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Cardinals face 'one of the best teams in the state' for first round of competition in boys' hockey state playoffs

Quarterfinal Hermantown 6, LHS 0

By Greg Hoogeveen

The No. 7-seeded Luverne boys' hockey team took on No. 2-seeded Hermantown on March 8 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

"Opening round of the state tournament at the Xcel Energy Center is an experience like none other," head coach Phil Paquette said.

Hermantown, the Class A defending champion, beat Luverne 6-0, outshooting the Cardinals 49 to 13 in the game.

Junior LHS goalie Tyler Arends stopped 43 shots in the game while giving up six goals to a strong Hawks team.

Luverne had 13 shots on goal in the game against junior goaltender Dane Callaway for the Hawks.

"Our boys battled with one of the best teams in the state," Paquette said.

"An unfortunate flurry of three goals in one minute by Hermantown in the middle of the first period put us in a tough spot."

Hermantown scored three goals in the first and third periods of the game. The second period had no scoring by either side.

"I was proud of our guys for sticking with it and continuing to battle. At that point it would have been easy to give up," Paquette said.

"We had opportunities to score and put some pressure on Hermantown, but we couldn't make it happen."

Luverne's shots on goal were delivered by sophomore Alexander Schlosser with one, senior Brady Bork with two, sopho-



The Luverne boys' hockey team warms up before the Cardinals' first game against Hermantown March 8 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

more Layke Miller with one, senior Brock Behrend attempting two shots, junior Elliot Domagala with two, sophomore Blaik Bork with one shot, junior Patrick Kroski with one, freshman Maddux Domagala shooting two, and junior Henry Hartquist with one shot on goal.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0316 signs Luverne students (from left) senior Josie Anderson, junior Elle Halverson and senior Carly Olsen hold signs at the Luverne boys' hockey game at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul March 8.



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Luverne takes on Alexandria Area in consolation semifinals at 3M Arena at Mariucci in Minneapolis

Consolation Semifinal Alexandria 7, Luverne 3

By Greg Hoogeveen

In the consolation semifinal game, the Luverne Cardinals took on the No. 3-seeded Alexandria Area Cardinals on March 9 at 3M Arena at Mariucci in Minneapolis.

Last season Alexandria finished in fourth place at the state tournament, losing out to Mahtomedi 4-2.

“Alexandria is a team that is led by seniors. They turned their season around completely midway through the year,” Paquette said.

“They play fast and physical hockey and came into the consolation round ready to roll.”

The two Cardinals teams started the game trading possessions and feeling out how each other matched up.

Alexandria scored early in the first period at 2:14 in the game, but Luverne was able to hold off any other scoring opportunities to finish the first period down by one goal.

In the second period Alexandria scored two quick goals, the first at 2:05 and the second at 4:31.

Luverne did not back down amid the three-goal deficit, scoring at 7:23 in the second period.

Junior Elliot Domagala scored the team’s first goal of this year’s state tournament appearance assisted by junior Patrick Kroski and sophomore Blaik Bork.

Alexandria scored another goal in the second period to put the score at 4-1 after two periods of play.

In the third period Alexandria added three more goals, one on a power play, another on



Senior Brock Behrend drives the puck into Hermantown’s zone March 8 at the Xcel Energy Center. The Cardinals lost 6-0 to Hermantown in the state quarterfinal game.

a short-handed empty net, and the final at even strength.

Luverne was able to score twice in the third period, lessening the pain of the 7-3 loss.

“I would have liked to see a little more battle and attack out of our guys in the consolation game,” Paquette said.

“We were able to score a few goals but never really put a complete game together.”

Brady Bork closed out his senior year when he scored a goal at 10:07 assisted by Kroski and

Elliot Domagala.

Bork also became a viral sensation before the game when he “scored” a prom date on live television during the opening introductions.

Bork wrote on his hockey stick, “Hey Sarah, Prom?” Sarah Stegenga quickly replied on a hockey stick, “Yes” and posted it to Twitter.

On another high note junior Will Serie scored his first and only goal of the season at 15:40 in

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Greg Hoogeveen photo/0316 state arends
Junior goalie Tyler Arends stops Hermantown from scoring a goal. Luverne fell 6-0 to the defending champions in the Cardinals' first game at the state hockey tournament.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/phil paquette
LHS head coach Phil Paquette looks to the crowd before the Cardinals' game against Hermantown March 8 at the state tournament.

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the third period. He was assisted by junior Owen Sudenga and Kroski.

Junior goalie Tyler Arends faced 40 shots on goal in the game from a quick and dangerous Alexandria team.

Luverne placed 20 shots on the Alexandria goalie in the game, beating him three times.

Paquette reflected on the past season.

“The 2022-2023 season was awesome, thanks to a great group of players, coaches, parents and fans,” he said.

“We were able to learn throughout the season what makes us successful

and do it well down the stretch.”

He said the Cardinals worked hard for their post-season opportunities.

“We played three complete games in the Section 3A playoffs to earn a trip to the state high school hockey tournament,” Paquette said.

“This experience is unmatched and will not be soon forgotten by any of us.”

Looking forward to next year, Paquette said he is optimistic.

“We return the majority of this team next season,” he said. “And I hope that this experience pushes them to stay hungry and come back stronger next year.”



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0316 Bhoc state band
The LHS pepband, led by band director James Jarvie, traveled to play at the state tournament March 8 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

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The Luverne boys' hockey team practices at the 3M Arena at Mariucci March 7 before the state tournament. A special guest and former Cardinal, Jaxon Nelson, who now plays for the U of M Gophers, practiced with the team.



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The Luverne boys' hockey team is loaded on the bus and on their way to St. Paul for the 2023 state tournament.



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The LHS students cheer for the boys' hockey team before boarding a bus to the state hockey tournament.

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A farewell team photo at the Blue Mound Ice Arena with a huge State Bound banner was part of the boys' send-off festivities.



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Head coach Phil Paquette addresses the student body at a pepfest March 6 before leaving for the 2023 Minnesota boys' state hockey tournament in St. Paul.

“Opening round of the state tournament at the Xcel Energy Center is an experience like none other.”

— Coach Phil Paquette



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Students and the boys' hockey team watch a video tribute to their season at a pepfest in the Performing Arts Center.

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Luverne boys' hockey team crowned Section 3A champions, defeating New Ulm 4-2 at Lund Center in St. Peter

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Cardinal boys were crowned Section 3A Champions March 1 in section playoffs at the Lund Center in St. Peter.

The Cardinals beat their nemesis, the New Ulm Eagles, 4-2 to move on to Class A Quarterfinal competition against Hermantown at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul March 8.

Luverne faced New Ulm twice in the regular season, losing both games.

In their first meeting on Dec. 9, New Ulm beat Luverne 2-1 on the road. In the second game Jan. 26, the Eagles beat the Cardinals 4-1 at home.

In the championship game March 8, Luverne came ready to play and avenged their two season losses to the Eagles.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0309 bhoc champs

The Cardinals pose with their Section 3A Championship plaque March 1 after beating New Ulm 4-2 in St. Peter. Players are (front, from left) Blaik Bork, Brady Bork, Brock Behrend, Patrick Kroski, Gavin Reisch, Tyler Arends, Xander Remme, (middle) manager Conner Connell, Kaleb Hein, Marcus Vortherms, Maddux Domagala, Owen Sudenga, Ethan Langseth, Sage Viessman, Henry Hartquist, Levi Gonnerman, Alexander Schlosser, (back) Will Serie, Layke Miller, Tucker Dammann, Elliot Domagala, manager Kia Buss, head coach Phil Paquette, assistant coach Kaden Ericson, manager Spencer Kracht, assistant coach Chris DenHoed and manager Jose Medina Najera.

The stage was set, with the crowd in attendance heavily favoring New Ulm 3 to 1. The Luverne fans were not deterred and cheered on the Cardinals as if they were on home ice.

A minute and 59 seconds after the puck dropped, senior Brady Bork scored the first goal assisted by junior Elliot Domagala

and stunned the New Ulm team and crowd.

New Ulm tied the game at 13:41 in the first period and brought the Eagles

crowd back into the game.

At the end of Period 1, the score was tied 1-1.

In the second period sophomore

Blaik Bork beat the Eagles' goalie on a power play assisted by junior Owen Sudenga and senior Brock Behrend.

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Luverne parents react to the Cardinals' 4-2 Section 3A Championship win over New Ulm. New Ulm beat Luverne twice in the regular season.



Senior Brock Behrend sends the puck toward New Ulm's goalie in the Section 3A Championship game in St. Peter. Luverne beat New Ulm 4-2 to take the championship March 1.

Luverne showed new life and closed the second period ahead 2-1.
In the third period Blaik Bork scored once again on a power play at 1:10 assisted by Sudenga and Behrend.
At 3:32 in the third, New Ulm was able to

get one past LHS goalie junior Tyler Arends to bring the Eagles one goal closer to a now 3-2 game.
The Cardinals did not fold, and goalie Arends blocked everything that came at him.
At 9:29 in the third period, Elliot Doma-

gala sealed Luverne's win when he beat the Eagles goalie one more time, assisted by freshman Maddux Domagala.
Luverne outscored New Ulm 4-2, securing the Cardinals' ticket to state competition at the Xcel Energy Center on March 8.



Greg Hooegeveen photo/0323 Bhoc champs bork
Sophomore Blaik Bork breaks for the net against New Ulm March 1 in the Section 3A championship game in St. Peter. The Cardinals beat New Ulm 4-2 to punch their ticket to the state hockey tournament.



The Cardinal student section erupts after the 4-2 win over New Ulm March 1 in St. Peter. Luverne's crowd was outnumbered 3-1 by New Ulm, which made the win even sweeter.

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LHS beats Mankato East/ Loyola 6-2 in semifinal play in St. Peter to advance in Section 3A

LHS 6, Mankato East 2

By Greg Hoogeveen
The Luverne boys' hockey team traveled to St. Peter on Feb. 27, and the Cardinals took down Mankato East/Loyola 6-2 in the Section 3A semifinal game.

Luverne put 20 shots on the Mankato goalie, beating him six times. Mankato tested LHS junior goalie Tyler Arends with 27 shots and only two snuck by his pads.

In Period 1 Blaik Bork scored first on a power play at 16:40 assisted by Behrend.

Behrend followed up at 16:55 with a goal assisted by Kroski and Elliot Domagala, giving LHS a 2-0 lead after one period.

Mankato tied it up 2-2 in the second period with two goals of its own.

In the third period the Cardinals opened up scoring four times to advance to the Section 3A finals.

Behrend got his second goal at 0:39 into the third period assisted by Sudenga.

Elliot Domagala scored at 7:54 assisted by Sudenga.

Blaik Bork made his second goal of the game at 8:08 assisted by Kroski and Behrend.

Behrend got his third goal, a hat track, on an empty netter at 14:30 assisted by Sudenga.



LHS junior Patrick Kroski looks for an opening in the Mankato East net Feb. 27 in Luverne's 6-2 Section 3A semifinal win. Camden Hoven photo



The Cardinals celebrate their 6-2 Section 3A semifinal win over Mankato East/Loyola Feb. 27 in St. Peter. Camden Hoven photo

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Luverne boys' hockey team wins quarterfinal game beating Windom 5-2 at the Blue Mound Ice Arena

LHS 5, Windom 2

By Greg Hoogeveen

The LHS boys' hockey team faced off against Windom at home for the Section 3A Quarterfinals game on Feb. 24 when the Cardinals beat the Eagles 5-2.

The two teams played all three periods with only one penalty going to the Cardinals for slashing.

Luverne tested the Eagles' goalie with 53 shots on goal in the game.

Windom had 15 shots on LHS junior goalie Tyler Arends, who stopped all but two shots in the game.

The first period went to the visiting Eagles, who scored one goal at 13:24 at even strength.

The Cardinals answered with two goals of their own in the second period.

Senior Brady Bork scored for Luverne at 6:29 in the second assisted by sophomore Blaik Bork.

Senior Brock Behrend got the second goal at 16:24 assisted by juniors Tucker Dammann and Henry Hartquist.

LHS was up 2-1 after two periods of play.

In the third period Behrend got his second goal at 8:09, assisted by sophomore Layke Miller.

Junior Elliot Domagala made the score 4-1 at 10:40 with a goal assisted by Brady Bork.

Junior Owen Sudenga made Luverne's final goal at 13:14 in the third assisted by Hartquist.

Windom was able to sneak in one more goal at 16:09 in the third period to make the final score Luverne 5, Windom 2.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0323 Bhoc quarterfinal champs

The Luverne boys' hockey team celebrates the 5-2 Section 3A quarterfinal win over Windom on home ice Feb. 24 in Section 3A quarterfinal play.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0323 Bhoc brock

Senior Brock Behrend sends a slap-shot toward Windom's net in their Section 3A quarterfinal matchup Feb. 24.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0323 Bhoc bork

Senior Brady Bork celebrates his goal against Windom Feb. 24. The Cardinals beat the Eagles 5-2 in the Section 3A quarterfinal game at home.



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PEEWEE A



Peewee A team members include (front) Oliver Mead, (second row, from left) Porter McClure, Will Saarloos, Hayden Kurtz, Crosby Sandbulte, Trinley Vanderburg, (back) Griffin Sailor, Cade VandenHoek, Ben Buss, Jared Wentzel, Mallachi Domagala and Saul Hoven.

PEEWEE B



Peewee B team members include (front, from left) Madden Von Tersch, Lucas Hein, Ryder Kobernusz, Levi Kelly, Hayden Sauer, Charlie Von Tersch, (back) Aden Remme, Cooper Cauwels, Efrain Medina, Ian Thorson, Korbin Miles and Graham Hartquist.

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Regular season schedule		
Date	Result	Opponent
Tue Nov 29	W 5-3	@ Marshall
Fri Dec 2	T 2-2	Two Rivers
Sat Dec 3	W 11-1	Waseca
Fri Dec 9	L 1-2	@ New Ulm
Sat Dec 17	W 8-0	@ Rochester Lourdes
Wed Dec 28	W 6-1	@ Rochester Lourdes
Thu Dec 29	L 1-5	Dodge County
Fri Dec 30	L 3-6	Albert Lea
Sat Jan 7	L 3-4	Morris/Benson
Mon Jan 9	W 8-1	@ Worthington
Thu Jan 12	W 7-0	@ Redwood Valley
Sat Jan 14	L 4-5	@ Waseca
Mon Jan 16	W 7-1	@ Fairmont
Tue Jan 17	W 4-2	@ Albert Lea
Sat Jan 21	W 9-1	@ Dodge County
Tue Jan 24	W 11-2	Worthington
Thu Jan 26	L 1-3	New Ulm
Sat Jan 28	W 6-5	Windom
Tue Jan 31	W 7-0	Redwood Valley
Thu Feb 2	W 4-2	Marshall
Sat Feb 4	W 7-4	@ Morris/Benson
Tue Feb 7	W 10-3	Fairmont
Fri Feb 10	W 4-3	Minnesota River
Sat Feb 11	W 4-0	@ Minnesota River
Thu Feb 16	W 5-3	@ Windom

Regular season record 18-6-1

Post-season schedule		
Date	Result	Opponent
Fri Feb 24	W 5-2	Windom
Mon Feb 27	W 6-2	Mankato East/Loyola
Wed Mar 1	W 4-2	@ New Ulm
Wed Mar 8	L 6-0	@ Hermantown
Thurs Mar 9	L 7-2	@ Alexandria Area

Post-season record 3-2

2022-23 Season record 21-8-1
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Kaleb Hein

Favorite memory:
Beating New Ulm in the section finals to move on to state.

My advice:
Make every game count. You don't want to look back and feel like you could've put out more effort than you did that game. It also goes by faster than you think it will.

What led to our success: Having a group of boys that knew things wouldn't come easy. The boys had a "head down and grind" mindset, so we always strived to be better and do more.



Brock Behrend

My best memory is the state tournament.

My advice:
Make sure you have fun and always respect the game doing it.

For my success it was the hours of training, and shooting pucks during the summer. For the team's success it was more so just deciding to put our heads down and grind at the start of playoffs.



Brady Bork

My best memory is winning the section championship.

My advice for younger players is to enjoy every little thing about hockey whether it is staying in a hotel with teammates or playing with your best friends because those are the types of things that you're going to miss when it's all said and done.

I think what has led to our success is the way we always stuck to it and never gave up. Four years ago the hockey team I was on was getting beat almost every single game. Ever since that season we progressively got better by putting our heads down and grinding so we didn't have to experience a season like that again.



Gavin Reisch

My best memory is getting to witness the player side of the state tournament.

My advice:
Just have fun while it lasts.

What led to our success, I'd say teammates. We are all pretty close with each other out of school. So it definitely makes practices easier.



Ethan Langseth

My best memory was getting to go to state tournament with the team.

My advice:
always keep practicing on and off the ice. Just giving 100 percent of what you can 100 percent of the time

"This experience is unmatched and will not be soon forgotten by any of us."

— Coach Phil Paquette



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Senior members of the boys' team include (from left) Brock Behrend, Kaleb Hein, Gavin Reisch, Ethan Langseth and Brady Bork.

SENIOR CLASS of 2023



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Boys’ Hockey All-Conference Team

Senior Brock Behrend, juniors Tyler Arends, Patrick Kroski and Owen Sudenga

Honorable Mention

Junior Elliot Damagala and sophomore Blaik Bork

“We return the majority of this team next season and hope that this experience pushes them to stay hungry and come back stronger next year.”

— Coach Phil Paquette

Skaters

No.	Class	Name	Goals	Assists	Points	SOG
2	12	Ethan Langseth	2	14	16	3
3	12	Kaleb Hein	0	2	2	1
5	11	Will Serie	0	1	1	0
7	10	Alexander Schlosser	4	3	7	5
8	12	Brady Bork	18	14	32	22
9	11	Owen Sudenga	18	32	50	18
10	10	Layke Miller	2	3	5	2
11	12	Brock Behrend	38	23	61	48
12	11	Elliot Domagala	21	20	41	22
13	10	Blaik Bork	10	27	37	12
14	10	Levi Gonnerman	2	0	2	3
15	12	Gavin Reisch	0	0	0	0
19	11	Patrick Kroski	21	44	65	25
20	10	Marcus Vortherms	0	4	4	1
21	9	Maddux Domagala	12	10	22	13
22	11	Spencer Kracht	1	0	1	1
23	11	Henry Hartquist	4	12	16	5
25	10	Jose Medina Najera	0	0	0	0
27	11	Tucker Dammann	0	2	2	0
33	10	Sage Viessman	0	0	0	0

Goalies

No.	Class	Name	Wins	Losses	Ties	Saves	Shutouts
30	11	Tyler Arends	21	6	1	686	3
31	9	Xander Remme	0	0	0	4	0

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Team members pictured are (front, from left) Blaik Bork, Brady Bork, Brock Behrend, Patrick Kroski, Gavin Reisch, Tyler Arends, Xander Remme, (middle) manager Conner Connell, Kaleb Hein, Marcus Vortherms, Maddux Domagala, Owen Sudenga, Ethan Langseth, Sage Viessman, Henry Hartquist, Levi Gonnerman, Alexander Schlosser, (back) Will Serie, Layke Miller, Tucker Dammann, Elliot Domagala, manager Kai Buss, head coach Phil Paquette, as-
sistant coach Kaden Ericson, manager Spencer Kracht, assistant coach Chris DenHoed and manager Jose Medina Najera.

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