



Northfield RAIDERS

1A Champs



CAYDEN MONSON
FORWARD



MIKE FOSSUM
DEFENSEMAN



KEATON WALOCK
GOALIE

Inside scoop

Ninth-year Northfield coach Mike Luckraft thought he had prepared for any and every circumstance his Raiders might encounter in the Section 1A championship game against New Prague.

“Leading by six goals in the third period wasn’t one of those scenarios,” he said.

Northfield’s 6-0 section final triumph over New Prague, the team that ousted the Raiders from the section tournament last year, shouldn’t come as a complete shock. The win extends what has been something of a dream season for a fully loaded Raiders squad.

Ranked in the top six in Class 1A for most of the season, Northfield (23-5-0) has lost just once since mid-January and enters the state tournament — the second state appearance in program history — riding an eight-game win streak.

Stingy defense and stellar goaltending have been Northfield’s signature strengths, although the offense has plenty of firepower, too. The Raiders’ shutout win over New Prague was their 10th of the season, and the team’s 1.46 goals-against average is third in Class 1A behind tourney favorites Warroad (1.25) and Hermantown (1.43).

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Info

CONFERENCE: Big 9
RECORD: 23-5-0
STATE TRIPS: 2
COACH: Mike Luckraft, 9th year (161-68-9)
HOME ARENA: Northfield Ice Arena

Team snapshot

FORWARDS: Junior Kamden Kaiser, a 6-foot-1, 190-pound quarterback on Northfield’s football team, has 40 goals to rank in the state’s top 10. He gets plenty of support from fellow juniors Jake Geiger (25 goals) and Cayden Monson (19 goals).

DEFENSEMEN: Senior Mike Fossum (34 points) and junior Ty Frank (31 points) mix shutdown defense with high-level scoring and playmaking ability. Thirty-eight of their points have come on the power play, which clicks at a stunning 39-percent success rate (third best in the state).

GOALIES: Senior Keaton Walock’s shutout against New Prague was his 10th of the season and 22nd of his career, two behind what is believed to be the state career mark of 24 set by St. Cloud Apollo’s Ryan Althaus in 2012-16.

Stats

NO.	NAME	GR	POS	G	A	PTS	PIM
12	Kamden Kaiser	11	F	40	25	65	30
11	Jake Geiger	11	F	25	34	59	10
20	Cayden Monson	11	F	19	37	56	36
13	Will Cashin	10	F	13	28	41	10
22	Brayden Olsen	10	F	16	24	40	6
2	Mike Fossum	12	D	4	30	34	10
7	Ty Frank	11	D	4	27	31	35
16	Andrew Winter	11	F	15	14	29	10
4	Bridger Riley	9	D	1	17	18	10
6	Brecken Riley	12	D	1	9	10	0
19	Cullen Merritt	12	F	5	5	10	4
21	Griffin Kennelly	10	F	3	6	9	0
10	Braden Brakke	12	F	2	6	8	8
14	Elliott Pontow	11	D	0	7	7	6
17	Parker Vogt	12	D	1	6	7	6
5	Gabe Sawyer	12	F	2	4	6	12
3	Barrett Bradley	11	F	2	3	5	4
15	Zach Paquette	12	F	0	1	1	0
30	Keaton Walock	12	G	0	1	1	0

NO.	NAME	GR	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Max Frank	10	50:00	0-1-0	5.10	.706	0
31	Trey Shimota	11	51:12	0-1-0	2.99	.850	0
30	Keaton Walock	12	1324:11	23-3-0	1.23	.933	10

BY THE NUMBERS
Power Play Percentage: 39.0%
Penalty Kill Percentage: 88.0%
Goals Scored Per Game: 5.46
Goals Allowed Per Game: 1.46

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/25	@ Mahtomedi	L 2-4
11/26	@ Monticello	W 3-2
12/2	@ Rochester Lourdes	W 8-0
12/6	@ Red Wing	W 12-1
12/10	Faribault	W 4-1
12/13	@ Orono	L 1-3
12/16	Osseo	W 4-3
12/17	Spring Lake Park	W 6-1
12/20	@ New Prague	W 3-0
1/5	@ Rochester John Marshall	W 8-1
1/7	Delano	W 5-3
1/10	Owatonna	W 4-1
1/13	Rochester Century	L 2-3/OT
1/16	@ Rochester Mayo	L 2-4
1/19	@ Mankato West	W 6-0
1/21	Winona	W 7-0
1/24	@ Mankato East	W 8-3
1/26	@ Albert Lea	W 3-0
1/28	Rochester Mayo	W 3-0
2/2	Rochester John Marshall	L 4-6
2/4	@ Owatonna	W 5-0
2/9	@ Rochester Century	W 8-2
2/11	Mankato East	W 8-0
2/16	@ Austin	W 9-0
2/18	Mankato West	W 8-1

SECTION 1A PLAYOFFS

2/24	Rochester Lourdes	W 8-1
2/25	Dodge County	W 6-1
3/1	New Prague	W 6-0

Coach Mike Luckraft

Luckraft was a senior defenseman on Burnsville’s 1985 state championship squad. He guided Northfield to its only other state appearance (in 2017) and has a 161-68-9 record in his nine seasons at the helm. He works as the director of golf at The Meadows at Mystic Lake in Prior Lake.



By the numbers

8: Not only do the Raiders have 10 shutouts this season, they’ve allowed one goal in eight other games. Northfield has allowed a combined three goals in its last six games