

THE STREAK

A look at the Caledonia football team's 67-game winning streak



BY THE NUMBERS

- 2** Number of times the Warriors have held opponents to less than 100 points in a season during the streak, so far (2015 -- 69, 2018 -- 60).
- 4** Consecutive Class AA state championships.
- 7.2** Average points allowed per game by Caledonia during the streak.
- 9** Victories by Caledonia against Chatfield during the streak. Chatfield is Caledonia's most frequent opponent over the past five seasons; the teams have met five times in the regular season and four times in the Section 1AA playoffs.
- 19** Shutouts by the Warriors defense during the streak, including two in Prep Bowls (2015 vs. Pipestone Area; 2018 vs. Barnesville).
- 23** Different opponents the Warriors have defeated during the streak.
- 42.3** Average points scored per game by Caledonia during the streak.
- 67** Consecutive wins for the Warriors, the longest active winning streak in the United States among high school football programs.
- 86** Points allowed by the Warriors' defense in 13 games this season.
- 485** Points allowed by Caledonia during the streak.
- 1,834** Days since Caledonia's last loss (Nov. 15, 2014, 21-0 vs. BOLD in Class AA state semifinals).
- 2,831** Points scored by Caledonia during the streak.

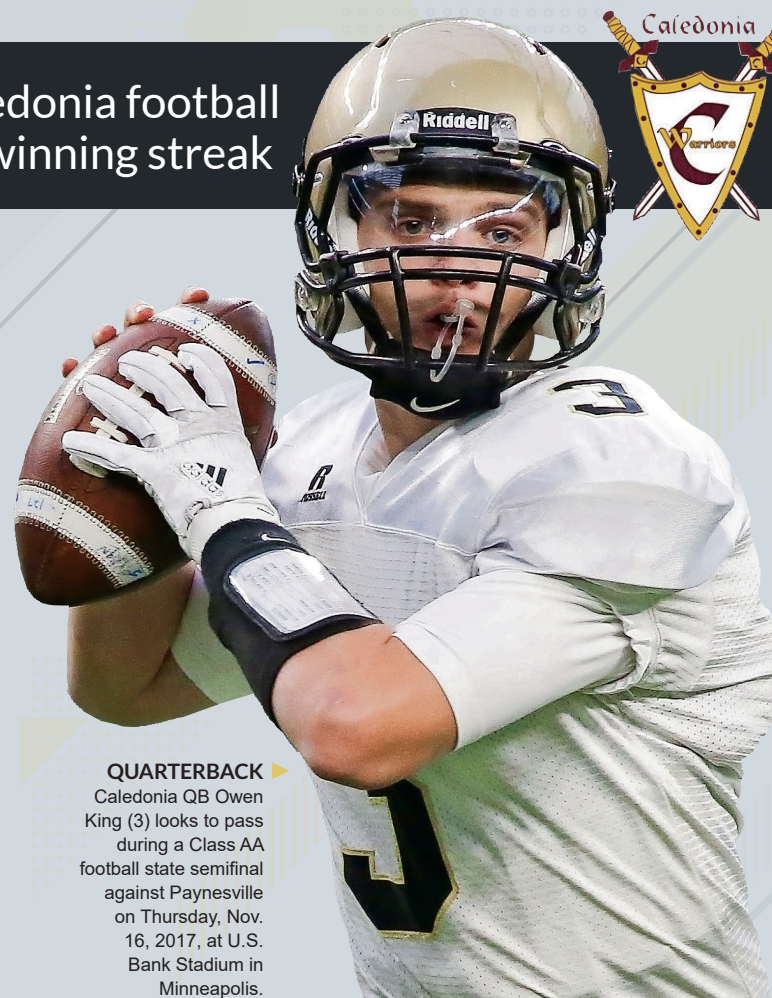
THE MAN AT THE TOP

A look at Warriors head coach Carl Fruechte:

- 17th season as head coach
- Caledonia has a 164-31 record under Fruechte
- Served as an assistant coach from 1988-96 and 2010-15
- Served as head coach from 1997-2009 and 2016-present
- Stepped down as head coach after the 2009 season to watch his children - daughter, Alecia, and son, Isaac - play college sports
- Caledonia has qualified for state tournament 13 times (counting this season) since 2005, reached the Prep Bowl 11 times and won the state championship nine times (it could win No. 10 on Nov. 29)



TOP MAN
Caledonia head coach Carl Fruechte



QUARTERBACK
Caledonia QB Owen King (3) looks to pass during a Class AA football state semifinal against Paynesville on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

TACKLES

Caledonia's Tate Meiners (25) tackles Paynesville running back Zach Schroeder (16) on a run during a Class AA state semifinal game Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.



2019 WARRIORS LEADERS

PASSING					
Name	Cmp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Noah King	100	178	6	1,789	28
Isiah Reinhart	9	15	0	77	1

RUSHING			
Name	Att.	Yds.	TD
Noah King	74	550	13
Dalen Lemke	56	487	5
Jack Strub	53	274	2

RECEIVING			
Name	Rec.	Yds.	TD
Eli King	32	641	14
Cole Kronebusch	29	633	8
Donnie Lakey	20	293	5

THESE 3 KINGS

The talented King brothers have been a major part of Caledonia's nation-best 67-game winning streak that started in 2015:

OWEN KING, QB

- Graduated: 2018
- Noteworthy: Went 41-0 with three state titles as Caledonia's starting QB. ... Passed for 8,158 yards and 137 TDs in Caledonia career. ... 2017 Minnesota Associated Press Player of the Year. ... Currently a sophomore guard for the South Dakota State University basketball team.

NOAH KING, QB

- Graduation date: 2020
- Noteworthy: Has guided the Warriors back to the Class AA state championship game, after helping them to their fourth consecutive state title last fall. ... Has nearly 3,500 passing yards and more than 50 touchdowns in two seasons as the Warriors starting QB. ... Has a 26-0 career record as a starting QB.

ELI KING, WR

- Graduation date: 2022
- Noteworthy: One of the most explosive athletes in the state, rarely leaves the field. ... Used as a receiver, defensive back and kick returner. ... Has more than 850 receiving yards over the past two seasons. ... Leads the Warriors with 32 catches for 641 yards and 14 TDs this season.



CHAMPIONS

Caledonia players receive the championship trophy following the Warriors' 61-12 win in the Class AA State Football championship game against Eden Valley-Watkins on Friday, Nov. 25, 2016, at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

CLOSE CALL

Sept. 8, 2017: Caledonia 34, Triton 27

Just one time during the Warriors' 67-game winning streak -- with the exception of a 2-0 forfeit victory this season against Winona Cotter -- have they won by less than two touchdowns. That occurred in the second week of the 2017 season, at Dodge Center. Triton controlled the first three quarters, building a 27-13 lead going into the fourth.

But Owen King threw touchdown passes to Andrew Goergen and Martin Morem to tie the score 27-27 midway through the fourth. After the teams traded punts, Caledonia's Austin Heinz forced a Triton fumble at the Cobras' 15. Four plays later, King hit Goergen on a short TD to pull out the come-from-behind win.

"Unbelievable," King said. "The fight in our guys is something special. We had guys step up all over the place. We did a great job sticking together, even when things were rough, and finishing the game."

A LONG TIME IN THE MAKING • The Streak at a glance

2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
Aug. 22	La Crescent 55-7	Sept. 2	at La Crescent 45-14	Sept. 1	Lake City 39-7	Aug. 31	at P-E-M 34-0	Aug. 30	Red Wing 55-7
Aug. 28	at St. Charles 57-20	Sept. 10	St. Charles 42-13	Sept. 8	at Triton 34-27	Sept. 7	Triton 42-6	Sept. 6	at St. Charles 42-7
Sept. 4	Pine Island 46-14	Sept. 16	at Pine Island 38-6	Sept. 15	Zumbrota-Mazeppa 42-6	Sept. 14	at Zumbrota-Maz. 61-0	Sept. 13	Zumbrota-Maz. 43-0
Sept. 11	at Triton 34-7	Sept. 23	Triton 42-20	Sept. 22	at Lewiston-Altura 39-6	Sept. 21	Lewiston-Altura 49-7	Sept. 20	Chatfield 41-8
Sept. 19	Zumbrota-Mazeppa 55-0	Sept. 30	at Zumbrota-Mazeppa 47-0	Sept. 29	Chatfield 42-13	Sept. 28	at Chatfield 20-0	Sept. 27	at Lourdes 24-7
Sept. 25	at Winona Cotter 51-6	Oct. 7	Winona Cotter 45-6	Oct. 6	at Dover-Eyota 36-0	Oct. 5	Dover-Eyota 14-0	Oct. 4	at Dover-Eyota 46-15
Oct. 2	at Dover-Eyota 45-2	Oct. 14	Dover-Eyota 70-12	Oct. 13	Cannon Falls 40-8	Oct. 12	at Cannon Falls 32-7	Oct. 11	Pine Island 34-0
Oct. 9	Chatfield 35-0	Oct. 19	at Chatfield 33-0	Oct. 18	at St. Charles 40-6	Oct. 17	St. Charles 33-8	Oct. 16	at Triton 49-3
SECTION 1AA PLAYOFFS		SECTION 1AA PLAYOFFS		SECTION 1AA PLAYOFFS		SECTION 1AA PLAYOFFS		SECTION 1AA PLAYOFFS	
Oct. 14	Winona Cotter 61-0	Oct. 25	Winona Cotter 45-14	Oct. 28	Chatfield 33-14	Oct. 27	Lewiston-Altura 44-19	Oct. 22	Winona Cotter 2-0 (ftt.)
Oct. 20	Chatfield 48-0	Oct. 29	Lewiston-Altura 49-14	Nov. 3	Triton 35-7	Nov. 2	Chatfield 34-7	Oct. 26	St. Charles 57-6
Oct. 24	Lewiston-Altura 48-7	Nov. 4	Zumbrota-Mazeppa 27-7	CLASS AA STATE PLAYOFFS		CLASS AA STATE PLAYOFFS		Nov. 1	Chatfield 27-7
CLASS AA STATE PLAYOFFS		CLASS AA STATE PLAYOFFS		Nov. 10	Minneapolis North 38-0	Nov. 9	NR-H-E-G 41-0	CLASS AA STATE PLAYOFFS	
Oct. 30	Blue Earth Area 48-0	Nov. 12	Lakeview 58-16	Nov. 16	Paynesville Area 49-16	Nov. 15	Paynesville Area 40-6	Nov. 8	Pipestone Area 56-14
Nov. 7	Otter Tail Central 43-6	Nov. 18	Barnesville 55-20	Nov. 24	Pipestone Area 57-6	Nov. 23	Barnesville 21-0	Nov. 15	Barnesville 43-12
Nov. 13	Pipestone Area 40-0	Nov. 25	Eden Valley-Watkins 61-12					Nov. 29	Mpls. North 1 p.m.

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Century seniors ready for last hurrah

Panthers focused on a 'game-at-a-time' approach

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Joey Malugani can't help but wonder if he could've been the difference maker.

The senior forward and his classmates on the Rochester Century boys hockey team don't stew on the way last season ended, but a 3-2 double-overtime loss to rival Owatonna in the Section 1AA quarterfinals still eats at them from time to time.

The Panthers had a goal waved off in the second OT. Minutes later they had three consecutive quality scoring chances before the puck bounced the wrong way and Owatonna skated off the ice with an upset victory that ended Century's season with a 20-4-0 record.

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"It drives us even more since, in our sophomore season we had the close loss to Lakeville South," Century senior captain Gavin Gunderson said of a 3-1 loss to South in the 2017 section semifinals. "That was a hard loss for us."

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Century's Sam Williams (2) handles the puck during a game last season against cross-town rival John Marshall. Williams, a senior, is the leader of Century's defensive corps this season.



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