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PREPS

ADAPTED FLOOR HOCKEY

Dakota United wins PI, New Prague CI titles

Brainerd's run of three straight PI titles ended.

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Special to the Star Tribune

Dakota United senior Indigo Jaworski spent part of the PI Division adapted floor hockey championship game playing goalie. He also scored a hat trick — when he was out on the floor as a forward.

"I have a little history with that," Jaworski said, of playing in net. "I was goalie for a few years before, so I have some experience with it."

Jaworski hadn't been the team's goaltender since his eighth- and ninth-grade years, according to Dakota United co-head coach Brett Sadek, in his 30th season. A lot of the Hawks had their time in goal this season, but Jaworski got the call Saturday with the shorter bench.

Once out on the floor, Jaworski's hat trick was part of a third-period comeback for Dakota United as it defeated three-time champion Brainerd 5-2 Saturday afternoon at Bloomington Jefferson High School. The Hawks (9-1) scored four third-period goals to erase a one-goal deficit. They also avenged a 3-1 loss to Brainerd in January.

"Brainerd is the toughest team in the league, so it feels really good to get a hat trick on them," Jaworski said.

The victory gives Dakota United its fifth PI Division title overall and first since 2016. The game marks the only loss of the season for the Warriors (10-1) and snaps their three-year championship run. The Warriors won in 2017-19 before the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in no state tournaments the past two years.

Saturday, the Hawks pushed their lead to two goals when junior Fiona Sitzmann scored to make it 4-2. Jaworski completed his hat trick with his second power-play goal with 3:14 left in the game.

"We had to get to a couple loose pucks and made a couple crazy-nice plays," Sadek said. "I think one was a rebound. We have three really good seniors, and they all had just the greatest weekend."

Alex Jorgenson, Sam Gerten and Jaworski represented the Hawks' senior class.

CI Division

New Prague/TCU/LSH/Belle Plaine/Jordan defeated Burnsville/Farmington/Lakeville 12-3 to take the CI Division championship. Trojans senior Dylan Raaen and junior Ray Parker each scored four goals, while junior Aaron Adamson tallied a hat trick.

"They play a team game," Trojans coach Shellie Kriha said. "That's kind of been our motto this year is, 'it's all about team.'"

Along with the offense, Kriha also mentioned senior defenseman Evan Minar who "really controls the game," and that's all his team needs, she said.

It's the second championship for the Trojans (10-0), having also won in 2014. They outscored opponents 35-4 in three tournament games this weekend. Returning to the state tournament after three years was a good feeling for Raaen.

"We didn't know how good we were going to do after losing special people [to graduation]," Raaen said. "But we got it.

"It was great to finally win one."

The Blazing Cats (8-2) made the championship game after beating previously undefeated Maple Grove, a team that averages more than 16 goals a game, 12-6 in the semifinals. Sophomore Caden Roseth scored a pair of first-period goals to cut the deficit to 4-2, and sophomore Conner Wilson scored the last goal of the game in the closing minutes.

RESULTS/SCHEDULE

ANTHONY SOUFFLE • anthony.souffle@startribune.com
Hancock players celebrate their Class 1A girls' basketball championship trophy and medals after a come-from-behind, 54-43 victory over defending champion Minneota on Saturday.

STATE TOURNAMENTS

ADAPTED FLOOR HOCKEY

CI DIVISION
Friday • Quarterfinals
• Burnsville/Farm./Lakeville 15, Owatonna 0
• Maple Grove 19, South Suburban 6
• New Prague 12, South Washington 1
• North Suburban 3, Dakota United 2
Saturday • Consolation semifinals
• Dakota United 8, South Washington 5
• South Suburban 10, Owatonna 9
Semifinals
• Burnsville/Farm./Lakeville 12, Maple Grove 6
• New Prague 11, North Suburban 0
Fifth place
• Dakota United 12, South Suburban 2
Third Place
• Maple Grove 9, North Suburban 3
Championship
• New Prague 12, Burnsville/Farm./Lakeville 3

PI DIVISION
Friday • Quarterfinals
• Anoka-Hennepin 1, Mpls. South 0, forfeit
• Brainerd 12, St. Paul Humboldt 1
• Dakota United 16, Maple Grove 0
• Robbinsdale/Hop./MW 4, Rochester 2
Saturday • Consolation semifinals
• Rochester 1, Maple Grove 0
• St. Paul Humboldt 1, Mpls. South 0, forfeit
Semifinals
• Brainerd 8, Anoka-Hennepin 0
• Dakota United 8, Robbinsdale/Hop./MW 1
Fifth place
• Rochester 6, St. Paul Humboldt 3
Third Place
• Robbinsdale/Hop./MW 12, Anoka-Hennepin 1
Championship
• Dakota United 5, Brainerd 2

BASKETBALL • BOYS
At Williams Arena, unless noted
Class 4A
Tuesday • Quarterfinals
At Target Center
• Andover (19-10) vs. Park Center (26-1), 10 am
• Eastview (22-6) vs. Eden Prairie (15-10), noon
• Cretin-Derham Hall (15-10) vs. Owatonna (27-2), 2 pm
• Moorhead (17-12) vs. Wayzata (25-4), 4 pm
Wednesday • Consolation semifinals
At Concordia University
• Quarterfinal losers, 10 am & noon
Thursday • Semifinals
• Quarterfinal winners, 6 & 8 pm
Fifth place
At Concordia University
• Consolation semifinal winners, 6 pm
Saturday • Third place
At Concordia University
• Semifinal losers, 4 pm
Championship
• Semifinal winners, 8 pm

Class 3A
Tuesday • Quarterfinals
• Hermantown (21-8) vs. Totino-Grace (23-6), 10 am
• Mankato East (21-6) vs. Mound Westonka (21-6), noon
• Austin (17-12) vs. Princeton (26-1), 2 pm
• DeLaSalle (20-7) vs. St. Cloud Tech (19-9), 4 pm
Wednesday • Consolation semifinals
At Concordia University
• Quarterfinal losers, 2 & 4 pm
Thursday • Semifinals
• Quarterfinal winners, noon & 2 pm
Fifth place
At Concordia University
• Consolation semifinal winners, 4 pm
Saturday • Third place
At Concordia University
• Semifinal losers, 2 pm
Championship
• Semifinal winners, 5 pm

Class 2A
Tuesday • Quarterfinals
• Glencoe-Silver Lake (20-9) vs. Minneapolis North (25-6), 6 pm
• Minnehaha Academy (17-10) vs. Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta (27-2), 8 pm
At Target Center
• Caledonia (27-1) vs. Perham (18-10), 6 pm
• Annandale (28-2) vs. Pequot Lakes (24-6), 8 pm
Wednesday • Consolation semifinals
At Concordia University
• Quarterfinal losers, 6 & 8 pm
Thursday • Fifth place
At Concordia University
• Consolation semifinal winners, 2 pm
Friday • Semifinals
• Quarterfinal winners, 6 & 8 pm
Saturday • Third place
At Concordia University
• Semifinal losers, noon
Championship
• Semifinal winners, 1 pm

Class 1A
Wednesday • Quarterfinals
• Hayfield (20-2) vs. Russell-Tyler-Ruthton (23-7), 11 am
• Cherry (26-4) vs. Nevis (27-3), 1 pm
• Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa (26-4) vs. Sleepy Eye St. Mary's (28-2), 3 pm
• New Life Academy (26-3) vs. Sacred Heart (28-3), 5 pm
Thursday • Consolation semifinals
At Concordia University
• Quarterfinal losers, 10 am & noon
Friday • Semifinals
• Quarterfinal winners, noon & 2 pm
Saturday • Fifth place
At Concordia University
• Consolation semifinal winners, 8 am
Third place
At Concordia University
• Semifinal losers, 10 am
Championship
• Semifinal winners, 11 am

BASKETBALL • GIRLS
Class 4A
Wednesday • Quarterfinals
• Hopkins 66, Lakeville North 43
• Roseville 31, Shakopee 32
• St. Michael-Albertville 69, Centennial 58
• White Bear Lake 35, Rosemount 34
Thursday • Semifinals
• Hopkins 52, White Bear Lake 27
• St. Michael-Albertville 73, Roseville 57
Consolation semifinals
• Rosemount 42, Lakeville North 40
• Shakopee 66, Centennial 53
Friday • Fifth place
• Rosemount 66, Shakopee 63
Saturday • Third place
• White Bear Lake 46, Roseville 34
Championship
• Hopkins 72, St. Michael-Albertville 56

Class 3A
Wednesday • Quarterfinals
• Becker 55, Austin 48
• Mankato East 62, Benilde-St. Margaret's 53
• St. Paul Como Park 76, Grand Rapids 57
• Totino-Grace 64, Detroit Lakes 43
Thursday • Semifinals
• Becker 67, Mankato East 63
• Totino-Grace 86, St. Paul Como Park 72
Consolation semifinals
• Austin 62, Benilde-St. Margaret's 44
• Detroit Lakes 54, Grand Rapids 49
Friday • Fifth place
• Austin 62, Detroit Lakes 52
Saturday • Third place
• St. Paul Como Park 91, Mankato East 60
Championship
• Totino-Grace 68, Becker 51

Class 2A
Wednesday • Quarterfinals
• Albany 57, Rochester Lourdes 41
• Fergus Falls 71, Pequot Lakes 55
• Minnehaha Academy 82, Lake Crystal-WM 23
• Providence Academy 68, Montevideo 56
Thursday • Consolation semifinals
• Montevideo 56, Rochester Lourdes 54
• Pequot Lakes 66, Lake Crystal-WM 53
Friday • Semifinals
• Fergus Falls 65, Minnehaha Academy 57
• Providence Academy 51, Albany 48
Fifth place
• Pequot Lakes 68, Montevideo 44
Saturday • Third place
• Minnehaha Academy 53, Albany 52
Championship
• Providence Academy 55, Fergus Falls 53

Class 1A
Thursday • Quarterfinals
• Hancock 71, Nevis 38
• Hayfield 67, Cass Lake-Bena 57
• Mayer Lutheran 56, United Christian 33
• Minneota 51, Mountain Iron-Buhl 48, OT
Friday • Semifinals
• Hancock 71, Mayer Lutheran 40
• Minneota 53, Hayfield 45
Consolation semifinals
• Mountain Iron-Buhl 81, Cass Lake-Bena 34
• Nevis 52, United Christian 48
Saturday • Fifth place
• Mountain Iron-Buhl 78, Nevis 35
Third place
• Mayer Lutheran 65, Hayfield 44
Championship
• Hancock 54, Minneota 43

SUMMARIES

BASKETBALL • GIRLS

CLASS 4A
Championship
Hopkins 72, St. Michael-Albertville 56

Hopkins	34	38-72
St. Michael-Albertville	18	38-56

Hopkins: McGill 25, Woodson 16, Agara 11, Battle 9, Nnaji 9, Copeland 2. **St. Michael-Albertville:** Johnson 18, Miller 15, Craft 12, L. Hoselton 4, Carlson 3, A. Hoselton 2, Wagner 2.

CLASS 3A
Championship
Totino-Grace 68, Becker 51

Totino-Grace	28	40-68
Becker	24	27-51

Totino-Grace: Herzig 31, Bergerud 13, Nuss 6, Spewacek 5, Lord 3, Schlaefer 2. **Becker:** Kent 18, Westin 10, Rose 9, Brown 7, Nuest 5, Mackedanz 2.

CLASS 2A
Championship
Providence Academy 55, Fergus Falls 53

Providence Academy	26	29-55
Fergus Falls	22	31-53

Providence Academy: M. Counts 19, G. Counts 17, Greenway 15, Hohenecker 2, Millerbernd 2. **Fergus Falls:** Colebeck 41, Stenberg 6, Hansen 2, Lockett 2, Ratz 2.

CLASS 1A
Championship
Hancock 54, Minneota 43

Minneota	19	24-43
Hancock	14	40-54

Minneota: Yost 17, Rost 12, Robiecki 5, Stassen 5, Jurrens 2, Tolk 2. **Hancock:** Kai. Rohloff 16, R. Hanson 13, Zempel 11, C. Hanson 8, Staples 4, Kar. Rohloff 2.

NBA

STACY BENGS • Associated Press
Bucks guard George Hill, left, and Timberwolves guard Patrick Beverley had to be separated during a first-quarter altercation, one that likely fueled the Wolves' competitive fire Saturday.

Fun and feistiness fit well on Wolves

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This is fun. This is so different. Give them a megaphone, not a muzzle.

"We've got a lot of strong personalities, a lot of outgoing guys," coach Chris Finch said. "Just try to let them be themselves. They're young. They're excitable. They like each other. They root for each other. I won't dampen their spirits too much."

OK, so Patrick Beverley getting himself ejected in the first quarter against the defending NBA champions was less than ideal. But the spirit and toughness that Pat Bev has injected into the organization is worth an occasional inopportune outburst.

The Wolves look like a team that has been emboldened by its alpha personalities.

Earlier this season, Anthony Edwards turned to an opposing coach after making back-to-back three-pointers and encouraged him to call a timeout.

The Wolves angered the Los Angeles Lakers this past week by mocking Russell Westbrook's airball. With Target Center revved up for the Bucks, the Wolves hit the floor extra feisty.

Beverley got into a skirmish with Serge Ibaka in the first quarter after Ibaka pushed Taurean Prince as they locked up on a free throw attempt. Beverley ran in and shoved Ibaka in the back.

Bucks guard George Hill pushed Beverley in return, and then Ibaka chased after Beverley. No punches were thrown, but Hill and Beverley drew ejections.

The Wolves gave a mature response. They brushed it off and played terrific.

They caught a fortunate break with Giannis sitting out because of knee soreness, but the Wolves are playing like a team that deserves to be taken seriously.

"I think we've been there for a while," Finch said of his team's confidence.

Good teams know their identity, and the Wolves are establishing who they want to be. They call it swag, a hip term for self-confidence.

Beverley exudes bravado. Edwards plays big, talks big and fears no situation. Karl-Anthony Towns is putting up All-NBA-caliber performances and becoming the version that everyone has been waiting to see. Not just putting up stats, but playing winning, impactful basketball.

"It feels like I'm playing the best basketball of my career and it's leading to great wins," he said. "The reason why I'm finding myself playing some of the best basketball of my career is because I have some of the best teammates I've ever had."

The whole vibe feels cool right now. The players are loose and confident. The style of play is entertaining. Finch has been masterful in allowing his players to be themselves and show their personalities while holding them accountable when necessary.

Saturday marked the first of seven consecutive games against playoff teams. This stretch will tell a lot about the Wolves and how they stack up against elite teams.

"Every time we walk into the arena, we feel we should win," Towns said. "If we do what we're supposed to do, we feel it's a guaranteed win."

This is what they mean by swag.

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MINNESOTA SCENE

Lakeville's Smith wins NCAA title

STAFF REPORTS

Stanford freshman **Regan Smith** won the 200-yard backstroke and finished second in the 200 butterfly and as a member of the 400 free-style relay Saturday at the NCAA women's swimming and diving championships in Atlanta.

Smith

It was the first NCAA title in an individual event for Smith, of Lakeville, who finished her first NCAA championship meet with top-three finishes in six events.

Smith swam a pool-record time of 1 minute, 47.76 seconds in the 200 back, surging over the final 50 yards to beat Wisconsin's **Phoebe Bacon**. In the 200 fly, Smith rallied from eighth place at the final turn to finish in a dead heat for second place with **Olivia Carter** of Michigan in a time of 1:51.19, .40 of a second behind winner **Alex Walsh** of Virginia.

A three-time medalist at the Tokyo Olympics, Smith also was part of Stanford's winning 800 free relay and was third in the 100 back and 400 medley relay. Stanford finished third behind Virginia and Texas in the team standings.

RACHEL BLOUNT

U gymnasts fourth

The Gophers finished fourth in the Big Ten women's gymnastics meet on Saturday afternoon in Columbus, Ohio, with a score of 196.725.

No. 8 Minnesota, which was the defending meet champion, finished behind No. 3 Michigan (197.325), Michigan State (197.050) and Iowa (196.950).

Lexy Ramler, a fifth-year senior, led the Gophers by finishing second in the all-around (39.675) — .025 behind Michigan's **Abby Heiskell** — and tying for first on the beam and bars. Sophomore **Mya Hooten** tied for first in floor exercise and for second in vault). Ramler and Hooten had the same 9.950 score in all those events.

Ona Loper, another fifth-year Gophers senior, finished sixth in all-around (39.375).

St. Kate's senior excels

Senior **Jordyn Wentzel** of St. Catherine won the 200-yard breaststroke (2:10.06) in a division record time and was second in the 200 individual medley (1:57.76) at the four-day NCAA Division III national meet in Indianapolis.

She broke the previous division record with her time in the 200 IM, too, but finished .06 seconds behind the winner. Wentzel also was second in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.72). Classmate **Maggie Menso** was third in the 1,650 freestyle (16:43.96).

Gustavus Adolphus junior **Ellen Hofstede** was sixth in the 100 freestyle (50.57).

Field day for Gophers

Kostas Zaltos won the men's hammer throw (215 feet, 7 inches) for the Gophers in the Black & Gold Invitational in Orlando.

Nyalaam Jok took first in the women's high jump (5-10½) and teammate **Amira Young** in the 200-meter run (23.39 seconds).

Tiera Jones-Robinson Gophers placed second in the women's triple jump (41-8¾). Minnesota men finished second and third in the same event: **Astian Walker** was second (49-6½) and **Floyd Whitaker** third (49-3).

Etc.

• The Gophers baseball team lost 14-7 to Creighton in Omaha. The Bluejays (8-6) scored eight runs in the fourth inning to take a 10-2 lead. **Otto Grimm** was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI for Minnesota (5-14) while **Jack Kelly** hit a solo home run.

• Senior **Hanna Geistfeld** of Bethany Lutheran was named to the D3hoops.com's All-America first team.

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