

CLASS AA

# EDINA HORNET'S

What would a state tournament be without the Edina Hornets? Someone has to play the villain and they do it well. The Hornets play the game with skill and respect. This year's Hornet team has arguably been the state's best team week in and week out and advanced to the dance for the 31st time in school history. There has been a level of expectation on this team since they were Peewees and they proved last season just how difficult it is to capture the state championship.

For a seven seniors, it marks an end to a well-publicized group that has focused their attention on



Lee

playing together and winning a state championship. With Zach Budish lost for the season, the that number has dwindled from eight, as he was left off the tournament roster. Still, his leadership has been felt on several levels.



Everson

The Hornets play the toughest schedule year in and year out as that prepares them for the big stage. In dispatching the Bloomington Jefferson Jaguars by a smothering 5-0 score in the Section 2AA finals, the Hornets showcased



Gaarder

a first line in Anders Lee (24-51-75), Marshall Everson (42-33-75) and Connor Gaarder (24-38-62) that is unmatched in the state. Their second line of Michael Sit (9-17-25), Charlie Taft (16-7-23), and John Eppel (4-11-15) is also formidable and their defensive corps underrated as they play the transition game as well as any team



Photo by Tim Kolehmainen

Edina's David Jarrett (24) is one of the Hornets' solid, but often overlooked, defensemen.

in Minnesota. Goalie John Ankeny has posted a 22-4-0 record on the season.

The Hornets possess the ability to play the game east-west or north-south, and are among the strongest and quickest teams in the state. The Hornets have a 4-1-0 record against the tournament field with their one loss coming early in the season to Hill-Murray. They played two classic games against Eden Prairie that ended in a pair of one goal Hornet victories, one in overtime.

Edina is looking to capture their 10th state title and will have to do it with a community and alumni that make the pressure of playing at Notre Dame look like peanuts. Anything short of a championship

in Edina is considered failure, even at the youth level. Even with that looming over Hornet Nation, this group rises to each challenge put before them. They have the ability to block it out and consistently rise to each challenge.



Taft

The coaching staff in Edina is professional and unprecedented in its ability to block out distractions and have passed that on to the team. Curt Giles, Dave Terwilliger, Dick Blooston, and Don Beaupre offer a mix of calm, intensity, humor, and humility that fits well with this Hornet team.

For seven seniors and a group of talented underclassmen, it is the mix they receive from their coaches that will afford them the status as favorites to win the state tournament. But to go 3-0 in St. Paul is easier said than done. ■



Baker



Regan

## Program info

Conference: Classic Lake  
 Section: 2AA  
 Record: 23-5-0  
 State trips: 1955, 56, 67, 60, 62, 67, 68, 69 Champs, 70, 71 Champs, 72, 73, 74 Champs, 77, 78 Champs, 79 Champs, 81, 82, 83, 84 Champs, 87, 88 Champs, 89, 95, 96, 97 Champs, 98, 2000, 07, 08, 09  
 Coach: Curt Giles  
 Assistants: Dick Blooston, Dave Terwilliger, Don Beaupre

## Top players

Scorers	G	A	Pts
Anders Lee	24	51	75
Marshall Everson	42	33	75
Connor Gaarder	24	38	62
Michael Sit	9	17	26
Charlie Taft	16	7	23

Goalies	W-L-T	GA	SV
John Ankeny	22-4-0	1.68	.915

## Full roster

#	Name	Gr	Pos
1	Connor Girard	10	G
4	Max Everson	10	D
6	Matt VanVoorhis	10	D
7	Patrick Regan	12	D
8	Joey Harrington	11	F
9	Anders Lee	12	F
10	Charlie Taft	11	F
11	Andy Jorgensen	12	F
12	Jake Heck	11	D
14	Brendan Baker	12	D
15	Blake Chapman	11	F
16	Ryan Cutshall	11	F
17	Michael Sit	10	F
18	Cole Kretzman	11	F
19	John Eppel	12	F
20	Steven Fogarty	10	F
21	Marshall Everson	12	F
24	David Jarrett	11	D
27	Connor Gaarder	12	F
30	Johnny Ankeny	11	G

## Road to the X

Section 2AA quarterfinals, 2/26  
 Edina 10, Prior Lake 1

Everson 4 goals, 3 assists

Section 2AA semifinals, 2/28  
 Edina 4, Holy Angels 1

Sit 2 goals

Section 2AA finals, 3/5  
 Edina 5, Bloom Jefferson 0

Ankeny 19 saves



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