

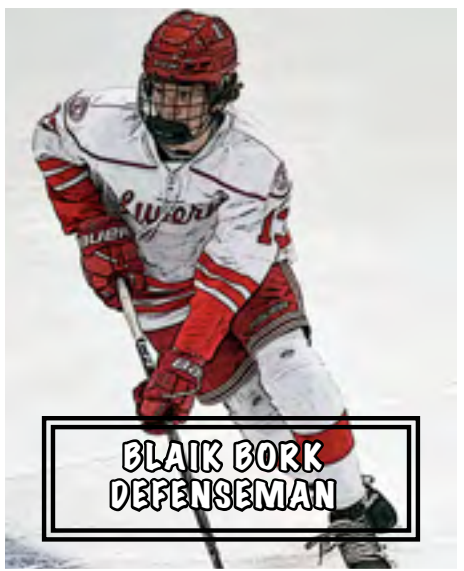


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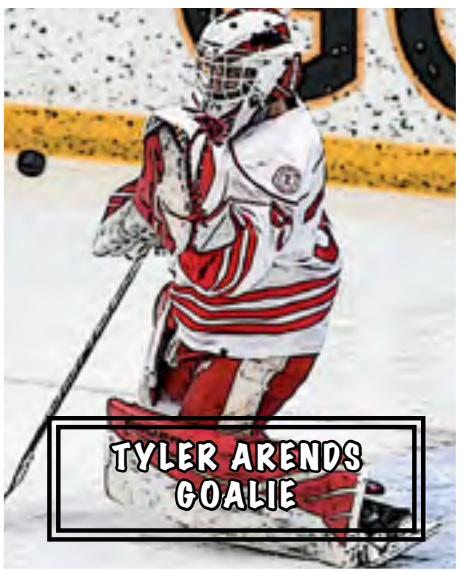
Luverne CARDINALS



PATRICK KROSKI
FORWARD



BLAIK BORK
DEFENSEMAN



TYLER ARENDS
GOALIE

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

Unseeded Info

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

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.