



Eagles battered by Breck

in state opener

Mustangs outshot New Ulm 51-11

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ST. PAUL - Last year, the New Ulm girls hockey team made its debut at the Class A Girls State Hockey the quarterfinals.

The Eagles saw just how tough Blake was in the 9-0 loss.

New Ulm's Jaya Dhami carries the puck past Breck's Caroline Griffith during the first period of the Eagles' opening-round loss in the Class A State Tournament Wednesday at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

On Wednesday, the Eagles made the return trip, but the result was the same as last year as Breck handed the Eagles a 10-0 loss in the quarterfinals of the Class A Girls State Hockey Tournament at Xcel Energy Center.

The Eagles have been outscored 19-0 in opening round games at the state tournament.

The loss drops the Eagles record to 14-14 on the season and sends them to the consolation bracket, where they will take on Hutchinson at 10 a.m. today at Ridder Arena. Hutchinson lost to South St. Paul 6-0 in the other quarterfinal.

The Mustangs dominated the shots on goal, firing 21 shots in the first period and finishing with 51 for the game. Breck outshot New Ulm 51-11 and it was the team's goal to just focus on attacking.

"Our whole approach all year is how we need to skate and how we attack the neutral zone," Breck coach Lenny Vanelli said.

It didn't take the Mustangs long to get on the board. Carly Schaefer tapped in a one-timer in front of the net past New Ulm goalie Shalyn Salonek to put the Mustangs up 1-0 just 1:31 into the game.

That was the only goal for the Mustangs in the first period as Salonek did a good job of reacting to what the Mustangs dealt her in the first period.

"Our mentality was that's how we started off last year against Blake in the state tournament," New Ulm coach Angie Zeig said of the 1-0 deficit. "Our goaltender Shalyn was doing a phenomenal job in the nets and she had some key saves. So we knew that we could do this against them if we play three periods like this against them."

After that, things were different for the Eagles.

Once again in the second period, the Mustangs scored quickly, this time on a goal by Mork at the 1:40 mark on an assist from Schaefer. After that, it became a one-sided contest.

The Mustangs added to that lead on a power play goal by Milica McMillen at the 2:52 mark and suddenly they were up 3-0.

Breck took a 4-0 lead on Mork's goal at the 6:04 mark, and 11 seconds later the Mustangs were up 5-0 after Caroline Griffith scored on an assist from Mikki Johnson.

Karina Marette's goal gave the Mustangs a 6-0 lead and Mork scored her third goal of the game at the 10:11 mark in the second period on an assist from Caitlin Reilly and Schaefer.

It was a period that didn't seem to ever end for the Eagles.

Kacie Covington came in to relieve Salonek of her duties in the third period, but the damage was way past done. Breck fired 38 shots on goal at Salonek in the first two periods.

Covington was the winning goalie in the Section 3A championship game against Luverne, but Zeig elected to go with Salonek this time around.

"Shalyn tends to be a better goalie when it comes to those high stress levels, where there tends to be a lot of shots early and just a lot of shots all around," Zeig said. "She tends to have the quicker glove and Kacie is a very good goaltender at angles and we just saw against a team like this that reaction time was a factor."

Breck continued the assault in the third period when Emily Kleidon scored at the 5:51 mark to put her team ahead 8-0.

Kleidon added to that total with her second goal, this one coming on a power play at the 14:06 mark, and Breck scored again with one minute left for the final 10-0 margin.

1st period

Breck: Schaefer (Mork, Reilly), 1:31.

2nd period

Breck: Mork (Schaefer), 1:40;

Breck: McMillen PP (Schipper, Marette) 2:58;

Breck: Mork (Schipper, Marette) 6:04;

Breck: Griffith (Johnson) (6:15).

Breck: Marette PP (Kleidon, Brodersen) 9:00;

Breck: Mork (Reilly, Schaefer) 10:11.

Third period

Breck: Kleidon (Johnson, Griffith) 5:51.

Breck: Kleidon PP (Brodersen) 14:06.

Breck: Griffith (Orlady, Grace) 16:00