

Morgan Zirbel, Bay Area (D)

Morgan was raised in the shadows of the Lambeau Field in a family of four. Morgan took to sports because of her older brother Jarod, who is a sophomore forward for the Wisconsin Badgers. Jarod has watched over Morgan and her development and got her into the habits of working out both before and after practice and spending long hours improving in all aspects of the game.

Morgan has also excelled in softball for the past three seasons in which she has received offers to play for multiple D3 schools. Her dedication to everything she does shows through to all of the other girls on her sports teams.

Morgan has stood out as one of the top players in the state for the past four seasons. Her speed, agility and ability to be a threat from anywhere on the ice stands out. It is a pretty crazy thing to show up to rinks and meet people not affiliated with either team that come to watch her play just because they have heard about her and how she plays. It has been an honor to coach her for my two seasons with the organization.

On and off the ice, Morgan is our team captain and does everything she can to help her teammates improve their skills and their own personal leadership capabilities. Morgan has been the Captain of the Ice Bears for the past two seasons and has been an All-Conference selection all four years including first team the past two years. She has been an All-State selection for the past two seasons (Honorable mention and 1st team)

In school, she has a 3.5 GPA and is involved in Prom Committee, girls' youth camps for softball and hockey and learn to skate programs.

It's hard to imagine the Ice Bears having another person like Morgan come around anytime soon. She is at the rink more than most of the Zamboni drivers and wants nothing more than to improve her teammates and herself.

It's my honor and privilege to nominate Morgan Zirbel for Miss Hockey Wisconsin.