

CLASS AA

# EDEN PRAIRIE EAGLES

There may not be a more likable team in the state tournament field than the Eden Prairie Eagles. Led by their amiable coach Lee Smith, this team takes on a personality of a fast-skating, hard-working team that plays the game the way it was meant to be played. The Eagles, ranked No. 1 in the final MyFoxHockey.com poll, have earned their keep in how they play the game. This is the fastest team in the state and they execute.



Erickson

Mr. Hockey finalist and defenseman Nick Leddy (9-31-40) could very well be the best player in high school hockey and without him, it is debatable whether the Eagles would be at the state tournament. We are talking about the total package folks as he can defend, skate, move the puck with precise precision, shoot well, make others around him better, and is incredibly strong.



McQuillan

Sophomore Kyle Rau (25-26-51) leads a balanced attack that features ten players with 20 points or more on the season. Jordan Hoffman (8-17-25) anchors a line that is tossed out to challenge the first lines of the top teams, and they shut them down. Taylor Wolfe (19-21-40) and Mitch Rogge (16-26-42) are the perfect compliments to Rau as they add strength and veteran leadership. Rau is as gritty as it comes and all three create space in all three zones through their toughness.

Smith has alternated his goalies



Photo by Ben Stewart

Sophomore Andrew Ford (29) and junior Matt Halloran have split time in nets for the Eagles.

as Matt Halloran carries a 12-2-0 record and Andrew Ford has posted a 13-1-0 record leading his team in the Section 6AA semifinals and finals. All indications are that Smith will go with Ford for the tournament, yet he does like to keep the prognosticators on their toes and keep everyone guessing.

The Eagles are white hot entering the tournament as they have ripped off 15 straight wins and have posted a 25-3-0 record on the season. Their only losses have been to Jefferson and two to Edina, all by one goal. This team is legit, and

they are worth every bit of the No. 2 seed in the tournament field. The Eagles are making their 4th state tournament appearance and first since 2003. They have not ever been in a tournament field that has been graced by their border-sharing neighbor Edina.

If the stars align right, the Eagles and Edina Hornets could be on a collision course as a legendary border battle could be before us. ■

## Program info

Conference: Lake  
 Section: 6AA  
 Record: 25-3-0  
 State trips: 1992, 99, 2001, 03, 09  
 Coach: Lee Smith  
 Assistants: Joe Krmpotich, Matt Bertram, Ty Eigner

## Top players

Scorers	G	A	Pts
Kyle Rau	25	26	51
Mitch Rogge	13	24	37
Nick Leddy	9	31	40
Taylor Wolfe	19	21	40
Mike Erickson	14	19	33

Goalies	W-L-T	GA	SV
Andrew Ford	13-1-0	1.42	.942
Matt Halloran	12-2-0	2.28	.895

## Full roster

#	Name	Gr	Pos
3	Nick Leddy	12	D
5	Mark Rath	10	W
6	Matson Gravelle	12	W
7	Kyle Rau	10	C
8	Taylor Wolfe	12	W
9	Mitch Rogge	11	W
10	Curt Rau	10	D
12	Des Shavlik	10	C
17	Dan Molenaar	10	D
18	Corey Willey	12	D
21	Jack McCartan	10	W
22	Joe McQuillan	12	W
25	David Rath	10	C
26	Mike Erickson	11	W
27	Chase Loken	11	D
28	Luc Gerdes	10	W
29	Andrew Ford	10	G
30	Matt Halloran	11	G
32	Jordan Hoffman	12	C
36	Nick Seeler	10	D

## Road to the X

### Section 6AA quarterfinals, 2/26 Eden Prairie 11, Mpls East 3

Rau 1 goal, 3 assists  
 Rogge 1 goal, 2 assists

### Section 6AA semifinals, 2/28 Eden Prairie 3, Benilde-StM 1

McQuillan 1 goal, 1 assist  
 Ford 24 saves

### Section 6AA finals, 3/5 Eden Prairie 4, Minnetonka 2

Wolfe 1 goal, 1 assist  
 Ford 34 saves

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