

CLASS A WARROAD WARRIORS

Program info

Conference: Mariucci
 Section: 8A
 Record: 26-2-0
 State trips: 1948, 49, 53, 63, 69, 70, 87, 88, 89, 94 Champs, 95, 96 Champs, 97, 2000, 03 Champs, 04, 05 Champs, 07, 08, 09
 Coach: Albert Hasbargen
 Assistants: Dennis Fermoyle, Adrian Hasbargen, Bruce Olson

Top players

Scorers	G	A	Pts
Brock Nelson	41	28	69
Dane Shaugabay	22	38	60
Brett Hebel	20	37	57
Chris Sylvester	18	19	37
Micky Knox	15	20	35

Goalies	W-L-T	GA	SV
J. Goldsmith	25-2-0	1.52	.910

Full roster

#	Name	Gr	Pos
1	Shawn Storey	11	G
2	Eric Milbridge	12	D
3	Brock Nelson	11	F
4	Michael Pieper	12	D
5	Carson Gray	10	D
6	Ben Goldsmith	10	F
8	David Nelson	10	F
9	Brett Hebel	11	F
10	Chris Sylvester	12	F
11	Micky Knox	12	F
12	Dane Shaugabay	12	F
13	Nick Stoskopf	10	D
14	Andy Stoskopf	12	F
15	Adam Shaugabay	11	F
17	Jake Mack	12	F
18	Alec Knudson	12	F
19	Cory Christofferson	12	F
20	Eric Hebel	11	D
21	Aaron Storey	11	F
22	Aaron Rasmusson	11	F
23	Dylan Fowler	10	F
24	Giles Lien	10	D
25	Kaleb Kezar	12	F
26	Tai Larson	12	D
27	Brady Pieper	10	D
29	James Dunn	10	G
30	Chris Larson	9	G
31	Jason Goldsmith	12	G
32	Michael Stickler	10	D
33	Brandon Pearson	10	D
34	Keegan Hamilton	9	F
35	Joey Olson	11	D
36	Britt Pelland	10	F
38	Michael Maloney	10	F
39	Shane Redsky	11	F
40	Cameron Elson	9	F

It seemingly wouldn't be a Class A state tournament without the Warriors. Warroad has been to 11 tourneys since the inception of the Class A format in 1994, including titles in 1994, 1996, 2003 and 2005. They're certainly capable of adding to that total this season.

Warroad is a well-balanced team with two-high scoring lines and a trio of top defensemen in front of goaltender Jason Goldsmith (25-2-0, 1.52, .910).



Pieper

The Warriors scoring is paced by the top trio of Brock Nelson, Dane Shaugabay and Brett Hebel. That grouping has very good size, including junior Nelson, who is the prototypical power forward. He's a huge target who is nearly impossible to move off the puck, but has great goal-scorers hands, which has resulted in 41 goals -- and counting. Shaugabay and Hebel are both playmakers who can also score.

Adding Chris Sylvester, a transfer from Little Falls, certainly has helped the Warriors' second unit, as well. As befitting the program's



Photo by Tim Kolehmainen

Brock Nelson (3) has a big frame and can score with the best in the state for Warroad.

history, all the Warriors are rink rats who love to spend their free time on the ice -- any ice -- but particularly the X in mid-March.

Defensively, Michael Pieper, Carson Gray and Tai Larson limit opposing scoring opportunities with a tough, physical Northwestern brand of hockey, despite not possessing great size. All three contribute on offense, as well, with Gray leading the way with six goals and Pieper with 25 points.

Goldsmith has been stout in net, although he hasn't faced a ton of shots on the year because of his strong defense.

The Warriors zipped through the Section 8A playoffs without a blip, beating Kittson Central and Crookston by a combined 20-1 score in the first two rounds. Thief River Falls put up a fight in the finals, but Nelson's game-winner sent the Prowlers home, 3-2. Nelson finished his three-game section run with six goals and five assists

Warroad is going to be a tough out in the tournament and could most certainly reach the finals again. ■



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Warroad captain Michael Pieper (4) fires the puck netward during an earlier game at Moorhead.