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Friday, February 10
MACKIE BROTHERS
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Friday, February 24
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Jed Carlson / Superior Telegram file photo Superior's Josie Degraef (22) moves the ball up the field during a lacrosse game during the 2018 season against Hudson at the NBC Spartan Sports Complex.

Superior School Board considers adding lacrosse

By Maria Lockwood
Superior Telegram

SUPERIOR — The Superior School Board is poised to decide whether to add boys and girls lacrosse to the Superior High School's spring sports lineup.

At a Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, the board agreed to take up the item at its Monday, Feb. 13 school board meeting.

In December, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association approved adding lacrosse as a sanctioned sport beginning in the spring of 2024. According to the asso-

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ELLA OLSON, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

ciation, it's the first time an entirely new sport has been introduced for both genders since the addition of boys and girls soccer in 1982-1983.

"One of the biggest concerns is right now the number of kids we have in the

programs are playing at a club level within the state of Wisconsin," said Ella Olson, director of athletics and activities for the high school. "Now that WIAA has adopted it to be an actual sport, the likelihood of that club organization completely going away is pretty high."

Superior Area Lacrosse Inc. runs the club program in Superior, including club teams at SHS.

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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL



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Esko's Kyra Johnson (21) loses the ball while she gets swarmed by the Superior defense of Annabel Manion (2), Savannah Leopold (20), Ava Stratton (24) and Eva Peterson (23) in the first half of the game in Esko on Monday.

WINNING STREAK EXTENDED

Spartans cruise to 17th-straight victory

Staff Reports

Superior's Eva Peterson scored 19 points to help lead the Spartans to a 55-34 win at Esko Monday, Feb. 6.

Superior jumped out to a 26-15 lead, but the Eskomos began trapping the ballhandler in the second half, according to Spartans

coach Dave Kontny.

The Spartans responded well, playing patiently and working the ball and the clock to "get better looks" in the second half.

Kloe Zentkowski joined Peterson in double figures with 12 points.

Hannah Swanson led Esko with 15.

Northwestern 65, Cameron 41

On Tuesday, Feb. 7 in Cameron, Tiernyn Plasch scored 24 points and Shayna Wick 22 as the Tigers bounced back quickly from a loss on Monday.

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PREP SPORTS

Lahti, Tigers keep rolling

Staff reports

Cole Lahti came dangerously close to a triple-double Tuesday, as the Tigers breezed to a 93-52 win over Spooner in Maple. The scoring was no problem, as the senior hit his average of 21 points, but he came just short on rebounds and assists, recording nine of each.

Jase Nelson had a double-double of 13 points and 10 assists and three others scored at least 11 points for the 16-1 Tigers, now ranked No. 9 in Wisconsin Division 3.

Lahti joins 1,000-point club

Northwestern's Cole Lahti joined the parade of 1,000-point scorers throughout the Northland on Feb. 3, in the Tigers' 104-67 home rout of Ashland.

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Jed Carlson / Superior Telegram

Northwestern's Cole Lahti (22) glides to the hoop for a bucket during the Tigers game with St. Croix Falls in Maple in January.

PREP BOYS HOCKEY

Williams, Spartans beat Wildcats 3-2

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By Jon Nowacki
Duluth News Tribune

SUPERIOR — Superior junior forward Lucas Williams came out of the locker room at Wessman Arena wearing a silver-sparkled motorcycle helmet, black visor pulled down, a baby blue suit jacket that looked like something from a '70s

prom, no shirt and a big smile.

Never mind that it was zero degrees outside. This was Sup Town stylin'.

Williams scored the game-winner at 15:42 in the third period to lift the Spartans to a 3-2 victory over sixth-ranked University School of Milwaukee Friday, Feb. 3, before about 350 at Wessman Arena on Senior Night.

That earned Williams the right to earn the player of

the year garb until Superior's next game, the regular-season finale Thursday, Feb. 9, against visiting Cloquet-Esko-Carlton.

Williams was quick to credit teammate Trevor Anderson for his game-winning goal. Anderson slid the puck right between the defender's legs. University School goalie Mason Grenier appeared to be in position to block Williams' shot, but where there's a will there's a way.

"I just picked it up and shot it five-hole," said Williams, who also had two assists on the night. "I was surprised that it got through (the defend-

er's legs) but I kind of had a feeling it might."

The game was close throughout.

Williams' heroics were set up by senior Carson Gotelaere's game-tying goal at 6:24 in the third after the Wildcats had gone up 2-1 on Augie Wolf's goal at 1:53 in the third.

Both teams saw the matchup as the perfect playoff primer, two of Wisconsin's best teams battling it out and that's how it ended up.

University School made the nearly 400-mile drive from Milwaukee for just such a purpose.

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Left: Superior's Lucas Williams (12) celebrates his second-period goal against the University School of Milwaukee at Wessman Arena in Superior on Feb. 3. Williams had two goals in the Spartans' 3-2 victory.

YELLOWJACKET REPORT

Yellowjackets fall to Vikings, 3-game winning streak snapped

Editor's note: This story first appeared in the Tuesday, Feb. 7, e-edition of the Telegram.

Staff reports

SUPERIOR — Justin Schrupp had 20 points and five rebounds off the bench as Bethany Lutheran held off Wisconsin-Superior 74-65 in a matchup of UMAC men's basketball leaders Saturday, Feb. 4, before 286 at Mertz Mortorelli Gymnasium.

Jax Madson added 12 points and Drew Sagedahl and Hunter Nielsen contributed 11 points apiece for the Vikings (18-3 overall, 9-1 UMAC), who led 35-28 at halftime.

J'Vaun Walker had 19 points and Josef Fahrenholtz chipped in 15 for the Yellowjackets (13-8, 7-3), who were out-rebounded 38-27.

Bethany Lutheran had a 48% to 45% advantage in shooting, but the biggest difference was at the 3-point line, where the Vikings made 11 of 23 (47.8%) compared to 7 of 19 (36.8%) for UWS, which had its three-game winning streak snapped.

The Yellowjackets are back in UMAC action against North Central at 5:30 p.m Friday, Feb. 10, at Clark-Danielson Gymnasium in Minneapolis.

Fahrenholtz leads the way as UWS defeats Martin Luther

Josef Fahrenholtz did a lot of damage in a relatively little amount of time Friday, Feb. 3, scoring a game-high 23 points in just 19 minutes as Wisconsin-Superior defeated Martin Luther 76-60 in a UMAC men's basketball game at Mertz Mortorelli Gym.

The Yellowjackets went on a 14-0 run in just 3:18 of the early going to take control of the game. That initial 18-4 lead dwindled to six but then grew back into double digits and as large as 22 before settling at 44-26 at the halftime break. UWS was never threatened in the second half and led by as much as 30 points against a Martin Luther squad yet to win in the league this season.

In addition to Fahrenholtz, Reid Johnson scored 13 points and Levy Miguel 10 for the Yellowjackets, who made 29 of 65 field-goal attempts.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Vikings use late surge to top UWS

Sara Kottke had 19 points and six rebounds and Bethany Lutheran used a big fourth

quarter to down Wisconsin-Superior 66-55 Saturday in UMAC women's basketball before 92 at Mertz Mortorelli Gym.

Ashley Schindele added 12 points as five players scored at least seven points apiece for the Vikings (7-14 overall, 5-5 UMAC), who were tied with the Yellowjackets 45-45 after three quarters before outscoring them 21-10 the rest of the way.

Kaelyn Christian had 23 points and eight rebounds while Erika Mattson was also in double figures in scoring with 10 points for UWS (7-12, 5-5).

The Yellowjackets continue UMAC play against North Central at 7:15 p.m Friday, Feb. 10, at Clark-Danielson Gymnasium.

UWS women rout Martin Luther

Wisconsin-Superior had no trouble getting above the .500 mark in Upper Midwest Athletic Conference women's basketball on Friday night, getting off to a dominant start in a 69-35 home win over Martin Luther at Mertz Mortorelli Gym.

The Yellowjackets led 27-3 after a quarter after holding their opponents to 1-for-10

shooting from the field. UWS was 10 for 19 on the other end to make the most of its hot start. UWS led 40-15 at halftime and by as many as 41 points in the second half.

Katie Dobson led UWS with 18 points, including four 3-pointers. Elise Besonen and Erika Mattson scored 10 points apiece. The Yellowjackets finished 28 for 67 from the floor for 41.8%.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Top-ranked Falcons soar past 'Jackets

Abigail Stow, Megan Goodreau, Madison Lavergne and Maddie McCollins all scored two goals apiece Saturday, as top-ranked Wisconsin-River Falls steamrolled Wisconsin-Superior 12-1 in WIAC women's hockey before 147 at Wessman Arena. Jordan O'Connor had seven saves for the Falcons (20-2 overall, 10-0 WIAC).

Gaby Andreaacchi scored UWS' lone goal at 16:09 in the first and Molly Black had 50 saves for the Yellowjackets (8-13, 1-7).

UWS continues WIAC play against Wisconsin-Stevens Point at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at K.B. Willett Arena in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Yellowjackets sweep series, win fourth straight

Wisconsin-Superior men's hockey continued its run of defensive solidity and with it on-ice success for a 3-1 win and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference series sweep at Wisconsin-Stout on Friday, in Menomonie, Wisconsin.

UWS has won four consecutive games and allowed only two goals over the last two weekends.

Colton Friesen had the opening goal for the Yellowjackets on the power play late in the first period. Conor MacLean added to the advantage 4:56 into the third and though Gunner Moore scored the Blue Devils' first goal of the weekend, on the power play just past the midway point of the third, Gavin Rasmussen closed it out for UWS with an empty-netter.

Myles Hektor made 31 saves for UWS. The Yellowjackets return to the ice for their last series of the regular season Friday and Saturday at Wessman Arena vs. Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

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kids to be involved in a sport," Olson said. "If you look at it that way in the lens of getting kids involved, looking at our high school goals of making kids feel valued and want to be a part of something, adding this would be a very large opportunity for that."

The group has been active in Superior since 2018.

"Historically, since that time, we've had numbers anywhere from 102 to 250 players in the youth, which would be U-8 up through the high school level," said the Superior Area Lacrosse Board President

Brad Roden. Superior Middle School students Dillan Skandel and Thomas Anderson asked the board to add lacrosse as a sport.

"I love playing lacrosse because it's exciting and engaging," Anderson told the board. "I'm asking the board to support lacrosse at the high school level, so I can continue to play."

If the district does choose to take on the sport, the organization would hand its reserves — currently \$12,000 — to the high school program.

If approved, the schedule would look very similar to girls softball, starting around spring break and going through the first week-

end of June. The teams would be members of the Lake Superior Conference, as lacrosse is already a sanctioned sport with the Minnesota State High School League.

It would cost a total of approximately \$40,000 to cover coaching expenses, travel, equipment and supplies for both teams. That cost is comparable to the boys soccer program, Olson said.

Board members agreed it would be a great opportunity for students.

"In my opinion, this opens up just another great opportunity for our community and for all of our kids in our community," said board

Vice President Steve Olson.

"I just want to say anytime that we can add something for our students to play a sport in high school is better than them sitting home on a computer alone. I'd rather they be out playing, right? I'm all in favor of that," said board President Len Albrecht.

The district would have the \$40,000 to get the program up and running, board members were told. But the district is facing a projected \$4.1 million budget shortfall for the 2024-2025 school year, at

which point all district programming would be scrutinized.

"The only reason I guess I would say no right now is because we need to tackle the deficit stuff first ... maybe it needs to be put off until we figure out the deficit more," said board Clerk Ed Gallagher.

District Administrator Amy Starzecki said another part of the plan for next year should be revisiting all student participation fees and seeing how they compare to other school districts.

In other business, an action item regarding a

compensation study for administrators did not move forward from the Committee of the Whole meeting. Board members said they didn't feel comfortable approving the move unless similar studies were planned for other employee groups.

The budget situation was also brought up. In addition to the one-time cost of up to \$15,000, Gallagher said, there's no point in doing the study unless the district can act on any recommendations.

"I would say that it's kind of bad timing for where we're at as a district now," he said.

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Left: Solon Springs' Dylan Taggart (2) slips past Superior's Calvin Anderson (24) for a bucket in the first half of the game in Superior on Dec. 20. Taggart scored 19 points for the Eagles in their 68-49 victory over Washburn on Feb. 3. **Right:** Solon Springs' Claire Holmstrom (21) snatches a rebound away from Mellen's Jordyn Deegan (14) in the first half of the Eagles 56-55 win Jan. 17, 2022 in Solon Springs. Holmstrom scored 36 points in the Eagles' 78-48 win over Butternut on Feb. 2.

ROLLING

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Lahti didn't waste much time getting the mark, as he only needed seven points but finished with 29. He wasn't the only one filling up the stat sheet, as Jase Nelson (21 points, 13 assists) and Luke Sedin (20 points, 12 rebounds) had concurrent double-doubles. Northwestern led 57-27 at the half.

The Tigers also got 14 points from Boden Teal and 10 from Trevor Eliason.

Solon Springs 68, Washburn 49

A 28-point game from Isaiah Kastern helped the Eagles see off a pesky squad of Castle Guards on Friday night in Solon Springs.

Dylan Taggart kicked in 19 points for the Eagles, who are now 18-1 overall, 14-0 in the Indianhead Conference and ranked No. 7 in Wisconsin Division 5.

WRESTLING

Heart O'North Conference meet

Northwestern finished tied for third and Superior took seventh in an 11-team field at the Heart O'North Conference tournament on Saturday, Feb. 4 in Hayward.

St. Croix Falls was the winner by a wide margin with 269 1/2 points, though places two through five were decided by 14 1/2 points.

Connor Krueger of Superior won a decision over Kaden Clark of St. Croix Falls, 5-2, for the top spot at 138 pounds. Krueger was named the Heart O'North Conference Wrestler of the Year after the meet.

The Tigers' Tanner Kaufman won the conference title at 182 pounds by pinning Riley Johnson of Chetek-Weyerhauser/Prairie Farm in 54 seconds. Northwestern's Tommy Brown reached the 113-pound final but was compelled to medically forfeit.

Superior's Jason Thomas lost by fall at 1:58 to St. Croix Falls' Griffin Marko in the 145 finals.

BASKETBALL

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Ladysmith 61, Northwestern 54

The Tigers couldn't make a 14-point lead hold up as the Lumberjills came from behind to win their Heart O'North game at home on Monday.

Raemalee Smith poured in 33 points for Ladysmith, while freshman Marika Gago added 17.

That canceled out six 3-pointers and 28 points from Northwestern's Tierny Plasch.

Solon Springs 56, Drummond 47

Solon Springs wrapped up its regular season home schedule with a victory on Monday night, taking down the Drummond Lumberjills with help from a 13-point first-half lead.

Bailey Monson scored 22 points for the Eagles (13-7, 10-3 Indianhead) and Claire Holmstrom 20.

Northwestern 52, Barron 48

The Tigers unleashed a furious late rally, scoring the game's last 14 points to earn a memorable home victory on Feb. 2 in Maple.

Barron led 48-38 in the last four minutes before Ashlyn Sutherland sparked the comeback with a steal and a 3-pointer.

Tierny Plasch scored 19 of her 23 points in the second half, while Gabby Risley finished with 11 for the 15-5 Tigers (12-2 Heart O'North).

Solon Springs 78, Butternut 48

Claire Holmstrom dominated on Feb. 2 for the Eagles in Butternut, recording a double-double and scoring 36 points.

Kyra Latvala added 20 for Solon Springs, now 12-7 overall and 9-3 in the Indianhead Conference.

Jersey Polencheck scored 19 points to lead the Midgets.



Photos by Jed Carlson / Superior Telegram

Left: Superior's Kloe Zentowski (13) grabs a rebound over Esko's Erin Pettyjohn (24) in the first half of the game in Esko on Monday. **Right:** Esko's Hannah Swanson (2) gets a shot up over Superior's Eva Peterson (23) and Emma Raye (34) in the first half of the game in Esko on Monday.

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THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

Basketball
NBA
 Timberwolves at Memphis, 7 p.m. (Bally Sports North and KDAL-FM 103.9/AM 610)
 Bucks at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
College Men's
 Mary at Minnesota Duluth, 5:30 p.m.
 Wisconsin-Superior at North Central, 5:30 p.m.
College Women's
 Wisconsin-Superior at North Central, 7:15 p.m.
 Mary at Minnesota Duluth, 7:30 p.m.
High School Boys
 Drummond at Solon Springs
Hockey
College Men's
 St. Mary's at St. Scholastica, 7 p.m.
 Wisconsin-Stevens Point at Wisconsin-Superior, 7:05 p.m.
College Women's
 St. Cloud State at Minnesota Duluth, 6 p.m.
 St. Scholastica at St. Mary's, 7 p.m.
 Wisconsin-Superior at Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.
Tennis
College Men's
 St. Scholastica at Macalester, 4:30 p.m.
College Women's
 St. Scholastica at Macalester, 4:30 p.m.
Track and Field
College
 UMD at Minnesota State Mankato meet

and WDSM-AM 710)
College Men's
 St. Scholastica at Concordia-Moorhead, 1 p.m.
 Wisconsin-Superior at Northwestern, 3 p.m.
 Minot State at Minnesota Duluth, 3:30 p.m.
College Women's
 St. Scholastica at Concordia-Moorhead, 3 p.m.
 Wisconsin-Superior at Northwestern, 4:45 p.m.
 Minot State at Minnesota Duluth, 5:30 p.m.
High School Boys
 Ladysmith at Northwestern, 4:15 p.m.
 Solon Springs at Birchwood, 6:30 p.m.
High School Girls
 Princeton at Superior, 2:30 p.m.
 Solon Springs at Birchwood, 5 p.m.
Gymnastics
High School Girls
 Superior et al vs. Ashland, 10 a.m.
Hockey
NHL
 New Jersey at Wild, 7 p.m. (Bally Sports North and WDSM-AM 710)
College Men's
 St. Mary's at St. Scholastica, 2 p.m.
 Wisconsin-Stevens Point at Wisconsin-Superior, 7:05 p.m.
College Women's
 St. Scholastica at St. Mary's, 2 p.m.
 Wisconsin-Superior at Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 2:30 p.m.
 St. Cloud State at Minnesota Duluth, 3 p.m.
Softball
College
 Minnesota Duluth vs. Mary at St. Cloud, 3 p.m.
 Minnesota Duluth vs. Bemidji State at St. Cloud, 5:30 p.m.
 Swimming

High School Boys
 Superior et al at Hudson, 1 p.m.
Tennis
College Men's
 Gustavus Adolphus at St. Scholastica, 2 p.m.
 Wisconsin-Superior at Bethel, 6 p.m.
College Women's
 St. Cloud State at Minnesota, 5:15 p.m.
 Wisconsin-Superior at Bethel, 6 p.m.
Track and Field
College
 UMD, CSS at Sam Maday Classic, Superior

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

Basketball
Big 10 Men's
 Iowa at Minnesota, noon (FS1 and KDAL-FM 103.9/AM 610)
Softball
College
 Minnesota Duluth vs. Bemidji State at St. Cloud, 3 p.m.
 Minnesota Duluth at St. Cloud State, 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 13

Basketball
NBA
 Dallas at Timberwolves, 7:30 p.m. (Bally Sports North Extra and KDAL-FM 103.9/AM 610)
Hockey
NHL
 Florida at Wild, 7 p.m. (Bally Sports North and WDSM-AM 710)

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

Basketball
NBA
 Boston at Bucks, 6:30 p.m. (TNT)

Big 10 Men's
 Michigan at Wisconsin, 8 p.m. (ESPN/ESPN2 and WDSM-AM 710)
High School Boys
 Cameron at Northwestern, 7 p.m.
 Menomonie at Superior

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

Basketball
Big 10 Men's
 Minnesota at Michigan State, 6 p.m. (BTN and KDAL-FM 103.9/AM 610)
College Men's
 St. Scholastica at St. Olaf, 7 p.m.
College Women's
 St. Olaf at St. Scholastica, 7 p.m.
Hockey
NHL
 Colorado at Wild, 8:30 p.m. (TNT and WDSM-AM 710)

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

Basketball
NBA
 Bucks at Chicago, 6:30 p.m. (TNT)
 Washington at Timberwolves, 7 p.m. (Bally Sports North and KDAL-FM 103.9/AM 610)
College Men's
 Minnesota Duluth at Minnesota Crookston, 5:30 p.m.
College Women's
 Minnesota Duluth at Minnesota Crookston, 7:30 p.m.
High School Girls
 Northwestern at Cumberland, 7 p.m.
 Grand Rapids at Superior
 Solon Springs at Lac Courte Oreilles

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

Basketball
College Men's
 Minnesota Morris at Wisconsin-Superior,

5:30 p.m.
College Women's
 Minnesota Morris at Wisconsin-Superior, 7:15 p.m.
High School Boys
 Northwestern at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, 7 p.m.
 Solon Springs at Hurley
Hockey
NHL
 Dallas at Wild, 7 p.m. (Bally Sports North and WDSM-AM 710)
College Men
 St. Scholastica at Augsburg, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota Duluth at Denver, 8 p.m. (KDAL-FM 103.9/AM 610)
College Women
 Minnesota Duluth at Bemidji State, 3 p.m.
 Augsburg at St. Scholastica, 7 p.m.
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Junior
 Minnesota at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
Softball
College
 Minnesota Duluth vs. Oklahoma Baptist at Emporia, Kan., 2:30 p.m.
 Minnesota Duluth vs. Newman at Emporia, Kan., 4:45 p.m.
Tennis
College Men's
 Wisconsin-Superior vs. Loras at DePere, Wis., 5 p.m.
College Women's
 Wisconsin-Superior vs. Wisconsin-Stout at DePere, Wis., 11 a.m.
Track and Field
College
 Minnesota Duluth at Snowshoe Open (Minneapolis)
 CSS at Tostrud Classic (Northfield, Minn.)

All game times at 7:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted.



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Left: Superior's Cainen Raivala (15) gets hit by the puck as he tries to make a deflection in front of University School of Milwaukee goalie Mason Grenier (32) in the first period of the Spartans' win at Wessman Arena in Superior on Feb. 3. **Right:** Superior goalie Trent Peterson (35) knocks the puck away from the goal as Jackson Marthaler (18) and University School of Milwaukee's Jack Torinus (4) get in on the action in the second period.

HOCKEY

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"We're in a situation where we're trying to schedule the best teams in the state to make our team better," University School coach Corbin McGuire said. "We like backloading our schedule here to play some of the top teams in the state as we prepare for playoffs. We'll get on a plane, train, bus, whatever it takes to get that level of competition because it makes our team better. We love coming up north and playing tough teams

like this." Superior has had some really nice wins in coach Evan Nelson's first season, beating both Duluth Denfeld and Hibbing/Chisholm, and playing Grand Rapids tough, losing 3-2, but the Spartans were disappointed with a 1-0 loss Thursday, Feb. 2, at Proctor. Friday's big win was the perfect tonic. "I don't know if we were looking more toward this game or what, we knew how important this game was," Nelson said. "We couldn't get a bounce to go our way and Proctor played a good game.

Sometimes we look beyond what's right in front of us." Williams agreed. "That was a nice bounce back," Williams said. "It was rough losing to Proctor but a win like this, against a top 10 team in the state, it looks good for us." Grenier finished with 21 saves for University School (15-6) while junior Trent Peterson, who Nelson called the team's "backbone," had 25 for the Spartans (11-10). Between the first and second periods Superior honored its six seniors. That made for a longer

break between periods, but it was still shorter than last year, when the Spartans had 19 seniors. Superior found out Sunday, Feb. 5, they were seeded No. 3 in their WIAA Division I Sectional. They will host the No. 14. Northwest Iceman at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14 at Wessman Arena. Nelson had served as an assistant under head coach Jason Kalin since 2014-15 before taking over the reins this season. So far, so good. "It's been great," said Nelson, a 2006 Superior graduate. "I've got a great staff with me (veteran assistants Ryan

Hendry and Rob Downs and new addition Patrick Herbert). And the guys (on the team) ... it's a fun group to come to work with every day, so that makes it easy." University School 0-1-1-2 Superior 0-1-2-3 Second period — No scoring. First period — 1. US, Marcus Thundercloud (William Guy), 6:14; 2. S, Lucas Williams (Carson Gotelaere, Trevor Anderson), 9:46. Third period — 3. US, Augie Wolf (Liam Fetherston), 1:53; 4. S, Gotelaere (Williams), 6:24; 5. S, Williams (Anderson), 15:42. Saves — Mason Grenier, US, 21; Trent Peterson, S, 25.

Center, making 38 saves to shut out the Spartans in a Lake Superior Conference game. Imhoff's efforts notched him his second shutout of the season. The game was scoreless into the third period, where Carson Pavlovich scored the breakthrough goal from Nolan Oks-tad's assist at the 2:16 mark. The win gets Proctor to the .500 mark for the first time since the first week of the season. Superior goaltender Trent Peterson made 35 saves a night after stopping 59 Duluth East shots.

Proctor 1, Superior 0
 Blake Imhoff was the man of the match for Proctor on Feb. 2 at St. Luke's Sports and Event

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