



Orono SPARTANS



AVERY ANDERSON
FORWARD



CADEN BICKETT
DEFENSEMAN



BROCK PEYTON
GOALIE

Inside scoop

Before Orono's Bradley Walker ratcheted into full-blown celebration mode (dumping water bottles on his coach's head, accidentally disassembling the championship trophy, leaping atop the St. Louis Park Rec center boards) he paused for a quiet, tender moment with his most beloved goaltender.

The scene of Walker and Brock Peyton locked in a long hug and sharing a few heartfelt words after the Spartans beat Delano for the Section 2A title served as a stark contrast to the mayhem that followed. It was a touchstone moment nonetheless, given all that the two seniors have meant to an Orono program making its first state tournament appearance since it won the Class 1A title in 2018.

"Bradley is, I think, the best 200-foot player in the state," Orono coach Sean Fish said. "He wins draws, he blocks shots, he's physical, he plays the game the right way."

If Walker is Orono's heart and soul, then Peyton is the Spartans' backbone.

"I wouldn't trade him for any other goalie in the word," Walker said. "I don't care who it is."

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Walker leads Orono in goals (19) and points (48) and his physical, north-south style of play pairs impeccably with that of senior Avery Anderson (16 goals, 44 points), nicknamed "Showtime" because of his array of moves and all-around trickery with the puck.

DEFENSEMEN: John Engebretson and Joey Mugaas, 6-foot juniors who play a punishing, physical style like most of the rest of the Spartans, also have plenty of offensive chops. Mugaas is fourth on the team in scoring with 30 points and Engebretson fifth with 27.

GOALIES: Peyton, who missed much of the first half of the season because of injury, is a three-year starter and the school-record holder in career saves with 1,511. He has a 15-3-0 record and a sparkling .929 save percentage.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
21	Bradley Walker	12	F	19	29	48	47
7	Avery Anderson	12	F	16	28	44	24
15	Cayden Effertz	11	F	15	16	31	27
27	Joey Mugaas	11	D	3	27	30	16
5	John Engebretson	11	D	5	22	27	8
6	Easton Sankey	11	F	9	15	24	6
9	Joey Greenagel	12	F	8	13	21	20
22	Tommy Lewin	11	F	11	6	17	2
38	Brooks Fegers	11	F	9	8	17	26
4	Caden Bickett	12	D	1	13	14	12
29	Connor Lang	12	F	7	7	14	4
13	Brody Finnegan	11	D	5	4	9	8
3	Luca DeCubellis	9	D	1	6	7	4
39	Rylan Schultz	11	D	1	5	6	70
18	Trey Landa	10	F	1	2	3	2
1	Brock Peyton	12	G	0	1	1	0
2	Miller Williams	10	D	0	1	1	0
10	Ben Setnick	11	F	0	1	1	0
11	Kaden Landa	12	F	0	1	1	0
17	Sam Setnick	11	F	0	1	1	0
20	Lachlan Hoffman	10	F	0	1	1	0
34	Jackson Knight	9	F	0	1	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
30	Peyton Anderson	11	17:00	0-0-0	3.00	.889	0
35	Johnny DeLong	12	531:39	8-2-0	2.69	.892	1
1	Brock Peyton	12	882:19	15-3-0	1.79	.929	3

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 23.8%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 85.0%
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.00
Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.36

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
12/2	@ Little Falls	W 4-2
12/3	@ Alexandria	W 8-5
12/6	Bloomington Jefferson	W 4-0
12/9	@ New Prague	W 4-3/OT
12/13	Northfield	W 3-1
12/15	@ Minneapolis	W 3-2
12/17	Waconia	W 3-2/OT
12/28	International Falls	W 7-0
12/29	@ Warroad	L 2-5
12/30	@ Providence Academy	W 3-1
1/6	Gentry Academy	W 3-2
1/10	@ Chanhassen	L 1-3
1/12	Delano	W 5-1
1/17	@ Providence Academy	W 6-3
1/19	St. Cloud Cathedral	W 4-3
1/21	@ Bloomington Jefferson	W 5-2
1/24	New Prague	W 3-2
1/28	@ Waconia	W 3-2
1/31	St. Louis Park	W 3-2/OT
2/1	Hermantown	L 1-2
2/2	@ St. Louis Park	W 3-0
2/7	Benilde-St. Margaret's	L 2-6
2/11	Chanhassen	L 2-9
2/14	@ Bloomington Kennedy	W 11-0
2/18	Chaska	W 4-1

SECTION 2A PLAYOFFS		
2/25	Hutchinson	W 2-1/OT
2/28	@ Minneapolis	W 8-5
3/3	Delano	W 4-1

Coach Sean Fish

Fish, in his first season leading the Spartans, played a starring role in the 2003 state tournament as part of the fabled "Triplets" forward line that helped Anoka win its only title. Fish previously coached Orono's girls' program for four seasons, guiding the Spartans to the 2022 state tournament, where they finished third.



By the numbers

2: Orono lost just twice to Class 1A competition this season. And the competition was top-notch — the tourney's top two seeds in undefeated Warroad and defending champion Hermantown.