



## 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.