

2019 MSHSL CLASS AA CHAMPIONSHIP: #1 Edina (27-4) 4, #3 Brainerd (25-5-1) 3 – 2OT

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Top seed Edina (27-4) never led until senior forward Olivia Swaim netted the game-winner in the third minute of double-overtime as the Hornets secured their third-straight MSHSL Class AA Girls Hockey Tournament championship on Saturday night at Xcel Energy Center, outlasting #3 Brainerd 4-3.

The teams traded goals throughout the game, with Brainerd scoring first in the second minute. But each goal was followed by a penalty, putting the Hornets on the power play with a chance to answer.

And the Hornets did answer, twice in the first period and again in the third – each goal knotting the game.

The three regulation power play goals plus a 55-20 final shot margin allowed the Hornets to extend the game despite Brainerd perpetually holding the upper hand on the scoreboard.

In Brainerd's second state tournament appearance, the Warriors claim Class AA runner-up honors after falling in overtime in the 2018 consolation semifinals.

Senior forward Olivia Swaim cashed in the game-winner in the fourth minute of the second overtime. She was assisted by freshman defender Vivian Jungels, who made the All-Tournament Team by scoring a goal and dishing two assists in the title game and contributing four points throughout the tournament (2g, 2a).

It was junior forward Tella Jungels who tied the game at the end of the sixth minute of the third period, her first goal of the tournament with assists credited to senior All-Tournament Team defender Mallory Uihlein and sophomore defender Lily Hendrikson. Uihlein had a pair of assists in the championship and four throughout the tournament run.

V.Jungles and Uihlein were joined on the All-Tournament Team by senior forward Annie Kuehl (1g, 2a).

Senior goalie Elli Strittmater registered 17 saves in the net for the Hornets to secure the win and had 44 saves throughout the tournament on four goals allowed.

Her netminder counterpart, senior Olivia King of Brainerd, racked up 51 saves including 48 in regulation. She saved 101 shots in the state tournament while posting a 2-1 record to make the All-Tournament Team.

Joining King on the All-Tournament Team from Brainerd were senior forward Cheyenne Abear (3g, 3a) with a goal and assist in the title game, junior forward Gabbie Smith (1g, 5a) with two assists in the championship and junior defender Sophie Robinson who was +6 in the state tournament (+2 each game).

2019 MSHSL CLASS AA THIRD PLACE: #5 Minnetonka (16-14-1) 3, #2 Andover (24-6) 2

ST. PAUL, Minn. - #5 seed Minnetonka (16-14-1) made it 5-for-5 in collecting MSHSL Class AA Girls' Hockey Tournament trophies, defeating #2 Andover (24-6) in the third place game on Saturday afternoon at Xcel Energy Center.

The Skippers have three state titles (2011, 2012, 2013), a runner-up finish (2015) and now a third place trophy (2019) in their five state tournament appearances. Minnetonka's tournament run is even more impressive considering they entered the postseason having lost four in a row, finishing the playoffs with a 5-1 record between section and state games.

Andover collects a fourth place finish in its fourth trip to state following last year's consolation victory.

Andover held the upper hand throughout much of this afternoon's affair with sophomore forward Madelynn Jurgensen scoring in the 10th minute for the first lead.

The Huskies held the lead until the Skippers tied it up in the 11th minute of the second period, the first of two goals in the game by junior forward Emily Bayless. Bayless finishes the year with 18 goals, and also added an assist, her 18th of the year. She had three goals and three assists in Minnetonka's three tournament games.

Andover sophomore forward Peyton Hemp put the Huskies back in front just five and a half minutes later in the 17th minute of the second period, her 33rd goal of the year and second of the tournament. She had five points in the state tournament.

Trailing 2-1 entering the third period and facing a 25-to-8 shot differential, the Skippers persisted with junior forward Lacey Martin netting her 30th goal of the year to tie the game in the 10th minute. Martin had a goal and two assists in the game, including the second assist on the game-winner in the 11th minute to Bayless with Kylie Melz also assisting (20). Martin tallied seven points in the tournament and finishes the year with 30 goals and 22 assists.

Minnetonka won despite being doubled up in shots 34-to-17 by the Huskies. Sophomore Skipper goalie Brynn Dulac saved 32 shots in the game and 73 in the state tournament, allowing eight total goals across the three games to record a 2-1 record while playing all but 30 seconds in net in three days

2019 MSHSL CLASS AA CONSOLATION FINAL: #4 Maple Grove 4 (21-8-1) 4, Farmington (16-13-2) 1

ST. PAUL, Minn. - #4 Maple Grove secured a trophy to end its 2018-19 season following a 4-1 victory over Farmington in the Class AA consolation final of the girls hockey state tournament on Saturday, Feb. 23 at TRIA Rink at Treasure Island Center.

Sophomore forward Lauren Stenslie scored two goals and added two assists to spark the Crimson (21-8-1). Junior forward Chloe Corbin assisted on three goals.

Sophomore forward Carly Lancaster scored the lone goal for Farmington (16-13-2), which created a 1-all tie early in the second period.

2019 MSHSL CLASS AA SEMIFINAL 1: #3 Brainerd (25-4-1) 3, #2 Andover (24-5) 2 - OT

ST. PAUL, Minn. – After seeing its two-goal lead erased in the third period, #3 Brainerd (25-4-1) scored 10 seconds into overtime to thwart #2 Andover's (24-5) comeback bid, winning 3-2 in the 2019 MSHSL Class AA Girls Hockey semifinals on Friday evening at Xcel Energy Center.

The win avenges Brainerd's consolation semifinal loss in the Warriors' first state tournament appearance last year.

The Warriors will head to the state championship game on Saturday, February 23 at 7 p.m. at Xcel Energy Center where they'll face the #1 Edina/#5 Minnetonka winner.

Andover will play in the third place game on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Xcel Energy Center, looking to secure a trophy to go with last year's consolation win.

Brainerd scored a goal in each of the first two periods to take a 2-0 lead into the third. Six different players combined for the points on their first two goals. The two goal lead came despite facing an 18-7 shot disparity in the first period and 11-9 in the second for a 29-16 shot margin in favor of Andover.

In the third, Andover continued to compile more shots, registering an 11-6 advantage and finished the game up 40-23 in shots on goal.

Things finally evened out for the Huskies on the scoreboard, too, with the help of sophomore forward Madelynn Jurgensen's two assists, working with senior forward Paige Anderson to set up junior defender Kennedy Little for the first goal. She assisted senior forward Hannah Stauffeneker for the game tying goal in the 11th minute.

In overtime, it was senior forward Cheyenne Abear who secured the game winner on a feed from junior forward Gabbie Smith after Smith won the opening faceoff of overtime. Smith and Abear each had a pair of points, with Abear scoring and assisting while Smith had a pair of assists.

Warrior senior goalie Olivia King secured the win, compiling 38 total saves.

2019 MSHSL CLASS AA SEMIFINAL 2: #1 Edina (26-4) 1, #5 Minnetonka (15-14-1) 0

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Two-time defending state champion #1 Edina (26-4) scored with 39 seconds left to fend off a late rally from #5 Minnetonka (15-14-1), advancing to the state championship with a 2-1 victory in the MSHSL Class AA semifinal on Friday night at Xcel Energy Center.

The Edina defense held Minnetonka without a shot for the entire second period, and just one shot over a span of nearly 30 minutes of play into the third until Minnetonka tied the game at the 12:46 of the third period when Josie Helling scored for the Skippers.

Hornets senior forward Annie Kuehl chipped in the game-winner in front of the net in traffic after a similar opportunity by Kuel was stopped by Minnetonka sophomore goalie Brynn Dulac moments earlier. The goal by Kuehl was her 20th of the season.

The Hornet defense held strong as the Skippers looked to tie it with multiple opportunities in the Edina zone in the closing 39 seconds.

Edina senior defender Mallory Uihlein assisted on both Hornet goals, the first coming to freshman defender Vivian Jungels in the sixth minute of the first period to give Edina a lead that held up for nearly the rest of the night. Uihlein now has 29 assists on the year.

Edina senior goalie Ellie Strittmater only needed to make 10 saves on the evening, nine of those coming in the opening period as the Hornet defense kept the Skippers from any meaningful scoring chances until late in play.

Minnetonka sophomore goalie Brynn Dulac had eight saves in each period in the losing effort in net.

Edina will face #3 Brainerd for the state championship on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Xcel Energy Center, looking to match Minnetonka's three-peat in 2011, 2012 and 2013 at the Class AA level. The Skippers, meanwhile, will play #2 Andover in the third place game. After taking the three-straight titles earlier in the decade, Minnetonka most recently finished state runner-up in 2015 among its five total state appearances.