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## Lakeville South's Cade Ahrenholz selected Class AA Herb Brooks Award winner

ST. PAUL, Minn. --- Cade Ahrenholz, a senior center on the Lakeville South High School boys hockey team, was selected the Class AA recipient of the Herb Brooks Award during the Minnesota State High School League's Boys Hockey State Tournament today at the Xcel Energy Center.



The award recognizes a state tournament participant that strongly represents the values, characteristics and traits that defined Herb Brooks, a St. Paul native and world hockey icon.

“An integral part of Herb Brooks’ legacy is honoring and representing your local school and community as a whole,” Lakeville South head coach Janne Kivihalme said. “Cade Ahrenholz represents Lakeville South and the community of Lakeville with a passion for the game of hockey, and an infectious way of bringing people together. Lakeville’s youth look up to

Cade as the captain for the Cougars and is a staple in our community rinks during the season and summer months to help our future Lakeville hockey players.

“My own son even mimics our p.a. announcer saying "Number 19, Cade Ahrenholz," numerous times of day around our house. The Lakeville South hockey program has been the benefactor of Cade's love of the game, his drive, and encouragement to his teammates and younger players to be the best they can be. To demonstrate the selflessness of Cade Ahrenholz, his greatest memory is playing in the state tournament with his teammates and friends the past two seasons, but also having the ability through this experience to represent his community and school through athletic performance and the love of hockey.”

Lakeville South, the Section 1AA champion earned a berth in the Class AA championship game for the first time in school history on Saturday.

“Cade is a respected young man who is, and will continue to be, an outstanding citizen and a person many will continue to look up to, and we are all excited to see what Cade accomplishes in his future, both on and off the ice,” Kivihalme said.

A multi-sport standout, he will play Division I hockey at Colorado College.

He will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Herb Brooks Foundation.

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