

2019 MSHSL CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP: #2 Breck (22-8) 6, #1 Warroad (28-1-1) 1

ST. PAUL, Minn. – For the third time, #2 Breck School (22-8) has been crowned MSHSL Class A Girls' Hockey Tournament champion, defeating #1 Warroad (28-1-1) 6-1 on Saturday evening at Xcel Energy Center.

Breck broke open a close 3-1 contest with three goals in a span of 1:23 of elapsed time in the 13th and 14th minute of play.

The Mustangs repeat as state champions, also winning the title in 2012 while earning runner-up finishes with state title appearances in 2007 and 2008. Overall, Breck has reached the state title five times in seven trips to the state tournament.

The Warriors finish as state runner-up for the fifth time while the program has reached the state title game seven times in 10 state tournament appearances since 2006.

Senior forward Carly Beniek started the scoring in the 14th minute of play before Warroad junior forward Marlie Johnston tied it up just over a minute and a half later.

In the fifth minute of the second period, Breck went back on top with eighth grade defender Elly Klepinger's goal.

The score remained 2-1 through the end of the second period, with Breck extending the lead to 3-1 on junior forward Olivia Mobley's goal in the third minute of the third period.

The game remained tight until late when Breck scored three goals in a span of 1:23 starting with sophomore forward Sadie Lindsay's penalty shot at 12:16. Beniek added her second goal of the game and third of the tournament at 13:12 on an empty net before junior forward Ashley Halverson scored just 27 seconds later to push the lead to 6-1.

Beniek had seven points in the tournament to earn All-Tournament Team honors along with Mobley who also had seven points (5g, 2a).

Breck eighth grade goalie Uma Corniea joined them on the team, playing two of the three games in net including the title game. In two games, she allowed two goals while saving 68 shots including 41 in the state championship.

Senior defender Katherine Solohub, who scored in the quarterfinal win, was named the Herb Brooks Award winner after the game and also earned All-Tournament Team honors.

The Warriors were represented on the All-Tournament Team by sophomore forward Genevieve Hendrickson (5g, 1a), senior defender Kaitlyn Kotlowski (1g, 2a), junior forward Hannah Corneliusen (3g, 2a) and senior goalie Quinn Kuntz (76 saves, 7 GA).

2019 MSHSL CLASS A THIRD PLACE: #4 Proctor-Hermantown (20-8-3) 5, #3 Mound Westonka/Watertown-Mayer/SW Christian (23-2-5)

ST. PAUL, Minn. – #4 Proctor-Hermantown (20-8-3) scored three straight goals to overcome a 2-1 first period deficit in a 5-3 win over #3 Mound Westonka/Watertown-Mayer/SW Christian (23-2-5) to secure the 2019 MSHSL Class A Girls' Hockey Tournament third place trophy on Saturday morning at Xcel Energy Center.

The Mirage skated to a fourth place finish a year ago, coming up victorious in the third place game this year in their fourth state tournament appearance. They finished the year with an 11-2-1 record in their last 14 contests.

Senior forward Kailtyn Fawcett, senior forward Dehli Heikes and sophomore forward Alyssa Watkins each had a goal and an assist for the Mirage. All three players finished the tournament with two goals and two assists. Watkins ends the year with 24 goals and 10 assists, Heikes finished with 20 goals and 15 assists while Fawcett had seven goals and 25 assists.

Mound Westonka had the upper hand early as senior center Sydney Hules and sophomore defender Brooke Pioske set-up sophomore center Grace Peterson (16) for the game's first goal in the third minute. After Fawcett's goal tied the game in the 12th minute, the White Hawks went back up 2-1 as Hules added her second assist (22nd on the year) to eight grade wing Sydney Leonard (15) in the 13th minute.

Heikes then tied the game at two in the 17th minute of a busy first period before Watkins put the Mirage in front for good in the 10th minute of the second period.

Senior Mirage goalie Ryan Gray secured the win, going 2-1 in the net on the tournament while playing all but a minute and a half. She stopped 20 shots for the win, finishing with 70 in the three games.

2019 MSHSL CLASS A CONSOLATION FINAL: Fergus Falls (23-7) 4, #5 Rochester Lourdes/Dover-Eyota (16-11-1) 2

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Fergus Falls completed its 2018-19 season on a winning note with a 4-2 victory over #5 Rochester Lourdes/Dover-Eyota in the Class A consolation final of the girls hockey state tournament on Saturday, Feb. 23 at TRIA Rink at Treasure Island Center.

Junior forward Jade Zierden scored two goals in a three-goal spree that spurred the Otters (23-7-0) from a one-goal deficit to a two-goal victory. Senior defender Hallie Sheridan capped the outburst with a blast from the right blueline, a shot that hit the crossbar and bounced in. The goal came moments after the Otters had killed off a penalty.

Junior forward Emma Schmitz scored both goals for Rochester Lourdes/Dover-Eyota (16-11-1).

2019 MSHSL CLASS A SEMIFINAL 1: #2 Breck (21-8) 11, #3 Mound Westonka/Watertown-Mayer/SW Christian (23-1-5) 1

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Defending MSHSL Class A champion #2 Breck (21-8) used a pair of three goal bursts in the first period to mount an early six goal lead on their way to an 11-1 semifinal victory over #3 Mound Westonka/Watertown-Mayer/SW Christian (23-1-5) on Friday afternoon at Xcel Energy Center.

The Mustangs will head to the state championship game looking to repeat and secure the program's third overall state crown in their seventh appearance at the tournament. They'll face the winner of #1 Warroad and #4 Proctor/Hermantown semifinal in the title on Saturday at 4 p.m. at Xcel Energy Center.

Mound Westonka will face the losing team of that semifinal in the third place game on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Xcel Energy Center.

The Mustangs scored a goal in the third, fourth and fifth minutes for an early three goal lead. They padded the lead three more goals in the 10th and 11th minutes in a span of just one minute and seven seconds. They added another three goal burst in the second period, scoring a pair of goals in the ninth minute just 32 seconds apart with a third in the 11th minute spanning under three minutes of game time for a 10-0 lead.

Junior forward Olivia Mobley sophomore forward Sadie Lindsay each registered hat tricks with Mobley also adding an assist. Senior forward Carly Beniek, junior forward Ashley Halverson and sophomore defender Malia Couser each had three assists with Beniek also adding a goal to match Mobley's four points.

The Mustangs had 10 different players score at least two points in the game with eighth grader Ava Lindsay and junior forward Allyson Qualley each producing three point efforts with a goal and two assists.

Breck eighth grade goalie Uma Corniea was strong in the net, making 27 saves on the 28 shots she faced.

The White Hawks scored in the 15th minute of the second period with freshman Montana Courneya scoring her first goal of the year with assists to eighth grade wing Sydney Leonard (10) and eight grade defender Emily Wendorf (7).

2019 MSHSL CLASS A SEMIFINAL 2: #1 Warroad (28-0-1) 5, #4 Proctor/Hermantown (19-8-3) 2

ST. PAUL, Minn. - #1 seed Warroad (28-0-1) scored four goals in the third period to complete a 5-2 comeback win over #4 Proctor/Hermantown (19-8-3) in the 2019 MSHSL Class A semifinals on Friday afternoon at Xcel Energy Center.

The win sends Warroad to the state championship game against defending Class A champion #2 Breck on Saturday, February 23 at 4 p.m. at Xcel Energy Center. It will be Warroad's seventh trip to the state championship game, winning in 2010 and 2011 while finishing as state runner-up four times since 2006 when they made their first of 10 trips to the state tournament.

Proctor/Hermantown will meet #3 Mound Westonka/Watertown-Mayer/SW Christian in the third place game on Saturday at 9 a.m. at Xcel Energy Center.

Junior forward Hannah Corneliusen factored into all four third period goals, scoring twice and assisting on the other two to put her at 49 goals on the season. Sophomore forward Genevieve Hendrickson had a pair of goals and an assist and sophomore defender Karlie Meeker had a pair of assists for the Warriors.

After Warroad carried a 1-0 lead out of the first period, the Mirage struck back, tying the game on a power play goal just off a two-skater advantage as senior forward Dehli Heikes scored on a one-timer from sophomore forward Alyssa Watkins and sophomore defender Ella Anick in the ninth minute. Watkins then put the Mirage ahead in the 16th minute of the second period.

The Mirage lead held for nearly half of the third period before Warroad tied the game in the eighth minute, scoring three more times down the stretch in the period.

Warroad senior goalie Quinn Kuntz made 28 saves on the 30 shots faced in the victory.