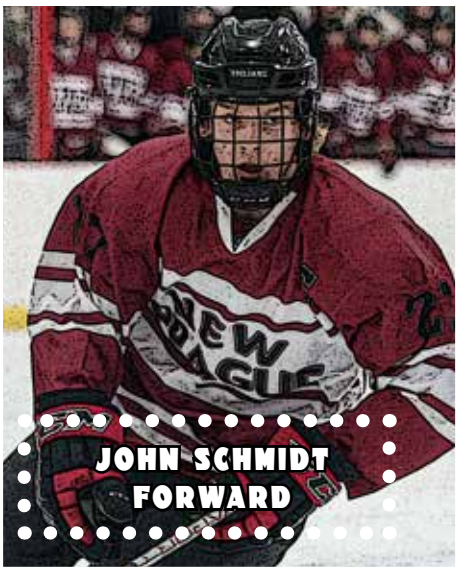
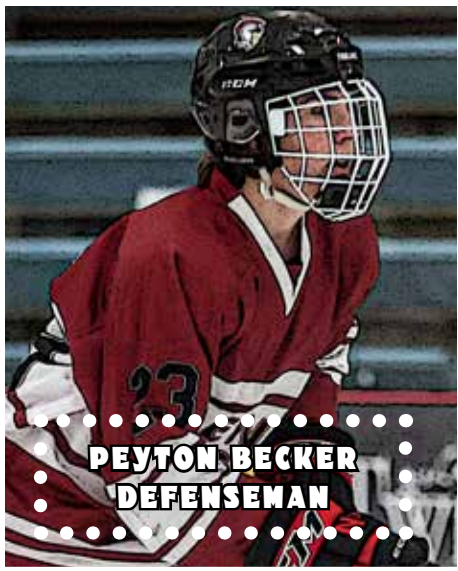




new prague trojans



JOHN SCHMIDT
FORWARD



PEYTON BECKER
DEFENSEMAN



CARTER PUENTE
GOALIE

inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

The question for the Trojans will be which squad takes the ice? The one which won four of its last five games or the team that lost seven straight from Jan. 20 through Feb. 5? Regardless, playing in the Metro West Conference has made New Prague a surprisingly tough out this postseason. “We trust our schedule,” Trojans coach Brad Drazan said. “Our schedule has prepared us for this.” The Trojans’ run through the Section 1A playoffs included an overtime win over top-seeded Northfield in the semifinals. To keep their hot streak going, senior goal-tender Carter Puente must continue his stellar play. He allowed only five goals in the section playoffs, stopping 77 of 82 shots for a .939 save percentage. While goals don’t come often for the Trojans, five players (Charlie Turnberg, Will Andersen, Luke Portner, Willy Seymour and John Schmidt) accounted for the 56 percent of the team’s goals. Schmidt, the team’s leader in most every way, and Seymour each have 10 goals. Turnberg had two in the section championship win over Albert Lea.

team snapshot

FORWARDS: Schmidt has team highs of 10 goals and 16 assists. Portner is an electrifying talent who ranks among the state’s freshman scoring leaders. He has 13 assists and Seymour 11. Seymour, a sophomore, has scored four goals in the postseason while Turnberg has notched back-to-back game-winning goals.

DEFENSE: Three juniors, Peyton Becker, Breck Hagen and Hugh Goggins, join three seniors, Layton Kuehner, Ryan Brinkhaus and Kai Johnson, to comprise the blue-liners. Brinkhaus leads the team with 24 penalties. And penalties were an issue as opponents converted on nearly 25 percent (24.7) of power-play opportunities.

GOALIES: Carter Puente has been the starter the past two seasons and keeps showing signs of improvement. “As he goes, we go,” Drazan said.

stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
27	John Schmidt	11	F	10	16	26	10
18	Will Andersen	12	F	9	16	25	22
3	Luke Portner	9	F	8	13	21	10
10	Willy Seymour	10	F	10	11	21	4
21	Charlie Turnberg	12	F	9	6	15	12
11	Michael Beckius	10	F	4	9	13	28
20	Braeden Woitas	10	F	7	6	13	12
32	Owen Wilkins	11	F	5	7	12	14
6	Max Hanzel	10	F	3	4	7	4
13	Michael O'Rourke	12	F	4	3	7	0
23	Peyton Becker	11	D	3	4	7	6
4	Ryan Brinkhaus	12	D	3	2	5	50
15	Kai Johnson	12	D	0	5	5	4
22	Breck Hagen	11	D	2	3	5	12
2	Layton Kuehner	12	D	1	3	4	21
8	Tyler Giesen	11	F	2	2	4	8
26	Hugh Goggins	11	D	0	2	2	18
29	Dominic Berry	11	F	1	1	2	0
16	Mac Olson	11	D	0	1	1	6
34	Evan Carlson	11	D	1	0	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
30	Carter Puente	12	1073:12	10-11-1	3.14	.911	2
31	Carter Herrmann	11	124:41	1-1-0	4.09	.844	0

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 11.0
Penalty Kill Percentage: 74
Goals Scored Per Game: 2.93
Goals Allowed Per Game: 3.68

coach brad drazan

Drazan, who was a captain of the Trojans in the 2007-08 season, is in his second season as head coach. He has guided the Trojans to an impressive eight-win improvement from last season. Drazan was an assistant coach with the New Prague girls’ team program from 2012-2016, helping the team to a 2016 state tournament appearance. Three other members of the Trojans’ staff are New Prague grads.



unseeded team info

CONFERENCE:
Metro West
2021-22 RECORD:
11-15-2
STATE TRIPS: 3
COACH: Brad Drazan
2nd season, 14-31-2
HOME ARENA: New Prague Community Center

schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/30	Bloom. Kennedy	W 7-4
12/4	@ Shakopee	L 0-1/OT
12/7	@ Orono	T 3-3/OT
12/11	Faribault	W 6-0
12/14	Chaska	L 1-6
12/18	@ Chanhassen	L 0-5
12/21	@ Dodge County	W 6-3
12/28	Hutchinson	W 5-2
1/6	Shakopee	L 1-6
1/7	Hopkins	L 2-3/OT
1/11	@ Waconia	L 3-8/OT
1/15	@ St. Louis Park	W 5-2
1/18	@ East Ridge	W 3-2
1/20	@ New Ulm	L 3-5
1/22	@ Bloom. Kennedy	L 2-5
1/25	Orono	L 2-7
1/28	@ Chaska	L 0-7
1/31	Chanhassen	L 1-4
2/4	Bloom. Jefferson	L 0-6
2/5	@ Bloom. Jefferson	L 1-3
2/8	Mankato West	W 8-1
2/11	Waconia	T 5-5
2/15	St. Louis Park	L 0-3
2/17	@ Minnesota River	W 3-0
2/19	@ Benilde-St. Marg.	L 0-7

SECTION 1A PLAYOFFS
2/24 Faribault W 7-1
2/26 @ Northfield W 3-2/OT
3/2 @ Albert Lea W 5-2

prediction

New Prague’s losing record is deceptive, as the Trojans played several top Class 2A programs. That’s won’t provide an edge against No. 1 seed Hermantown, however, as the Hawks also have had a heavy diet of — and feasted upon — 2A teams.