

CLASS 2A QUARTERFINALS ANDOVER 2, MOORHEAD 1 (2OT)
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# Huskies prevail in two OTs

**Gavyn Thoreson's goal for Andover ended the goalie duel with Moorhead.**

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Gavyn Thoreson's goal at 11 minutes, 30 seconds of the second overtime gave Andover a 2-1 victory Thursday night in the fourth Class 2A quarterfinal. The Huskies advance to face No. 1 seed Hill-Murray at 8 p.m. Friday. The Pioneer lost to Andover 2-1 in overtime on Dec. 29.

Cayden Casey's goal with 4:3 seconds remaining in regulation was disallowed after video review determined the Andover forward directed the puck into the net with his right skate.

A Moorhead blocked shot inadvertently produced a 1-0 lead for No. 5 seed Andover (25-11) in the second period. Thoreson blasted a puck off a Special player, and it went toward junior Cooper Cowing.

Thoreson skated 44:54, his third of the season and fifth in four games. An open-body injury kept Cowing out of the lineup for about a month.

"He fits really well with Casey and Thoreson," Andover coach Mark Manney said earlier this week. "So, it's really kind of made our team better."

Moorhead's Harper Beatz knocked the game at 10:39 of the middle period. He tipped a puck over a sliding Andover defender and into the upper reaches of the net for his 30th goal this season.

Three goals opened up the game after a higher first period.

A scoreless opening period included two fruitless power plays by No. 4 seed Moorhead (28-7).

Andover goalie Austin Beaman, a Frank Bremick Senior Goalie of the Year award finalist who made 44 saves, kept Moorhead from scoring first.

Andover forward Cayden Casey (15) went to the penalty box for tripping Moorhead forward Harper Beatz.

**THURSDAY'S RECAP**

**THREE STARS**

1. Alex Bump, Prior Lake: The senior scored three goals against Cerise-Derham Hill, conjuring memories of Grant Beaman's five scored for Bemidji-St. Margaret's in its 5-1 victory over Hill-Murray in the 2012 Class 2A championship game.
2. Joshua Giallan, Maple Grove: He scored the eventual game-winner for a 3-1 lead with 1 minute, 4 seconds left in the second period against Edina. A series he had two goals and two assists in the game.
3. Jack Erickson, Hill-Murray: The goalie made the save of the game with a lead-preserving glove catch in the third period. He tracked a Lakeville South pass across the slot and lunged to make it South outshot the Pioneer 34-11 for the game.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**101**  
Career points for Prior Lake top-line center Sam Rice, after his goal and two assists Thursday.

**5**  
Goals allowed by Edina in each of the two games against Maple Grove this season. Edina allowed 18 goals per game this season.

**16**  
Lakeville South's winning streak, longest in the state, ended by a 3-2 loss to No. 1 seed Hill-Murray in the state tournament quarterfinals.

**ATTENDANCE**  
Wednesday day: 4,485  
Wed. night: 6,599  
Thursday day: 15,641  
Thursday night: 15,546

**SCHEDULE**

**CLASS 2A**  
Quarterfinals:  
- Hill-Murray (25-11) vs. Moorhead (28-7) at 8 p.m.  
- Andover (25-11) vs. Edina (28-7) at 8 p.m.  
- Prior Lake (28-10) vs. Maple Grove (25-11) at 8 p.m.  
- Hill-Murray (25-11) vs. Edina (28-7) at 8 p.m.

**CLASS 1A**  
Quarterfinals:  
- Cerise-Derham Hill (25-11) vs. Bemidji-St. Margaret's (25-11) at 8 p.m.  
- Bemidji-St. Margaret's (25-11) vs. Cerise-Derham Hill (25-11) at 8 p.m.

**CLASS 3A**  
Quarterfinals:  
- Eden Prairie (25-11) vs. Eden Prairie (25-11) at 8 p.m.  
- Eden Prairie (25-11) vs. Eden Prairie (25-11) at 8 p.m.

**CLASS 4A**  
Quarterfinals:  
- Eden Prairie (25-11) vs. Eden Prairie (25-11) at 8 p.m.  
- Eden Prairie (25-11) vs. Eden Prairie (25-11) at 8 p.m.

**CLASS 2A QUARTERFINALS HILL-MURRAY 3, LAKEVILLE SOUTH 2**

## Hill-Murray D comes to the rescue

Lakeville South's early goal wasn't enough to upend the Pioneers.

By HEATHER BUELE  
Special to the Star Tribune

Coach Bill Lechner "barely even adjusted my tie" before his Hill-Murray Pioneers went down by a goal — only 30 seconds into the game.

"We made a 10-second mental mistake, and it cost us," Lechner said.

Luckily for Lechner, there weren't many more mistakes. Top-seeded Hill-Murray answered quickly in Thursday's Class 2A quarterfinal of the boys' hockey state tournament, defeating Lakeville South 3-2 at Xcel Energy Center.

The Pioneer (24-4) got a pair of goals from their top defencemen, first Axel Begly trying the game, then Mo Hockey flanker Lou Gubins making 2-1 within a quick-release shot on the power play.

"I think that we made two mistakes, and as we watched on video, I think that Hill capitalizes on about every mistake that you make," Lakeville South coach Bob Storm said.

Timmer Lindke gave the Cougars (25-4) that early lead. He also called the Hill-Murray defense the "backbone of their team."

That starts with junior goaltender Jack Erickson. The save of the night came in a one-goal game with about eight minutes to play.

Lindke took the puck into the zone with Aidan Willis, passing the puck across the ice in front of Willis for the shot. Erickson made a sprawling glove save.

"I had a perfect view, and I think my leg hit the ice," Hill-Murray forward Dylan Godbout said. "I know he could make the save, but on this stage to make that in front of this many people, I'll remember that for the rest of my life."

**CLASS 2A QUARTERFINALS MAPLE GROVE 5, EDINA 2**

## Maple Grove's top-line chemistry clicks for four goals

By HEATHER BUELE  
Special to the Star Tribune

A top line, theoretically, is made up of a hockey team's best forwards. For Maple Grove, statistics supported that theory Thursday.

The Crimson got four goals from its top line and defeated Edina 5-2 in a Class 2A boys' hockey state tournament quarterfinal at Xcel Energy Center.

The third-seeded Crimson has received 48% of its scoring from its top line of juniors Landon Gundersen and Finn Brink and senior Joshua Giallan this season. All three scored Thursday. Giallan scored twice.

"I think it's just a chemistry thing," Brink said. "We love playing together. We move the puck well together."

Brink put the Crimson (22-11) up 1-0 early. Edina's Eddie Reving answered later in the first period, but Maple Grove took a 3-1 lead with Gundersen and Giallan goals in the second.

Maple Grove coach Todd Bergland said the team works a lot on offensive-zone puck possession. That top line, he said, "brings it 30 steps further."

"They make my job easy," Bergland said. "You give them the basics, and they go from there."

Maple Grove junior Blake Steverman made it 4-1 early in the third period. That tally helped keep the distance between the teams and became more important when Edina got one back a few minutes later.

Edina (20-9) had gone four consecutive games without allowing a goal.

"I don't think we got to our game at all," Edina coach Curt Giles said. "We missed a couple opportunities to slow them down a little bit, bog them down in the neutral zone."

Landon Gundersen, left, of Maple Grove and Wyatt West of Edina battled for position in the second period.