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# 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.

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Info

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

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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.