Last 3 boys unbeatens fall

Marshall tops Waseca; Melrose trips Osakis; Parkers tips Henning

By Bruce Strand

No undefeated boys teams remain in Minnesota after the last three of those — Waseca, Osakis and Henning — were knocked into the loss column this past week. Marshall, Melrose and Parkers Prairie, respectively, were the spoilers.

Four girls teams went into sectionals unscathed: Hopkins, Eden Valley-Watkins, Medford and Hills-Beaver Creek.

Waseca (24-1) fell to Marshall 77-73 on Friday in Marshall, in the duel between Big South division champions. Marshall (21-5), which has won 12 straight since losing at Waseca 72-57 on Jan. 19, was hot from behind the arc (10-for-19) in winning the rematch.

Noah Puetz sank 22 points, including two clinching free shots. Bryce Lance added 16 and Camryn Allex 13. Marshall overcame a 36-point siege by Waseca’s Malik Willingham. The Tigers, who allowed just 46 points per game in the other 11 wins of their recent streak, couldn’t shut down Waseca but had enough offense to prevail. Tiger coach Travis Carroll told the Marshall Independent that it’s “very important … to understand this is just one game,” with Waseca and Mankato East in the same section along with a tough first-round matchup.

Osakis (24-1) was tripped by Melrose 60-55 Monday at home. Grant Moscho hit 20 points, and Preston Keaveny and Rowan Nelson 15 each for the Dutchmen (21-4). Keaveny told Echo Press of Alexandria: “The crowd in here was nuts. You couldn’t hear the coaches or anything … We came in thinking we were going to be the team to take them down.”

Daniel Savageau scored 26 points for Osakis and Luke Imdieke added 14 for Osakis. Savageau praised Melrose’s defense. “Every screen, they were trapping, switching or hedging. Then they were clogging up the paint. We like to get inside and kick out, and they did a good job of taking that away from us.”

This was nothing new for Melrose. The Dutchmen also handed BOLD its first loss 73-65 on Jan. 13 when the Warriors 17-0.

Henning (24-1) was nudged by Parkers Prairie 77-74 in overtime at home Tuesday in the regular season finale. Regulation ended 63-63, and Parkers Prairie (20-4) won it at the free throw line in OT.

“The small town atmosphere was amazing,” said Parkers Prairie coach Michael Felt. The gym was packed, it was standing room only, and doors were locked well before the game started. Good atmosphere leading into post season play.”

Josh Helling led the Panthers with 23 points and eight rebounds. Alex Koep had 16 points and five assists, and Andrew Warren 15 points and seven rebounds. Blake Wallevand tallied 24 points for Henning.
For No. 2 team, trophies hard to get

By Bruce Strand

The Wayzata Trojans are the second-best girls team in the state, currently with a 25-2 record, but likely to finish the season with no trophies and watching the state tournament.

Their formidable obstacle is, of course, conference and section rival Hopkins. The Royals beat the Trojans 69-66 and 70-49 in Lake Conference play. If they clash again it will be in the Section 6A finals on March 7.

The Trojans, coached by Mike Schumacher, are 11-0 against other Top 20 teams, including 78-76 over Class 4A's No. 3 Stillwater, 86-66 over No. 8 Park Center, 46-33 over No. 10 Roseville Area, and 63-45 and 52-39 over No. 11 Eden Prairie.

Kallie Theisen, 6-1 senior forward signed by South Dakota State, averages 14.2 points. Jenna Johnson, 6-0 sophomore point guard, leads with 15.7 ppg. Junior forward Annika Stewart adds 12.3 and freshman guard Mara Braun 11.0 while Mimi Schrader, senior guard in her fifth varsity season, averages 5.2 ppg.

Wayzata, which has made just one state trip, in 2010, has gone 91-12 the last four seasons, in the tenure of Theisen and Schrader.

The Trojans beat Minneapolis Southwest 100-24 in the section opener Wednesday evening. Semifinals on Saturday will be Wayzata vs. Armstrong and Hopkins vs. St. Louis Park.

Last season, Wayzata and Hopkins split in the regular season but Wayzata didn’t get the rubber match; they were upset by Minneapolis South in the semifinals. Hopkins advanced all the way to the state finals where they lost to Eastview.
Lac qui Parle Valley stunned top-ranked Minneota 74-72 in the regular-season finale on Tuesday, reversing an earlier 82-45 loss to the Vikings. Austin Bonn carried the host Eagles (16-10), sinking 27 points, including the game-winner as time expired on a 10-foot floater in the middle of the lane. Maverick Conn contributed 13 points and nine rebounds, and Caden Bjornjeld 11 points and six rebounds. “We played with confidence, which we didn’t do down there in January, when the game got away from us the last nine minutes,” coach Barry Besonen said. “We shot the ball well, kept our turnovers down, and did a better job of contesting shots.” Jacob Hennen led Minneota (23-2) with 27 points, six rebounds and six assists. Thomas Hennen added 25 points and 10 rebounds, and Logan Sussner 18 points and nine rebounds. Minneota’s only other points came on two Jared Josephson free throws.

Breck’s Roddy ‘can do it all’

By Bruce Strand

There’s a cliche that applies to teenage athletes who are too strong, fast and athletic for their peers to handle.

“He’s a man among boys out there,” the coaches and scouts like to say.

That would certainly apply to David Roddy of Breck, the 6-5, 245-pound senior who’s averaging 29.6 points and 17 rebounds per game. Also a cannon-armed quarterback, Roddy is one of the metro’s top athletes.

Breck has signed with Colorado State. The Gophers and Northwestern also tried to land him.

“I use David as a hybrid. He can do it all,” said Breck coach Brad Barber. “Since the ninth grade, he has played all five positions. He can start the break, and get to the basket. He’s has been unstoppable around the basket. He sees double and triple teams every night and has kids hugging him every game. So then he can step out away and shoot the three ball. This makes it very difficult to defend, which is what all the college coaches loved.”

The Star-Tribune reported that Rick Pitino and the Gophers’ coaching staff found Roddy’s physique comparable to Jordan Murphy, their 6-7, 250-pound All-Big Ten power forward, and noted that Roddy averaged 15 points and seven rebounds for Howard Pulley in Nike EBYL league play this summer. Roddy told the paper that the Gophers’ interest was based largely on “my versatility and my passing skills” along with willingness to do dirty work like diving for loose balls.

Roddy averaged 16.4 points as a freshman on a section runner-up team and scored 29 in a semifinal win over Brooklyn Center. He had also started five games at quarterback that year. “David was very mature as a freshman,” said Barber, who took over at Breck that year. “He had a great freshman season. This team was senior-dominated and he fit in well and was able to be a mismatch nightly for opposing coaches.”

Roddy, who recently passed 2,000 points, averaged 18 points as a sophomore and 25 as a junior. What he has not done is play in a state tournament. Breck is ranked No. 4 in Class 2A, but No. 2 Minneapolis North is in the same section. Breck lost to North in the semifinals last year, after falling to Annandale in the finals his freshman and sophomore years.

On the gridiron, Roddy passed for 1,776 yards and 21 touchdowns, with just six interceptions, and ran for six touchdowns, on a 7-2 team last fall. In four seasons, he passed for 5,338 years and 57 touchdowns. There was plenty of interest for his services in football but basketball is his clear favorite.

LQPV snags No. 1 Minneota on last-second jumper

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Prior Lake soldiers on with star sidelined

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Prior Lake had a nine-game win streak -- between two losses to Lakeville North -- despite missing their blue-chip 6-10 junior Dawson Garcia.

“Losing arguably the best player in the state for over a month could have demoralized us,” coach Bob Schweim said, “but the team had ‘big picture’ in mind. We know we’re getting him back by sections, and would like to see him test the foot in our last game.”

Garcia, averaging 27.5 points, complained of foot pain in mid-January, the coach said, and had it x-rayed after the Lakers lost to Lakeville North 77-68 on Jan. 22, which revealed a stress fracture. The Lakers beat Shakopee (currently ranked No. 6) 72-70 two days later with Robert Jones scoring 23 points and Sam Nisson 17, and kept winning until running into Lakeville North again.

“Lots of guys stepped up in his absence and upped their game,” Schweim said. “We had to fill a void of 30 points (before the injury) and 12 rebounds per game, and a lock-down defender, in Dawson. Lots of challenges for the players and staff and we were pretty proud of the way the boys kept things rolling.”

Perennial power Lakeville North is a challenge for any team at full strength or not. The Panthers halted Prior Lake 77-63 in duel of top-five teams last Friday, led by Tyler Wahl, their versatile 6-7 Wisconsin Badgers recruit, with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Eli Mostaert added 12 points and Jack Rusch 11. Jones, Prior Lake’s other Division I-bound big man (signed by Denver), scored 19 points. Senior guard Nisson hit 16. Prior Lake was also missing senior forward Carson Schoeller (6.5 ppg), who was wearing a walking boot. Schoeller is also expected back by sectionals, the coach said.

Garcia has been “bouncing around off to the side in practice,” said Schweim, “taking hundreds of shots, working on everything but cutting full bore. He just has to trust it, and live with the pain.”

The Lakers are 22-3 and will close the regular season Friday at Rosemount, with Garcia getting back on the court, if all goes to plan.
Coach, player milestones reported to MBBN

Northfield coach Tony Mathison notched his 300th win and Rachel Kelly notched her 1,000th point last week. Mathison got No. 300 against Faribault 53-51 on the Big Nine finale on Friday. The elementary PE teacher has a 300-233 record in 20 years as head coach of the Raiders. (He’s also coached 8th-grade football for 31 years and was a baseball assistant for 30 years, and is now baseball assistant for St. Olaf College.) Kelly, a senior post, got her 1,000th while scoring 27 in a 77-49 win at Winona on Thursday night. Kelly, a state all-star game pick, is averaging 19 points.

Dylan DeChampeau, Greenway junior forward, reached 2,000 points while scoring 32 in an 85-82 overtime win over Chisholm on Feb. 12. Two games later, DeChampeau, already the school boys record holder, passed the girls record of 2,045 held by Karli Gross (2002).

Anders Prater, Hinckley-Finlayson senior point guard, got his 1,000th point with the last of his 19 in a 63-52 win over Rush City. Coach Dan Kreft noted that the Jaguars have a 69-16 record in Prater’s three seasons (they placed fifth at state last year) and that his passing helped 2018 graduate Travis Visser score 2,002 points and 2017 graduate TJ Johnson score 1,209.

Tyler Baribeau, Mesabi East senior center, notched his 1,000th rebound on Feb. 5 during a 90-55 win over Eveleth-Gilbert. He is averaging 13 rebounds and close to 15 points. He also went over 1,000 points recently.

Jenna Pahlen, Red Lake County Central junior forward, got her 1,000th point while logging 27 points and 14 rebounds in a 55-40 win over Goodridge-Grygla.

Jayden Bernard, Virginia junior guard averaging 25.7 points, got his 1,000th on a breakaway dunk (captured on video, google it) during an 82-75 loss to Duluth Marshall. He had 18 for the game.

Olivia Youngdahl, Minneapolis Southwest senior, reached 1,000 points scoring 18 in a 53-45 win over St. Paul Harding and set a team record with 19 rebounds the same game.
### MBBN Boys Basketball Top 20

#### CLASS 4A

1. Hopkins 22-3  
2. Park Center 24-1  
3. East Ridge 23–2  
4. Lakeville North 21-4  
5. Prior Lake 22-3  
6. Shakopee 20-5  
7. Edina 17-8  
8. Wayzata 17-9  
9. Cretin-Derham Hall 19-6  
10. Chaska 20-5  
11. Eden Prairie 16-9  
12. Champlin Park 19-5  
13. Tartan 22-3  
14. Maple Grove 19-5  
15. Blaine 19-6  
16. White Bear Lake 19-6  
17. Robbinsdale Armstrong 15-9  
18. Minnetonka 13-12  
19. Moorhead 19-5  
20. Buffalo 18-6

#### CLASS 3A

1. DeLaSalle 20-5  
2. Waseca 24-1  
3. Mankato East 20-4  
4. Austin 19-5  
5. Princeton 22-3  
7. Mahtomedi 20-5  
8. Hibbing 18-6  
9. Mound-Westonka 20-6  
10. Bemidji 19-4  
11. Holy Angels 20-4  
12. Northfield 16-8  
13. Winona 14-9  
14. Delano 17-8  
15. Waconia 15-10  
16. St. Thomas Academy 14-11  
17. Hermantown 16-8  
18. Alexandria 16-8  
19. Fergus Falls 13-10  
20. Sartell-St. Stephen 17-8

#### CLASS 2A

1. Minnehaha Academy 20-2  
2. Minneapolis North 17-8  
3. Perham 24-1  
4. Breck 20-4  
5. Maranatha Christian 21-4  
6. Lake City 22-2  
7. Spectrum 22-3  
8. Jordan 19-3  
9. St. Croix Prep 18-6  
10. Caledonia 21-5  
11. Melrose 21-4  
12. Osakis 24-1  
13. Albany 20-5  
14. Holy Family Catholic 14-11  
15. Hawley 19-4  
16. St. Cloud Cathedral 17-7  
17. Christo Rey Jesuit 17-7  
18. Crosby-Ironton 20-4  
19. St. Peter 18-6  
20. Pequot Lakes 19-5

#### CLASS 1A

1. Minneota 23-2  
2. Springfield 22-2  
3. Minnesota Valley Lutheran 21-3  
4. BOLD 21-3  
5. New Ulm Cathedral 19-5  
6. Cass Lake-Bena 25-1  
7. North Woods 22-2  
8. Henning 24-1  
9. Ada-Borup West 23-1  
10. Waterville-Elysian-Morristown 22-1  
11. Parkers Prairie 20-4  
12. Mountain Lake/Comfrey 21-3  
13. Cedar Mountain 20-5  
14. Hayfield 22-4  
15. Randolph 23-2  
16. Ortonville 17-2  
17. Christ’s Household of Faith 17-4  
18. Cromwell-Wright 19-3  
19. Hinckley-Finlayson 18-6  
20. Spring Grove 19-4
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CLASS 4A
1. Hopkins 26-0
2. Wayzata 24-2
3. Stillwater 23-2
4. St. Michael-Albertville 23-3
5. Eastview 21-5
6. Centennial 22-4
7. Farmington 22-4
8. Park Center 22-4
10. Roseville 21-5
11. Eden Prairie 19-6
12. Maple Grove 20-6
13. Chaska 19-7
14. Shakopee 17-9
15. Rosemount 17-9
16. Lakeville North 15-11
17. Elk River 17-9
18. Apple Valley 18-8
19. Robbinsdale Armstrong 20-6
20. Rochester John Marshall 22-4

CLASS 3A
1. Red Wing 23-2
2. Waseca 25-1
3. DeLaSalle 18-5
4. Hill-Murray 23-3
5. Simley 21-5
6. Alexandria 21-4
7. Robbinsdale Cooper 18-8
8. Willmar 20-4
9. Becker 22-4
10. St. Paul Como Park 22-2
11. Holy Angels 18-7
12. Waconia 19-7
13. New Ulm 20-5
14. Mankato West 19-6
15. Grand Rapids 18-8
16. Fergus Falls 20-4
17. Hibbing 24-2
18. Benilde-St. Margaret’s 16-9
19. Marshall 18-7
20. Kasson-Mantorville 18-7

CLASS 2A
1. Sauk Centre 23-2
2. Roseau 24-2
3. Eden Valley-Watkins 24-0
4. Minnehaha Academy 19-6
5. Holy Family 20-5
6. Rush City 21-1
7. Norwood-Young America 22-2
8. Medford 23-0
9. Caledonia 20-4
10. Lake City 18-6
11. Rochester Lourdes 18-7
12. New London-Spicer 19-6
13. Annandale 19-6
14. Maranatha Christian 18-8
15. Winona Cotter 20-4
16. Stewartville 16-8
17. Esko 20-6
18. Zumbrota-Mazeppa 19-6
19. Proctor 20-6
20. Concordia Academy 18-7

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2. Grand Meadow 23-1
3. Goodhue 20-6
4. Pelican Rapids 24-1
5. Menahga 25-1
6. Ada-Borup West 22-2
7. Hills-Beaver Creek 23-0
8. Heritage Christian 22-2
9. Cromwell-Wright 21-1
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