

ROSEAU



PROGRAM INFO

Nickname: Rams
Conference: Mariucci
Section: 8AA
Record: 22-5-1
State trips: 1946 Champs, 47, 53, 55, 57, 58 Champs, 59 Champs, 61 Champs, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 75, 77, 78, 79, 81, 83, 84, 90 Champs, 91, 98, 99 Champs, 2000, 06, 07 Champs, 08, 10
Coach: Andy Lundbohm

STAT LEADERS

Scorers	G	A	Pts
Shane Omdahl	27	39	66
A. Knochenmus	21	29	50
Cole Kostrzewski	19	26	45
Trev Baumgartner	10	15	25
Kevin Erickson	8	17	25

Goalies	W-L-T	GA	SV
Ethan Kvidt	22-5-1	2.21	.909

FULL ROSTER

#	Name	Pos	Gr
2	Tim Tesarek	D	12
3	Justin Anderson	D	10
5	Shane Omdahl	C	11
6	Ryan Leverington	F	11
8	Kevin Erickson	W	12
9	Adam Knochenmus	W	12
10	Josh Erickson	C	10
15	Trevor Baumgartner	F	12
16	Zach Johnson	D	11
17	Trevor Johnson	W	9
19	Jordan Olson	W	10
20	Taylor Hedlund	F	12
22	Brandon Gunderson	F	10
24	Cole Kostrzewski	F	12
25	Mike Johnson	W	11
26	Travis Connell	W	11
30	Ethan Kvidt	G	12
31	Ryan Erickson	G	10
33	Lyle Norman	D	11
34	Jesse Braun	D	12
40	Mike Tangen	G	10
44	TJ Erickson	D	12

ROAD TO THE X

Section 8AA Quarters, 2/23
Roseau 5, Monticello/AML 1

Omdahl 1 goal, 2 assists

Section 8AA Semis, 2/27
Roseau 3, Brainerd 2 OT-2

Kvidt 26 saves

Section 8AA Finals, 3/3
Roseau 2, Moorhead 1

Kvidt 25 saves

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By Tim Kolehmainen

State tournament history hounds might have a problem when it comes to Roseau. Who to keep an eye on?

The current Rams' team, which brought the storied program back to the state tournament for a record 33rd time? Or the guys behind the bench, a coaching staff with just as much star power – and state tournament experience?

It's tough to top a coaching staff that is led by Andy Lundbohm (1995), assisted by Dave Bjugson, Scott Oliver, and NHLers Bryan "Butsy" Erickson (1978) and Aaron Broten (1979), who is also inducted in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame. Oliver and Broten have both coached Roseau to state berths as head coaches this decade, as well.

The former Rams had a bit of advice for the current Rams entering the state tournament. Back in the late 1970s, the Broten and Erickson Roseau team was an overwhelming favorite to win a state title, yet fell shy each of three straight years. They know the underdog can take down the big boys.

"They say, 'When we went down, we were the favorite team. We were on the one who was supposed to win and it didn't work out that way. You guys aren't going to be the favorites, but you just have to go down there and play your game and see what happens,'" Lundbohm repeated.

Certainly, Roseau (22-5-1) isn't a favorite, as the unseeded Rams drew No. 2 Edina in the opening round.

The Rams have firepower, as the

top line of Adam Knochenmus (21-29-50), Shane Omdahl (27-39-66) and Cole Kostrzewski (19-26-45) is one of the highest-scoring remaining in the state. Knochenmus has come back strong from a mid-season injury, giving Roseau a big boost. Omdahl is an underrated high-energy player who sees the ice well, while Kostrzewski is poised on the puck and a motivating factor.

While they've garnered much of the attention, Lundbohm believes his defense is often overlooked, as they came into the year without much varsity experience.

But perhaps the key to Roseau's successful season has been a terrific senior season from experienced goaltender Ethan Kvidt (22-5-1, 2.21, .909). He's a very athletic goaltender who also stars for the Rams' baseball and football teams. He's a big goaltender who covers much of the net and has spent plenty of time fine-tuning his game.

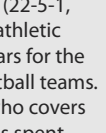
"He's been such a calming presence," Lundbohm said. "I think that comes from experience."



Omdahl



Knochenmus



Erickson



Andy Lundbohm



THE RAMS WILL WIN THE STATE TITLE IF...

Tim Kolehmainen: Goaltender Ethan Kvidt continues his strong playoff run and the Rams' top line outplays their opponents' in each game. A smaller school, Roseau may not be as deep as many, but it is strong at the top.