

CLASS A

# ROCH LOURDES EAGLES

This is the season the Eagles have pointed to for the past several years, as this year's huge group of talented seniors has matured into big winners. But two weeks ago, the path to state wasn't so clear.

Lourdes had to come out of the No. 3 seed in Section 1A, knocking off the top two seeds in back-to-back games. The Eagles shut down No. 2 New Prague, 4-0 in the semifinals, then upended top-seeded Red Wing in the finals, 3-2, on Tyler Voigt's game-winner.



Voigt



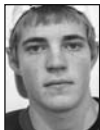
Peterson

There have been some bumps on the road to state, but this senior group made it for the first time since 2003.



Funk

The top line of Voigt (32-29-61), Cole Peterson (19-38-57) and Taylor Funk (32-24-56) has the ability to take over a game. Phil Bray and Brandon Chezick also tallied double-digit goal totals for the high-scoring Eagles. Lourdes averaged nearly 5.5 goals a game, although the top line did account for 56 percent of the team's total.



Hexum



Spratte

The Eagles get offensive contributions from its blueliners, as well. Rory Vesel and Pete Spratte can jump inot the play.

But it's the development of sophomore goalie Nick Heimer that has made the difference for



Photo by Tim Kolehmainen

Taylor Funk was just one of many Eagles to play in the Upper Midwest Elite Fall League.

Lourdes. Without graduated goalie Nic Scudamore, the Eagles needed to find a netminder to make their playoff run possible. As the team did, Heimer also had his ups and downs during the season, but came up big in the sectionals, allowing just four goals in the three games.

Lourdes' reward for its state berth is a first-round game against Breck,

which beat the Eagles 5-3 on Jan. 17. Lourdes had a 3-2 lead in the second period on goals from Voigt (2) and Spratte, but let it slip away over the final 22 minutes.

That game started a spin in which the Eagles lost four of six games. But since, they're 9-1-0 and on a roll. ■

### Program info

Conference: Independent  
 Section: 1A  
 Record: 20-7-0  
 State trips: 2000, 01, 02, 03, 09  
 Coach: Aaron Gill  
 Assistants: Nate Marcus, Steve Forliti, Matt Noterman

### Top players

Scorers	G	A	Pts
Tyler Voigt	32	29	61
Cole Peterson	19	38	57
Taylor Funk	32	24	56
Rory Vesel	3	21	24
Pete Spratte	5	18	23

Goalies	W-L-T	GA	SV
Nick Heimer	16-6-0	2.03	.882

### Full roster

#	Name	Gr	Pos
1	Mark Greve	11	G
2	Cole Peterson	12	F
3	Pete Spratte	12	D
4	Dan Johnson	12	D
5	Nick Wylam	12	D
6	Zach Burns	12	D
7	Brandyn Chezick	11	F
8	Tim Bier	12	F
9	Todd Bestgen	12	F
10	Brett Dennis	11	F
11	Matt Roth	11	D
12	Taylor Funk	11	F
14	Tyler Voigt	12	F
15	Phil Bray	12	F
17	Alex Kurth	11	F
18	Charlie Hexum	12	F
19	Sam Slightam	10	D
21	Rory Vesel	10	D
23	Brian Wasz	10	F
24	Nick Schoeberl	11	F
30	Nick Heimer	10	G

### Road to the X

**Section 1A quarterfinals, 2/27**  
**Lourdes 3, Faribault 2 OT**

Peterson 2 goals

**Section 1A semifinals, 2/28**  
**Lourdes 4, New Prague 0**

Heimer 19 saves

Bray 1 goal

**Section 1A finals, 3/5**  
**Lourdes 3, Red Wing 2**

Peterson 1 goals, 2 assists

Heimer 24 saves



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