ZAM PLANTE
FORWARD

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DEFENSEMAN

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inside scoop

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Great expectations? A novel could be written about hockey in Hermantown and its residents' refusal to accept even a single loss.

Hawks coach Pat Andrews was grocery shopping the day after a late-January set-back against Maple Grove when he was confronted with more than a few requests for an explanation.

Explanations as in, "What happened, coach?" Never mind that Maple Grove is one of the top teams in Class 2A (seeded No. 3 in the big-school tournament).

Expectations are simple if not lofty for the Hawks (26-2-0), who are making their 11th state tournament appearance in 12 years: state title-or-bust. Hermantown is the No. 1 seed and No. 1-state ranked team in Class 1A, the only squad in the state with fewer than three losses and feature two Minnesota Duluth commits in forward Zam Plante and defenseman Ty Hanson, both juniors.

no. 1 team info

CONFERENCE: Lake Superior
2021-22 RECORD: 26-2-0
STATE TRIPS: 16
COACH: Patrick Andrews, 5th year, 112-19-8
HOME ARENA: Hermantown Ice Arena

team snapshot

FORWARDS: Andrews has described the puck movement between Hermantown's top line of Zam Plante, younger brother Max Plante, a sophomore, and junior Kade Kohanski not as poetry in motion, instead offering a bit of a different spin. "It's like art," Andrews said. The three have combined for 181 points, including 16 in Hermantown's 11-0 destruction of Duluth Denfeld in the Section 7A title game.

DEFENSE: Ty Hanson is the latest in the pantheon of fabulous defensemen churned out by the Hawks, two of whom, Dylan Samberg and Neal Pionk, play for the NHL's Winnipeg Jets. Hanson, a bundle of high-energy quickness and unmatched hockey smarts, has 14 goals among his 41 points. Senior Beau Janzig has 28 points and also plays a highly effective two-way game.

GOALIES: Sophomore Dane Callaway, who transferred from Duluth East in the offseason, has ranked among the state leaders in save percentage (.919) and goals-against average (1.48) all season.

stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
26	Max Plante	10	F	16	51	67	4
11	Kade Kohanski	11	F	21	36	57	16
27	Zam Plante	11	F	20	37	57	0
2	Ty Hanson	11	D	14	27	41	19
4	Wyatt Carlson	11	F	17	14	31	26
13	Beau Janzig	12	D	7	21	28	14
24	Dallas Vieau	10	F	16	12	28	12
9	Gavin Blomdahl	12	F	10	16	26	22
22	George Peterson	11	D	10	13	23	17
21	Dominic Thomas	12	F	11	11	22	20
5	Will Esterbrooks	10	D	4	8	12	14
12	Jack Olson	12	D	4	6	10	42
17	Matt Kauppinen	11	F	4	6	10	4
36	Nolan Barker	11	D	4	4	8	6
25	Chase Sams	12	F	0	7	7	2
10	Carter Rother	12	F	1	4	5	2
20	Josh Kauppinen	10	F	4	1	5	8
3	Sam Swenson	11	F	2	1	3	2
14	Aaron Evjen	10	F	0	2	2	0
32	Dane Callaway	10	G	0	1	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
32	Dane Callaway	10	962:35	17-2-0	1.48	.919	5
35	Garon Opsahl	11	476:00	9-0-0	0.96	.907	6

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 42.5
Penalty Kill Percentage: 90.2
Goals Scored Per Game: 5.89
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.36

schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
12/3	@ Benilde-St. Marg.	W 6-5
12/4	Hill-Murray	W 4-1
12/10	@ Wayzata	W 2-1
12/11	Rosemount	W 6-3
12/14	Duluth Marshall	W 6-0
12/18	@ Mahtomedi	W 3-0
12/23	@ Cretin-Derham Hall	L 2-4
12/29	Orono	W 6-0
12/30	Delano	W 6-2
1/4	Duluth Denfeld	W 6-1
1/8	Eden Prairie	W 5-2
1/14	@ St. Cloud Cath.	W 8-0
1/15	Warroad	W 2-1/OT
1/17	@ Greenway	W 9-0
1/18	Hibbing/Chisholm	W 7-0
1/20	Superior (Wis.)	W 8-0
1/25	East Grand Forks	W 6-2
1/27	Proctor	W 8-0
1/29	Maple Grove	L 3-6
2/3	@ Clqt-Esko-Carlton	W 8-0
2/5	@ Totino-Grace	W 5-1
2/8	@ Rock Ridge	W 5-1
2/11	Holy Family	W 5-3
2/12	St. Thomas Acad.	W 6-3
2/15	@ Grand Rapids	W 3-2/OT
	SECTION 7A PLAYOFFS	
2/23	North Shore	W 13-0
2/25	Greenway	W 6-0
3/2	Duluth Denfeld	W 11-0

coach patrick andrews

Andrews, in his fifth season guiding the Hawks, faced the daunting task of replacing the legendary Bruce Plante as the leader of one of the state's most high-profile programs. A former star player for Hermantown, Andrews, who served as an assistant under Plante, has a sparkling 102-19-8 record and deep fondness for the players who make the program so dominant.

prediction

Barring a major upset along the way, a championship showdown between the top seeds Warroad and Hermantown seems pre-ordained. The Hawks haven't won a title since 2017 and are overdue to win the fourth championship in program history.