



Moorhead SPUDS



AARON REIERSON
FORWARD



GARRETT LINDBERG
DEFENSEMAN



KAI WEIGEL
GOALIE

Inside scoop

Moorhead was, on paper, an early favorite for the Class 2A crown. It had a loaded group of seniors returning off a state tournament team from last season and a crop of incoming sophomores that had just won the state Bantam AA title.

Expectations, at least from outsiders, were lowered due to early departures. But the Spuds (19-9-0), who boast arguably the best youth program in the nation, found a way to make a return trip to St. Paul.

Growing pains and a lack of depth didn't keep Moorhead down long, and it now enters the tournament with a battle-tested, well-traveled group that could be setting the stage for future domination.

The high school state championship that has evaded Moorhead for so long (the Spuds are 0-for-8 in title games) seems to be closer than ever, and, if the program can keep players around, the proud hockey community someday might finally get the one banner it's missing.

Don't write the Spuds off this season, either.



CONFERENCE:

Mariucci

RECORD: 19-9-0

STATE TRIPS: 20

COACH:

Jon Ammerman,
10th year (186-85-2);
11th overall (209-101-11)

HOME ARENA:

Moorhead Sports
Center

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Moorhead's offense is supplied mostly by senior Aaron Reiersen, who has 32 goals and 48 points. Sophomore Mason Kraft (36 points) and senior Caleb Alderson (26 points) are the only two other Spuds forwards with 20-plus points.

DEFENSEMEN: Sophomore Garrett Lindberg has transitioned to high school hockey seamlessly and is maybe Moorhead's best blueliner. He has 17 points - including 10 on the power play. Senior captain Colby Krier is fourth on the team in points with 21.

GOALIES: Junior Kai Weigel is the most athletic goaltender in the Class 2A field. He has 19 wins and a .938 save percentage. His ability to make the spectacular save is key for the Spuds, but his puck-playing skills might be equally as important for a young group of Moorhead defenders.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
22	Aaron Reiersen	12	F	32	16	48	17
19	Mason Kraft	10	F	7	29	36	16
7	Caleb Alderson	12	F	9	17	26	24
5	Colby Krier	12	D	6	15	21	36
27	Ian Ness	12	F	9	10	19	10
10	Joe Kortan	12	F	5	13	18	10
4	Garrett Lindberg	10	D	3	14	17	12
11	Parker Gast	11	F	7	7	14	8
12	Abe Carlson	12	F	6	7	13	6
15	Jack Arnold	12	D	2	6	8	16
20	Brooks Cullen	10	F	2	6	8	14
3	Joey Simonich	11	F	2	4	6	2
31	Kai Weigel	11	G	0	5	5	2
6	Aiden Dufault	10	D	2	2	4	12
14	Dalton Songstad	11	D	0	4	4	6
21	Colin Baumgartner	12	D	0	4	4	10
2	Easton Lammers	12	F	1	1	2	4
13	Carver Hysbargen	10	F	0	2	2	2
24	Jace Blythe	11	F	1	1	2	2
8	Cullen Wilson	11	F	1	0	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
33	Charlie Stenehjelm	10	19:10	0-0-0	5.32	.846	0
31	Kai Weigel	11	1408:39	19-9-0	1.77	.938	5

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 20.0%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 90.9%
Goals Scored Per Game: 3.39
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.89

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/25	@ Wayzata	L 2-3
11/26	Edina	W 2-0
11/29	Bemidji	W 4-3/OT
12/2	@ Andover	L 2-7
12/3	@ Minnetonka	L 0-3
12/6	@ Roseau	W 5-1
12/10	Buffalo	W 2-1
12/20	@ St. Michael-Albertville	W 7-2
12/27	@ Edina	L 2-3
12/28	Lakeville North	W 3-0
12/29	St. Thomas Academy	L 1-4
1/7	Benilde-St. Margaret's	L 1-4
1/12	@ St. Cloud	W 3-1
1/14	Grand Rapids	L 1-2
1/17	Fargo Davies (N.D.)	W 6-1
1/20	@ Hermantown	L 2-3
1/21	@ Brainerd	W 6-0
1/28	Warroad	L 2-4
1/31	@ East Grand Forks	W 5-3
2/4	Elk River/Zimmerman	W 3-0
2/7	Rogers	W 4-1
2/10	@ Lakeville North	W 4-1
2/11	@ Sartell-St. Stephen	W 3-0
2/14	Roseau	W 3-0
2/18	@ Hill-Murray	W 4-2

SECTION 8AA PLAYOFFS

2/21	Brainerd	W 6-2
2/25	Sartell-St. Stephen	W 4-1
3/2	Roseau	W 8-1

Coach Jon Ammerman

Ammerman, a Moorhead alum, is another example of the Spud Factory — pay your dues on the way up, get your shot with the varsity, give back once you're done playing. This marks Ammerman's sixth trip to St. Paul as Head Spud, including a berth in the title game in 2017.



By the numbers

33.6: Reiersen's 32 goals account for 33.6 percent of all Moorhead's scoring this season. The next closest Spuds are tied with nine goals each.