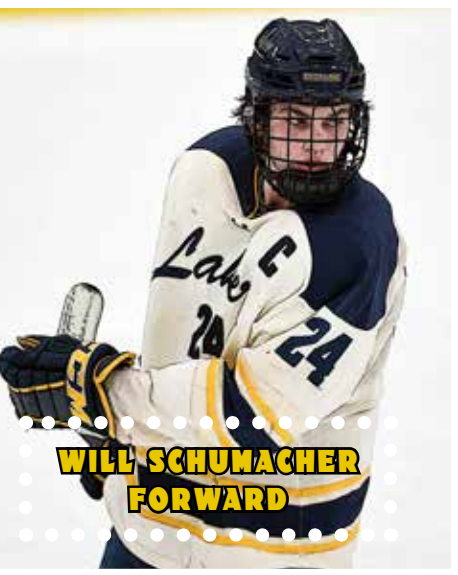


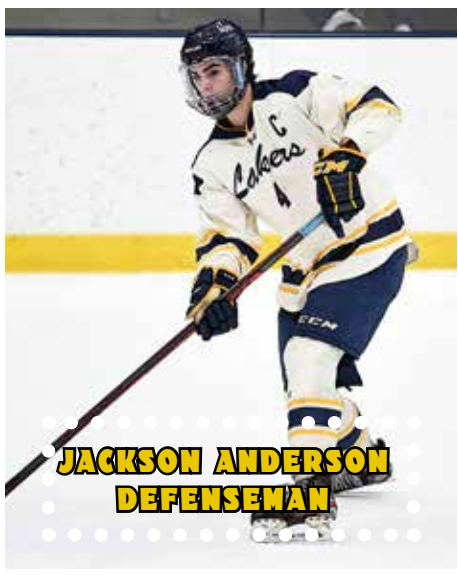
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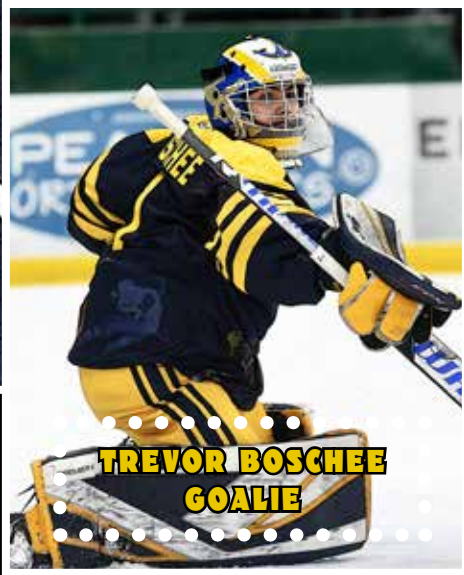
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WILL SCHUMACHER  
FORWARD



JACKSON ANDERSON  
DEFENSEMAN



TREVOR BOSCHEE  
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inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

It's been a wild ride for Prior Lake. Facing uncertainty about its lineup until practice started in November, sky-high expectations for the Lakers were met with an uninspired start. They collected just three wins in their first 10 games, with the low point being a humbling 0-4-0 stretch against some of the state's premier programs over the holidays. Fast forward to Thursday, when Prior Lake will be making its first-ever state tournament appearance after cruising through the Section 2AA field. The Lakers have won 14 of 17 games and their top line — arguably the best in the state — is rolling. The self-titled Payback Tour (Prior Lake has won five rematches against teams it lost against earlier in the season) now moves to the Xcel Energy Center, where the Lakers figure to be as dangerous as any underdog the big-school tourney has seen in recent memory.

team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** Mr. Hockey favorite Alex Bump plays wing on a line with fellow superstars Will Schumacher and Sam Rice. Those who haven't seen Prior Lake this year will get their money's worth, as that line plays huge minutes and in all situations. Riley Dueber and freshman Levi Eiter are nice secondary pieces who bring additional scoring and tons of energy.

**DEFENSE:** Jackson Anderson and Benjamin Simonson lead Prior Lake's defensemen group and play just as many minutes as the top forward line. Richard Carsten and Will Emerson eat a lot of minutes, too.

**GOALIES:** The Lakers have been riding Trevor Boschee all season. His numbers won't wow anyone, but he has the ability to play lights-out and will need to be on his game for Prior Lake to make a run.

stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
19	Alex Bump	12	F	41	34	75	38
24	Will Schumacher	12	F	23	29	52	30
9	Sam Rice	12	F	11	29	40	14
4	Jackson Anderson	12	D	6	24	30	18
8	Riley Dueber	12	F	12	17	29	38
17	Justin Kingery	12	F	9	9	18	13
21	Joseph Rice	11	F	7	10	17	23
27	Blake Dicke	12	F	9	7	16	10
15	Levi Eiter	9	F	5	8	13	0
5	Justin Simonson	12	D	2	10	12	10
6	Ben Pfannenstien	11	D	0	8	8	0
22	Will Emerson	10	D	0	8	8	8
20	Parker Boyce	11	F	3	4	7	2
10	Richard Carsten	12	D	2	3	5	12
18	Tanner Lykken	12	D	0	4	4	8
12	Matthew Pavsek	10	F	0	3	3	4
28	CJ Sheffield	10	F	1	2	3	2
1	Trevor Boschee	12	G	0	1	1	0
16	Graham Erickson	10	F	1	0	1	2
7	AJ Pearson	11	D	0	0	0	2

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Trevor Boschee	12	1233:37	16-8-0	2.40	.891	3
35	Ben Mickett	11	193:30	2-2-0	3.16	.864	0

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
Power Play Percentage: 21.8  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 82.2  
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.71  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.64

coach joe pankratz

Pankratz, a former star player at Bloomington Jefferson during the Jaguars' dynasty years in the late 1980s to mid-90s, is in his 13th season leading the Lakers. For decades it was standard practice for standout Prior Lake players to leave the program early for other teams and leagues, but Pankratz has helped slow those floodgate-departures to a trickle in recent years.



unseeded  
team info

**CONFERENCE:** South Suburban  
**2021-22 RECORD:** 18-10-0  
**STATE TRIPS:** 1  
**COACH:** Joe Pankratz, 13th year, 196-134-12  
**HOME ARENA:** Dakota! Ice Center, Prior Lake

schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
12/2	Holy Family	L 1-3
12/4	@ Chanhassen	W 4-1
12/7	@ Farmington	W 5-0
12/11	@ Eagan	W 4-0
12/14	Eastview	L 1-4
12/18	@ Rosemount	L 3-4
12/22	Minnetonka	W 3-2
12/28	Lakeville North	L 4-5
12/29	Edina	L 2-6
12/30	@ Moorhead	L 2-4
1/6	@ Eden Prairie	L 4-6
1/8	Shakopee	W 9-2
1/11	Apple Valley	W 5-2
1/15	Burnsville	W 11-0
1/18	@ Lakeville So.	L 3-4/OT
1/20	Farmington	W 8-5
1/22	East Grand Forks	W 7-1
1/25	Eagan	W 6-2
1/27	St. Thomas Academy	L 2-4
1/29	@ Eastview	W 4-1
2/2	Rosemount	W 4-2
2/5	@ Lakeville North	W 7-2
2/8	@ Shakopee	W 5-3
2/15	@ Burnsville	W 13-1
2/18	Lakeville South	L 1-3

SECTION 2AA PLAYOFFS		
2/24	Holy Family	W 3-1
2/26	@ Eden Prairie	W 4-2
3/2	@ Chaska	W 7-4

prediction

It's pretty simple — the Lakers will go as far as Bump and company can carry them. This team feels eerily similar to the Grand Rapids team that won it all in 2017 while relying heavily on a fabulous top line.