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## welcome to the tournament!

Any way you dissect it, this year's state tournament promises to be one of the most electrifying ever, if only because the full complement of fans — 20,000 plus — are frothing at the mouth at the thought of filling downtown St. Paul's Xcel Energy Center stands a year after COVID-19 protocols cut the numbers down to the hundreds.

All the Class 2A matchups are tantalizing, to say the least. There is no cream-puff team, on paper or for real. And in Class 1A all signs point toward an epic championship showdown — or a team tossing a tire iron in the works with a monumental upset. Either way, the X is going to be dripping with drama.

And there's no better way to get geeked up for the na-

tion's premier high school tournament than by reading this, the most comprehensive guide to the qualifying teams and players. It was published through the efforts of Legacy Hockey's editors, writers, photographers and contributors, all of whom are partners with the Minnesota Hockey Coaches Association (MHCA).

[Legacy Hockey](#) will be your comprehensive and home to the tourney, with 360-degree coverage of every game. Be sure to follow along for everything from statistics to photos to the larger-than-life personalities, all packaged with the who, what, where, whens and whys to all the most important moments.

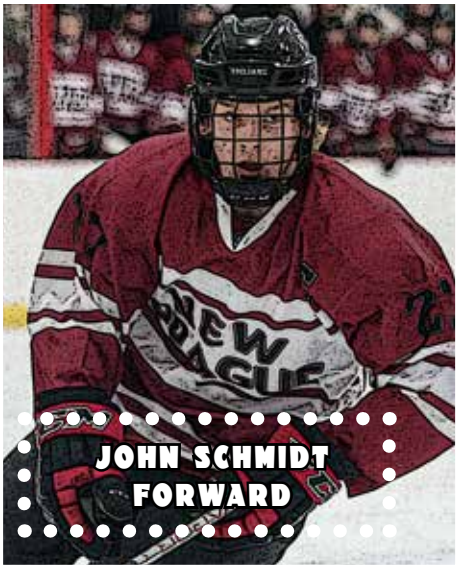
— Loren Nelson, Legacy Hockey editor



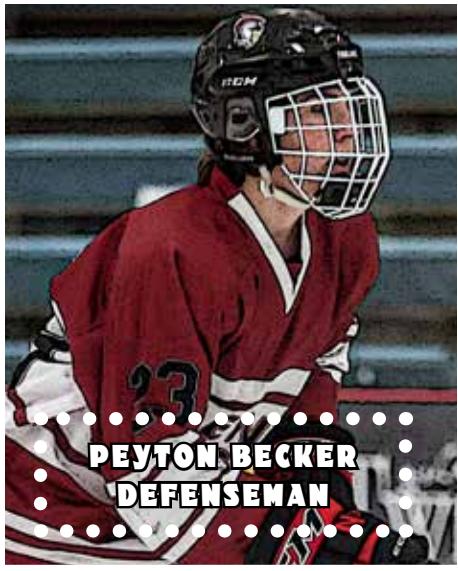




# new prague trojans



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

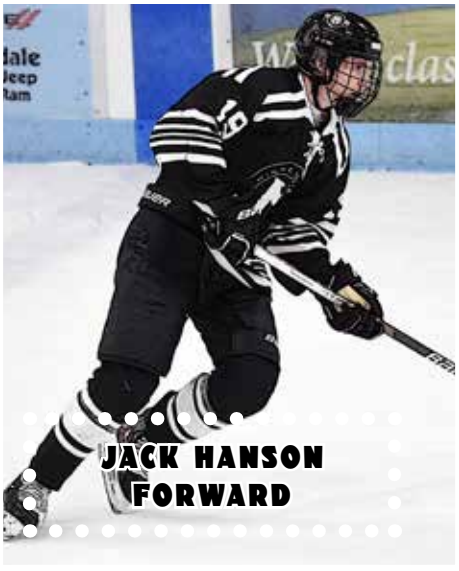
## prediction

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.

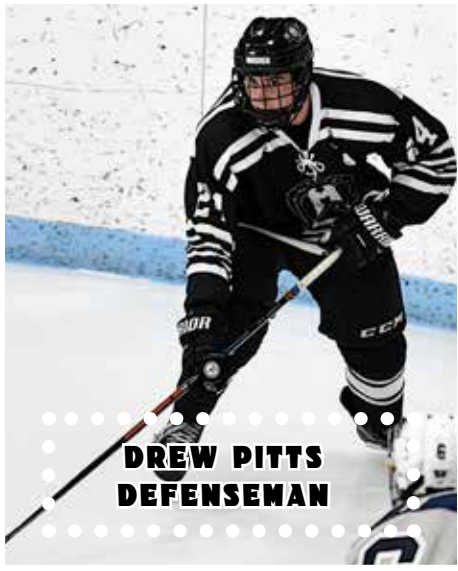




# minneapolis



JACK HANSON  
FORWARD



DREW PITTS  
DEFENSEMAN



ALEX LAMONT  
GOALIE

## inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

Minneapolis players were whooping it up in their locker room after a late-December victory over Totino-Grace, fully enjoying the spoils of a season that has been 27 years in the making. “They are a fun group to be with,” Minneapolis coach Joe Dziedzic said with a grin after that game in Brooklyn Park. And that was months before reporters, photographers and TV cameras became regulars at practices and games, documenting one of the season’s great feel-good stories. It was also long before Minneapolis beat Section 2A rival Delano 2-1 on Jan. 18 for one of the team’s signature wins of the regular season. Of course, the most fun for Minneapolis was knocking off Delano in the game that mattered the most, a 3-1 triumph in the section final that sent a Minneapolis team to its first state tournament since Minneapolis Edison’s appearance in 1994. Coincidentally, that’s when Dziedzic was a star forward for Edison and on his way to winning the state’s Mr. Hockey award.

## team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** Sophomore John Bebler starred for Minneapolis in the section title game, scoring twice in the triumph over the Tigers to give him eight goals this season — three of them game winners. Senior Jack Hanson is the leader of the group with 24 goals and 28 assists. **DEFENSE:** Drew Pitts and Joel Hanson, both juniors, give Minneapolis a skilled duo capable of playing huge minutes and shutting down the opposition’s top scorers. They’re counted on for offense, too, as Pitts ranks third on the team with 34 points and Hanson sixth with 16. **GOALIES:** Alex Lamont is the workhorse, having started every game and playing all but 15 of the available minutes. His statistics are respectable, but he has a habit of elevating his play when the stakes are highest, as he did in the section final when he stopped 30 of 31 Delano shots.

## stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
19	Jack Hanson	12	F	24	28	52	16
5	Zander Zoia	12	F	11	29	40	16
24	Drew Pitts	11	D	12	22	34	4
27	Evan Grimm	12	F	16	11	27	12
9	John Bebler	10	F	8	10	18	9
18	Joel Hanson	11	D	3	13	16	28
44	Caden Lacher	12	F	9	6	15	6
7	Hank Davis	10	D	6	7	13	16
21	Will Pankratz	11	F	3	10	13	22
17	Hayden Soderberg	12	F	4	7	11	10
20	Lao Warner	12	D	4	5	9	29
10	Ozzie Snodgrass	10	F	3	4	7	0
11	Andrew Lybeck	11	F	2	5	7	6
6	Will Anderson	11	D	2	3	5	27
4	Kirk Gilbertson	11	D	0	3	3	0
12	Ben Matthews	12	F	1	2	3	10
29	Ronan Davis	10	F	3	0	3	0
31	Alex Lamont	12	G	0	1	1	2
26	Jackson Conway	10	F	1	0	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
31	Alex Lamont	12	1428:37	21-6-1	2.18	.899	2
35	Mike Shroat	10	5:05	0-0-0	0	.000	0
30	Griffin Riley	12	10:49	0-0-0	0	1.000	0

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
Power Play Percentage: 17.9  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 83.3  
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.00  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.25

## coach joe dziedzic

Dziedzic has endured some lean years in his 10 seasons leading Minneapolis, and he recalls opening some practices with the most basic of drills, “Here’s how to catch a pass,” as many of his players were new to the sport. Dziedzic played four years at the University of Minnesota and spent parts of three seasons in the NHL with Pittsburgh and Phoenix.



## no. 4 team info

**CONFERENCE:** Independent  
**2021-22 RECORD:** 21-6-1  
**STATE TRIPS:** 38  
**COACH:** Joe Dziedzic, 10th year, 135-107-11  
**HOME ARENA:** Parade Ice Garden, Minneapolis

## schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/27	@ Hastings	L 2-4
11/30	Robb. Arm/Cooper	W 4-3
12/2	@ Hopkins	W 5-2
12/4	@ Burnsville	W 5-1
12/7	Providence Acad.	W 8-2
12/11	@ Alexandria	W 4-2
12/20	@ Totino-Grace	W 4-1
12/22	St. Louis Park	L 2-5
12/27	SW Christian/Richfield	W 3-2
12/28	Mankato East	W 3-0
12/29	@ Holy Angels	L 3-4/OT
1/6	@ Litch./Das.-Ckto	T 3-3/OT
1/8	Rock Ridge	W 3-2
1/13	@ Orono	W 1-0/OT
1/18	@ Delano	W 2-1
1/20	St. Paul Academy	W 6-2
1/27	Breck	L 3-4
1/31	Hutchinson	W 6-0
2/1	@ Osseo	W 2-1/OT
2/3	Waconia	W 5-1
2/5	@ Dodge County	W 4-2
2/8	Gentry Academy	L 7-3/OT
2/10	Chisago Lakes	W 6-3
2/12	@ St. Paul Johnson	W 6-2
2/14	@ Gentry Academy	L 2-5

**SECTION 2A PLAYOFFS**

2/24	Hutchinson	W 5-1
2/26	Providence Academy	W 5-1
3/2	Delano	W 3-1

## prediction

Minneapolis beat Alexandria, its Wednesday quarterfinal opponent, 4-2 in the regular season and certainly has the components to be a worthy semifinalist. Minneapolis has not faced a team the caliber of Hermantown or Warroad.





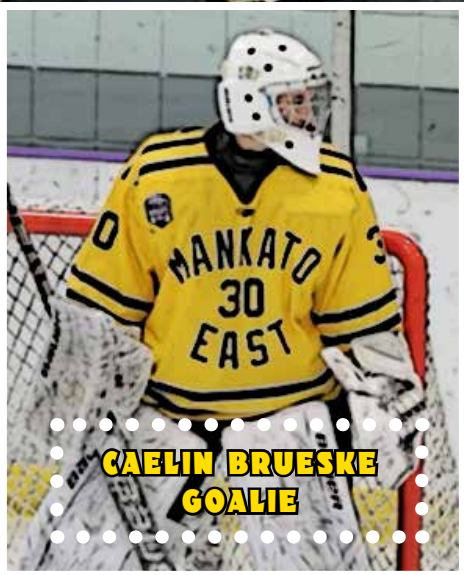
# mankato east cougars



QUINTIN STEINDL  
FORWARD



SHAE GAVIN  
DEFENSEMAN



CAELIN BRUESKE  
GOALIE

## inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

Even years are prime numbers for the Cougars, who are making their fourth state tournament appearance. They also reached St. Paul in 2006 and, under current coach Adam Fries, in 2018 and 2020. Scoring balance has been a more tangible key to success, as junior defenseman Shae Gavin's 16 goals lead six players with 10 or more goals. "We've played 11 forwards every night all year long," Fries said. Depth is something we've never had before ... ever. But having that many kids who can play really helps you."

Last season the Cougars, as the No. 2 seed, lost in a Section 1A quarterfinal to No. 10 seed La Crescent-Hokah. Not a shocking result, given that East was relegated to play a mostly junior varsity lineup because of a COVID-19 exposure announced hours before the game. Senior goaltender Caelin Brueske, one of the few varsity players who suited up for that playoff loss, has recorded eight shutouts among his 17 wins this season.

## team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** Sophomore Christian Theuninck, who scored the game-winner in the Section 3A title game, has two goals and two assists in the postseason. Theuninck is joined by Andrew Bastian, Parker Anthony and Quintin Steindl with 11 goals while Brayden Borgmeier has added 10.

**DEFENSE:** Gavin has four goals and four assists with the man advantage. Aiden Prochaska has a team-high 25 assists. East's defensemen are encouraged to join in on the offense at every opportunity. "We like to keep our D in the play as much as we can," Fries said. "We use them a lot."

**GOALIES:** Brueske, a senior, has been the mainstay in goal after taking almost all of last season off. "He's been a leader all year long, telling the team, 'I'm going to St. Paul, and you guys are coming with me.'"

## stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
16	Quintin Steindl	12	F	11	23	34	33
18	Aiden Prochaska	12	D	8	25	33	20
20	Shae Gavin	11	D	16	13	29	28
7	Parker Anthony	12	F	11	17	28	24
17	Andrew Bastian	11	F	11	14	25	6
8	Christian Theuninck	10	F	11	13	24	0
6	Brayden Borgmeier	11	F	10	7	17	9
21	Austin Arnoldy	12	F	4	10	14	13
26	Landon Metcalfe	12	F	5	9	14	14
9	Rafe Bowman	10	F	6	5	11	14
14	Andrew Sorbo	11	F	2	5	7	19
15	Alexander Morgan	11	D	1	5	6	29
10	Jayton Frederick	9	F	2	2	4	8
2	Carson Graves	12	F	2	1	3	8
4	Jayden Larson	11	F	0	2	2	2
11	Owen Quist	10	D	0	2	2	12
22	Ethan Stude	12	F	2	0	2	0
12	Aaron Kamm	10	D	1	0	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
30	Caelin Brueske	12	1336:55	16-9-1	2.25	.907	8
1	Lucas Barnett	11	104:17	1-1-0	1.96	.857	1

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
Power Play Percentage: 22.4  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 90.2  
Goals Scored Per Game: 3.71  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.29

## unseeded team info

**CONFERENCE:**  
Big 9  
**2021-22 RECORD:**  
17-10-1  
**STATE TRIPS:** 4  
**COACH:** Adam Fries,  
9th season, 128-100-10  
**HOME ARENA:**  
All Seasons Arena,  
Mankato

## schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/26	@ Champlin Park	L 3-5
11/27	@ Woodbury	L 2-5
11/30	Mound Westonka	W 5-3
12/3	@ Rochester Century	L 3-5
12/7	@ Mankato West	W 8-3
12/9	@ Austin	W 8-0
12/11	Owatonna	W 2-0
12/16	Winona	W 8-2
12/18	Roch. J. Marshall	W 7-0
12/21	@ Minnesota River	W 3-0
12/28	@ Minneapolis	L 0-3
12/29	@ Breck	W 4-3
1/4	@ Hutchinson	W 6-4
1/11	@ Dodge City	W 2-1/OT
1/13	@ Rochester Mayo	L 2-5
1/21	Mankato West	W 5-0
1/25	@ Northfield	L 3-4/OT
1/29	Red Wing	W 2-0
2/3	Roch. Century	T 2-2/OT
2/5	Rochester Mayo	L 2-8
2/8	@ Northfield	L 2-4
2/10	@ Owatonna	L 1-3
2/12	Northfield	L 0-2
2/18	Albert Lea	W 3-0
2/19	@ Faribault	W 2-1

**SECTION 3A PLAYOFFS**

2/24	Mankato West	W 6-0
2/26	Luverne	W 7-1
3/2	@ New Ulm	W 6-0

## coach adam fries

Fries has three state tournament appearances in his nine seasons leading the Cougars. He was an assistant for one season before moving up to lead the program. The Minnesota State graduate keeps a sharp eye on Mankato's youth program — he was the association's Bantam A coach for five years.



## prediction

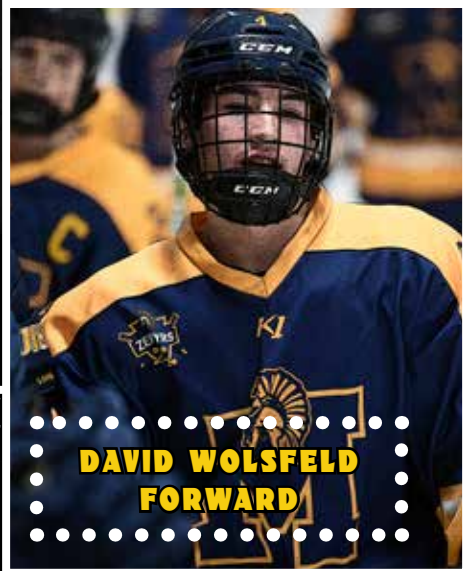
Can the Cougars' depth be the difference? Will their physical play make an impact? Is fabulous goaltender Caelin Brueske up to the challenge? Facing Mahtomedi and stand-out goaltender Ben Dardis is one of the toughest tasks there is in small-school hockey.



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mahtomedi  
zephyrs



DAVID WOLSFELD  
FORWARD



GRANT DARDIS  
DEFENSEMAN



BEN DARDIS  
GOALIE

inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

As a freshman he was superb. As a sophomore spectacular. As a junior and senior — well, go ahead and pick your favorite from a bouquet of adjectives. Ben Dardis’ brilliant play in goal has defined Mahtomedi hockey for four seasons, one of which ended with the hoisting of the program’s first state championship trophy (in 2020). Could another such run be in the offing? Remember, Mahtomedi came into the 2020 tourney with a 20-8-0 record overlooked and underappreciated. Hermantown, with just three losses, and Warroad, with only two, joined defending champion St. Cloud Cathedral as the teams expected to reach the title game. Sound familiar? It’s Hermantown, Warroad and “best of luck” to everyone else again this year, with Dardis and Mahtomedi more than happy to crash the championship party if overlooked.

team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** Mahtomedi doesn’t have the star power to match some of the other top Class 1A teams, but the Zephyrs possess speed, grit and an unflagging work ethic. And some skill, too, as evidenced by junior David Wolsfeld’s 22 goals and 24 assists — huge numbers considering Mahtomedi plays one of the toughest schedules in the state for a Class 1A team. **DEFENSE:** Senior Grant Dardis, Ben’s triplet brother, and junior Cav Bruner are leaned on heavily for their poised play and pinpoint passing. They pitch in on offense, too, as Bruner has 17 points and Dardis has 15. **GOALIES:** Ben Dardis, the state leader with a .939 save percentage, is one of three finalists for the Frank Brimsek Award that goes to the state’s top senior goaltender. He has five shutouts this season to give him a whopping 20 for his career, a possible state record. The Minnesota State High School League website lists Adam Coole of Duluth East (1995-98) and Michael Sperl of Little Falls (2005-09) as the career shutout record holders with 17 each.

stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
4	David Wolsfeld	11	F	22	24	46	6
11	Charlie Drage	11	F	15	22	37	8
18	Brent Gulenchyn	12	F	14	21	35	14
9	Jonny Grove	11	F	13	16	29	6
22	Carter Haycraft	11	F	14	15	29	30
2	Cav Bruner	11	D	4	17	21	22
3	Grant Dardis	12	D	5	16	21	6
24	Cory Bohmert	11	F	8	13	21	4
15	Seth Nelson	11	F	5	13	18	10
6	Sam Harris	9	D	0	10	10	6
19	Jake Hodd-Chlebeck	10	F	4	6	10	4
25	Owen Harrod	12	D	1	9	10	20
26	Carson Marshall	11	D	3	6	9	10
17	Patrick Egan	10	F	5	3	8	6
21	Nate Poganski	12	F	3	4	7	0
8	Nick Beiersdorf	12	F	2	4	6	20
14	Jake Ruppel	11	D	0	6	6	2
10	Sean Doggett	12	F	4	1	5	49
5	Cole Swanson	10	D	0	3	3	2
27	Noah Mogren		F	1	1	2	2

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
32	Ben Dardis	12	1291:09	14-11-1	1.97	.942	5
35	Roan Appert	12	147:16	2-0-0	1.73	.881	0

BY THE NUMBERS  
Power Play Percentage: 21.9  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 90.2  
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.39  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.04

no. 3  
team info

**CONFERENCE:**  
Metro East  
**2021-22 RECORD:**  
16-11-1  
**STATE TRIPS:** 13  
**COACH:** Jeff Poeschl,  
25th year, 424-246-22;  
28th overall, 454-285-22  
**HOME ARENA:**  
St. Croix Recreation  
Center, Stillwater

schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/26	Monticello	W 6-0
11/27	Orono	W 6-1
11/30	@ Cretin-Derham Hall	L 1-3
12/3	East Grand Forks	W 5-0
12/9	@ Hill-Murray	L 2-3
12/11	St. Thomas Academy	W 3-2
12/18	Hermantown	L 0-3
12/21	Stillwater	L 1-2/OT
12/28	Minot (N.D.)	W 10-2
12/29	@ Roseau	L 1-5
12/30	St. Louis Park	T 2-2/OT
1/6	St. Paul Highland Pk.	W 9-1
1/8	@ St. Thomas Acad.	L 1-3
1/11	@ Simley	W 2-1
1/15	Hill-Murray	L 2-3/OT
1/19	Two Rivers	W 10-2
1/25	@ Tartan	W 6-1
1/27	@ Hastings	L 3-4
1/29	Benilde-St. Marg.	L 2-8
2/2	Eden Prairie	W 4-3
2/5	St. Michael-Albert.	L 2-3
2/8	Breck	W 6-0
2/15	@ Delano	L 2-3
2/17	@ South St. Paul	W 12-2
2/19	Woodbury	W 6-0

SECTION 4A PLAYOFFS

2/25	St. Paul Johnson	W 9-0
3/2	Two Rivers	W 6-0
3/4	Chisago Lakes	W 4-0

coach jeff poeschl

Poeschl knows all about standout goaltenders. He starred in goal for Hill-Murray for three seasons from 1977-80. Poeschl, in his 25th season leading Mahtomedi, has a 424-246-22 record. He coached previously at St. Thomas Academy.



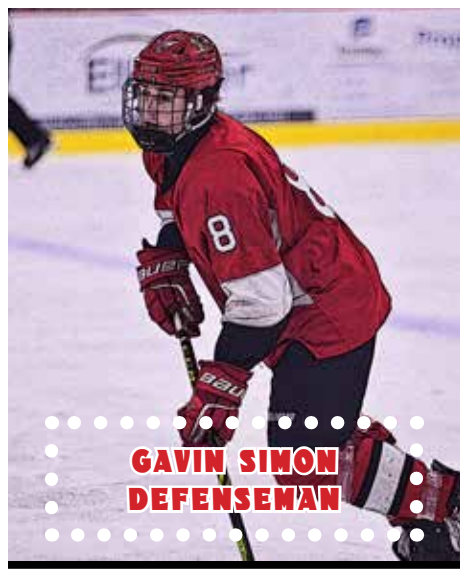
prediction

With Ben Dardis in goal, and the defense in full shutdown mode, Mahtomedi has the potential to steal a game from any team, as it did in the 2020 Class 1A championship when it beat Hermantown 3-2 despite being outshot 42-12. The Zephyrs are likely to reach the semifinals, but the odds get long from there.





WILSON DAHLHEIMER  
FORWARD



GAVIN SIMON  
DEFENSEMAN



MICHAEL BILLER  
GOALIE

inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

The Moose are cutting loose. Again. After winning Section 5A as the No. 4 seed, Monticello enters the state tournament 6-1-1 in its last eight games. The Moose, making their fourth state tournament appearance in the last six seasons, have rebounded from losing five of their first six games to open the season and a 3-7-0 stretch from Dec. 23 to Jan. 22. Monticello's victory over St. Cloud Cathedral in the section championship game is believed to be the Moose's first win over the Crusaders in program history.

Scoring is concentrated heavily on the stick of senior forward Wilson Dahlheimer. His three goals carried the Moose in the section championship. His 46 points are 22 more than the Moose's No. 2 scorer, defenseman Gavin Simon. He'll be needed to continue that level of play as the Moose often struggle to generate offense, having scored more than three goals in just 10 games. "Right, wrong or indifferent, we've got Dahlheimer and then 11 guys battling for ice time," said Monticello coach Eric Nelson, who often deploys all four of his forward lines.

team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** Senior Wilson Dahlheimer leads the way in goals (23) and assists (24) and scored three times in the section title game. Junior Tyler Bitz is second with 14 goals. They have combined for 11 power-play goals, leading an attack that converts 24.4 percent of the time with the man advantage. Brooks Wilson and Tyler Miller have scored 21 and 18 points, respectively.

**DEFENSE:** Upperclassmen fill five of the six spots. Senior Gavin Simon has demonstrated his prowess on the power play, netting three goals and assisting on 11 others. Sophomore Cameron Schmitz is third among blueliners with seven assists.

**GOALIES:** Senior Michael Biller has logged more than 1,200 minutes in net and stepped up his play lately, stopping 133 of the last 143 shots he's faced for a .930 save percentage.

stats

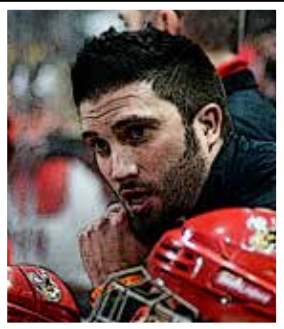
NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
22	Wilson Dahlheimer	12	F	23	24	47	20
8	Gavin Simon	12	D	7	18	25	26
19	Brooks Wilson	12	F	7	14	21	26
13	Tyler Bitz	11	F	14	4	18	2
27	Tyler Miller	11	F	5	13	18	8
5	Roman Thompson	10	F	7	9	16	2
11	Cody Russell	12	F	6	10	16	0
21	Brayden Dunn	11	F	3	12	15	14
24	Gunnar Simon	10	F	4	7	11	4
18	Danny Homsombath	12	D	1	9	10	4
4	Cameron Schmitz	10	D	1	7	8	6
9	Brady Bergstrom	11	D	3	5	8	8
10	Quintin Brooks	11	F	3	5	8	4
15	Alec Mayer	11	D	3	5	8	18
2	Robbie Harris	11	F	1	4	5	11
23	Jake Larson	11	F	1	1	2	9
3	Gavin Nelson	12	D	1	0	1	0
17	Brodie Mich	10	D	0	1	1	4
26	Micah Sieben	10	F	1	0	1	0
29	Caden Peterson	12	D	0	1	1	10

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Michael Biller	12	1223.2	13-11-0	3.13	.889	1
30	Owen Soderholm	10	209.2	0-3-1	3.41	.872	0

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
Power Play Percentage: 23.5  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 78.6  
Goals Scored Per Game: 3.25  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 3.21

coach eric nelson

Nelson, in his seventh season leading Monticello, has guided the Moose to all four of their trips to the state tournament. In 2017 he wore a lucky — and hilariously ugly — sweater as the No. 7 seeded Moose reached the championship game. What might be part of his wardrobe this year?



prediction

The Moose have not fared well this season against other state tournament qualifiers, having lost 6-0 to Mahtomedi to open the season and 8-2 at Alexandria to open January.

unseeded  
team info

**CONFERENCE:**  
Mississippi 8  
**2021-22 RECORD:**  
13-14-1  
**STATE TRIPS:** 4  
**COACH:** Eric Nelson  
7th season 117-70-8  
**HOME ARENA:** Moose Sherritt Ice Arena, Monticello

schedule

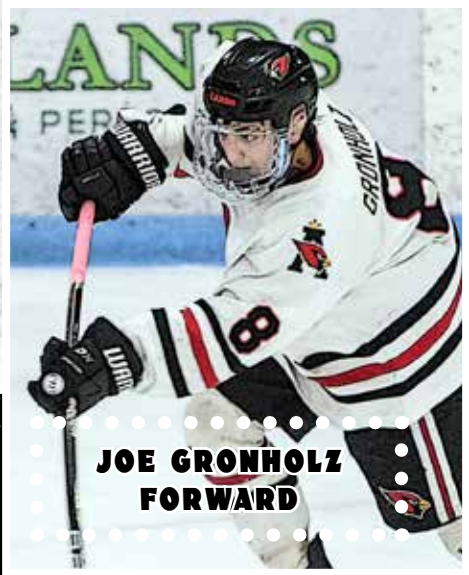
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/26	@ Mahtomedi	L 0-6
11/27	Little Falls	L 4-5
12/7	Chisago Lakes	L 1-4
12/9	@ Orono	W 2-1
12/10	@ Cambridge-Isanti	L 1-4
12/14	Mound Westonka	L 4-7
12/16	Becker/Big Lake	W 11-2
12/21	Pine City Area	W 6-2
12/23	Litch./Dassel-Cokato	L 3-4
12/28	Sartell-St. Stephen	L 2-3
12/29	@ River Lakes	W 3-2
12/30	Sauk Rapids-Rice	L 1-3
1/4	@ Alexandria	L 2-8
1/6	@ Providence Acad.	L 1-4
1/11	Princeton	W 3-1
1/14	@ Chisago Lakes	L 1-3
1/20	Cambridge-Isanti	W 3-2
1/22	@ Buffalo	L 3-4
1/25	Northern Edge	W 4-1
1/27	St. Cloud Cathedral	L 3-4
2/3	@ Pine City Area	W 7-3
2/5	@ Hutchinson	T 5-5/OT
2/11	@ Princeton	W 5-0
2/15	Northern Lakes	W 5-2
2/17	Delano	L 1-3

**SECTION 5A PLAYOFFS**  
2/23 River Lakes W 3-2  
2/26 @ Little Falls W 4-3  
3/2 @ St. Cloud Cathedral W 3-2





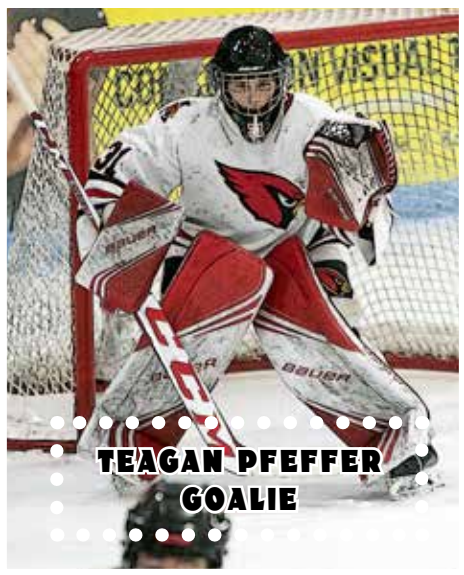
# alexandria cardinals



JOE GRONHOLZ  
FORWARD



BRENNAN LATTIMER  
DEFENSEMAN



TEAGAN PFEFFER  
GOALIE

## inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

The good part about being a state tournament underdog is the lack of pressure. Hey, it's easy for a team to play all free and loose when nobody expects it to win. The bad part about being a state tournament underdog is, you know, there's a reason — or several — that your team isn't expected to win.

As the No. 5 seed, Alexandria is taking the free-and-easy approach to this week's state tournament. And why not?

Yes, the Cardinals (19-6-2) feature one of the tournament's best forward tandems in Josiah Gronholz and Brycen Berg, but there's no need to announce that to the rest of the field.

And shhhhh, don't mention the fact the Cardinals have gone 11-0-1 in their last 12 games. Or that they outscored their three Section 6A opponents by a combined 33-4. Or that sophomore Gavin Olson has emerged as something of a super secret playoff scoring specialist, firing home seven of his 11 goals, including the third-period winner in the section final against Fergus Falls, in his last three games.

## team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** Gronholz, a senior, leads the Cardinals with 59 points — 25 of them goals. He has eclipsed 100 career points. Berg, also a senior, is the top goal scorer with 27. He is a streaky scorer who, when rolling, piles up big numbers — as evidenced by the four hat tricks among his eight multi-goal games.

**DEFENSEMEN:** Senior Pieter Mulder is the team's top-scoring defenseman with 28 points — almost a third of which have come with the man advantage. Senior Brennan Lattimer and sophomore Jack Lamski are also counted on to play big minutes.

**GOALIES:** Senior Teagan Pfeffer has had his ups and downs this season, twice allowing seven goals and also giving up six. But he has stepped up his play since mid-February, recording both of his shutouts while allowing six goals in his last five games. An outstanding football player (defensive back), Pfeffer has committed to play at the University of North Dakota as a preferred walk-on.

## stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
8	Josiah Gronholz	12	F	25	34	59	16
7	Tyler Kludt	11	F	13	35	48	4
11	Brycen Berg	12	F	27	16	43	30
6	Joe Lamski	11	F	13	19	32	14
18	Peter Mulder	12	D	3	25	28	14
3	Leo Kompelien	10	F	8	17	25	8
29	Nicholas Peterson	11	F	14	11	25	26
15	Gavin Olson	10	F	11	5	16	17
2	Jack Lamski	10	D	3	11	14	14
4	Mason Stennes	12	F	6	4	10	23
16	Henry Ramstorf	11	D	2	7	9	2
12	Brennan Lattimer	12	D	4	3	7	12
22	Jack Breitzman	11	F	2	5	7	14
19	Mason Loch	11	D	1	5	6	10
24	Zaven Noetzelman	11	D	0	5	5	2
9	Tripp Shatek	11	F	1	3	4	0
20	Gage Castle		D	0	4	4	6
25	Keegan Lucy	11	F	1	1	2	4
31	Teagan Pfeffer	12	G	0	2	2	6
30	Gabe Evink	12	G	0	1	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
31	Teagan Pfeffer	12	1146:06	14-6-2	2.71	0.888	2
30	Gabe Evink	12	255:00	5-0-0	1.80	0.889	1

BY THE NUMBERS  
Power Play Percentage: 31.9%  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 77.9%  
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.96  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.59

## coach josh meyers

Meyers, in his second year, has guided the Cardinals to a 10-win improvement over his first season, when Alexandria went 9-10-1 in a COVID-19 shortened campaign. He played his high school hockey for the Cardinals, but never reached the state tournament. He was a standout collegiate player at Minnesota Duluth, where he was an All-WCHA selection.



## prediction

Alexandria's quarterfinal matchup against Minneapolis likely will be the most competitive of the four on Wednesday and could come down to a timely bounce or exceptional individual play, and the Cardinals have the high-end forwards who can deliver.

no. 5

team info

CONFERENCE:  
Central Lakes  
2021-22 RECORD:  
19-6-2  
STATE TRIPS: 6  
COACH: Josh Meyers,  
2nd year, 28-16-3  
HOME ARENA:  
Runestone Community  
Center, Alexandria

## schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/30	@ Sartell-St. Stephen	L 2-3
12/2	@ River Lakes	W 4-1
12/7	@ Little Falls	L 6-7/OT
12/11	Minneapolis	L 2-4
12/14	Sauk Rapids-Rice	W 9-4
12/18	@ East Grand Forks	W 4-1
12/23	@ St. Cloud	T 2-2/OT
12/29	@ Gentry Academy	L 2-3
1/4	Monticello	W 8-2
1/6	Fergus Falls	W 5-2
1/8	@ Bemidji	W 4-2
1/11	@ Brainerd	W 3-2/OT
1/15	Totino-Grace	L 1-7
1/18	St. Cloud Cathedral	W 3-1
1/21	Sartell-St. Stephen	L 5-6
1/25	@ Willmar	W 8-3
1/27	@ Sauk Rapids-Rice	W 2-1
1/31	Little Falls	W 5-1
2/5	@ Duluth Denfeld	W 6-4
2/8	St. Cloud	W 5-4
2/12	Northern Lakes	W 6-4
2/14	River Lakes	W 4-0
2/15	@ Fergus Falls	W 3-0
2/17	Brainerd	T 2-2/OT

SECTION 6A PLAYOFFS  
2/23 Brecken./Wahpeton W 19-0  
2/26 Morris/Benson Area W 10-2



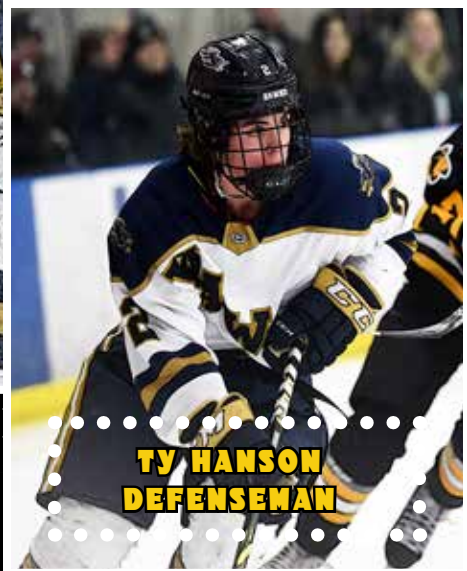


7A  
champs

# hermantown hawks



ZAM PLANTE  
FORWARD



TY HANSON  
DEFENSEMAN



DANE CALLAWAY  
GOALIE

## inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

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 setback 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 off-season, 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.



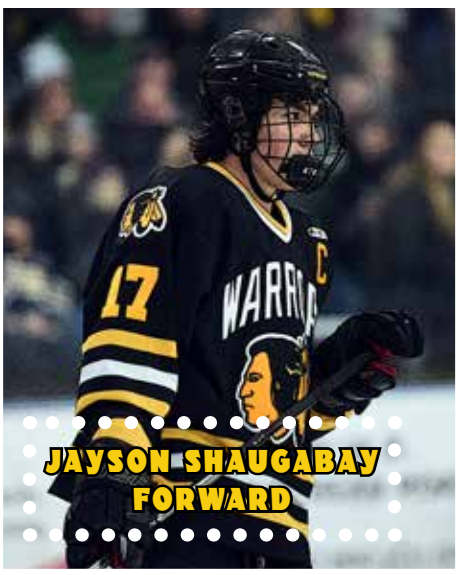
## prediction

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.

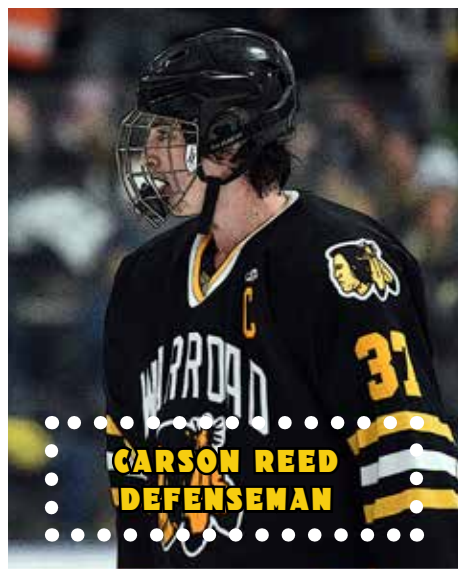




# warroad warriors



JAYSON SHAUGABAY  
FORWARD



CARSON REED  
DEFENSEMAN



HAMPTON SLUKYNSKY  
GOALIE

## inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

Jay Hardwick stood outside the Warroad locker room on a frigid mid-January Saturday, not contemplating the four-hour ride home from Hermantown but rather the long, arduous journey to the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul in March. And, should the Warriors make it that far, the opportunities that might present themselves there. “Hopefully, we’ll play them again,” Hardwick, Warroad’s 10th-year coach, said after the Warriors lost 2-1 in overtime to Hermantown in an epic showdown between two teams so disciplined defensively it was more a chess match than a hockey game. Hardwick just might get his wish. Hermantown enters the state tournament ranked No. 1 in Class 1A and Warroad is No. 2, same as when the teams met in January. Naturally, Hermantown received the tournament’s No. 1 seed and Warroad the No. 2. Warroad (24-3-1) has all the elements of a team capable of reaching the title game, most notably the often unstoppable forward duo of senior Daimon Gardner and junior Jayson Shaugabay, Division I commits who have combined for 150 points.

## team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** The 6-foot-4, 205-pound Gardner (a Mr. Hockey finalist committed to Clarkson) has amassed 39 goals (seventh most in the state) among his 76 points (sixth most in the state). Shaugabay (committed to Minnesota Duluth) is as gifted a passer as there is in high school hockey and ranks in a tie for fourth state-wide with 49 assists.

**DEFENSE:** Senior Carson Reed has been booming slapshots and banging bodies since he was a sophomore. The diminutive Eric Comstock, a 5-7, 160-pound junior, and towering sophomore Ryan Lund (6-2, 200) are equally effective moving the puck, clearing the front of the net and joining the rush.

**GOALIES:** Uber-athletic junior Hampton Slukynsky has hovered near the top of the state’s goaltending statistics all season and sits at No. 6 in save percentage, stopping 92.8 percent of the shots he faces.

## stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
13	Daimon Gardner	12	F	39	37	76	16
17	Jayson Shaugabay	11	F	25	49	74	6
9	Matt Hard	12	F	22	19	41	4
37	Carson Reed	12	D	9	29	38	10
2	Eric Comstock	11	D	4	29	33	2
22	M. Marvin-Cordes	10	F	15	17	32	18
18	Carson Pilgrim	10	F	15	12	27	14
25	Ryan Lund	10	D	5	18	23	30
24	Todd Powassin	12	D	6	11	17	10
23	Jack Jones	12	F	6	6	12	6
11	Gaabi Boucha	11	F	7	3	10	21
5	Garrett Hennum	11	F	3	4	7	6
27	Will Hardwick	10	D	1	6	7	6
6	Landon Thompson	11	D	0	3	3	6
8	Griffin Marvin	11	F	2	0	2	0
21	Jackson Lebrassuer	12	F	0	2	2	6
33	Peyton Sunderland	10	F	2	0	2	0
1	Hampton Slukynsky	11	G	0	1	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
1	H. Slukynsky	11	1451:26	24-3-1	1.48	.928	9
32	Landon Haggan	12	1:25	0-0-0	0.00	1.000	0

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
Power Play Percentage: 31.3  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 91.8  
Goals Scored Per Game: 5.75  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.5

## no. 2 team info

**CONFERENCE:** Mariucci  
**2021-22 RECORD:** 24-3-1  
**STATE TRIPS:** 22  
**COACH:** Jay Hardwick, 169-91-12  
**HOME ARENA:** The Gardens Arena, Warroad

## schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/26	St. Cloud Cathedral	W 3-1
11/27	Mounds View	W 4-3
12/4	@ Bemidji	W 4-3
12/10	Rock Ridge	W 6-0
12/11	Grand Rapids	W 4-3
12/16	@ East Grand Forks	W 6-3
12/18	Rogers	W 7-1
12/21	Thief River Falls	W 3-0
12/29	Grftn/Pk River (N.D.)	W 12-0
12/30	Osseo	W 11-0
12/31	International Falls	W 8-1
1/4	@ Roseau	W 5-0
1/7	@ Fergus Falls	W 9-0
1/8	@ Detroit Lakes	W 3-0
1/14	@ Crookston	W 16-0
1/15	@ Hermantown	L 1-2/OT
1/21	Duluth Denfeld	W 9-1
1/22	Wayzata	L 0-3
1/25	Roseau	L 3-4
1/29	Moorhead	T 4-4/OT
2/4	@ Thf River Falls	W 4-3/OT
2/5	@ Gr. Forks Cntrl (N.D.)	W 5-2
2/8	East Grand Forks	W 6-3
2/15	Bemidji	W 5-2
2/19	@ Delano	W 4-1

SECTION 8A PLAYOFFS		
2/24	Park Rapids	W 10-0
2/26	East Grand Forks	W 5-1
3/3	Thief River Falls	W 4-1

## coach jay hardwick

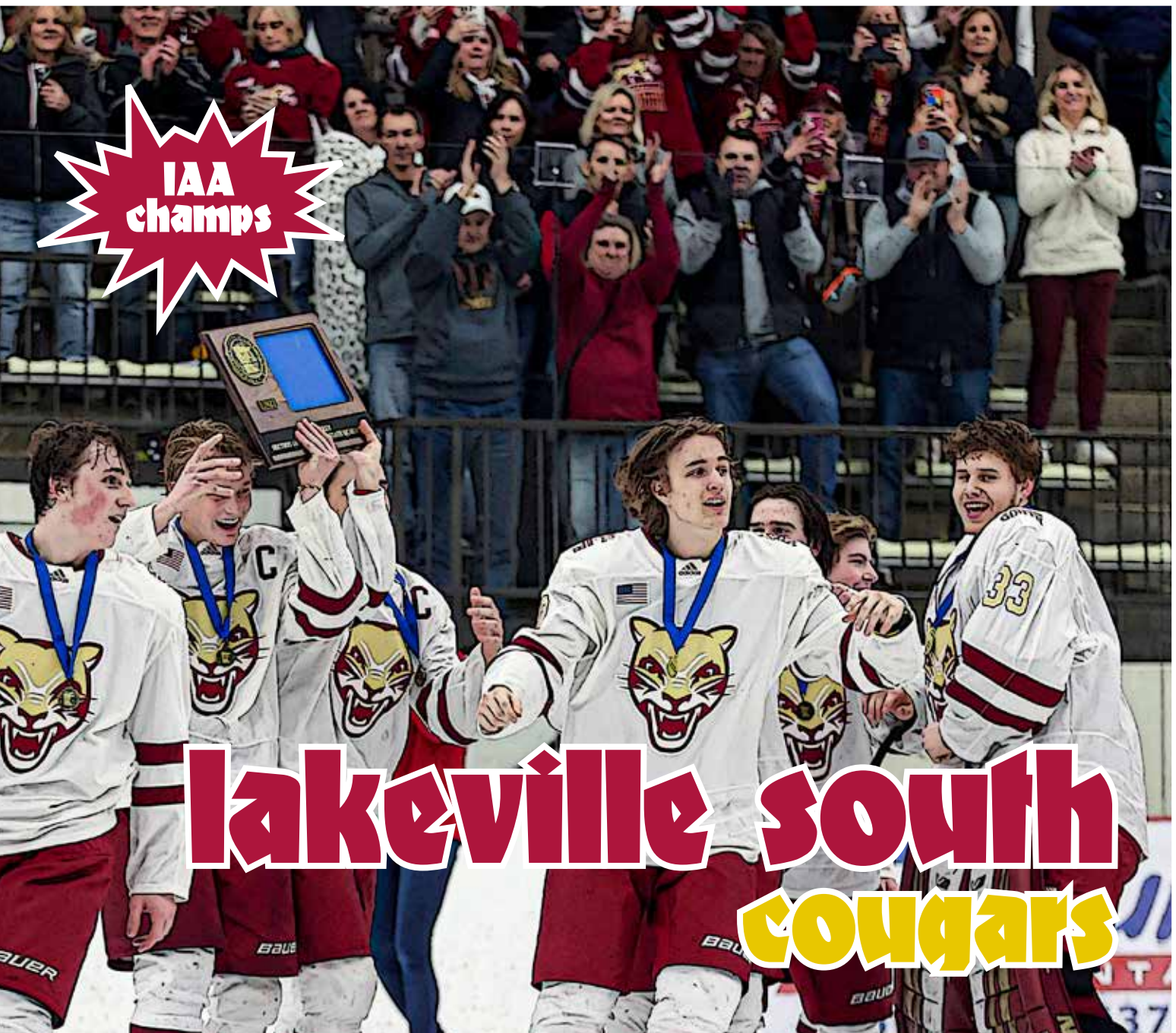
Hardwick, a former Warroad standout defenseman, was a sophomore on the Warriors’ 1996 Class 1A championship team. He played at Minnesota Duluth and spent six seasons in the minor leagues. He’s amassed 169 victories in his 10 seasons leading the Warriors. Hardwick is a grandson of the deceased Dick Roberts, a legendary name in Warroad as both a player and a coach.



## prediction

Can anything or any team stop the machinery that is grinding toward a championship showdown between Warroad and Hermantown? If the teams do meet again, we expect a down-to-the-wire finish.





# lakeville south cougars



TANNER LUDTKE  
FORWARD



MASON JOHNSON  
DEFENSEMAN



JACK HOCHSPRUNG  
GOALIE

## inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

Lakeville South could have dished out any number of excuses if things hadn't gone well this season. After all, it suffered two major losses last spring — first falling to Eden Prairie in double overtime in the Class 2A title game, then watching highly successful head coach Janne Kivihalmé depart in controversial fashion. But the Cougars didn't miss a beat. Lakeville South (25-3-0) started 7-0-0, beat hated rival Lakeville North in the 1AA final and is riding a 16-game winning streak into St. Paul. Now the challenge for first-year head coach Josh Storm and his experienced group of Cougars is to finally climb the last hurdle and claim a state championship. The south metro powerhouse has the team to do it. Led by a core of battle-tested seniors and ultra-talented juniors, Lakeville South might not be the favorite on paper at the X, but the Cougars certainly have the tournament experience and leadership to win it all.

## team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** The Cougars averaged 4.96 goals-per-game and had six forwards break the 20-point plateau this winter. Nebraska-Omaha commit Tanner Ludtke, Aidan Willis, Ashton Dahms and Tate Pritchard are dominant offensively and have loads of tournament experience.

**DEFENSE:** Maybe the most underrated group of defensemen in the tournament field, Lakeville South features an upper-classmen-led blue line that can do a little bit of everything. Mason Johnson and Tyler Lafferty lead the Cougars in defensemen scoring with 27 and 22 points, respectively.

**GOALIES:** Jack Hochsprung has taken the reins as the team's No. 1 goaltender and has put up eye-popping numbers — a 1.33 goals-against average, .931 save percentage and seven shutouts.

## stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
4	Tanner Ludtke	11	F	22	38	60	22
5	Aidan Willis	11	F	15	31	46	18
22	Ashton Dahms	11	F	25	16	41	4
3	Tate Pritchard	11	F	18	13	31	23
9	Ben Portner	12	F	12	17	29	7
6	Mason Johnson	12	D	3	21	24	6
7	Tyler Lafferty	11	D	4	19	23	12
10	Eli Miller	11	F	12	10	22	22
14	Jackson Ernst	9	F	8	9	17	4
8	Austin Stoneking	12	F	8	8	16	10
27	Joe Guentzel	12	D	4	11	15	22
19	John Novak	11	D	1	11	12	6
2	Ryder Patterson	11	D	0	9	9	19
29	Jack Ohlund	11	F	5	4	9	6
24	Wyatt Sender	12	D	0	8	8	16
11	Zander Billins	11	F	2	4	6	6
1	Owen Havlicek	12	G	0	1	1	0
33	Jack Hochsprung	11	G	0	1	1	0
40	Owen Sheffel	11	F/D	0	1	1	2
13	Tommy Boisjolie	11	F	0	0	0	2
20	Zack Kohlbeck	11	F	0	0	0	4

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
33	Jack Hochsprung	11	1211:05	21-3-0	1.35	.931	7
1	Owen Havlicek	12	221:00	4-0-0	0.69	.930	2

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
Power Play Percentage: 29.7  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 87.6  
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.96  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.29

## coach josh storm

Storm took over a program surrounded by controversy, focused his team and led the Cougars back to St. Paul. A Lakeville native, Storm coached at Owatonna for 10 seasons before returning to his hometown. He compiled a 144-100-13 record with the Huskies.



## unseeded team info

**CONFERENCE:**  
South Suburban  
**2021-22 RECORD:**  
25-3-0  
**STATE TRIPS:** 9  
**COACH:** Josh Storm,  
1st year, 25-3-0; 11th  
overall, 169-103-13  
**HOME ARENA:**  
Hasse Arena, Lakeville

## schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/27	@ Rogers	W 3-1
11/30	@ Blaine	W 6-3
12/7	@ Burnsville	W 7-2
12/11	@ Apple Valley	W 5-0
12/14	Lakeville North	W 6-3
12/18	@ Eastview	W 4-1
12/23	@ Shakopee	W 8-1
12/28	Maple Grove	L 0-3
12/29	@ Stillwater	W 5-0
12/30	@ Holy Family	W 4-3
1/1	@ Edina	L 1-2
1/15	Rosemount	L 1-2
1/18	Prior Lake	W 4-3/OT
1/19	Eden Prairie	W 3-1
1/22	Burnsville	W 12-0
1/25	Apple Valley	W 5-0
1/27	@ Farmington	W 10-0
1/28	@ Lakeville North	W 3-0
2/5	Shakopee	W 7-4
2/8	@ Eagan	W 3-0
2/10	Eagan	W 9-0
2/12	Farmington	W 5-2
2/15	@ Rosemount	W 4-1
2/17	Eastview	W 2-1/OT
2/18	@ Prior Lake	W 3-1

SECTION 1AA PLAYOFFS		
2/24	Dodge County	W 9-1
2/26	Rochester Mayo	W 6-0
3/3	Lakeville North	W 4-1

## prediction

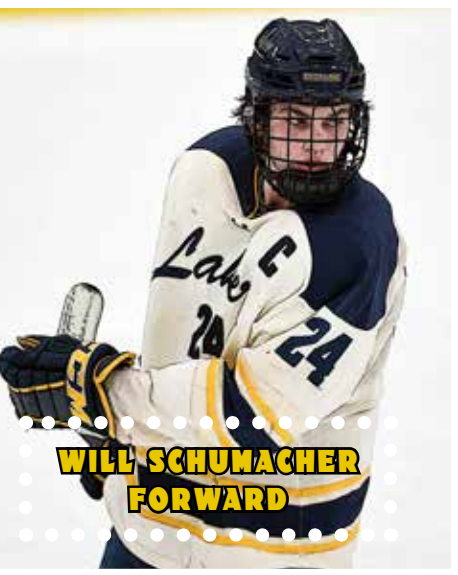
Lakeville South has quietly become one of the most dominant programs in Minnesota. The Cougars have a team that can win in a lot of different ways. If it can solve Hill-Murray's defensive puzzle, Lakeville South is a sneaky pick to win it all.



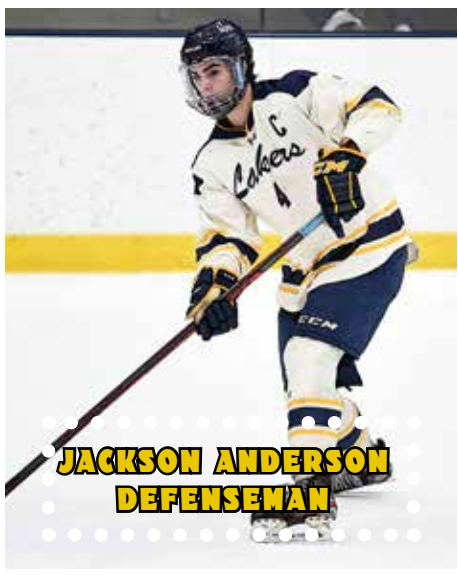
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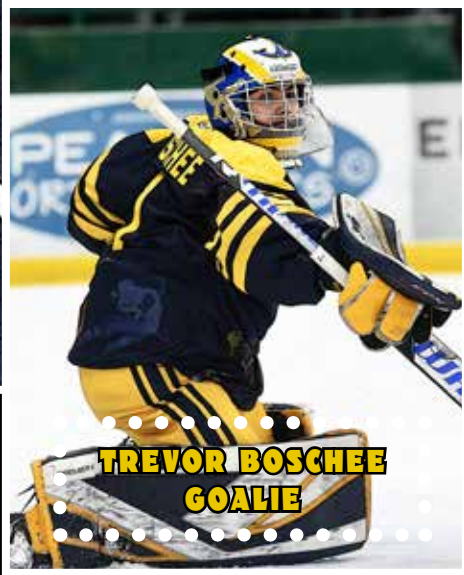
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lakers



WILL SCHUMACHER  
FORWARD



JACKSON ANDERSON  
DEFENSEMAN



TREVOR BOSCHEE  
GOALIE

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 Pavlek	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.





# cretin-derham hall raiders



DREW FISHER  
FORWARD



ZACH SONDREAL  
DEFENSEMAN



MARKO BELAK  
GOALIE

## inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

Cretin-Derham Hall has known for a while that it had something special. Enough of-  
fensive talent to fill the net. A goaltender good enough to allow the Raiders to play a  
wide-open offensive style with confidence. A dynamite group of defenders.  
As far as the Raiders were concerned, a state tournament trip — and possibly much,  
much more — was just a matter of time.  
Led by a rockstar group of seniors and a talented batch of juniors, No. 2-seeded Cre-  
tin-Derham Hall finally broke through after several section playoff heartbreaks and  
punched its ticket back to Xcel Energy Center — the program’s first state trip since  
2009.  
Good things come to those who wait.  
With the on-ice celebration of the team’s Section 3AA championship still raging, the  
message from Cretin’s senior leaders was clear.  
“We’re not done yet.”

## team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** Mr. Hockey finalist Drew Fisher leads the way offensively for Cretin with 28 goals and 59 points. The other Fisher, Jake, a junior, has 52 points playing alongside Drew. Superpest Luke McCarthy rounds out the top line for the Raiders, but that’s not the only unit that can score — second-liner Attila Lippai is third on the team with 17 goals.  
**DEFENSE:** The Raiders blue line is stacked with mobile, two-way defenders. Simon Houge and Zach Sondreal have 51 points between them and play massive minutes. The speedy defensemen are a key to Cretin-Derham Hall’s transition game, which is maybe the best in the tournament.  
**GOALIES:** Marko Belak, a Frank Brimsek Award finalist, gives the Raiders the confidence to play their offensive-minded style. Take some risks. Belak will clean up the mistakes. The senior has 22 wins and a .936 save percentage this season.

## stats

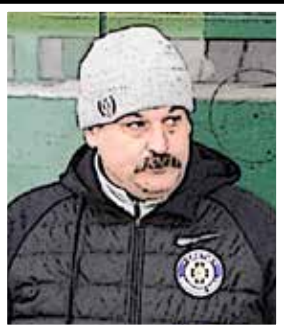
NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
22	Drew Fisher	12	F	28	31	59	19
18	Jake Fisher	11	F	23	29	52	4
2	Luke McCarthy	12	F	10	26	36	16
8	Simon Houge	11	D	5	25	30	10
15	Attila Lippai	11	F	17	13	30	36
6	Zach Sondreal	12	D	10	16	26	26
16	Jake Sondreal	12	F	11	12	23	16
19	Kevin Odlaug	12	F	11	12	23	2
12	Gabe Rasmussen	12	F	7	14	21	15
7	Devin Cardenas	11	F	5	14	19	31
9	Joey Sylvester	11	D	6	13	19	14
10	Lucas Cernohous	11	D	5	14	19	14
21	Colton Jamieson	11	D	1	14	15	38
14	Cooper Smith	12	F	6	5	11	6
27	Chuck Owens	10	F	1	6	7	0
17	Sam Holm	12	F	4	2	6	4
20	John Kovarik	12	F	3	3	6	6
23	Kaden Spaniol	12	F	1	3	4	18
5	Rory Smith	12	D	0	2	2	4
30	Marko Belak	12	G	0	1	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
30	Marko Belak	12	1299:00	23-3-0	1.57	.938	3
29	Joe Cavanagh	12	78:00	1-0-0	2.62	.846	0

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
Power Play Percentage: 24.1  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 90.0  
Goals Scored Per Game: 5.67  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.67

## coach matt funk

Funk has put up some big win totals during his five seasons at Cretin-Derham Hall. Now he’s finally led the Raiders to the state tournament, the fourth appearance in program history. In his seventh overall season as a high school head coach, Funk has a career record of 133-53-2.



## no. 2 team info

**CONFERENCE:**  
Suburban East  
**2021-22 Record:** 24-3-0  
**STATE TRIPS:** 4  
**COACH:** Matt Funk,  
4th year, 78-20-2, 6th  
year overall, 233-53-2  
**HOME ARENA:**  
Highland Arena,  
St. Paul

## schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/30	Mahtomedi	W 3-1
12/2	Blake	W 5-1
12/9	Woodbury	W 8-1
12/11	@ East Ridge	W 10-3
12/16	Benilde-St. Margaret's	W 5-3
12/21	@ St. Thomas Acad.	L 4-5
12/23	Hermantown	W 4-2
12/28	Andover	L 1-3
12/29	@ Rosemount	W 3-1
12/30	Chaplin Park	W 7-2
1/6	@ Edina	W 4-2
1/8	@ Roseville	W 11-0
1/11	@ Stillwater	W 5-1
1/13	Mounds View	W 11-1
1/15	@ Irondale	W 11-3
1/18	White Bear Lake	W 6-3
1/20	Forest Lake	W 6-2
1/27	@ Woodbury	W 10-2
1/29	East Ridge	W 7-1
2/5	Eden Prairie	W 1-0
2/8	Park of Cottage Grove	W 7-1
2/10	Stillwater	W 4-1
2/12	White Bear Lake	W 4-1

**SECTION 3AA PLAYOFFS**

2/22	Burnsville	W 6-1
2/25	Rosemount	W 5-2
3/3	Eastview	W 3-0a

## prediction

The Raiders are maybe the best transition team in the field and have one of the premier goalies, but they went through the second half of the season largely untested. If Cretin can limit chances in its own end, it certainly could hoist the hardware on Saturday night.



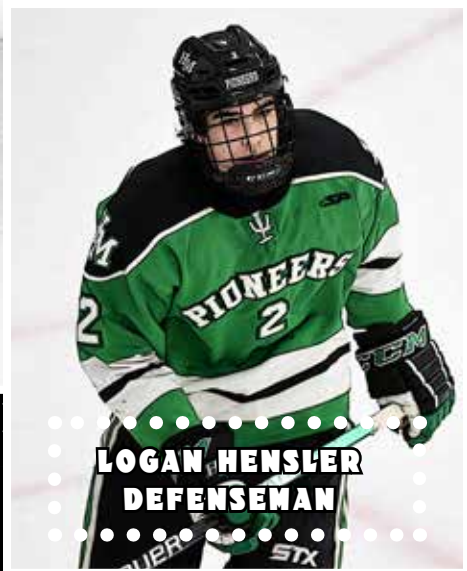


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# hill-murray pioneers



DYLAN GODBOUT  
FORWARD



LOGAN HENSLER  
DEFENSEMAN



JACK ERICKSON  
GOALIE

## inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

The memory of last season still lingers with Hill-Murray. The Pioneers, who qualified for the state tournament only to have their trip canceled due to a COVID-19 exposure, haven't lost a playoff game since 2019 and will finally get the chance to defend their 2020 Class 2A crown this week. Head coach Bill Lechner, no stranger to the tournament, called this trip "extra sweet" after his Pioneers clinched yet another Section 4AA title. Opponents beware. Not only is Hill-Murray the top seed in the field, it also boasts two Mr. Hockey finalists in forward Dylan Godbout and defensemen Leo Gruba, and is as battle-tested as any team in the state. The Pioneers have won seven straight, with two of those triumphs coming against tourney qualifiers Maple Grove and Moorhead. Their only loss since late December was a 3-1 setback against state tournament entrant Edina on Feb. 5. The Pioneers defeated the Hornets 4-3 in overtime the previous night.

no. 1  
team info

CONFERENCE:  
Metro East  
2021-22 RECORD:  
23-4-1  
STATE TRIPS: 31  
COACH: Bill Lechner,  
24th year, 514-168-32;  
30th overall, 572-246-  
35  
HOME ARENA:  
Aldrich Arena,  
Maplewood

## team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** Godbout, a Wisconsin recruit, put up a ridiculous 54 points and will look to give an encore performance to his All-Tournament Team effort from 2020. Brady Ingebritson, Nate Hardy and Anthony Madigan also had big years for the Pioneers, and supplemental pieces such as Jack Senden and Brendan Bonin help give Hill-Murray do-it-all forwards on all four lines.

**Defense:** Having three defensemen the caliber of Gruba, Axel Begley and fab freshman Logan Hensler in the tournament is a treat. Size. Speed. Strength. Offensive ability. Hill-Murray's blue line features it all.

**GOALIES:** Jack Erickson stepped into the starter's role in January and proved he belonged instantly. The junior boasts a 16-1-1 record with a .930 save percentage and six shutouts. Any scoring chances the stingy Hill-Murray defense does allow are likely to be stopped by Erickson, making the Pioneers even more dominant.

## stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
17	Dylan Godbout	12	F	29	25	54	12
15	Brady Ingebritson	11	F	12	20	32	8
26	Axel Begley	12	D	5	27	32	6
11	Leo Gruba	12	D	11	20	31	16
7	Anthony Madigan	12	F	15	13	28	4
10	Nate Hardy	12	F	8	20	28	8
2	Logan Hensler	9	D	7	17	24	15
6	Brendan Bonin	12	F	9	8	17	10
27	Jack Senden	12	F	9	8	17	4
22	Ben Miller	10	F	2	14	16	6
21	Ben Karr	12	D	5	10	15	17
18	Lucas Mann	10	F	3	10	13	14
16	Marcus Kaufman	12	F	7	5	12	4
25	Simon Seidl	10	F	6	4	10	14
12	Caden Sampair	11	F	5	3	8	0
20	Gianni Hurley	12	F	2	5	7	6
8	Joseph Luger	10	D	0	5	5	4
14	Matthew Whisler	11	D	1	2	3	10
19	Sawyer Seidl	11	F	0	2	2	6

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
33	Jack Erickson	11	920:14	16-1-1	1.39	.930	6
1	Andrew Lane	10	17:00	0-0-0	0.00	1.000	0

BY THE NUMBERS  
Power Play Percentage: 26.1  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 85.7  
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.86  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.64

## schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/30	Benilde-St. Marg.	L 3-5
12/3	Eden Prairie	W 4-1
12/4	@ Hermantown	L 1-4
12/9	Mahtomedi	W 3-2
12/11	Hastings	W 4-0
12/15	Wayzata	W 2-1
12/18	St. Thomas Academy	W 6-0
12/23	@ White Bear Lake	W 2-1
12/28	Rosemount	W 7-3
12/29	Andover	L 1-2/OT
12/30	@ Clqt-Esko-Carlton	W 6-2
1/6	@ Tartan	W 9-2
1/13	@ Simley	W 7-1
1/15	@ Mahtomedi	W 3-2/OT
1/18	Stillwater	W 6-0
1/22	@ Grand Rapids	T 4-4/OT
1/25	@ Minnetonka	W 4-2
1/27	Two Rivers	W 16-0
1/29	@ St. Thomas Acad.	W 3-1
2/4	Edina	W 4-3/OT
2/5	@ Edina	L 1-3
2/8	@ South St. Paul	W 9-0
2/12	@ Blake	W 6-1
2/16	Maple Grove	W 3-0
2/19	@ Moorhead	W 5-4/OT

SECTION 4AA PLAYOFFS		
2/26	Roseville	W 5-0
3/2	Gentry Academy	W 7-2
3/4	White Bear Lake	W 5-0

## coach bill lechner

Lechner, who has led the Pioneers to a pair of state championships, also served on the coaching staff when Hill-Murray won the state title in 1983. He has led the Pioneers to 16 tournaments and also was the school's baseball coach and athletic director before retiring from those roles.



## prediction

The Pioneers are a machine. They have depth, they have size, they've battled through adversity and they have chugged along without missing a beat. Hill-Murray is the top seed for a reason, and the Pioneers are without a doubt the favorites.





5AA  
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maple grove  
crimson



LANDEN GUNDERSON  
FORWARD



DANNY NELSON  
DEFENSEMAN



TOBY HOPP  
GOALIE

inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

When it comes to playing in state tournaments, few groups have more experience than Maple Grove. The Crimson are making their third straight trip to St. Paul and their lineup is packed with players who have won youth state championships at nearly every level. The big prize has evaded Maple Grove thus far, but this team might be the one to finally crack through and add a high school crown to the packed trophy cases at the Maple Grove Community Center. Being loaded with talent at forward and defense won't hurt their chances, but the Crimson can also draw on those past experiences to come out on top this week. "I would say this year we're a lot tighter of a group," Maple Grove forward Landen Gunderson said after the Crimson's 4-2 victory over Rogers in the Section 5AA championship. "Because last year with (COVID-19) and everything it was a lot harder to come together as a team. So I think I think we've got the team this year to go a long ways."

team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** Landen Gunderson, Finn Brink and Josh Giuliani lead a potent offense for Maple Grove, which averages over five goals-per-game and has connected on 35.5 percent of its power-play chances. Players such as Chayton Fischer and Blake Steenerson add some size and strength to complement the speed and skill of the high-flying Gunderson-Brink-Giuliani line. **DEFENSE:** Sophomore sensation Danny Nelson has totaled 16 goals and 33 points in his first varsity season. Add ultra-skilled Luke Margenau, who boasts 28 points of his own, and Maple Grove has arguably the most dynamic duo of defensemen in the tournament. **GOALIES:** Toby Hopp has been steady in net for Maple Grove, winning 15 of his 22 appearances while posting a .911 save percentage and four shutouts. He made some of his best saves in the closing minutes of the Crimson's Section 5AA title-game win over Rogers.

stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
17	Landen Gunderson	11	F	19	53	72	16
27	Finn Brink	11	F	26	26	52	16
19	Joshua Giuliani	12	F	23	25	48	34
20	Daniel Nelson	10	F	16	17	33	25
13	Luke Margenau	11	D	7	21	28	20
15	Jack Kernan	11	F	9	11	20	20
14	Nathan Jaglo	12	F	8	8	16	6
9	Chayton Fischer	12	F	7	7	14	45
18	Blake Steenerson	11	F	8	5	13	12
7	Sawyer Skanson	12	F	5	6	11	8
5	Parker Wente	12	D	1	9	10	4
34	Bennett Glad	12	F	5	5	10	6
26	Beck Picconatto	11	D	1	8	9	12
36	Jerren Giese	12	F	3	6	9	0
21	Lucas Busch	10	F	4	3	7	4
22	Grant Leneau	11	D	2	2	4	10
4	Aaron Tollas	12	D	0	3	3	8
16	Jay Ellingson	11	F	0	3	3	2
28	Connor Stelljes	10	D	1	1	2	2
10	Jacob Sinclair	11	F	0	1	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Toby Hopp	12	1131:02	15-6-1	2.34	.911	4
30	Jack Roach	11	280:52	5-0-0	0.91	.949	2
33	Michael Burtress	11	25:08	1-0-0	2.03	.500	0

BY THE NUMBERS  
Power Play Percentage: 35.5  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 80.5  
Goals Scored Per Game: 5.18  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.07

coach todd bergland

Bergland has more than 100 wins and four state tournament berths to his name since taking over Maple Grove's program in 2015-16. The state championship hasn't come yet, but with Bergland's consistency and the massive feeder program making sure he has a stacked lineup each year, it's hard to see Maple Grove not winning it all soon. Bergland's brother Tim is the head coach at Thief River Falls.



no. 3  
team info

**CONFERENCE:** Northwest Suburban North  
**2021-22 RECORD:** 21-6-1  
**STATE TRIPS:** 5  
**COACH:** Todd Bergland, 6th year, 119-44-5  
**HOME ARENA:** Maple Grove Community Center

schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/26	@ Edina	L 5-6/OT
11/27	@ Moorhead	W 5-2
12/2	@ Champlin Park	W 8-1
12/4	Blaine	T 1-1/OT
12/9	Anoka	W 8-1
12/11	Centennial	W 3-2
12/14	@ Spring Lake Park	W 12-1
12/16	Andover	L 3-5
12/28	@ Lakeville South	W 3-0
12/29	@ Benilde-St. Marg.	L 2-3
12/30	St. Michael-Albrtv.	W 7-2
1/6	@ Centennial	L 3-6
1/8	Coon Rapids	W 10-0
1/13	Elk River/Zimm.	W 3-1
1/15	@ Rogers	L 4-5
1/20	@ Blaine	W 7-0
1/22	Osseo	W 7-0
1/27	@ Totino-Grace	W 5-0
1/28	@ Grand Rapids	W 8-4
1/29	@ Hermantown	W 6-3
2/3	St. Thomas Acad.	W 2-1
2/5	Stillwater	W 5-3
2/10	@ Robb. Arm./Cooper	W 8-2
2/12	@ Andover	W 4-1
2/16	@ Hill-Murray	L 0-3

**SECTION 5AA PLAYOFFS**

2/24	Spring Lake Park	W 6-3
2/26	Centennial	W 6-0
3/3	@ Rogers	W 4-2

prediction

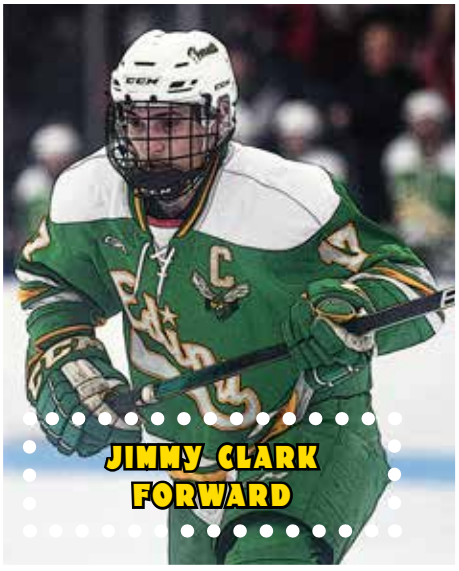
Anyone who follows youth hockey in Minnesota has seen the success of the Osseo-Maple Grove program, especially at the Bantam level. Is this finally the group of Crimson to break through in high school? This very well could be the year.



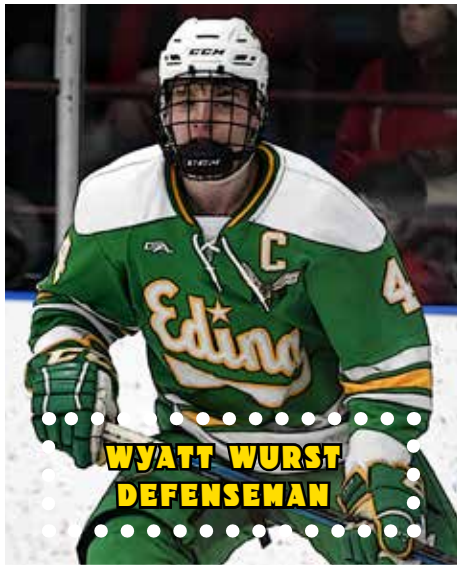


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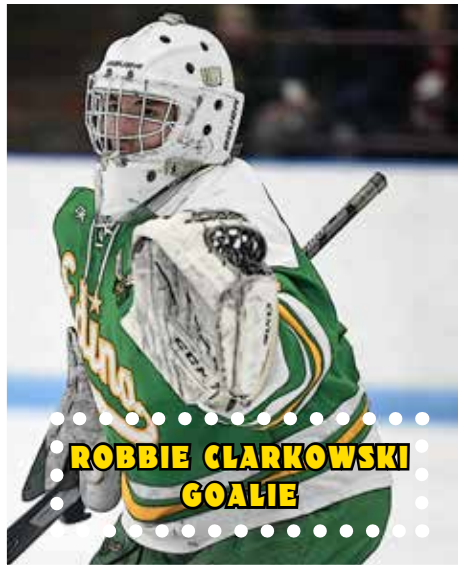
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JIMMY CLARK  
FORWARD



WYATT WURST  
DEFENSEMAN



ROBBIE CLARKOWSKI  
GOALIE

inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

Edina switching from its Hornet logo to a more basic block “E” — not that it’s going to happen — would be the perfect way to describe the current edition of the team. Less flash. Nice and simple. Gone are the days — at least for this year — of the run-and-gun Edina teams buzzing their opponents up and down the ice. Anyone showing up to Xcel Energy Center Thursday looking for an offensive juggernaut Edina team won’t find one. Instead they’ll find a Hornets squad so defensively sound that you’d think that even the always-stoic Curt Giles is smiling. Inside, of course. The Hornets (20-8-0) are back in St. Paul after a two-year break and come into the tournament riding a four-game shutout streak. Edina, state champion in 2019, has allowed four goals in its last eight games, including impressive wins over Wayzata (1-0) and Benilde-St. Margaret’s (4-0) in the always challenging Section 6AA playoffs.

team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** Edina is led up front by two future Division I players in Jimmy Clark (Minnesota) and Trey Fechko (Arizona State). The Hornets also rely on production from senior Willy Johnson, junior Matt VanderVort and sophomore star Jackson Nevers.

**DEFENSE:** Wyatt Wurst and Caden Morgan are the most recognizable names on the Edina blue line, but sophomore Eddie Revenig has turned heads and quickly established himself as a varsity star after being a top defender in the state at the Bantam AA level.

**GOALIES:** Junior Robbie Clarkowski’s eight shutouts and .928 save percentage are huge reasons why Edina is so tough to score on. The 6-foot-6 Clarkowski isn’t the flashiest goalie in the state, but he certainly has etched his name amongst the best.

stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
10	Trey Fechko	12	F	20	21	41	16
17	Jimmy Clark	11	F	15	21	36	6
8	Willy Johnson	12	F	12	14	26	10
19	Matt VanderVort	11	F	13	11	24	15
4	Wyatt Wurst	12	D	5	14	19	20
18	Jackson Nevers	10	F	10	8	18	20
22	A.J. Doll	12	F	7	10	17	33
7	Caden Morgan	11	D	3	12	15	10
16	John Halverson	10	F	5	10	15	23
6	Eddie Revenig	10	D	2	9	11	14
14	Riley Spindler	12	F	5	6	11	8
24	Henry Whittlef	12	D	1	8	9	18
15	Caden Fritz	12	F	1	7	8	18
23	Prescott Sexton	12	F	3	5	8	39
2	Matt Mullman	10	D	1	6	7	6
11	Ryan Flaherty	10	F	4	2	6	2
9	Barrett Dexheimer	10	D	0	4	4	6
3	Charlie Sandven	11	D	0	1	1	0
5	Mike Mason		D	0	1	1	2
20	Marcus Fechko	10	F	1	0	1	0
1	Robbie Clarkowski	11	G	0	0	0	4

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Robbie Clarkowski	11	1380:21	19-8-0	1.74	.928	8
30	Joe Bertram	10	51:00	1-0-0	1	.947	0

BY THE NUMBERS  
Power Play Percentage: 18.7  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 83.3  
Goals Scored Per Game: 3.86  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.79

coach curt giles

Giles, a former Minnesota North Stars defenseman who played more than 900 NHL games, has led the storied Hornets program through one of its most successful periods. With the no-nonsense Giles behind the bench, Edina has won four state titles and made 13 trips to the tournament.



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team info

CONFERENCE: Lake  
2021-22 RECORD:  
20-8-0  
STATE TRIPS: 40  
COACH: Curt Giles,  
24th year, 473-152-27  
HOME ARENA:  
Braemar Ice Arena,  
Edina

schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/26	Maple Grove	W 6-5/OT
11/27	@ Wayzata	W 6-2
12/2	@ St. Louis Park	W 7-1
12/4	White Bear Lake	W 8-0
12/16	Grand Rapids	W 5-1
12/17	@ Elk River/Zimm.	W 1-0
12/18	Eden Prairie	L 2-6
12/28	Moorhead	L 1-2
12/29	@ Prior Lake	W 6-2
12/30	@ St. Thomas Acad.	L 1-4
1/1	Lakeville South	W 2-1
1/6	Cretin-Derham Hall	L 2-4
1/8	Benilde-St. Margaret's	L 2-5
1/14	@ St. Thomas Acad.	W 7-0
1/15	Buffalo	W 8-1
1/20	@ Minnetonka	W 5-2
1/22	St. Michael-Albertville	W 4-1
1/27	Wayzata	L 0-1/OT
1/29	@ Eden Prairie	L 2-4
2/4	@ Hill-Murray	L 3-4/OT
2/5	Hill-Murray	W 3-1
2/10	@ Buffalo	W 4-0
2/12	Minnetonka	W 3-2
2/17	@ St. Michael-Albrtville	W 5-1
2/19	@ Wayzata	W 1-0

SECTION 6AA PLAYOFFS  
2/24 Robb. Armstrng/Cper W 9-0  
2/26 Wayzata W 1-0/OT  
3/2 @ Benilde-St. Marg. W 4-0

prediction

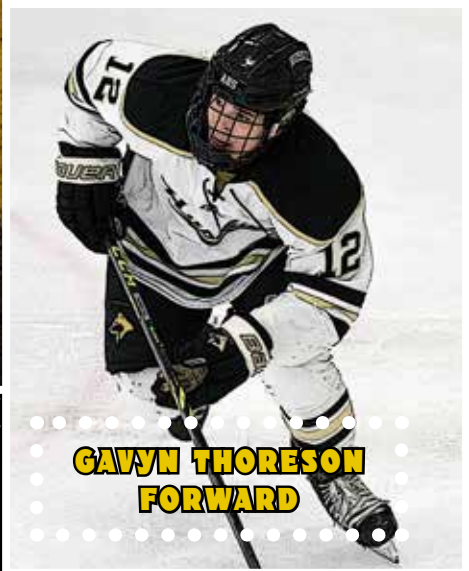
Making it through the 6AA gauntlet is an impressive feat. If the Hornets can find balanced scoring and stick to their lockdown gameplan, it’s hard to pick against them.



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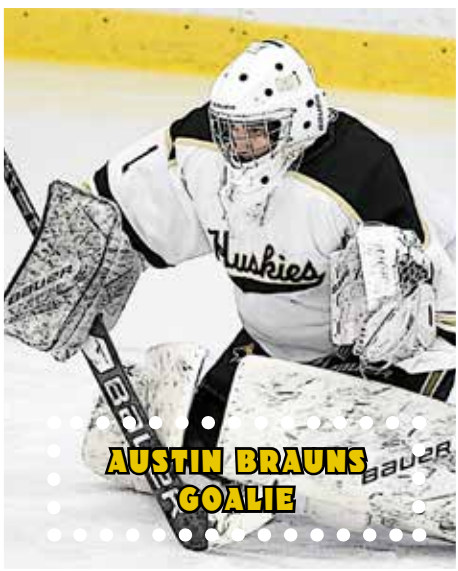
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GAVYN THORESON  
FORWARD



WESTON KNOX  
DEFENSEMAN



AUSTIN BRAUNS  
GOALIE

inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

The torch has officially been passed in Section 7AA. No longer is the section dominated by Duluth East, Grand Rapids or Cloquet. Instead it's Andover, a metro suburban team playing in the historically northern section, that has staked its claim as the kings of the north. And the Huskies have done so by playing a style that would make any northern hockey fan proud — gritty and determined with an offensive punch sprinkled in. After breaking through in 2020, the Huskies (22-5-1) are making their third-straight trip to St. Paul and, while they don't come to the X as the betting favorites, they do have the resume and experience to win it all. Anchored by Frank Brimsek Award finalist Austin Brauns in net, Andover recorded regular-season victories over the three top seeds in the tournament in Hill-Murray, Cretin-Derham Hall and Maple Grove.

no. 5  
team info

CONFERENCE:  
Northwest Suburban  
2021-22 RECORD:  
22-5-1  
STATE TRIPS: 3  
COACH: Mark Manney,  
13th year, 213-121-16  
HOME ARENA:  
Andover Community  
Center

team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** Good luck stopping Cayden Casey and Gavyn Thoreson — the duo has combined for 47 goals and 133 points. Senior Logan Gravink (27 points) and Colorado College recruit Cooper Conway (24 points) are steady producers as well, giving Andover a chance to score on every shift.

**DEFENSE:** Seniors Kyle Law and Weston Knox are as good as any blue liners in the state, chipping in offensively while playing a tough style of defense that has helped Andover give up just 1.71 goals-per-game.

**GOALIES:** Brauns has 19 wins — including five shutouts — and stops 92 percent of the shots he faces. He's seen it all through playing one of the toughest schedules in the state and seems to have the poise required to carry Andover to its first title.

stats

NO.	Name	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
15	Cayden Casey	11	F	21	46	67	18
12	Gavyn Thoreson	11	F	26	40	66	21
4	Weston Knox	12	D	5	23	28	38
22	Logan Gravink	12	F	14	13	27	18
8	Cooper Conway	11	F	11	13	24	6
2	Kyle Law	12	D	11	12	23	8
5	Hudson Zinda	12	F	12	9	21	30
28	Davis Gohman	12	F	6	8	14	6
20	Logan Seward	12	F	3	9	12	4
9	Jacob Pierson	12	F	6	3	9	4
11	Brooks Cogswell	10	F	4	5	9	4
19	Ben Doll	10	F	2	7	9	6
7	Trstn May-Robinson	11	D	2	6	8	8
14	Tommy Babb	12	F	2	6	8	2
16	Noah Martin	12	D	2	6	8	8
3	Landon Stringfellow	10	D	1	6	7	12
1	Austin Brauns	12	G	0	1	1	0
10	Crosby Perry	10	F	0	1	1	0
21	Connor DeWandeler	11	D	0	1	1	2
30	Owen Peterson	12	G	0	1	1	0
17	Caden Martin	10	F	0	0	0	5
23	Anthony Pardo	10	D	0	0	0	2

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Austin Brauns	12	1249:20	19-5-1	1.71	.925	5
30	Owen Peterson	12	194:00	3-0-0	1.31	.929	2

BY THE NUMBERS  
Power Play Percentage: 20.5  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 77.5  
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.57  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.71

schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/26	@ Clqt-Esko-Carlton	W 4-0
11/27	@ Roseau	W 4-3
12/3	@ Moorhead	L 1-6
12/9	Osseo	W 5-1
12/11	Holy Family	W 9-1
12/16	@ Maple Grove	W 5-3
12/18	@ Wayzata	T 2-2/OT
12/21	Duluth East	W 8-0
12/23	Blaine	W 4-0
12/28	@ Cretin-Derham Hall	W 3-1
12/29	@ Hill-Murray	W 2-1/OT
12/30	Rosemount	L 2-3
1/6	Totino-Grace	W 7-3
1/8	@ Champlin Pk.	W 5-4/OT
1/13	Robb. Armstrong/Cpr	W 7-0
1/15	Anoka	W 5-0
1/20	@ Spring Lake Park	W 5-0
1/22	@ Centennial	W 7-4
1/27	Elk River/Zimmerman	W 5-2
1/29	Rogers	L 1-2/OT
2/3	@ Blaine	W 5-2
2/5	Centennial	W 4-1
2/8	@ Grand Rapids	L 1-2
2/10	@ Coon Rapids	W 6-0
2/12	Maple Grove	L 1-4

SECTION 7AA PLAYOFFS		
2/23	Cloquet-Esko-Carlton	W 7-0
2/26	Forest Lake	W 10-2
3/3	Grand Rapids	W 3-1

coach mark manney

Manney, a 23-year veteran of the Air Force and former Air Force One pilot, has guided Andover to elite program status in his 13 years behind the bench. Now in his third state tournament, Manney will look to become the only person ever to transport the president and win a boys' state hockey championship.



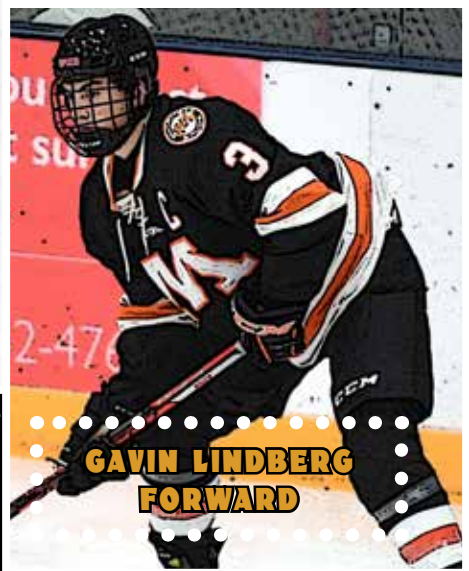
prediction

Unlike in previous appearances, there's no real pressure for Andover. But do the Huskies have the depth to string together three straight wins against the best Minnesota has to offer?

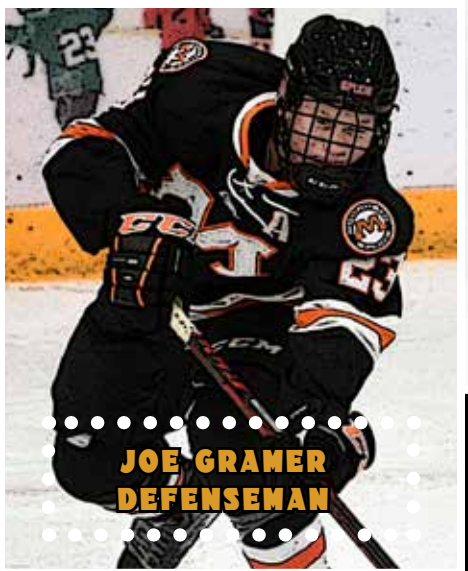




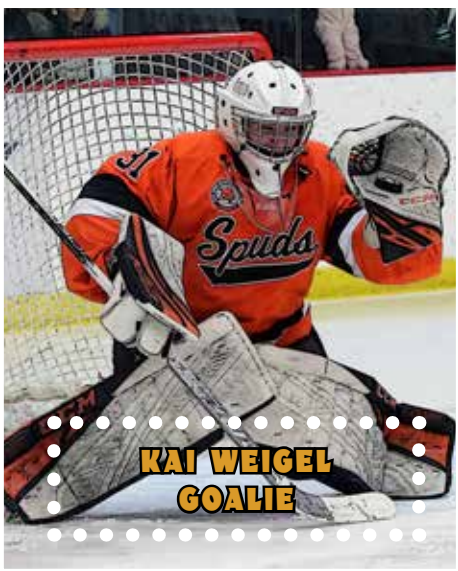
# moorhead spuds



**GAVIN LINDBERG**  
FORWARD



**JOE GRAMER**  
DEFENSEMAN



**KAI WEIGEL**  
GOALIE

## inside scoop

BY LEGACY HOCKEY STAFF

In a state that prides itself on community-based hockey, Moorhead is the crown jewel. Thanks in large part to one of the best youth associations in the country, the town churns out Division I and NHL talent at a higher rate than some states. At the high school level, it's rare to have a state tournament without the Spuds involved. The only thing missing is a state title. Moorhead (21-6-1), in the tournament for the 19th time, has come close — so, so close — numerous times. Eight times, to be exact, the Spuds have appeared in the championship game, finishing second each time. Each new group of Spuds grows up hoping to be part of the team that finally wins it all. Could this be the year?

## team snapshot

**FORWARDS:** Mr. Hockey finalist Gavin Lindberg has a team-best 44 assists while Harper Bentz, a silky smooth junior, has 37 goals. Carson Triggs and Aaron Reiersen also have double-digit goals for the Spuds to help the team average nearly five goals-per-game. **DEFENSE:** Joe Gramer, a Nebraska-Omaha commit, has 23 points and is Moorhead's biggest offensive threat from the back end. Joe Schiller (17 points) and Colby Krier (13 points) chip in as well, giving the Spuds' defensive corps a good mix of two-way and shut-down options. **GOALIES:** Sophomore Kai Weigel has jumped from Bantams to high school without missing a beat. Weigel, who helped the Bantam AA Spuds finish fourth last season, has a 19-3-1 record with four shutouts.

## stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Gavin Lindberg	12	F	21	43	64	6
19	Harper Bentz	11	F	37	27	64	2
16	Carson Triggs	12	F	23	31	54	18
22	Aaron Reiersen	11	F	14	11	25	24
23	Joe Gramer	11	D	3	20	23	26
10	Joe Kortan	11	F	6	14	20	4
4	Joe Schiller	11	D	2	15	17	6
5	Colby Krier	11	D	2	11	13	20
18	Thomas Schroeder	12	F	5	5	10	19
20	Wyatt Tweet	12	F	7	3	10	31
27	Ian Ness	11	F	4	6	10	2
13	Justin Stalboerger	12	F	4	5	9	0
8	Andrew Searls	12	D	0	8	8	4
6	Cody Martinson	12	F	2	5	7	24
14	Dalton Songstad	10	D	0	5	5	6
11	Parker Gast	10	F	0	3	3	0
31	Kai Weigel	10	G	0	3	3	0
15	Jack Arnold	11	D	0	2	2	0
7	Caleb Alderson	11	F	1	0	1	8

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
31	Kai Weigel	10	1207:17	19-3-1	2.37	.898	4
30	Jacob Vannett	12	204:00	2-2-0	2.50	.882	0

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
Power Play Percentage: 31.9  
Penalty Kill Percentage: 81.2  
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.64  
Goals Allowed Per Game: 2.57

## coach jon ammerman

Ammerman, a Moorhead alum, is another example of the Spud Factory — pay your dues on the way up, get your shot with the varsity, give back once you're done playing. Ammerman has led Moorhead to a handful of state tournaments, including a berth in the title game in 2017.



## no. 4 team info

**CONFERENCE:** Mariucci  
**2021-22 RECORD:** 21-6-1  
**STATE TRIPS:** 19  
**COACH:** Jon Ammerman, 9th year, 166-74-2; 11th overall, 190-92-11  
**HOME ARENA:** Moorhead Sports Center

## schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/26	@ Wayzata	L 2-5
11/27	Maple Grove	L 2-5
12/3	Andover	W 6-1
12/4	Lakeville North	W 4-3/OT
12/7	Roseau	L 6-7/OT
12/10	@ Bnld-St. Marg.	W 4-3/OT
12/11	@ Buffalo	L 1-2
12/17	White Bear Lake	W 4-1
12/18	Minnetonka	L 1-4
12/21	St. Michael-Albertville	W 5-4
12/28	@ Edina	W 2-1
12/29	St. Thomas Acad.	W 5-4/OT
12/30	Prior Lake	W 4-2
1/4	Brainerd	W 10-0
1/8	St. Cloud	W 8-1
1/11	East Grand Forks	W 8-2
1/15	Sartell-St. Stephen	W 3-1
1/18	@ Fargo Davies (N.D.)	W 5-4
1/21	@ Grand Rapids	W 5-4/OT
1/22	@ Duluth East	W 3-2/OT
1/29	@ Warroad	T 4-4/OT
2/5	@ Rogers	W 5-2
2/8	@ Bemidji	W 7-0
2/15	@ Roseau	W 4-0
2/19	Hill-Murray	L 4-5/OT

**SECTION 8AA PLAYOFFS**

2/23	Brainerd	W 7-0
2/26	St. Michael-Albertville	W 4-1
3/2	Elk River/Zimmerman	W 8-4

## prediction

Unless your team is playing in the tournament or you reside in Roseau, chances are that you want the Spuds to finally break through and win a state title. Few teams have been playing better than Moorhead since Christmas.



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BRACKETS

PRIOR LAKE (18-10-0)

11 a.m., 3/10, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

2 CRETIN-DERHAM HALL (24-3-0)

EDINA (20-8-0)

1 p.m., 3/10, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

3 MAPLE GROVE (21-6-1)

LAKEVILLE SOUTH (25-3-0)

6 p.m., 3/10, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

1 HILL-MURRAY (23-4-1)

5 ANDOVER (22-5-1)

8 p.m., 3/10, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

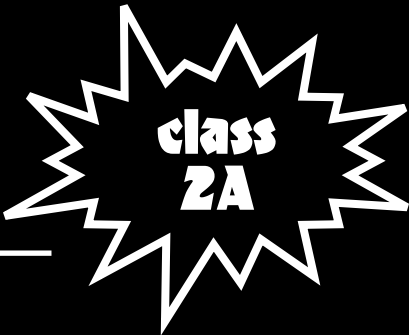
4 MOORHEAD (21-6-1)

6 p.m., 3/11,  
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

7 p.m., 3/12,  
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

8 p.m., 3/11,  
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

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3RD PLACE

4 p.m., 3/12, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

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9 a.m., 3/11, 3M Arena at Mariucci, Minneapolis

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11 a.m., 3/12, 3M Arena at Mariucci, Minneapolis

CONSOLATION

TBD

11 a.m., 3/11, 3M Arena at Mariucci, Minneapolis

TBD

MONTICELLO (13-14-1)

11 a.m., 3/9, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

2 WARROAD (24-3-1)

1 p.m., 3/9, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

3 MAHTOMEDI (16-11-1)

NEW PRAGUE (10-15-2)

6 p.m., 3/9, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

1 HERMANTOWN (26-2-0)

5 ALEXANDRIA (19-6-2)

8 p.m., 3/9, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

4 MINNEAPOLIS (21-6-1)

11 a.m., 3/11,  
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

12 p.m., 3/12,  
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul

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