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CARDINAL GIRLS' HOCKEY

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Roll Cards, roll!

Luverne High School girls' hockey team rolls through section championship on their way to fourth-in-row state hockey tournament competition in St. Paul



Team members celebrate their section win. Pictured are (front, from left) manager Hadley Vanderburg, Kassidy Saarloos, Izzy Steensma, Tenley Behr, Kamryn Van Batavia, Mallory Von Tersch, Mallory Nelson, Anika Boll, Ellie Van Batavia, Macie Edstrom, Emma Saarloos, (second row) Greta McClure, Ella Apel, Payton Behr, Paula Martinez, Hannah Woodley, Zariah Holmgren, Rylee Kurtz, Marlee Nelson, manager Kenedee Franken, (back row) assistant coach Ellen Wenninger, assistant coach Skyler Wenninger, coach Tony Sandbulte and assistant coach Matt McClure. Greg Hoogeveen photo.

Journey to state paved with firm belief in 'team first, work hard and have fun'

By Star Herald staff
The Luverne girls' hockey team wrapped up its 2022-23 season with a fourth-year-in-row trip to the Minnesota State High School League Girls' Hockey State Tournament at Xcel Energy Center in Saint Paul Feb. 22-25.
Head coach Tony Sandbulte reflected on the

season last week.
"Our team beliefs are team first, work hard, and have fun," he said. "When we are doing that, we are a strong team."
He said his players did just that throughout the 2022-23 hockey season.
The Cardinal girls punched their ticket to state after shutting out

New Ulm 4-0 in the Section 3A championship to advance.
The sixth-seeded Cardinals faced third-seeded Orono in the opening round of play, losing 6-0 to the eventual second-place state champs.
The LHS girls bowed out of the state tournament and their 2023 season on

Feb. 23 when they dropped a 5-3 game to Mankato East in the consolation round.
The Cardinal girls finished the season with a remarkable 23-8 record and perfect 14-0 Big South Conference record.
Coach Sandbulte has long held that his team built a successful momen-

tum one game at a time, overcoming challenges that began years ago.
"I love the process of seeing a team grow and work together," he said last week.
"This was a group of young and old that sold out for a common goal."
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**Congratulations Luverne Cardinals
on an outstanding season!**



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The LHS girls' hockey team chartered bus is escorted through town by the Luverne Fire Department with fans in tow. (Greg Hoogeveen photo)

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‘Success builds success’

The Cardinals first made it to the state tournament seven years ago.

“I’ve chatted with some girls from our first team making the tournament in 2016,” Sandbulte said after the 2022 season.

“And I told them, ‘See what you started?’ Success builds success.”

He said that success starts and ends with the team.

“We always focus on having a team-first mentality. When everyone is working for the greater good of the team, good things tend to happen.”

And that, he said, takes

focus and hard work between competitions.

“We always want to be at our best at the right time,” Sandbulte said

“When the girls enjoy coming to practice and have fun playing hockey, it usually shows in the final outcome.”

Section 3A semifinals

The Luverne girls’ hockey team finished its regular season with a 19-6 record after beating Fairmont 7-0 at home Tuesday, Feb. 7.

The Cardinals competed in their first round of post-season play Feb. 11 when

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The Cardinal girls board a chartered bus Feb. 21 headed for state playoffs in St. Paul. Greg Hoogeveen photo

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Athletic director Todd Oye introduces the girls' hockey team Monday, Feb. 20, during a student body pep rally in the Performing Arts Center to send the team off to state competition at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. Pictured are (front row) Payton Behr, Zariah Holmgren, Kenedee Franken (manager), Hadley Vanderburg Manager), Anika Boll, Mallory Von Tersch, Mallory Nelson, Kamryn Van Batavia, coach Tony Sandbulte (back) Kassidy Saarloos, Macie Edstrom, Marlee Nelson, Emma Saarloos, Paula Martinez, Ella Apel, Greta McClure, Hannah Woodley, Rylee Kurtz. Not pictured – Tenley Behr, Isabella Steensma and Ellie Van Batavia Greg Hoogeveen photo.

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LHS girl's hockey players and head coach Tony Sandbulte stand at the end of the rally, thanking everyone attending for their support. Greg Hoogeveen photo

they hosted Windom in the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

The Luverne girls’ hockey team came ready to play against Windom, and the excitement was evident on their faces.

Sophomore Payton Behr made the game’s first goal at 3:15 in the first period assisted by senior Kamryn Van Batavia and eighth-grader Tenley Behr.

Junior Anika Boll made the Cardinals’ second goal at 12:10 assisted by eighth-grader Kassidy Saarloos and freshman Ella Apel, ending the first period ahead by two points.

In the second period Windom scored their only goal at 5:51.

Eighth-grader Izzy Steensma answered the Eagles’ goal with two of her own in the second period. She scored her first at 8:20 unassisted and her second at 9:52 assisted by eighth-grader Tenley Behr and senior Mallory Nelson.

Luverne pulled away 4-1 after the second period and scored four more goals to win the game 8-1.

Kamryn Van Batavia beat the Eagles goalie eight seconds into the period on a power play. Her sister, seventh-grader Ellie Van Batavia, and Apel assisted in the play.

Steensma scored her third (hat trick) goal at 1:27 assisted by Tenley Behr and freshman Greta McClure.

Kamryn Van Batavia got her second score unassisted at 4:21.

McClure finished the scoring at 15:27 in the third period assisted by Ellie Van Batavia and Tenley Behr.

Beating Windom in the Section 3A finals advanced the Cards to the section

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championship game against New Ulm on Tuesday, Feb. 14, in St. Peter.

Section 3A
Championship Game

Those who braved the elements to attend the Valentine’s Day game in St. Peter were not disap- pointed.

The Luverne girls’ hockey team earned a berth into the state playoffs after taking down New Ulm 4-0 to claim the 2023 Section 3A Championship trophy.

This is Luverne’s fourth year in a row being crowned the 3A champs, and it was the third time the Cardinals

beat New Ulm this year, af- ter taking down the Eagles 4-1 in their season opener Nov. 15 in New Ulm.

The two teams met again at the Blue Mound Ice Arena in Luverne Jan. 19, when the Cardinals claimed a 4-1 win over the Eagles.

Tuesday’s 4-0 win iced the Cardinals’ ticket to state.

The first period was a back-and-forth game with both teams not wanting to get caught making a mis- take and giving up a goal.

The Cardinals had 10 shots on the Eagles’ goalie, but she stood strong and shut Luverne down.



The Luverne girls' hockey team celebrates their 8-1 win over Windom Saturday, Feb. 11, in the Section 3A semifinal game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. Greg Hooegeveen photo



LHS senior goalie Mallory Von Tersch makes a glove save against Windom. Eighth-grader Kassidy Saarloos screens a defender from getting a deflection. Greg Hooegeveen photo

New Ulm placed five shots on senior Mallory Von Tersch, but she deflected them with ease.

The first period closed in a scoreless 17 minutes of play.

In the second period Luverne stepped up its puck control and attacks on the New Ulm goalkeeper.

Finally, at 5:30 in the sec- ond period, senior Kamryn Van

Batavia scored Luverne’s first goal.

She beat the Eagles goalie by drawing her out of the net and sneaking a backside stick shot past her.

Van Batavia was assisted by her little sister, seventh-grader Ella Van Batavia, and sopho- more Payton Behr.

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Cardinal seniors Mallory Nelson, Kamryn Van Batavia and Mallory Von Tersch share a moment with coach Tony Sandbulte after the Windom game at home Saturday, Feb. 11. (Submitted photo) Kamryn Van Batavia, Ella Apel and Tenley Behr celebrate a goal against Windom in their 8-1 win Saturday, Feb. 11. Greg Hoogeveen photo

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From that point, it felt like a weight was lifted and the Cardinals were free to have fun and play their game.

Payton Behr scored Luverne's second goal at 10:14, driving directly at the Eagles goalie and beating her below the pads to the back of the net.

Behr was assisted by Kamryn Van Batavia and eighth-grader Kassidy Saarloos.

The second period ended with Luverne in command with a 2-0 lead.

Second period shots on goal favored Luverne 9-4.

In the third period the Cardinals kept up their

pressure play and controlled the puck.

At 10:09 in the third period Kamryn Van Batavia had a breakaway shot bounce off the Eagles goalie.

Eighth-grader Izzy Steensma was able to follow the deflection to the side of the net and poke it in

behind the goalie, scoring Luverne's third goal.

Kamryn Van Batavia scored her second goal at 11:24 in the third period with a goalie-beating breakaway wrist shot.

She was assisted by her sister, seventh-grader Ellie Van Batavia, and fellow senior Mallory

Nelson. The game ended with Luverne winning 4-0 against New Ulm.

LHS senior goalie Mallory Von Tersch faced 15 shots in the game and deflected all of them to get her ninth shutout for the season.

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Below, seniors Mallory Nelson, Kamryn Van Batavia and Mallory Von Tersch accept the Section 3A Championship plaque from LHS athletic director Todd Oye Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Greg Hoogeveen photo



The Cardinal girls take a moment to pose for parents after returning to the Blue Mound Ice Arena following their section victory in St. Peter on Feb. 14. Pictured are (front, from left) Kenedee Franken, Mallory Von Tersch, Ellie Van Batavia, Macie Edstrom, Izzy Steensma, Marlee Nelson, (back) Greta McClure, Hannah Woodley, Zariah Holmgren, Payton Behr, Kamryn Van Batavia, Mallory Nelson, Rylee Kurtz, Anika Boll, Tenley Behr, Kassidy Saarloos, Emma Saarloos and Paula Martinez. (Submitted photo)

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State playoffs

The Cardinals' first game at state was Feb. 22, at the Xcel Energy Center.

They traveled to St. Paul a day early to beat a heavily forecast blizzard that indeed closed roads and much of the state from Feb. 21 to 23.

With most other events canceled across the state, the Minnesota Girls' State Hockey Tournament continued

as scheduled with the teams and players secured in place ahead of time.

It meant that the Cardinals' cheering section was meager, but the team showed up ready to play.

The sixth-seeded Luverne team faced eventual second-place champion Orono, the third seed, in opening round play.

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Above, the Luverne High School pep band plays for fans in the opening of the game against Windom.

At right, Cardinal players celebrate their 4-0 win over New Ulm Tuesday, Feb. 14, in St. Peter.

Greg Hooegeven photos

“Our hockey community invests in our team. And these girls put in the work to produce a product we are very proud of.”

— Coach Tony Sandbulte



Orono 6, LHS 0
“Orono is a very good team,” LHS head coach Tony Sandbulte said. “Their team depth was very impressive and ultimately the difference in the game.”
The Luverne girls’ hockey team took on the 24-3-4 Orono Spartans in the Class A Quarterfinal hockey game Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, losing 6-0 to a tough

team.
Luverne entered the game 23-6 with a young team consisting of three seniors, one junior, two sophomores, five freshmen, six eighth-graders and one seventh-grader.
Orono senior goalie Celia Dahl faced only 13 shots from the Cardinals in the game.
Luverne’s attempted goals came from eighth-grader Tenley Behr with three, freshman Ella Apel

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Above, the Cardinal girls line up ahead of their game with Orono in the opening round of state playoffs in the Xcel Energy Center.

At right, Tenley Behr (3) and goalie Mallory Von Tersch track a blocked shot during the game with Orono. Photo courtesy Jason Wachter, The Rink Live

with one, senior Mallory Nelson with one, sophomore Payton Behr with two, seventh-grader Ellie Van Batavia with one, senior Kamryn Van Batavia with three, eighth-grader Macy Edstrom with one and eighth-grader Rylee Kurtz with one shot.

Luverne's goalie, senior Mallory Von Tersch, defended 39 shots in the game, letting six pucks slip through for goals. The Spartan win sent them to a Class A Semifinal game against Proctor/Hermantown

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and Luverne’s loss sent the Cardinals to a consolation semifinal game against Mankato East at the TRIA rink Thursday, Feb. 23.

Class A Consolation Semifinal
Mankato East 5, LHS 3

In the Cardinals’ second hockey game of the tournament, they faced a familiar opponent, Mankato East, Feb. 23, at the TRIA Rink in St. Paul.

Having played the Cougars twice this year already, losing close games 3-4 Dec. 10 and 1-2 Dec. 28, Luverne was aware of changes they may need to make to win.

Unfortunately, plans and execution do not always come together.

Luverne lost to Mankato East 5-3 and ended the Cardinals’ state hockey experience this year.

“Mankato East had our number this year. I felt we played really well; however, we didn’t get the bounce or calls in this one,” Sandbulte said.

“They scored a couple of early power-play goals that gave them leverage the rest of the way.”

The Cougars started the game strong with Luverne on their heels after building a 3-0 lead in the first period.

In the second period senior Kamryn Van Batavia scored a power play goal for Luverne at 12:15 unassisted.

After two periods Luverne was on the board but still trailed

Mankato East 3-1.

In the third period the Cougars scored at 4:43 to go ahead 4-1.

Not to be outdone, Kamryn Van Batavia scored her second goal at 7:02 on another power play to cut the lead in half, 4-2.

Eighth-grader Isabella Steensma scored at 15:46 in the third period assisted by fellow eighth-

grader Macie Edstrom, bringing Luverne one goal closer to tying the game at 4-3.

At 16:38 in the third period, on a power play, Mankato East slipped in one more goal to ice the contest and dash any hopes the Cardinals had of going into overtime.

“Overall, I’m very proud of our

hockey team and the season they had,” Sandbulte said. “It was another fun and memorable season.”

The Cougars had 14 total shots on goal in the game.

Senior Mallory Von Tersch had three get past her in the first period, two on power plays.

After that Von Tersch hunkered down and was able to stop



Eighth-graders Cassidy Saarloos (6), Macie Edstrom (16), Tenley Behr (3) and Isabella Steensma (4) help defend senior goalie Mallory Von Tersch and Luverne's goal against Orono Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Xcel Energy Center. The Luverne Cardinals lost the game 6-0. Photo courtesy Jason Wachter, The Rink Live photo



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Cardinal players huddle up after their 5-3 loss to Mankato East on Feb. 23 in the TRIA Rink in St. Paul.

At right, Cardinal hockey players greet their young fans ahead of the consolation playoff game in St. Paul Feb. 23.

several break-aways by a quick Mankato East team.

Luverne was able to get 41 shots on the Cougar goalie in the game, with only three getting past her pads.

Despite ending the season with the loss, Coach Sandbulte praised his

players for their effort and determination.

“They’re a great group and it was a true pleasure coaching them,” he said.

“I couldn’t be more proud.”

He also thanked par-

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Team members pictured are (front, from left) manager Hadley Vanderburg, Kassidy Saarloos, Izzy Steensma, Tenley Behr, Kamryn Van Batavia, Mallory Von Tersch, Mallory Nelson, Anika Boll, Ellie Van Batavia, Macie Edstrom, Emma Saarloos, (second row) Greta McClure, Ella Apel, Payton Behr, Paula Martinez, Hannah Woodley, Zariah Holmgren, Rylee Kurtz, Marlee Nelson, manager Kenedee Franken, (back row) assistant coach Ellen Wenninger, assistant coach Skyler Wenninger, coach Tony Sandbulte and assistant coach Matt McClure.

12U

12U team members include (front, from left) Kendyl Behr, Summer Mollberg, Harper Renken, Brynlee Lass, Addisyn Lais, Mollee Pick, coach Makayla Sterrett, (back) coach Adam Nelson, Mallorie Edstrom, Samantha VanMaanen, Ayla Nelson, Kloe Brockberg, Tenlee Pick, Destiny Kubesh, Kloey Crable and coach Amanda VanMaanen.



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Thank you also to coaches, parents, kids and the community for your encouragement. Without you, this wouldn't be possible!



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ents, fans and community members for their support throughout the season.

“Our hockey community invests in our team,” Sandbulte said.

“And these girls put in the work to produce a product we are very proud of.”

Leaders on the ice

A Minnesota State High School League post-season writeup on Feb. 23, featured the young Luverne team.

“When the hockey season started, the team from Luverne faced a minor travel issue,” the story read.

“The Cardinals practice and play at city-owned Blue Mound Ice Arena, which is a mile and a half from the high school. The issue came when the school day ended and the girls needed to get to the rink.”

Traditionally, players who are able to drive transport younger teammates.

This season, only three players were licensed to drive when practice started.

“The whole team would load up in three cars,” Sandbulte told the MSHSL.

“I’m not sure it was always legal but they got there and we had practice.”

Sophomore Payton Behr got her driver’s license in

January, adding a fourth vehicle to the caravan.

“That’s what small town hockey is, that’s what you have to do,” Sandbulte said.

Coach Tony Sandbulte praises senior leaders on the Cardinals team

We’re fortunate to have three senior leaders that have carried this team and

have sold out to our beliefs.

Senior Mallory Von Tersch is our backstop and is willing to do what’s best for the team. Last year she skated out as a defenseman,

and this year she was able to be a leader in the net.

Senior Mallory Nelson, who has the most games started as a Luverne blue liner.

She is playing her best games to date and is not afraid to lead a young core of defensemen.

Senior Kamryn Van Batavia is an outstanding offensive force that has guided our program to four straight state tournament appearances.

Kam's positive energy and effort flow throughout the entire team.

All three of our seniors have led by example and have taken this team to new heights. I couldn't be more proud of our seniors and the legacy they'll leave behind.

Mallory Nelson

Being section champions and going to state for the fourth year in a row is a huge accomplishment. Being able to be the first Luverne girls' hockey team conference winners is an honor.

My reflections on my hockey career would be to work hard no matter what. Enjoy being able to be with

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2022-23 LHS girls’ hockey schedule

Regular Season

Tue Nov 15	W 4-1	@ New Ulm	New Ulm Civic Center
Thu Nov 17	W 8-0	Windom	Blue Mound Ice Arena
Sat Nov 19	W 5-1	@ Minnesota River	Le Sueur Arena
Tue Nov 22	W 8-0	@ Fairmont	Fairmont-Martin County Arena
Tue Nov 29	W 3-0	Marshall	Blue Mound Ice Arena
Sat Dec 3	W 6-0	Waseca	Blue Mound Ice Arena
Tue Dec 6	W 17-1	Austin	Blue Mound Ice Arena
Sat Dec 10	L 3-4	@ Mankato East	Mankato All Seasons Arena
Sat Dec 17	W 3-1	River Lakes	Blue Mound Ice Arena
Mon Dec 26	W 2-0	River Lakes	Schwan's Super Rink 2
Tue Dec 27	L 2-3	Mounds View/Irondale	Schwan's Super Rink 2
Wed Dec 28	L 1-2	@ Mankato East	Schwan's Super Rink 2
Mon Jan 9	W 12-0	@ Worthington	Worthington Hockey Arena
Tue Jan 10	L 2-3	@ Albert Lea	Albert Lea City Arena
Fri Jan 13	W 8-1	@ Breckenridge-Wahpeton	Ellen Stern & Harry Stern Sports Arena
Sat Jan 14	L 0-10	Warroad	Ellen Stern & Harry Stern Sports Arena
Tue Jan 17	W 4-0	Minnesota River	Blue Mound Ice Arena
Thu Jan 19	W 4-1	New Ulm	Blue Mound Ice Arena
Sat Jan 21	W 3-2	@ Dodge County	Dodge County Ice Arena
Tue Jan 24	W 11-0	Worthington	Blue Mound Ice Arena
Thu Jan 26	W 4-2	@ Marshall	Red Baron Arena
Sat Jan 28	L 0-3	Breck	Blue Mound Arena
Thu Feb 2	W 4-2	@ Windom	Windom Arena
Sat Feb 4	W 6-1	@ Waseca	Waseca Community Arena
Tue Feb 7	W 7-0	Fairmont	Blue Mound Ice Arena

Regular season record 21-6.
Big South Conference 14-0

Post season

Sat Feb 11	W 8-1	Windom	Blue Mound Ice Arena - Section 3A Semifinal
Tue Feb 14	W 4-0	New Ulm	Lund Arena - Section 3A Championship
Wed Feb 22	L 0-6	Orono	Xcel Energy Center - Class A Quarterfinal
Thurs Feb 23	L 3-5	Mankato East	TRIA Rink - Class A Consolation Semifinal

Post season record 2-2.



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Senior No. 14
Kamryn Van Batavia

- 61 goals for the season (first place in the state),
- 81 points (fifth place in the state),
- 74 shots on goal (sixth place in the state),
- 12 power play goals (fourth in the state), and nine game-winning goals (fourth in the state).
- Named to Big South All-Conference
- Named Ms. Hockey Finalist
- Named to All-State



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Senior No. 1
Mallory Von Tersch

- Ended the season with a 20-8 record and 10 total shutouts during regular and post-season play.
- The 10 shutouts tied her for sixth place in the state in that category according to the Minnesota Girls' Hockey Hub.



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Senior No. 9
Mallory Nelson

- Big South All-Conference Honorable Mention
- Sophomore Payton Behr**
- Led the Cardinals with 32 total assists, putting her at No. 18 in the leader board for the state according to the Minnesota Girls' Hockey Hub.
 - Big South All-Conference
- Eighth-grader Tenley Behr**
- Big South All-Conference Honorable Mention

Cardinal leaders off the ice

Section 3A Coach of the Year - Tony Sandbulte

Section 3A Assistant Coach of the Year - Matt McClure

We're fortunate to have three senior leaders that have carried this team and have sold out to our beliefs.

— Cardinals' head coach Tony Sandbulte

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Journey to state paved with beliefs in 'team first, work hard and have fun'/from page 13

your teammates and enjoy all five years on varsity hockey because they go by fast.

Mallory Von Tersch

The most remarkable thing about our season this year was how well the younger girls adapted to playing with the returning players.

We had seven girls that were new to our team this year, which is a lot when you only have 18 on the team. All of them came onto the team this year ready to play and learn the next level, and all of them succeeded. The growth that they had from the beginning of the year to the end was amazing to us older girls, and it was a key factor of how we got to the state tournament.

I attribute my success to working hard and having fun. Our team likes to have fun on our bus trips, and then play a serious hockey game.

The motivation that you get from a team bond like ours is like no other. You want to play and you want to play well because you know that all of your friends are counting on you and are going to play their best, too.



Seniors Mallory Nelson, Kamryn Van Batavia and Mallory Von Tersch pose with their new Section 3A Champion plaque after beating New Ulm 4-0 Tuesday, Feb. 14, in St. Peter. Greg Hoogeveen photo

My advice to younger players is to enjoy everything with your team. Everyone says it goes by so fast, and while that advice is true — they don't tell you that you will feel like you have been playing in a Luverne varsity jersey your whole life.

Every year on the team is a different year and you will have a different role, so

just trust your coaches and take it all in.

Kamryn Van Batavia

It's been amazing to see how much our team grew from when we started the season compared to where we ended.

The state tournament was not only a great end to my senior year, but also a reward for the hard

work that everyone put in to improve all season. It's like one last hurrah to give our all and make as many memories as we can.

My success is driven by my love for the game as well as my team. I've been playing hockey since I was two, meaning that I've dedicated a lot of time to working hard both during the season and in the off season.

Take a second to look at the crowd, the people who are there to cheer you on at each game — our community. Give back to it when you can, and don't take it for granted.

Kamryn Van Batavia

In that time, I've played with hundreds of girls who all played a roll in challenging me to be a better player.

I also have to give credit to my dad. Hockey is what brought us close and we've spent countless late nights at the rink working on the things that need improvement.

My advice to younger girls is to hold on tight, because it's the fastest ride of your life. Wear the Luverne jersey with pride. Be present with your team. Bond over the wins, and be there for each other even when you lose.

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Section 3A Champions State Tournament Qualifiers



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Team members pictured are (front, from left) manager Hadley Vanderburg, Kassidy Saarloos, Izzy Steensma, Tenley Behr, Kamryn Van Batavia, Mallory Von Tersch, Mallory Nelson, Anika Boll, Ellie Van Batavia, Macie Edstrom, Emma Saarloos, (second row) Greta McClure, Ella Apel, Payton Behr, Paula Martinez, Hannah Woodley, Zariah Holmgren, Rylee Kurtz, Marlee Nelson, manager Kenedee Franken, (back row) assistant coach Ellen Wenninger, assistant coach Skyler Wenninger, coach Tony Sandbulte and assistant coach Matt McClure.

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