



## **GENTRY ACADEMY SLAMS ON THE GAS PEDAL, RECORDS EIGHT GOALS TO PUT AWAY BRECK**

Zach Reim and Bailey McGraw each scored two goals, helping the Stars defeat the Mustangs in their season opener.

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Gentry Academy celebrates a goal by Zach Reim during a three-goal burst over 1 minute, 6 seconds late in the first period. Reim and Bailey McGraw (13) each scored twice in the Stars' 8-2 defeat of Breck. Photo by Drew Herron, SportsEngine

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For most of the game, Gentry Academy looked like it had a man advantage. The Stars controlled play. They camped out in the offensive zone and crashed the net. They outshot their opponent 66-7. By the end of Saturday night, their first game of the season was definitely worth the wait as Gentry Academy defeated Breck 8-2 at TCO Sports Garden in Vadnais Heights.

With a bunch of players making their Stars debut — many having played for the school's AAA team — Gentry Academy received goal scoring from six different players on the roster. Senior Bailey McGraw scored two goals, his first coming 1 minute, 14 seconds after Breck took a 1-0 lead on the power play five minutes into the game.

It was a bit of a slow start for the Stars, but if there was any rust, it shook off in a jiffy after seeing a deficit on the scoreboard.

"I think that kind of woke us up a little bit," said Stars coach Joe Cullen. "We know we have a very good team and a very competitive team, and I think that kind of sparked them a little bit to compete a little bit harder. Then they definitely did."



Photo Gallery: Breck vs. Gentry Academy

Indeed, once Gentry Academy (1-0-0) tied it up, it dominated. The Stars went 3-for-5 on the power play and had plenty of chances shorthanded as well.

Junior defenseman Zach Reim scored the first of his two goals during a first-period power play to give the Stars a lead they wouldn't relinquish. Senior Chet Skinner made it 3-1 only 1 minute, 6 seconds later. As the period wound down, senior Isaiah Norlin fired a shot from the point, and senior Andrew Mosley was in perfect position on the doorstep to pound home the rebound with 53.8 ticks remaining in the period to send the Stars into the first intermission up by three.

"That's kind of my spot on the power play," Mosley said. "I'm a big guy, not the best player. So I just kind of bury the rebounds. It's just what I like to do."

Mosley, who's listed at 6-feet tall and 205 pounds, scored six goals and 24 points last season with Gentry Academy's 16U AAA team.

The Mustangs (1-1-0), coming off an impressive offensive showing of their own with a 9-3 victory over St. Paul Academy on Thursday, scored about five minutes into the next period as well. Following a Stars turnover in the offensive end, senior center Beau Courneya scored a breakaway goal to put his team back within two.

Any chance of a momentum swing back to Breck was short-lived, however, as the Stars answered 14 seconds later when sophomore Wes Berg scored off the rush.

"We made a good play back down to our D, and [defenseman] Tyler [Geyer] hit me coming through the middle," Berg said. "Then Kaden Milles got it, and he found me wide open. And I buried it."

Said Cullen: "That's a big sign of maturity, especially for Wes, who's only a sophomore. He showed a lot of courage today. He played really well. To come out and have a big goal like that, right after, first shift after, was a big momentum swing for us."

McGraw added his second tally a little more than a minute later, and Reim scored his second power-play goal of the game with 11.8 left on the clock in the second period. That result netted a 7-2 lead and a double-arm pump from Reim as he skated past the front of the net.

The Stars, ranked No. 3 in the Class 1A preseason coaches' poll, pride themselves on being an offensive team, involving all five skaters on the ice. Starting their third varsity season of hockey, they're coming off a 21-4 season before getting upset in last season's Class 1A, Section 4 quarterfinals.

Cullen described this year's Stars as a highly-skilled team that likes to have fun and score goals, "because hockey's more fun when you're scoring goals."

Of course, simply playing any hockey at all is fun, too. They discussed it before the game.

"It's been 47 weeks since our last high school game for our team," Cullen said. "So for these guys to finally be back playing again, it's just been a blessing, and we're so happy to be playing."

Mosley said he had fun playing with a skilled group of players for his first high-school game.

"Nothing else even compares to high school hockey like this at this level," Mosley said.

Berg shared the sentiments, and said he's "excited for the next one."





Gentry Academy senior wing Andrew Mosley scores a first-period goal as the Stars seized control of the game early. Mosley was one of six forwards on the top three lines making their varsity debut. Photo by Drew Herron, SportsEngine

## First Report

Five minutes into their third season of varsity hockey, Gentry Academy was down 1-0 after allowing a quick goal on the penalty kill.

The deficit was ancient history pretty quickly as the Stars responded with four goals before the first intermission on the way to a 8-2 victory over Breck Saturday at TCO Sports Garden in Vadnais Heights.

Six different Stars tallied goals for Gentry Academy, which went 3-for-5 on the power play.

Breck senior Beau Courmeya made it a two-goal game in the second period, but Stars sophomore Wes Berg came right back with a goal 14 seconds later to put Gentry Academy, ranked No. 3 in the Class 1A preseason coaches' poll, in front by three again. Senior Bailey McGraw and junior defenseman Zach Reim each scored a pair of goals for the Stars on the night.

The Stars (1-0-0) outshot the Mustangs (1-1-0) 66-7.

Gentry Academy senior Alex Timmons made five saves; Anthony Zolezzi played the final 10 minutes or so of the game. Breck junior Jack Thomson recorded 36 saves before Dylan Halliwill entered the game in the second period and made 22 saves.



Breck senior captain Beau Corneya scored a second-period goal while logging heavy minutes for the Mustangs at forward. Photo by Drew Herron, SportsEngine

## Which team will win?

- Breck

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