



TYLER KLUDT
FORWARD



JACK LAMSKI
DEFENSEMAN



ELIJAH RASMUSEN
GOALIE

Alexandria CARDINALS

Inside scoop

Alexandria has become such a fixture in section championship games in recent years that enterprising students now show up with confetti cannons, eager to add to the postgame ambiance.

Indeed, oblong bits of red, black and white paper were fluttering from St. Cloud's Municipal Athletic Complex rafters seconds after Leo Kompelien scored in overtime to give the Cardinals a 5-4 Section 6A title game win over Fergus Falls.

Alexandria has reached the state Class 1A tournament three times in the last six years, but St. Paul never felt so far away as it did on Dec. 28 when the Cardinals, playing in a holiday tournament in Roseau, lost their seventh straight game to start the season.

"We don't want to start 0-and-7 or 1-and-9 like we did, but it also taught us a lot early on in the season," Alexandria coach Josh Meyers said. "You want to be playing your best hockey at the end."

Mission accomplished.

Alexandria enters the state tournament having won six straight and 12 of its last 14 games.

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Senior Tyler Kludt is the team leader in goals (19) and points (41) but this is a score-by-committee offense. Six players have 20 or more points, including Joe Lamski (34 points), a senior who scored twice on breakaways in a 7-2 section semifinal win over Wadena-Deer Creek.

DEFENSEMEN: There's lots of depth here, too. Junior Jack Lamski starred in the section title game, scoring a goal and adding two assists. He leads the group with 23 points.

GOALIES: Senior Elijah Rasmusen, like the rest of the team, had a rocky start to the season. And his improvement in the second half of the season — he's allowed more than two goals just twice since Jan. 19 — has mirrored that of the Cardinals.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
7	Tyler Kludt	12	F	19	21	40	8
6	Joe Lamski	12	F	12	22	34	22
3	Leo Kompelien	11	F	16	14	30	14
29	Nick Peterson	12	F	18	12	30	22
8	Gavin Olson	11	F	12	12	24	12
2	Jack Lamski	11	D	4	18	22	25
25	Keegan Lucy	12	F	7	6	13	4
4	Gage Castle	11	D	1	11	12	14
21	Evan Anderson	11	F	6	5	11	4
12	Matthew Hornstein	12	D	0	10	10	10
19	Mason Loch	12	D	0	9	9	12
16	Henry Ramstorf	12	D	1	7	8	2
22	Jack Breitzman	12	F	5	3	8	18
23	Caleb Lind	11	F	3	5	8	23
24	Zaven Noetzelman	12	F	3	4	7	4
11	Kasen Muscha	11	F	1	5	6	2
39	Cameron O'Shea	10	F	2	3	5	6
28	Bennett Olsen	11	D	0	2	2	10
14	Owen Draper	11	F	0	1	1	0
5	Cole Haabala	11	F	0	0	0	2

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Elijah Rasmusen	12	1024:32	12-8-0	3.09	.877	2
35	Jackson Cavers	11	364:06	2-4-01	2.66	.886	1

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 18.8%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 78.5%
Goals Scored Per Game: 4.07
Goals Allowed Per Game: 3.07

Unseeded Info

CONFERENCE:
Central Lakes

RECORD: 14-12-1

STATE TRIPS: 7

COACH: Josh Meyers,
3rd year (43-30-4)

HOME ARENA:
Runestone Community
Center, Alexandria

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
12/1	Sartell-St. Stephen	L 3-4
12/3	Orono	L 5-8
12/6	Little Falls	L 2-7
12/17	East Grand Forks	L 2-3
12/20	@ Northern Lakes	L 4-7
12/27	Minot (N.D.)	L 2-3
12/28	@ Roseau	L 3-7
12/29	Mankato East	W 4-2
1/6	Bemidji	L 2-5
1/7	Chisago Lakes	L 0-3
1/10	Brainerd	W 6-3
1/12	@ Sartell-St. Stephen	T 2-2/OT
1/17	@ St. Cloud Cathedral	L 1-5
1/19	@ River Lakes	W 4-2
1/20	Fergus Falls	W 4-0
1/24	Willmar	W 8-0
1/26	Sauk Rapids-Rice	W 8-1
1/28	@ Monticello	W 3-2
1/31	@ Little Falls	W 3-2/OT
2/4	Duluth Denfeld	L 4-5
2/7	@ St. Cloud	L 1-2
2/9	@ Fergus Falls	W 4-1
2/16	@ Brainerd	W 5-1
2/17	St. Cloud	W 4-2

SECTION 6A PLAYOFFS
2/21 Breckenridge/Wahpeton W 14-0
2/28 Wadena-Deer Creek W 7-2
3/2 Fergus Falls W 5-4/OT

Coach Josh Meyers

Meyers, an Alexandria graduate, starred in college as a defenseman at Minnesota-Duluth, where he earned All-WCHA honors. He played six years of pro hockey in the minors, including three in Germany's top league.



By the numbers

7: The Cardinals have appeared in seven state tournaments dating to 1992, the first year of the failed two-tier experiment. They finished second to Orono in 2018.