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Eagles eyeing return to state

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By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - With 14 returning seniors from a team that went 16-11 last year and earned the New Ulm Eagles their first-ever berth in the Minnesota State Boy's Hockey Tournament, expectations are high for the purple and white to repeat that feat this season.

"With the number of players that we have back, that [state tournament] is in the back of everyone's mind," New Ulm coach Erik Setterholm said. "But we also need to remember that it's just not that easy to repeat [as Section 3A champions]. We need to put in a lot of hard work from now until the playoffs. We need to improve each week. But this is the most experienced team that I have had coming back."

Six defensemen are back led by seniors Tyler Traulich, Shane Traulich and Zach Hoffmann. Hoffmann feels that having that state tournament experience will be a big plus for the Eagles this season.

"Everyone knows what it takes to get to state," he said. "That is going to help out when it comes down to crunch time. Getting to state last year was big for this program. The younger kids look up to you and getting to state makes hockey more attractive for the younger kids. Everyone is excited for this year so it is big."

Hoffmann also said it will take hard work for the Eagles to duplicate what they did last season,

"We have to work hard and play good defense," he said. "We are only going to run two or three lines so we are going to have to outwork people. We need to play good defense plus we have [goalie Blake] Burgau back again."

And the play of Burgau will be one of the factors in how long the Eagles' season lasts this year.

"I think that our strength will be a balanced attack," Burgau said. "We have a couple of strong lines returning - most of our defensemen are back - so we should be pretty solid."

Burgau knows that New Ulm's success last season will come with the proverbial target on their back this year.

"We will have that," he said. "Everyone wants to take down the team that went to state last year. Everyone wants to knock off that team."

New Ulm will also be tested by a strong nonconference schedule with games against Austin, Prior Lake, Fairbault, Delano, Chaska and Rochester Lourdes along with playing in the Rochester Kiwanis Christmas Tournament.

"In the Rochester tournament is International Falls, Lourdes and Albert Lea," Setterholm said. "Our non-conference schedule is as tough as anyone's in our section. That is what we need to have to get us over that hump [of getting to state]. We are going to lose some games but we are playing some pretty good non-conference teams."

Setterholm doesn't expect his team to have that letdown when they play a stronger team and then play a weaker one the next game.

"I do not expect that of this team," he said. "Since they have been around we have tried to get a tougher schedule and they seem to get by those games that are supposed to be a slam-dunk for wins. They have persevered over those things and that is sometimes a hard thing to do."



File photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm senior Zach Hoffmann will be a big part of the Eagles' defense this season.

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Hoffmann said that this team will have a lot of balance.

"We have good defense back and we have talented forwards that can put the puck in the net," he said. "There could be some 2-1 or 3-2 games. There will be a lot of close games."

And this team is strikingly familiar to one that Setterholm played on when he was in high school.

"I told the kids last year that the last time we went to state was my junior year." he said. "We had very few seniors which is the same scenario as this. We went to the state with a junior-heavy team and I told the kids that you cannot take anything for granted. When I was a senior we had 12 seniors and we were ranked No. 1 and we got beat in the first round of the sections. Nothing is for sure."

Eagles tie Prior Lake

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PRIOR LAKE—New Ulm and Prior Lake skated to a 2-2 tie Saturday.

Brody Peterson and Zach Hoffmann each had goals for the Eagles.

Blake Burgau had 45 saves in goal.

A Convincing Victory

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By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - If someone would have told you that the New Ulm Eagle boy's hockey team would get just one goal from Kaleb Juntunen and none from Brody Peterson Tuesday night against Fairmont, one would have thought that the game was a nail-biter.

But hat tricks from sophomore Blake Neumann and senior Adam Loose turned the game into a laughier.

New Ulm scored six goals in the first period and added five more in the second period as the Eagles opened South Central Conference play with a 12-1 pasting of Fairmont at the New Ulm Civic Center.

Brent Schiller added two goals with Dylan Schreckenber, Zach Hoffmann and Jeff Banal each adding goals.

New Um out-shot Fairmont 37-20.

New Ulm goalie Blake Burgau stopped all 20 shots that he faced in two periods with Jordan Kokesch allowing the lone goal in the third period.

For New Um Ulm coach Erik Setterholm, it was a case of taking care of the puck on both ends of the ice.

"We really limited them in shots after the first period," he said. "We limited them to just four shots [in the second period]."

And New Ulm was able to put the game out of reach quickly.



Journal photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm's Brody Peterson (5) looks to shoot as he fights off a Fairmont defender during the first period of the Eagles' win Tuesday at New Ulm Civic Center.

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Schreckenber, Neuman and Loose scored goals less than four minutes apart before Hoffmann, Neumann and Loose added three more goals in about that same time span for a comfortable 6-0 lead.

According to Setterholm, the goals from Neumann were a pleasant surprise from a skater on the third line for the Eagles.

"He is a sophomore," Setterholm said. "We do not know if he can score - this is only the third game that he has played. But he is a smart kid and he put the puck in the net."

Schiller, another skater on the Eagles' third line, scored two goals 13 seconds apart for an 8-0 lead before Loose recorded his hat trick on a power play tally at the 6:37 mark.

Banal and Juntunen added second period goals for an 11-0 lead going into the third period.

Setterholm said that getting scoring from skaters on the third line is something that is nice to see.

"When you can get scoring off of that third line that helps," he said. "Getting five goals from your third line is something that you cannot complain about."

Setterholm was happy with the intensity that his team showed.

"We do not want to underestimate anyone," he said.

New Ulm will not underestimate its next opponent when the Eagles host Faribault Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Faribault is ranked 20th in Class A.

Eagle boys stay unbeaten

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Story courtesy of Marshall Independent

MARSHALL - Through its first four games this season, the Marshall boys hockey team has made a living toward the net.

Averaging 7.75 goals per game, the Tigers have succeeded by crashing the net, putting pressure in the slot and piling up goals.

In the early part of Thursday's non-conference game with New Ulm, Marshall's offense struck early to take a 1-0 lead.

Trailing 1-0, the Eagles' defense woke up, and never gave Marshall an inch of room to work in the offensive zone.

New Ulm scored three goals in the first period and five unanswered, taking down the Tigers 5-2 at the Lyon County Ice Arena.

With the loss against its section foe, Marshall falls to 3-2 this season. New Ulm, a state qualifier from last year, remains undefeated, moving to 3-0-1.

Playing against the benchmark team of Section 3A, the Tigers were elated to jump ahead 1-0 early in the first period after CJ Haukom punched in a rebound for a power-play goal. Bryce Peterson and Beau Mikel got the assists on the play.

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"We passed it up to the point and we got a nice shot," Haukom said. "I was in the slot and I shot it, and I think it deflected off somebody and went in."

After Marshall's Max Deutz went to the penalty box for cross-checking, it took New Ulm 10 seconds to tie the game and swing the momentum its way. Aaron Pfaff scored the goal with assists from Kaleb Juntunen and Adam Loose.

"After we scored that first one, they answered right back with their own power-play goal," Tigers head coach Kori Pearson said. "We didn't really get anything going after that."

Late in the period, Jeff Banal and Brody Peterson beat Marshall goaltender Andrew Noble to give the Eagles a 3-1 edge after one period.

After losing the lead, Pearson thought his team started pressing, putting his defense against odd-man rushes, leading to breakaways and open rebounds.

"We got caught too low because we were pressing too hard," Pearson said. "We have to work to get that fixed, but we still had problems with that. We were just giving them odd-man rushes the other way."

The Tigers were able to regain some composure towards the end of the second period, attacking the net with more frequency. But the efforts of the Eagles' blue line, and goalie Blake Burgau's 23 saves never let Marshall close the gap. Whether it was on the boards, in the slot or through the neutral zone, New Ulm's physical defenders gave the Tigers little room to work.

Drew Pfaff put the game out of reach with a shot from the point that beat Noble, putting New Ulm up 4-1 with 15 minutes, 37 seconds remaining. Dylan Schreckenber added another goal in the period for the Eagles.

With eight seconds left, Bryce Peterson scored his team-high seventh goal of the season for Marshall, finishing the game with a goal and an assist.

With another game on the schedule against New Ulm on Feb. 3, Pearson hopes to be ready. As a team hoping to break through Section 3A, Pearson admitted the Eagles are a team the Tigers are hoping to emulate in order to move onto bigger things this season.

"That's kind of where we want to be and what we need to do," Pearson said. "If we can clean up those areas that hurt us (Thursday), we can play right with them. They know how to win and we got to get over that hump."

New Ulm 3 0 2 - 5

Marshall 1 0 1 - 2

First Period

M-CJ Haukom (Bryce Peterson, Beau Mikel), 13:59 (PP) (1)

NU-Aaron Pfaff (Kaleb Juntunen, Adam Loose), 13:18 (PP) (1)

NU-Jeff Banal (Dylan Schreckenber, Zach Hoffmann), 4:13 (2)

NU-Brody Peterson (Loose), 2:46 (3)

Second Period

No scoring

Third Period

NU-Drew Pfaff (Tyler Traulich, Brent Schiller), 15:37 (4)

NU-Schreckenber (Jeff Banal, A. Pfaff), 1:21 (5)

M-Peterson (Evan VanderZiel, Brian Willett), 0:08 (2)

Shots on Goal: NU-31; M-25.

Goaltending: NU-Blake Burgau (23 saves); M-Andrew Noble (26 saves).

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#	Name	Pos	Grade
1	Willie Osborne	G	11
2	Connor Stark	D	11
3	Kaleb Juntunen	C	12
4	Tyler Traulich	D	12
5	Brody Peterson	W	11
9	Aaron Pfaff	W	12
10	Jeff Banal	W	11
12	Adam Loose	W	12
13	Dylan Schreckenber	W	11
15	Brent Schiller	C	12
16	Zach Hoffmann	D	12
18	Shane Traulich	D	12
33	Blake Burgau	G	12

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Date	Time	Opponent	Site	Score	Extras
11/30/2010	7:30 PM		Austin H.S. (1A)		New Ulm H.S Postponed
12/2/2010	7:00 PM		New Prague (1A)		New Prague H.S.
12/4/2010	3:00 PM		Prior Lake (2AA)		Prior Lake H.S.
12/7/2010	7:00 PM		Fairmont Cardinals (3A)		New Ulm Civic Center
12/9/2010	7:30 PM		Marshall H.S. (3A)		Marshall H.S.
12/11/2010	1:30 PM		Faribault (1A)		New Ulm H.S.
12/14/2010	7:30 PM		Hutchinson (3A)		New Ulm H.S.
12/16/2010	7:30 PM		Waseca	Waseca	
12/18/2010	2:00 PM		Delano Tigers (2A)		New Ulm H.S.
12/21/2010	7:30 PM		St. Peter LeSueur-Henderson		H.S
12/28/2010	TBD		Rochester Kiwanis	Tournament	Rochester Kiwanis Tournament
12/29/2010	TBD		Rochester Kiwanis	Tournament	Rochester Kiwanis Tournament
12/30/2010	TBD		Rochester Kiwanis	Tournament	Rochester Kiwanis Tournament
1/4/2011	7:30 PM		Dodge County Wildcats (1AA)		Kasson-Mantorville H.S.
1/6/2011	7:00 PM		LITCHFIELD/DASSEL-COKATO (3A)		New Ulm H.S
1/10/2011	7:00 PM		WINDOM AREA EAGLES (3A)		Windom Area H.S
1/11/2011	7:30 PM		Austin High School	(1A)	New Ulm Civic Centr (Makeup)
1/18/2011	7:00 PM		Fairmont Cardinals (3A)		Fairmont H.S
1/20/2011	7:30 PM		Minnehaha Academy (4A)		New Ulm H.S.
1/22/2011	1:00 PM		LITCHFIELD/DASSEL-COKATO (3A)		Litchfield Civic Arena
1/25/2011	7:15 PM		Chaska (2A)		Chaska Community Center
1/27/2011	7:30 PM		Rochester Lourdes (1A)		New Ulm H.S.
2/1/2011	7:30 PM		St. Peter		New Ulm Civic Center
2/3/2011	7:30 PM		Marshall H.S. (3A)		New Ulm H.S.
2/10/2011	7:30 PM		Northfield (1A)		Northfield H.S
2/17/2011	7:30 PM		Waseca Blue Jays (1A)		New Ulm Civic Center

