	0	1	0
33	Jack Erickson	12	G	0	0	0	2

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
33	Jack Erickson	12	1248:32	11-12-0	2.25	.924	2
1	Andrew Lane	11	202:33	3-1-0	1.26	.930	1

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 16.6%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 89.2%
Goals Scored Per Game: 2.96
Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.25

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
12/2	@ Eden Prairie	W 2-1
12/3	Hermantown	L 1-3
12/8	@ Wayzata	L 1-2/OT
12/10	Tartan	W 4-1
12/17	@ Hastings	W 5-3
12/22	@ Benilde-St. Margaret's	L 2-3
12/27	Lakeville South	L 4-5/OT
12/28	Andover	L 2-5
12/29	@ Champlin Park	L 2-3
1/5	Minnetonka	L 0-5
1/7	@ Two Rivers	W 1-0
1/12	@ St. Thomas Academy	L 1-3
1/14	Simley	W 10-0
1/17	@ Stillwater	T 2-2/OT
1/21	Grand Rapids	W 4-1
1/25	@ Mahtomedi	W 4-2
1/28	@ White Bear Lake	W 3-2/OT
1/30	Mahtomedi	W 2-1/OT
1/31	South St. Paul	W 7-1
2/3	Edina	L 1-2
2/4	@ Edina	L 1-2
2/8	Blake	W 8-4
2/11	St. Thomas Academy	L 0-1
2/14	@ Maple Grove	L 2-5
2/18	Moorhead	L 2-4

SECTION 4AA PLAYOFFS
2/25 East Ridge W 6-1
3/1 Woodbury W 3-1
3/3 Gentry Academy W 3-0

Coach Bill Lechner

Lechner, who has led the Pioneers to two state championships, also served on the coaching staff when Hill-Murray won a state title in 1983. He has led the Pioneers to 17 tournaments and also was the school's baseball coach and athletic director before retiring from those roles.



By the numbers

0-for-7: The Pioneers are winless in seven tries this season against teams in the Class 2A field. Two of the losses came on back-to-back nights against Edina.

No. 2
Info

CONFERENCE:
Northwest Suburban
RECORD: 22-5-1
STATE TRIPS: 6
COACH: Todd Bergland,
7th year (143- 50-6)
HOME ARENA:
Maple Grove
Community Center



Maple Grove CRIMSON

Inside scoop

When the dust settled on last year's double-overtime state Class 2A title game, Maple Grove knew it wouldn't have to wait long to try and avenge yet another state tournament disappointment.

The lineup was full of returning talent. The players had high school and youth hockey state tournament experience. The motivation was at an all-time high.

The revenge tour was on for Maple Grove, but it didn't come without some trepidation.

Superstar Landen Gunderson opted to play junior hockey, forgoing his senior season. Losses to section rivals Champlin Park and Rogers late in the season cast doubts on the Crimson from so-called experts.

But the Crimson (22-5-1) rallied, found a new set of stars and eliminated both Champlin Park and Rogers in the 5AA playoffs to earn a return trip to St. Paul with one last box to check.

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Maple Grove averaged 5.29 goals per game and scored five or more goals 14 times. The Crimson have four forwards who have notched over 30 points, led by Mr. Hockey finalist Finn Brink's 31-goal, 68-point campaign. Jack Kernan (57 points), Blake Steenerson (45 points) and Lucas Busch (42 points) also produced impressive totals.

DEFENSEMEN: Lucas Margenau and Grant Leneau collect points at the rate of a forward and have a combined 60 points. Margenau, while undersized, plays huge minutes and quarterbacks Maple Grove's potent power play - the senior blueliner tallied three goals and 14 points on the man-advantage this season.

GOALIES: Senior Jack Roach has had his ups and downs this season, but he's pieced together a 17-win campaign with five shutouts while backstopping the Crimson to a fourth-straight Class 2A tournament berth.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
27	Finn Brink	12	F	31	37	68	12
15	Jack Kernan	12	F	19	38	57	26
18	Blake Steenerson	12	F	18	27	45	22
21	Lucas Busch	11	F	14	28	42	12
13	Lucas Margenau	12	D	9	23	32	18
14	Grant Leneau	12	D	10	18	28	14
16	Jay Ellingson	12	F	8	11	19	12
3	Ty Patefield	12	F	5	13	18	10
22	Andrew Karkoc	11	F	5	11	16	2
26	Beck Picconatto	12	D	3	10	13	14
37	Joey Imgrund	11	F	7	5	12	14
10	Jacob Sinclair	12	F	5	4	9	10
25	Luke Giuliani	11	F	4	5	9	25
28	Connor Stelljes	11	D	1	8	9	6
7	Preston Moses	11	F	2	5	7	0
12	Riley Bot	12	F	4	3	7	4
40	Joey Leafblad	10	D	1	5	6	10
5	Owen Smith	11	D	1	4	5	2
6	Gavin Anderson	11	D	0	5	5	10
24	Andrew Leafblad	12	D	1	3	4	0
35	Zach Price	10	G	0	1	1	0
1	Jack Roach	12	G	0	0	0	2

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Jack Roach	12	1166:45	0017-5-1	2.19	.910	5
33	Michael Burtness	12	178:34	3-0-0	0.29	.979	2
35	Zach Price		102:00	2-0-0	0.00	1.000	2

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 42.9%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 83.1%
Goals Scored Per Game: 5.29
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.86

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/25	@ Edina	W 2-0
11/26	@ Wayzata	L 1-5
12/1	@ Anoka	W 15-0
12/3	@ Stillwater	L 3-4
12/8	@ Spring Lake Park	W 9-0
12/10	@ Blaine	W 8-0
12/15	Coon Rapids	W 4-0
12/20	@ Centennial	W 4-2
12/27	Cretin-Derham Hall	W 6-3
12/28	@ St. Michael-Albertville	W 6-1
12/29	Wayzata	W 4-3
1/5	@ Andover	W 4-1
1/7	Blaine	W 10-0
1/12	@ R. Armstrong/Cooper	W 6-3
1/14	Rogers	T 3-3/OT
1/19	@ Champlin Park	L 1-2/OT
1/21	Elk River/Zimmerman	W 3-0
1/26	Osseo	W 8-0
1/27	Grand Rapids	W 8-1
1/28	Centennial	L 6-7/OT
2/2	Totino-Grace	W 2-0
2/3	@ Rogers	L 2-5
2/11	Andover	W 3-2
2/14	Hill-Murray	W 5-2
2/18	@ St. Thomas Academy	W 4-3

SECTION 5AA PLAYOFFS

2/25	Osseo	W 8-0
2/28	Champlin Park	W 6-2
3/2	@ Rogers	W 7-3

Coach Todd Bergland

Bergland is back for his fifth state tournament since taking over Maple Grove's program in 2015-16. The state championship hasn't come yet, but with Bergland's consistency and the massive feeder program making sure he has a stacked lineup each year, it's hard to see Maple Grove not winning it all soon. Bergland's brother Tim is the head coach at Thief River Falls.



By the numbers

42.9: The Crimson racked up the best power-play percentage in Class 2A this winter, scoring on a remarkable 42.9 percent of their chances with the man-advantage.



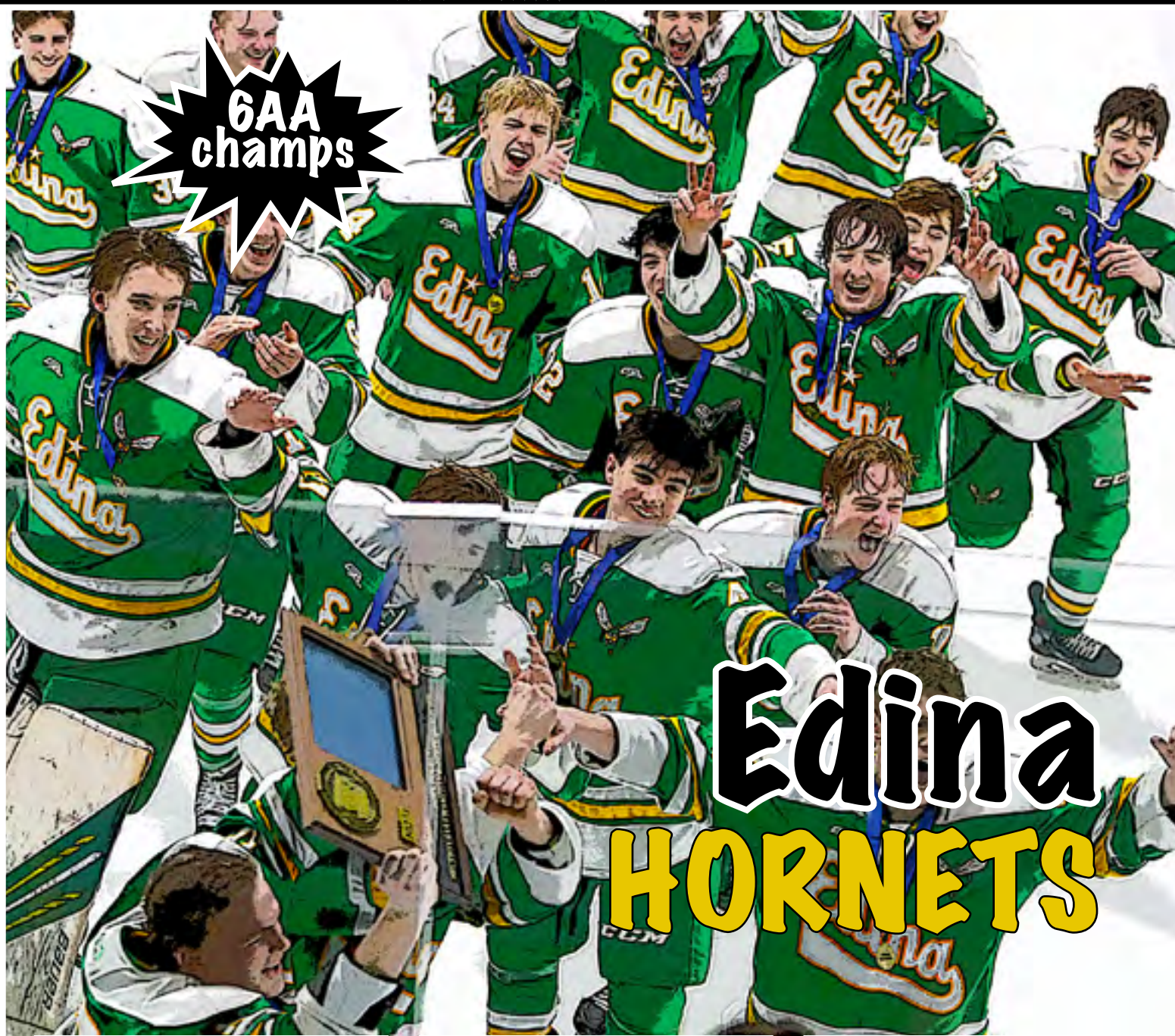
FINN BRINK
FORWARD



LUCAS MARGENAU
DEFENSEMAN

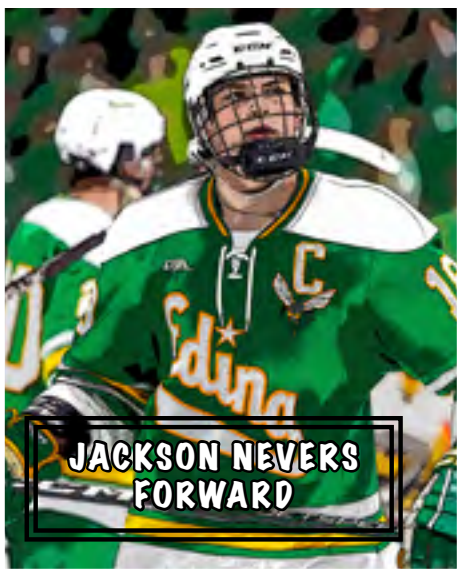


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Edina HORNETS



JACKSON NEVERS
FORWARD



EDDIE REVENIG
DEFENSEMAN



ROBBIE CLARKOWSKI
GOALIE

Inside scoop

The recent years of the Edina dynasty have been defined by high-flying offensive teams and enough talent to fill the lobby walls at Braemar Arena with championship memorabilia.

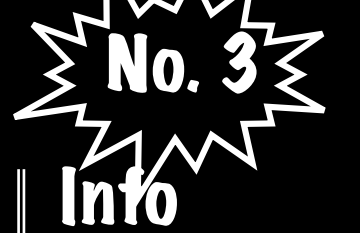
Fun hockey? Yes. Curt Giles hockey? Probably not.

The group of Hornets buzzing into St. Paul this week is right in the 24th year Edina coach's wheelhouse.

Edina (20-6-1) scores just 3.48 goals per game, has only four players with more than 20 points and was shut out five times during the regular season. But the Hornets have racked up 20 wins and bullied their way through the deep Section 6AA playoffs to emerge at the Xcel Energy Center.

"Good goaltending and good defense can take you a long way," Giles said after leading his team to yet another Section 6AA title.

Should the Hornets put the clamps down at the Xcel Energy Center, they have as good a case as any to nab the big school crown.



CONFERENCE:
Lake
RECORD: 20-6-1
STATE TRIPS: 41
COACH: Curt Giles,
24th year (495-159-28)
HOME ARENA: Braemar
Ice Arena, Edina

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Minnesota commit Jackson Nevers has emerged as a bona fide star this season, adding a physical element to his lightning speed and scoring touch. The junior has 19 goals among his 38 points. Bobby Cowan (31 points), Mason West (26 points) and Matt Vander Vort (25) provide additional scoring production.

DEFENSEMEN: The Hornets have two future Division I players patrolling their blueline in Eddie Revenig (Bemidji State) and Barrett Dexheimer (UMass), but their depth on the back end doesn't end there. Seniors Charlie Sandven and Caden Morgan are elite defenders and bring an offensive touch, too, with 22 and 11 points, respectively.

GOALIES: Senior Robbie Clarkowski, one of three Frank Brimsek Award finalists as the state's top senior goalie, played all but 102 minutes this season. He has compiled a 1.67 goals against average, .942 save percentage and four shutouts.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
18	Jackson Nevers	11	F	19	19	38	12
21	Bobby Cowan	11	F	12	19	31	16
9	Mason West	9	F	8	18	26	10
17	Matt Vander Vort	12	F	8	17	25	20
14	Charlie Sandven	12	D	7	15	22	30
6	Eddie Revenig	11	D	1	19	20	22
10	John Halverson	11	F	7	12	19	20
11	Ryan Flaherty	11	D	8	11	19	10
12	Lucas Cole	12	F	5	13	18	6
4	Barrett Dexheimer	11	D	2	9	11	10
19	Grant Olson	12	F	7	4	11	6
7	Caden Morgan	12	D	6	5	11	14
24	Robby Hoch	10	D	1	9	10	10
20	Mike Mason	12	D	2	3	5	4
22	John Warpinski	11	F	1	4	5	6
1	Robbie Clarkowski	12	G	0	2	2	0
8	David Cepek	12	F	0	1	1	8
3	Charlie Velner	10	D	0	0	0	2
15	Quinton Schaefer	10	F	0	0	0	4
23	Casey Mason	10	F	0	0	0	4

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
30	Joe Bertram	11	102:00	2-0-0	1.50	.930	0
1	Robbie Clarkowski	12	1283:03	0018-6-1	1.67	.940	4

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 21.7%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 89.2%
Goals Scored Per Game: 3.56
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.70

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/25	Maple Grove	L 0-2
11/26	@ Moorhead	L 0-2
11/28	Holy Family	L 2-3
12/3	@ Benilde-St. Margaret's	W 3-2
12/15	St. Louis Park	W 4-1
12/16	Elk River/Zimmerman	W 7-1
12/17	Eden Prairie	W 5-1
12/27	Moorhead	W 3-2
12/28	St. Thomas Academy	W 5-1
12/29	Rogers	W 3-2/OT
12/31	Chaska	W 5-0
1/7	Lakeville South	T 2-2/OT
1/13	St. Thomas Academy	W 4-1
1/14	Buffalo	W 5-2
1/19	@ Minnetonka	L 0-4
1/21	St. Michael-Albertville	W 3-0
1/26	Wayzata	W 5-3
1/28	@ Eden Prairie	W 4-0
2/3	@ Hill-Murray	W 2-1
2/4	Hill-Murray	W 2-1
2/9	@ Buffalo	W 5-2
2/11	Minnetonka	L 0-1
2/16	@ St. Michael-Albertville	W 6-2
2/18	@ Wayzata	L 0-7

SECTION 6AA PLAYOFFS
2/21 R. Armstrong/Cooper W 12-0
2/25 Benilde-St. Margaret's W 5-2
3/1 @ Wayzata W 2-1

Coach Curt Giles

Giles, a former Minnesota North Stars defenseman who played more than 900 NHL games, has led the storied Hornets program through one of its most successful periods. With the no-nonsense Giles behind the bench, Edina has won four state titles and made 14 trips to the tournament.



By the numbers

1.67: Edina allowed an average of just 1.67 goals per game this season, the second-lowest number in the tournament behind Lake Conference counterpart Minnetonka.



Andover HUSKIES

**7AA
champs**

Inside scoop

After winning last year's state championship and putting on a performance for the ages, no one would have been surprised to see Andover's trio of top-liners moving on to junior hockey.

As the season rolled closer and closer, it appeared that would be the case. But all three returned, and the encore showing has been legendary.

Gavyn Thoreson, Cooper Conway and Cayden Casey have a combined 104 goals and 251 points, generate scoring chances on nearly every shift and have cemented themselves among the all-time elite forward lines in Minnesota high school hockey history. The trio had a hand in all seven goals in the Huskies' 7-2 win over Duluth East in the Section 7AA title game, with Conway scoring four goals, Thoreson contributing five assists and Casey adding a goal and an assist.

They're back in St. Paul, and the Huskies (21-6-1) are looking to become the first team to repeat since Edina in 2013 and 2014.

No. 4
Info

CONFERENCE:
Northwest Suburban
RECORD: 21-6-1
STATE TRIPS: 4
COACH: Mark Manney,
14th year (237-127-17)
HOME ARENA:
Andover Community
Center

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Andover's top line features a pair of Mr. Hockey finalists in Thoreson and Conway and all three players have more than 70 points. Thoreson leads the team with 90 points, Conway leads the team in goals (47) and Casey's 55 assists are tied with Thoreson for the team high.

DEFENSEMEN: Captain Tristen May-Robinson played a huge role in last year's title run, and he followed it up with a seven-goal, 29-point season. Brooks Cogswell and Landon Stringfellow give Andover ample depth on the blueline.

GOALIES: Senior Beau Altman earned the starting gig and compiled a 14-3-1 record with a .935 save percentage and five shut-outs.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
12	Gavyn Thoreson	12	F	35	55	90	34
8	Cooper Conway	12	F	47	37	84	40
15	Cayden Casey	12	F	22	55	77	14
7	Tristen May-Robinson	12	D	7	22	29	22
19	Ben Doll	11	F	8	15	23	10
11	Brooks Cogswell	11	F/D	1	16	17	6
23	Anthony Pardo	11	D	2	12	14	2
9	KJ Sauer	9	F	6	7	13	20
22	Macklin Yelle	12	F	4	9	13	6
10	Crosby Perry	11	F	4	7	11	0
28	Luke Babineau	10	F	5	6	11	4
3	Landon Stringfellow	11	D	3	6	9	6
20	Caiden Belisle	10	D	3	4	7	18
26	Gavin Sullivan	11	F	2	4	6	11
17	Caden Martin	11	F	2	3	5	4
2	Andrew Law	10	D	1	3	4	4
5	Austin Westman	10	F	2	1	3	0
27	Rocko Gorowsky	10	F	2	1	3	8
1	Beau Altman	12	G	0	1	1	0
24	Evan Larson	11	F	0	0	0	6

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
35	Otto Reinhart	11	1:20	0-0-0	0.00	.000	0
30	Cal Conway	10	512:50	7-3-0	1.79	.919	2
1	Beau Altman	12	922:2600	14-3-1	1.66	.935	5

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 37.6%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 82.9%
Goals Scored Per Game: 5.57
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.79

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/25	Chanhassen	W 6-3
11/26	@ Minnetonka	L 1-4
12/1	@ R. Armstrong/Cooper	W 5-2
12/2	Moorhead	W 7-2
12/6	Benilde-St. Margaret's	L 0-3
12/8	Rogers	L 1-3
12/15	@ Champlin Park	W 3-2/OT
12/17	Wayzata	T 3-3/OT
12/20	@ Duluth East	L 1-5
12/27	@ Benilde-St. Margaret's	W 9-3
12/28	@ Hill-Murray	W 5-2
12/29	Rosemount	W 6-0
1/5	Maple Grove	L 1-4
1/7	@ Osseo	W 11-2
1/12	Centennial	W 4-1
1/14	@ Totino-Grace	W 8-1
1/17	@ Blaine	W 7-0
1/21	Anoka	W 12-1
1/26	Spring Lake Park	W 7-0
1/28	@ Coon Rapids	W 9-1
2/2	@ Elk River/Zimmerman	W 5-0
2/3	Grand Rapids	W 4-1
2/7	Blaine	W 9-0
2/11	@ Maple Grove	L 2-3
2/16	@ Centennial	W 7-0

SECTION 7AA PLAYOFFS
2/21 Duluth Marshall W 11-2
2/25 Grand Rapids W 5-0
3/2 @ Duluth East W 7-2

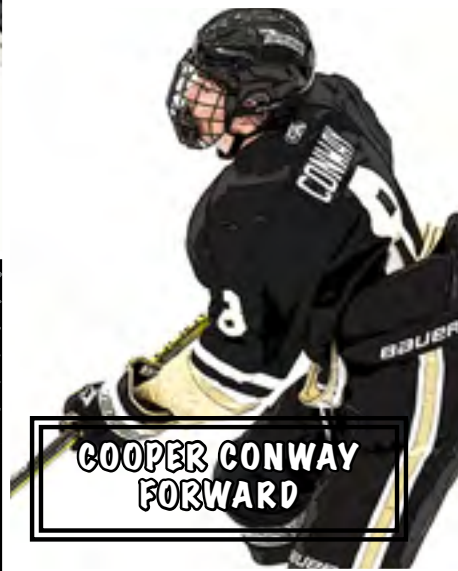
Coach Mark Manney

Manney, a 23-year veteran of the Air Force and former Air Force One pilot, has guided Andover to elite program status in his 14 years behind the bench that includes four state tournament appearances and, of course, the 2022 state title.

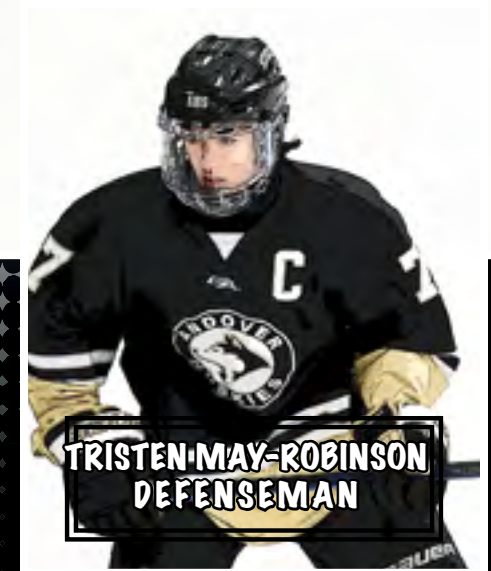


By the numbers

156: Andover scores more than any team in the state - in either class. The Huskies buried 156 goals this winter, have 38 power-play goals and added 13 shorties for good measure.



**COOPER CONWAY
FORWARD**



**TRISTEN MAY-ROBINSON
DEFENSEMAN**



**BEAU ALTMAN
GOALIE**



Moorhead SPUDS



AARON REIERSON
FORWARD



GARRETT LINDBERG
DEFENSEMAN



KAI WEIGEL
GOALIE

Inside scoop

Moorhead was, on paper, an early favorite for the Class 2A crown. It had a loaded group of seniors returning off a state tournament team from last season and a crop of incoming sophomores that had just won the state Bantam AA title.

Expectations, at least from outsiders, were lowered due to early departures. But the Spuds (19-9-0), who boast arguably the best youth program in the nation, found a way to make a return trip to St. Paul.

Growing pains and a lack of depth didn't keep Moorhead down long, and it now enters the tournament with a battle-tested, well-traveled group that could be setting the stage for future domination.

The high school state championship that has evaded Moorhead for so long (the Spuds are 0-for-8 in title games) seems to be closer than ever, and, if the program can keep players around, the proud hockey community someday might finally get the one banner it's missing.

Don't write the Spuds off this season, either.



CONFERENCE:
Mariucci
RECORD: 19-9-0
STATE TRIPS: 20
COACH:
Jon Ammerman,
10th year (186-85-2);
11th overall (209-101-11)
HOME ARENA:
Moorhead Sports
Center

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Moorhead's offense is supplied mostly by senior Aaron Reiersen, who has 32 goals and 48 points. Sophomore Mason Kraft (36 points) and senior Caleb Alderson (26 points) are the only two other Spuds forwards with 20-plus points.

DEFENSEMEN: Sophomore Garrett Lindberg has transitioned to high school hockey seamlessly and is maybe Moorhead's best blueliner. He has 17 points - including 10 on the power play. Senior captain Colby Krier is fourth on the team in points with 21.

GOALIES: Junior Kai Weigel is the most athletic goaltender in the Class 2A field. He has 19 wins and a .938 save percentage. His ability to make the spectacular save is key for the Spuds, but his puck-playing skills might be equally as important for a young group of Moorhead defenders.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
22	Aaron Reiersen	12	F	32	16	48	17
19	Mason Kraft	10	F	7	29	36	16
7	Caleb Alderson	12	F	9	17	26	24
5	Colby Krier	12	D	6	15	21	36
27	Ian Ness	12	F	9	10	19	10
10	Joe Kortan	12	F	5	13	18	10
4	Garrett Lindberg	10	D	3	14	17	12
11	Parker Gast	11	F	7	7	14	8
12	Abe Carlson	12	F	6	7	13	6
15	Jack Arnold	12	D	2	6	8	16
20	Brooks Cullen	10	F	2	6	8	14
3	Joey Simonich	11	F	2	4	6	2
31	Kai Weigel	11	G	0	5	5	2
6	Aiden Dufault	10	D	2	2	4	12
14	Dalton Songstad	11	D	0	4	4	6
21	Colin Baumgartner	12	D	0	4	4	10
2	Easton Lammers	12	F	1	1	2	4
13	Carver Hysbargen	10	F	0	2	2	2
24	Jace Blythe	11	F	1	1	2	2
8	Cullen Wilson	11	F	1	0	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
33	Charlie Stenehjelm	10	19:10	0-0-0	5.32	.846	0
31	Kai Weigel	11	1408:39	19-9-0	1.77	.938	5

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 20.0%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 90.9%
Goals Scored Per Game: 3.39
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.89

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/25	@ Wayzata	L 2-3
11/26	Edina	W 2-0
11/29	Bemidji	W 4-3/OT
12/2	@ Andover	L 2-7
12/3	@ Minnetonka	L 0-3
12/6	@ Roseau	W 5-1
12/10	Buffalo	W 2-1
12/20	@ St. Michael-Albertville	W 7-2
12/27	@ Edina	L 2-3
12/28	Lakeville North	W 3-0
12/29	St. Thomas Academy	L 1-4
1/7	Benilde-St. Margaret's	L 1-4
1/12	@ St. Cloud	W 3-1
1/14	Grand Rapids	L 1-2
1/17	Fargo Davies (N.D.)	W 6-1
1/20	@ Hermantown	L 2-3
1/21	@ Brainerd	W 6-0
1/28	Warroad	L 2-4
1/31	@ East Grand Forks	W 5-3
2/4	Elk River/Zimmerman	W 3-0
2/7	Rogers	W 4-1
2/10	@ Lakeville North	W 4-1
2/11	@ Sartell-St. Stephen	W 3-0
2/14	Roseau	W 3-0
2/18	@ Hill-Murray	W 4-2

SECTION 8AA PLAYOFFS

2/21	Brainerd	W 6-2
2/25	Sartell-St. Stephen	W 4-1
3/2	Roseau	W 8-1

Coach Jon Ammerman

Ammerman, a Moorhead alum, is another example of the Spud Factory — pay your dues on the way up, get your shot with the varsity, give back once you're done playing. This marks Ammerman's sixth trip to St. Paul as Head Spud, including a berth in the title game in 2017.



By the numbers

33.6: Reiersen's 32 goals account for 33.6 percent of all Moorhead's scoring this season. The next closest Spuds are tied with nine goals each.

BRACKETS

2023 STATE TOURNAMENT

CRETIN-DERHAM HALL (18-9-1)

11 a.m., 3/9
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

2 MAPLE GROVE (22-5-1)

6 p.m., 3/10
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

MOORHEAD (19-9-0)

1 p.m., 3/9
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

3 EDINA (20-6-1)

7 p.m., 3/11
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

HILL-MURRAY (14-13-1)

6 p.m., 3/9
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

1 MINNETONKA (26-2-0)

8 p.m., 3/10
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

5 LAKEVILLE SOUTH (21-6-1)

8 p.m., 3/9
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

4 ANDOVER (21-6-1)

10 a.m., 3/10
3M Arena at Mariucci, Minneapolis

2 p.m., 3/11
3M Arena at Mariucci, Minneapolis

12 p.m., 3/10
3M Arena at Mariucci, Minneapolis

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LUVERNE (21-6-1)

11 a.m., 3/8
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

2 HERMANTOWN (25-2-1)

11 a.m., 3/10
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

ALEXANDRIA (14-12-1)

1 p.m., 3/8
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

3 MAHTOMEDI (20-8-0)

12 p.m., 3/11
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

ST. CLOUD CATHEDRAL (16-12-0)

6 p.m., 3/8
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

1 WARROAD (27-0-1)

1 p.m., 3/10
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

5 NORTHFIELD (23-5-0)

8 p.m., 3/8
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

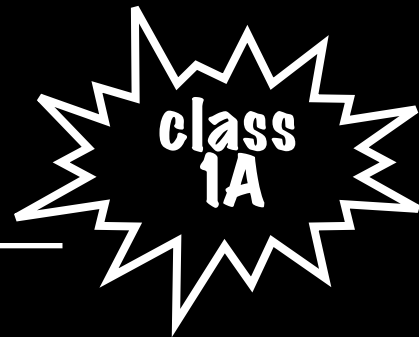
4 ORONO (23-5-0)

10 a.m., 3/9
3M Arena at Mariucci, Minneapolis

12 p.m., 3/11
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12 p.m., 3/9
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