

CLASS AA

BLAINE BENGALS

Program info

Conference: Northwest Suburban
 Section: 5AA
 Record: 24-3-1
 State trips: 1992, 96, 99, 2000
 Champs, 06, 07, 08, 09
 Coach: David Aus
 Assistants: Scott Richart, Andy Shermoen, Peter Aus, Steve Witkowski

Top players

Scorers	G	A	Pts
Nick Bjugstad	27	27	54
Zac Frischmon	21	19	40
Eric Scheid	16	16	32
Luke Bayer	22	8	30
Gavin Tufte	10	15	25
Ryan Brockway	9	16	25
Matt Blomquist	5	20	25

Goalies	W-L-T	GA	SV
Danny Harper	19-3-1	1.71	.912

Full roster

#	Name	Gr	Pos
3	Tony Larson	11	D
4	Nick Maki	12	D
10	Gavin Tufte	11	D
11	Taylor Richart	11	D
14	Clayton Wagamon	12	W
15	Jake Jensen	11	C
16	Luke Bayer	12	W
17	Matt Blomquist	12	D
18	Zac Frischmon	12	C
19	Benny Brovold	12	W
20	Jay Wagamon	12	D
22	Jonny Brodzinski	10	W
23	Ryan Brockway	12	D
25	Tyler Turnquist	12	W
27	Nick Bjugstad	10	W
28	Travis Kovalchuk	12	W
31	Danny Harper	11	G
32	Nick Malvin	9	G
33	Briggs Fussy	10	C
39	Eric Scheid	11	W

Road to the X

Section 5AA quarterfinals, 2/28 Blaine 9, Irontdale 2

Frischmon 3 goals, 1 assist
 Bloomquist 4 assists

Section 5AA semifinals, 3/3 Blaine 2, Osseo 1 OT

Brockway 2 assists

Section 5AA finals, 3/6 Blaine 7, Centennial 1

Frischmon 3 goals

There are two types of players. One is a producer in the regular season and the other produces in the post season. Bengals senior Zac Frischmon scored a solid 13 goals in the regular season, and in three playoff games has an astounding eight snipes, giving him (21-19-40) on the season. He encapsulates Blaine Bengal Hockey and that is somebody stepping up and leading their team when they need it most whether it is in winning his one on one battles, taking a hit for a good pass, or scoring in the clutch because he is going to the net.



Bjugstad



Frischmon

The Bengals were 42 seconds away from elimination in the Section 5AA semifinals. It was Frischmon who tied the game and potted the game-winner. Blaine is led by Nick Bjugstad (27-27-54) who gets better and stronger every game. Many teams key on him and he still leads his team in goals assists and points. Luke Bayer (21-8-29) rounds out a skilled group of



Photo by Ben Stewart

Junior goalie Danny Harper has led the way for the Bengals this season, winning 19 games already.

forwards that are productive, especially off the rush.

It is the defensemen the that are effective for the Bengals as they returned all six from last year's state tournament team and are led by Tony Larson, Matt Blomquist, and Ryan Brockway.

Goalie Danny Harper is a solid goaltender and saved his best for last in the section final as he held the Centennial Cougars at bay with strong effort. Harper, who played in the state tournament last season, posted a 22-3-1 record.

The Bengals enter the tournament weekend with a 24-3-1 record with their only losses to Edina, Centennial, and Elk River. Coach Dave Aus felt his team could contend for a Northwest Suburban Conference title and a section title. They have proven their coach right, and they earned their No. 3 seed in the tournament with a solid combination of skill and hardworking efforts. The Bengals are making their 4th straight state tournament appearance and will be looking to win their second title in school history since their last in 2000. ■



Larson



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Sophomore sniper Nick Bjugstad (27) is congratulated by teammates Gavin Tufte (10) and Zac Frischmon (18).

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