

CLASS AA

ROCH CENTURY PANTHERS

Program info

Conference: Big 9
 Section: 1AA
 Record: 15-11-2
 State trips: 2005, 07, 09
 Coach: Bruce Frutiger
 Assistants: Cris Collins, Andy Roth, Erik Lee, Andy Link, Dylan Mills, Greg Miller

Top players

Scorers	G	A	Pts
Cory Kautz	18	20	38
Jordan Martini	20	17	37
Drew Anderson	8	25	33
Tyler Anderson	11	21	32
Cory Birkestrand	11	15	26

Goalies	W-L-T	GA	SV
Cam Sellnow	12-6-2	2.85	.897

Full roster

#	Name	Gr	Pos
1	Marc Mullen	11	G
3	Jared Samuelson	12	D
4	Cory Birkestrand	12	F
6	Jordan Martini	11	F
7	Joe Faupel	12	F
8	Brian Kalwasinski	12	F
9	Tyler Anderson	12	F
10	Drew Anderson	10	F
11	Thomas Lund	12	F
12	Matthew Mills	10	F
13	Luke Klugherz	10	F
14	Cory Kautz	11	F
15	Nick Raehsler	10	D
16	Nate Musta	10	F
19	Connor Faupel	10	F
20	Justin Powers	11	F
21	Brandon Sauter	11	F
25	Bill Grinde	12	D
30	Cameron Sellnow	10	G
31	Andy Guibert	10	G
33	Ryan Knoepke	12	D

Road to the X

Section 1AA quarterfinals, 2/27 Century 3, Winona 2 OT

T. Anderson 1 goal, 1 assist

Section 1AA semifinals, 2/28 Century 7, Mayo 3

Kautz 2 goals, 1 assist
 Sellnow 28 saves

Section 1AA finals, 3/6 Century 5, Lakeville North 3

Martini 2 goals
 Birkestrand 1 goal, 1 assist

In a recent interview, Rochester Century Panther coach Bruce Frutiger said he asks his teams to "work hard and have fun." Those are simple but powerful words that have created a culture of success for his team as they earned their third state tournament berth since 2005.

The Panthers built a steady 2008-2009 campaign with a 15-11-2 record after a challenging 6-17-1 record the previous season. As the No. 4 seed, Century also dropped their Section 1AA quarterfinal to No. 5 Mayo, the caper of a difficult season.

The Panthers historically play a challenging schedule and on Jan. 23 defeated the Duluth East Greyhounds by a score of 3-2. They

are 8-3-1 in their past 12 games and are led by Jordan Martini (20 goals -17assists - 37points), Cory Kautz (18-20-38), and Drew Anderson

(11-21-32). Goalie Cam Sellnow has carried the bulk of the work load as he has posted a 12-6-2 record for the season and will be relied on in the state tournament.

The Panthers more than made a splash at the 2007 state tournament as they stunned a highly-regarded Hill Murray team in the first round in overtime with a 6-5 win. They hung with the eventual state champion Roseau Rams in the semifinals, falling by a score of 3-1. Century captured third place with a well-earned 5-4 overtime win over the Burnsville Blaze.

Unlike the '07-'08 team that entered the tournament with a 23-5 record, this team has experienced a more challenging season, yet they are just three wins away from capturing the state championship.



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Sophomore Connor Faupel (19) is the future of Panthers' hockey. He totaled five goals from the blueline this winter.

Frutiger proved prophetic before the season began when he said, "They've got a lot of aspirations being a very competitive team the second half of the season."

not to be overlooked in St. Paul this season. ■

Competitive they are and with the big win over Duluth East, an impressive Section 1AA win over No. 1 seeded Rochester Mayo by a score of 7-3, and the 8-3-1 record the second half, the Panthers are



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