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CLASS 1A QUARTERFINALS MOUND WESTONKA/WATERTOWN/MAYER/SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN 4, MANKATO EAST/LOYOLA 2

Mound Westonka keeps shooting

White Hawks took a record 73 shots and needed them to top Mankato East/Loyola

Bob Karch, co-head coach of Mound Westonka Water-town-Mayer/Southwest Christian, summed up his team's Class 1A quarterfinal pretty well.

"When's the last time you had 73 shots on goal," he said, "and you were still worried about the overtime?"

The White Hawks peppered Mankato East/Loyola goaltender Andrea Schreiber with 73 shots, with four of them finding the net in a 4-2 victory Wednesday at Xcel Energy Center, to remain undefeated (22-0-0). Schreiber, a senior, made a record-breaking 69 saves.

Schreiber said afterward she knew she could handle the task of so many shots.

"I tried my hardest to keep it as low-scoring as possible because I knew that's what we needed to potentially win," Schreiber said.

The No. 3-ranked White Hawks took a 5-0 lead through two periods with goals from senior Lauren Harris, freshman Kaitlyn Niccum and eighth grader Corina Fowler before the Cougars came back to get within one with 8 minutes, 12 seconds left in the game.


Despite the deficit, Schreiber came up with plenty of saves throughout to keep the Cougars in contention.

"It was actually pretty frustrating, but I just knew that their goalie was playing really good," Niccum said.

Madison Davis scored first for the Cougars (8-4-2) with her 36th goal of the season with 12:54 to play. Teammate Evey Johnson made it 3-2 a few minutes later with a backhander.

The White Hawks' Sydney Hiles added a power-play goal in the game's final minute.

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Mankato East goalie Andrea Schreiber made a save — and 68 others — against Mound Westonka/Watertown-Mayer/Southwest Christian during a Class 1A quarterfinal Wednesday. Those saves set a record, and so did the 73 shots taken at Schreiber by the White Hawks.

CLASS 1A QUARTERFINALS
BRUCE 2, FERGUS FALLS 0

Breck scores early, blanks Fergus Falls

One early goal was all it took. The defense took care of the rest.

Breck senior defenseman Katherine Sobush scored 12 minutes, 32 seconds into the game, and it held up as the game-winner in the Mustangs' 2-0 victory over Fergus Falls in the Class 1A quarterfinals Wednesday at Xcel Energy Center.

"We did a good job at keeping the puck around the perimeter," Sobush said. "We really focused on using the glass. All the defense had a great game today."

Breck senior goaltender Ally Frantrick, who earned her second shutout this season, made 14 saves. Perhaps none was bigger than a glove save late in the second period on the Cougars' 40-goal scorer, Sophie Hensch.

"I saw the play kind of breaking down," Frantrick said. "I was able to read the shot pretty well."


Junior Olivia Mobley sealed the victory for No. 2-ranked and defending Class 1A champion Breck (20-0) with her 29th goal of the season with 1:13 left in regulation.

For the Otters (21-7), making their fourth appearance since 2009, the loss was only their second in 12 games. Senior goalie Justin McKeever made 11 saves.

"In these games, if you want to win, you've got to score when you have your chances," Fergus Falls coach Tim LEE said. "Obviously, they outchased us by a mile."

"We didn't have much time to work. If we crossed the blue line, we had sticks on us immediately."

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Breck's Katherine Sobush (23) celebrated her first period goal with Ella Brighly. It proved to be the game-winner.

CLASS 1A QUARTERFINALS
WARROAD 4, ST. PAUL UNITED 0

Hendrickson's hat trick lifts unbeaten Warroad

Warroad teammates call Genevieve Hendrickson "Gina," which pairs phonetically with "goin' hockey stang for a goal."

The nickname fit well Wednesday as Hendrickson's hat trick fueled the undefeated Warriors' 4-0 quarterfinal victory against St. Paul United.

Goals from Hannah Connelissen and Hendrickson a little more than two minutes apart in the first period produced an early lead.

And No. 1-ranked Warroad (22-0-0) didn't relax. Hendrickson doubled her team's lead after two periods with a pair of power-play goals. The second one came with just nine seconds remaining in the period.

"We wanted to get ahead right away," said Hendrickson, a sophomore forward with 22 goals who posted her third hat trick of the season.

"We didn't want to be behind or have to worry about being too close to them."

The Warriors' urgency came through in their play.

"I thought our effort was really good," Warroad coach David Marvin said. "We knew their goaltender has been playing good and we knew they were using a short bench."

"And I thought if we could play with a lead and roll our players out there that it would help."


"I think we beat a pretty good team."

Stopping 18 shots gave senior goalie Quinn Kanst her 16th shutout of the season.

St. Paul United (12-14-2), which upset South St. Paul in a section final, could not muster similar magic against Warroad.

"Coming from behind is always tough, and (Warroad) just kept coming," United coach Mack Johnson said.

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Warroad's Genevieve Hendrickson was congratulated by players on the bench after scoring the first of her three goals.

CLASS 1A QUARTERFINALS
PROCTOR/HERMANTOWN 3, ROCH. LOURDES 2 (OT)

Proctor/Hermantown wins suddenly in OT

Rising from a sophomore stumble to secure a varsity spot as a senior captain, Proctor/Hermantown forward Kaitlyn Forecett abouted resiliency.

She showed signs by scoring the deciding goal in a 3-2 overtime victory against Rochester Lourdes.

Forecett's goal sends her Mirages to Friday's semifinals to face No. 1-seeded and unbeaten Warroad.

No. 4 seed Proctor/Hermantown (9-7-1) went ahead 3-0 in the first period from sophomore forward Anora Opsahl.

Less than two minutes into the second period, Rochester Lourdes senior forward Clara Billings tied the score 1-1 on her 24th goal of the season.

The key player on the ice through two periods for No. 3 seed Lourdes (15-11-1) Friday's semifinals was junior goaltender Corin Hanson. She negated the Mirages' 25-14 shot advantage by stopping all but one.


But in the third period, Proctor/Hermantown broke through for a second goal as junior forward Sydney Sherck controlled a turnover in the Lourdes zone and went to the net for her 13th goal of the season.

Trailing by a goal, Rochester Lourdes enjoyed a late 6-0-4 advantage with 1:12 to play after a Mirage penalty and pulling its goalie.

The move paid off as sophomore defender Maggie Hanson sent a shot past Forecett with 42.9 seconds left in regulation. Only 2:36 into the extra period, Forecett scored.

"It's senior year and we wanted to stay at the X," Forecett said, meaning the Xcel Energy Center, site of Friday's semifinals.

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A puck shot by Proctor/Hermantown's Kaitlyn Forecett sailed past Rochester Lourdes goalie Corin Hanson in overtime.