At opening tip, East Ridge boys, Hopkins girls top-ranked

Dual No. 1’s for DLS, Minneota; Rams, Minnehaha also top lists

By Bruce Strand

Minnesota Basketball News has assembled its preseason Top 20 lists, and two schools sit at number one with both its boys and girls teams — DeLaSalle in Class 3A, and Minneota in Class 1A.

Meanwhile, topping Class 4A are the East Ridge boys and Hopkins girls, while the Minnehaha Academy boys and Roseau girls get the nod in Class 2A.

In Class 4A boys, at the start of the Post-Jones Era, with Apple Valley’s nine years of unparalleled point guard play from Tyus and Tre over, it’s fairly wide open.

After an informal poll of coaches of top teams, we settled on East Ridge at the outset. The Raptors are powered by D-I prospects in three different classes: senior guard Courtney Brown, junior forward Ben Carlson and sophomore guard Kendall Brown.

The Hopkins girls’ tally of state championships has been stuck at six after three consecutive state runner-up finishes. The Royals seem a good bet to make it seven this year, led by the state’s most coveted player, junior guard Paige Bueckers, and D-I recruit Dlayla Chakolis (Hampton).

The DeLaSalle boys are a virtually automatic pick for No. 1 every year and remain so, even though their state-record string of six consecutive championships ended with a semifinal upset loss to Columba Heights last year. The Islanders are led by seniors Tyrell Terry and Jamison Battle and typically have five or six college players on the roster.

The Islander girls, who were 19-10 last year and 0-2 at state, boast good size with three players around 6-0, including Elaina Jones, signed by...
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DeLaSalle & Minneota start No. 1 in both genders

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Idaho State. They steal the ball a lot and play a physical brand of ball. The Islanders begin the season with two starters injured and are working through that.

The Minnehaha Academy boys already have bagged two straight titles, led by superstar guard Jaden Suggs, with a good chance for two more as Suggs is still just a junior with a stellar supporting cast. They suffered one significant setback, though, as Terry Lockett (all-state tourney last year) moved to Ohio.

Roseau, after placing third, first, and second in the girls 2A tournament the past three years, graduated six seniors, but still have two Borowicz sisters at guard, a double handful difficult for anyone to handle. Kacie is a senior on pace for 3,000 points. Katie is a sophomore close to 1,000 and veteran of all three state tournaments.

For Class 1A boys we mulled four teams and decided on Minneota, which brings back much of the firepower, led by senior Thomas Hennen, from a 24-4 season that ended with a section finals 71-69 loss to eventual state champion Russell-Tyler-Ruthton.

The Minneota girls, coming off a dominating run to the state volleyball championship, deploy the same athletes in basketball, in which they went 27-5 last year and placed third at state, led by Lydia Sussner, a 20-ppg center who was also a Ms. Volleyball finalist.

The boys rankings are formulated by Bruce Strand, the MBBN reporter/editor, and the girls by Kevin Anderson, who follows girls hoops on his web site kjasr.com.

BC roster gutted by new prep academy

By Bruce Strand

Brooklyn Center would have been a top-five team in boys basketball but lost the bulk of its returning talent when the star player’s father started his own team.

Centaur coach Matthew McCollister reports that Lu’Cye Patterson, Adrienne Sprinkles, Rudwan Tajor and Amahn Decker have left the program.

The Centaurs upset Minneapolis North in last year’s sectionals and reached the state semifinals. Patterson, the point guard, averaged 23 points last year as a sophomore. Sprinkles, a junior forward, averaged 16 points. Tahir and Decker, sophomores, averaged eight and six points.

“Lu’Cye’s dad started a ‘prep school.’ They are taking online classes and playing an independent schedule, to the extent they have any schedule,” McCollister explained, in an e-mail. “They are not part of the high school league and will not play any teams that are affiliated with the MSHSL.”

Minnesota Prep Basketball Academy was founded by Lucas Patterson, former Robbinsdale Cooper and Augsburg College player. Their home court is the Boys and Girls Club in north Minneapolis, according to a report by WCCO TV.

The Centaurs will be led by Quentrell Douglas, a fourth-year starter and two-time all-conference pick who averaged 8.3 points, 5.3 reb and 2.8 assists last year. Another returning starter is Roland Russ, while Danny Yates and Akeem Nelson are key pieces, the coach said. A pair of eighth-grade talents will also have an impact, he added.

Spectrum’s time to shine?

Spectrum, an Elk River charter school that opened in 2006, is ranked for the first time (No. 19 in Class 2A), with eight seniors on the squad after a 13-13 season last winter. Most notable are 6-4 Cole Elrod (18 ppg, 8 rpg last year), 6-2 Matthew Kruse (16 ppg) and 5-11 Max Lawrence (10 ppg, stout defense). Elrod opted for the charter school over Elk River, where his brother Clay scored 1,606 points.
Boys top 50 in each class

CLASS 4A

Bloomington Jefferson — Isaiah Watts (sr G)
Brainerd — Joey Sauer (sr G)
Buffalo — Matt Willert (jr G), Tony Dahl 6-2 (jr G)
Burnsville — Marcus Shepley (sr G)
Cambridge-Isanti — Luke Malamisuro (sr G),
                    Henry Abraham (jr G)
Centennial — Carter Anderson (jr G)
Champlin Park — Bennett Otto (sr G)
Chanhassen — Regan Tollefson (sr F)
Chaska — Cole Nicholson (sr F)
Cretin-Derham Hall — Jaeden King (sr G),
                    Curtis Jones (jr G)
East Ridge — Ben Carlson (jr F),
              Courtney Brown (sr F),
              Kendall Brown (so G)
Edina — Jack Middleton (sr G)
Elk River — Dylan Fruth (sr G)
Henry Sibley — Malik Spearman (sr F-C)
Hopkins — Zeke Nnagi (sr F), Kerwin Walton (jr F),
          Dane Zimmer (sr F), Blaise Beachamp (jr G)
Irondale — Aden Price (sr G)
Lakeville North — Tyler Wahl (sr G),
                 Tommy Jensen (sr G)
Maple Grove — Jared Rainey (sr G)
Minnetonka — Cameron Steele (jr G),
            Jalen Dearing (sr G)
Moorhead — Maleeck Harden (sr F)
Park Center — Tommy Chatman (sr G),
             Khari Broadway (sr G), Dain Dainja (jr F)
Park of Cottage Grove — Charlie Gorres (sr F)
Prior Lake — Dawson Garcia (jr F),
              Robert Jones (sr F)
Rochester John Marshall — Matthew Hurt (sr F)
Rochester Mayo — Gabe Madsen (jr G),
                 Mason Madsen (jr G)
St. Cloud Apollo — Michael Gravelle (jr G)
St. Paul Central — Dion Ford (sr F),
                  Daveonte Davis (sr G) 23
 Shakopee — Charles Katona (jr F)
Tartan — Antwan Kimmons (sr G)
Wayzata — Jacob Beeninga (sr G),
          Luke Paulson (sr G)
White Bear Lake — Jeremy Beckler (sr F),
                 Sam Schwartz (sr G)

CLASS 3A

Alexandria — Trey Hoepner (sr G)
Becker — Brandon Gustafson (sr F)
Bemidji — Spencer Konecne (sr F),
         Kade Peterson (sr G)
Big Lake — Logan Nagorski (sr G-W)
Austin — Medi Obang (sr G)
Columbia Heights — Jarvis Wright (sr F)
Delano — Derek Techam (sr G)
DeLaSalle — Tyrell Terry (sr G),
         Jamison Battle (sr F)
Detroit Lakes — Jacob Boettcher (sr G)
Faribault — Joe Palmer (sr F)
Fergus Falls — Matt Johnson (sr G)
Fridley — Isaac Burns (jr G)
Grand Rapids — Stacy Washington (sr G)
Hermantown — Connor Bich (sr F)
Hibbing — Luke Lundell (sr G),
        Ayden McDonald (fr G)
Hutchinson — Russell Corrigan (jr C)
Mahtomedi — Jvonne Hadley (jr F),
         Zac Centers (sr G)
Marshall — Matthew Onken (sr C),
        Bryce Paulson (sr G)
Mankato East — Jax Madsen (so G)
Mpls. Patrick Henry — Rashaud Rollins (sr G)
Minneapolis Roosevelt — Desi Sims (jr G)
New Ulm — Reece Melby (jr F)
Northfield — Mason Zick (sr G)
Princeton — Jon Stimmler (sr C), James Fliceck (sr G),
       Reilly O’Neil (sr G), Adam Williams (sr G)
Robbinsdale Cooper — Jalen Miller (sr G),
                     Jalen Justice (sr G)
ROCORI — Sam Olson (sr G-F)
St. Anthony Village — Tait Nelson (jr G)
St. Paul Como Park — Donn Ward (sr G)
St. Paul Harding — Jovan Christian (sr G),
                  Simeon Sharp (jr F)
St. Paul Johnson — Jordan Mobley (sr)
St. Thomas Academy — Jack Thompson (sr G)
Sartell-St. Stephen — Thomas Gieske (jr F)
Simley — Isaiah Robinson (sr G)
Waconia — PJ Hayes 6-5 (jr G)
Wayzata — Malik Willingham (sr G),
         Matt Olsem (sr F)
Willmar — Drey Dirksen (sr F)
Winona — Jack Recek (sr G)
Worthington — Karasharo Ojulu (sr G)
Boys top 50 in each class

CLASS 2A

Breck — David Roddy (sr C)
Breckenridge — Noah Christensen (sr G)
Brooklyn Center — Quintrell Douglas (sr F)
Caledonia — Noah King (jr G)
Concordia Academy — Barnabas Preble (sr F)
Dover-Eyota — Brady Williams (jr F)
Crosby-Ironton — Jonathan Jacobson (sr F)
Ely — Pat Vanderbeek (sr G)
Greenway — Jace Hansen-Cochran (sr F),
            Dylan DeChampeay (jr F)
Hawley —
            Jayden Carlisle (sr G), Noah Glad (sr F)
Foley — Drew Beier (sr G)
Jackson County Central — Rudy Voss (jr G)
Jordan — Ryan Samuelson (jr G)
Kimball — Drew Gustafson (sr G)
Lake City — Nathan Heise (jr G), Reid Gastner (jr G)
Litchfield — Owen Boerema (sr G)
Marshall, Duluth — Samuel Lohn (jr G)
Melrose — Reegan Nelson (sr F),
            Preston Keavenny (sr G)
Mesabi East — Carson Becika (sr G),
              Tyler Baribeau (sr F)
New London-Spicer — Brandon Adelman (sr G)
Maple River — Mason Sohre (sr G)
Minneapolis North — Eli Campbell (sr G),
           Nasir El Amin (sr G)
Minnehaha Academy — Jalen Suggs (jr G),
            Chet Holmgren (so C)
Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta — Jaret Johnson (sr C),
                 Camden Amrdt (sr G)
Osakis — Daniel Savageau (jr G)
Park Rapids — Gabriel Bagstad (sr G)
Perham — Jensen Beachy (sr G),
         Josh Jeziorski (sr F)
Pine City — Nick Hansmann (sr G), Seth Logan (jr F)
Pine Island — Jacob Weber (sr G)
Plainview-Elgin-Millville — Griffin Doughty (sr F)
Redwood Valley — Cole Woodford (sr G)
Rochester Lourdes — Matthew Hayford (sr G),
            Colin Meade (jr F)
St. Charles — Drew Leistikow (sr G)
St. Cloud Cathedral — Jackson Jangular (sr G),
            Nick Schaefer (sr G)
Staples-Motley — Josh Lombard (sr G)
Spectrum — Cole Elrod (sr F), Mathew Kruse (sr F)
Two Harbors — Jayden Huberg (jr F)
Virginia — Jayden Bernard (jr F)

CLASS 1A

Ada-Borop — Mason Miller (jr C)
Ashby — Scott Johnson (sr F)
Belgrade-Broten-Ela — Evan Wiener (sr G)
Bethlehem Academy — Jack Clark (sr G),
            Damon Trump (sr G)
Bigfork — Carter Cook (sr G)
BOLD — Carter Henry (sr F), Gavin Vosika (jr G),
       Jordan Sagedahl (jr G)
Cass Lake-Bena — Jarell Jacobs (jr G)
Cedar Mountain-Comfrey — Lewis Pendleton (sr)
Christ's Household of Faith — McCaleb Alleman (sr F)
Cromwell — Micah Pocernich (jr G)
Deer River — Kyle Shevich (sr G)
Ely — Patrick Vanderbeek (sr G)
Hancock — Bennett Nienhaus (sr F)
Henning — Sam Fisher (sr G)
Hinckley-Finlayson — Anders Prater (sr G)
Houston — James Hongerholt (sr G)
Lac qui Parle Valley — Caden Bjornjeld (sr G)
LeRoy-Ostrander — Trey Hungerholt (sr G)
Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity — Michael Ziemann (sr F)
Mahnomen-Waubun — Buster Walker (sr F)
Mankato Loyola — Ben Ellingworth (jr G)
Mayer Lutheran — Braden Noening (sr G)
Minneota — Thomas Hennen (sr F),
           Jacob Hennen (so F)
Minn. Valley Lutheran — Jake Kettner (sr G)
New Ulm Cathedral — Alex Hillesheim (sr F),
            Jon Zinniel (jr F)
Nicollet — Riley Hulke (jr G)
North Woods — Cade Goggleye (sr G),
            Trevor Morrison (jr C)
Northome-Kelliher — Adnew Steuven (sr G)
Ortonville — Tyson Powell (sr G),
            DaVonte Edwards (sr C)
Park Christian — Tanner Brunsburg (sr F)
Parkers Prairie — Travis Yohnke (sr F)
Pine River-Backus — Brady Raph (jr G)
Randolph — Carsyn Gunderson (sr F)
Russell-Tyler-Ruthton — Cooper Hansen (sr F),
         Carter Hansen (sr G)
Sacred Heart — Brenden Bethke (sr G)
Spring Grove — Alex Folz (sr G)
Springfield — Isaac Fink (sr G),
             Decker Scheffler (jr G)
Stephen-Argyle — Hunter Yutzenka (sr G)
Wadena-Deer Creek — Bereket Loer (jr G)
Westbrook-Walnut Grove — Andrew Quade (sr G)
Wrenshall — Eli Krisak (sr F)
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Princeton’s mission: first state tourney since 1932

By Bruce Strand

It’s been 86 years since Princeton has played in the boys basketball tournament. The school’s only appearances occurred in 1924 and 1932.

But hopes must be stirring in this burg on the banks of Rum River. The Tigers, coached by Brett Cloutier, went 20-8 last year, ending a string of 10 losing seasons, and return over 50 ppg from that team. The MBBN has them No. 2 behind DeLaSalle.

Back for the Tigers are 6-7 center Jon Stimmler (17 ppg, 9 rpg, 62 percent shooter), 5-9 point guard James Flicek (15 ppg, 6 apg) and 6-1 wing Adam Williams (16 ppg, 3.6 apg), all seniors. And the Tigers got a break when Reilly O’Neil moved into town. The 6-5 senior wing scored 13 ppg at Norwood Young America last year.

Over the summer, Princeton won the Breakdown Summer state tournament (beating Robinsdale Cooper, Mankato East, and Mahtomedi) and went 3-1 in the Pacesetter Sweet 16 (beating Lake City, Brooklyn Center and Minneapolis North).

Princeton, by the way, has not been completely absent from state tourney basketball since the Depression. The Tiger girls got there in 2015.

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Mahnomen/Waubun regains the services of Buster Walker, who averaged 16 points and 11 rebounds as a sophomore but missed last season with injury. Their lineup also has Jayden Heisler, described by coach John Clark as a “streaky” shooter (he had a 50-point game last year).

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Prior Lake will be tough to deal with on the blocks with dual Division I-bound talents in 6-10 junior Dawson Garcia (21 ppg last year) and 6-9 senior Robert Jones (13.5 ppg), who signed with University of Denver.

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Lake City is led by two sharpshooting juniors who’ve started since ninth grade and helped the Tigers go 48-12 — Nathan Heise (16.6 ppg last year, 79 three’s) and Reid Gastner (11.7 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 44 three’s).

Eastview girls filling slots after 32-0 season

By Bruce Strand

Molly Kasper, coach of Eastview’s 2018 Class 4A state champions who went 32-0, is confident the Lightning will remain a force after losing three starters, including Miss Basketball. Her report to the MBBN: “Returning two starters, but most of our bench. Trying for eighth straight trip to state. We lost three all conference, return three all conference. We have people to step up and fill those spots. Year after year, we are capable of this.” The veterans are Emma Carpenter, Macy Guebert, and Cassidy Carson.

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Robbinsdale Armstrong was 7-20 last season but hopes to turn things around behind two seniors who blistered the nets last year: Masengo Mutanda, 5-8 junior guard who averaged 21.2 points and 9.2 rebounds, and Carly Krusl, a 6-1 power forward who averaged 16.6 points and 9.3 rebounds. Krusl, the school record-holder with 213 blocked shots, has committed to Bucknell.

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Mountain Iron-Buhl, shooting for its ninth consecutive trip to state, returns eight of its top ten, including all-conference Allie Negen, Macy Savela, and Madisen Overbye, all seniors who averaged double digits last year. Negen also made the coaches all-state team. The Rangers were 34-0 this summer and won the Breakdown Class A State Tournament. Top scorer Mary Burke (26 ppg) graduated.

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Minnehaha Academy, eying a sixth consecutive trip to state, has two Division II recruits in Taytum Rhoades (Upper Iowa) and Nevaeh Galloway (Bemidji) along with a D-1 prospect in high-scoring junior guard Mia Curtis.

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Centennial is led by two Division I recruits, guard Taylor McAulay (Drake) and 6-3 center Sara Stapleton (Wisconsin). “Both are incredible players,” coach Jill Becken said.

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Fergus Falls turned over the guard slots to a pair of freshmen who made an impact as eighth-graders. Tori Ratz sank 69 of 122 three-pointers being getting injured, and Ellie Colbeck had a 25-point game in one of her five starts. The Otters were 22-8 and barely missed state with a 46-45 section finals loss to Alexandria.
Girls top 50 in each class

CLASS 4A

Apple Valley — Mykel Parham (sr C)
Bloomington Kennedy — Zaraya March (sr F), Destinee Oberg (sr C)
Buffalo — Jordan Zrust (sr F)
Burnsville — Zhane Thompson (jr G)
Centennial — Taylor McAulay (sr G), Sara Stapleton (sr C)
Cretin-Derham Hall — Frannie Hottinger (sr F)
East Ridge — Kate Burns (jr C)
Eastview — Maci Guebert (sr G), Emma Carpenter (sr G), Cassidy Carson (so G)
Eden Prairie — Abby Johnson (sr F)
Edina — Macy Nilsen (sr G)
Farmington — Kaitlyn Winston (sr C), Molly Mogensen (jr G)
Forest Lake — Abigail Groeneweg (sr F), Maddy Rice (sr G), Kenzie Stumne (sr F)
Henry Sibley — Tori Nelson (sr F)
Hopkins — Dlayla Chakolis (sr F), Maya Nnaji (fr C), Paige Bueckers (jr G), Amaya Battle (fr G)
Lakeville North — Lauren Jensen (jr G)
Lakeville South — Anna Harvey (sr G)
Maple Grove — Jordyn Lamker (so G)
Minneapolis South — Jade Hill (so G)
Mounds View — Lindsey Becher (jr C)
Park Center — Lauren Frost (jr G), Adalia McKenzie (so G)
Prior Lake — McKenna Hofschield (sr G)
Robbinsdale Armstrong — Carly Krsul (sr F), Masengo Mutanda (sr G)
Rosemount — Taylor Janssen (jr F)
Roseville Area — Jada Hood (sr G), Kaylee Nelson (sr F), Tamia Ugass (so C)
St. Francis — Danah Ocsan (so G)
St. Louis Park — Lindsey Olson (sr F), Reagan Anderson (so C), Chase Coley (so G)
St. Michael-Albertville — Jadyn Hanson (sr G), Makenzie Kramer (jr G)
Stillwater — Sara Scalia (sr G), Aliza Karlen (jr F), Alexis Pratt (so G)
Wayzata — Mimi Schrader (sr G), Kallie Theisen (sr C)
White Bear Lake — Anna Sanders (sr G)

CLASS 3A

Academy of Holy Angels — Alex Walker (sr G), Francesca Vascellero (so G)
Alexandria — McKenzi Duwenhoegger (sr F), Kaye Paschka (sr G), Emily Jones (sr F)
Bemidji — Rumer Flatness (sr F)
Benilde-St. Margaret’s — Cheyenne Carter (sr G), Aiana Whitfield (sr G)
Big Lake — Emma Anderson (sr G), Caela Tighe (so G)
Cloquet — Kendra Kelley (sr G), Allie Wojtysia (sr F)
DeLaSalle — Elaina Jones (sr F)
Detroit Lakes — Emily Larson (sr G)
Fergus Falls — Ellie Colbeck (fr G), Tori Ratz (fr G)
Grand Rapids — Meara Beighley (sr F), Hannah DeMars (sr F)
Hill-Murray — Delaney Runyon (sr G)
Hutchinson — Elizabeth Wertz (sr G)
Mankato West — Ashley Gustavson (sr F)
New Ulm — Joey Batt (sr G), Iyanna Wieland (sr F)
Northfield — Emma Carlson (sr F), Rachel Kelly (sr F)
Red Wing — Lindsay Reps (sr G), Kyli Nelson (jr G), Abi Deming (so F)
St. Paul Como Park — Kaylynn Asberry (fr G)
Simley — Yasaria Chevre (jr F)
Fergus Falls — Ellie Colbeck (fr G), Tori Ratz (fr G), Ravyn Miles (jr G)
Hibbing — Abbey McDonald (sr G)
Monticello — Anna Olson (jr F)
Mound-Westonka — Jennifer Schaible (sr F)
Princeton — Madison Shafer (sr G)
Robbinsdale Cooper — Aja Wheeler (sr G), Kierra Wheeler (so F)
St. Cloud Apollo — Lariah Washington (sr F)
Totino-Grace — Carla Meyer (jr G)
Waconia — Courtney Freeburg (sr C), Addy Salzer (jr G), Tess Johnson (jr G)
Waseca — Madison Gehloff (sr G), Gus Boyer (jr G)
Willmar — Hannah Johnson (sr G), Carly Wedel (sr C), McKenzie Jones (so G)
Worthington — Nyamer Diew (jr F)
Zimmerman — Alyssa Daugherty (sr G)
### Girls top 50 in each class

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GIRLS TOP 20s

CLASS 4A
1. Hopkins 3-0
2. Wayzata 1-0
3. Eastview 2-0
4. Roseville 2-0
5. Centennial 1-0
6. St. Michael-Albertville 1-0
7. Stillwater 1-1
8. Forest Lake 1-0
9. Farmington 1-0
10. Prior Lake 0-1
11. Lakeville North 0-1
12. Eden Prairie 0-0
13. Park Center 0-0
14. Chaska 1-0
15. Apple Valley 1-0
16. Maple Grove 0-1
17. Armstrong 1-0
18. St. Louis Park 1-1
19. Burnsville 1-0
20. Minnetonka 1-0

CLASS 3A
1. DeLaSalle 1-1
2. Alexandria 1-0
3. Northfield 0-0
4. Simley 0-0
5. Willmar 1-0
6. St. Paul Como Park 3-0
7. Robbinsdale Cooper 0-1
8. New Ulm 1-0
9. Waseca 2-0
10. Waconia 1-0
11. Red Wing 2-0
12. Hill-Murray 2-0
13. Mankato West 0-1
14. Grand Rapids 1-1
15. Benilde-St. Margaret’s 2-1
16. Worthington 1-0
17. Holy Angels 1-1
18. Big Lake 0-0
19. Kasson-Mantorville 1-0
20. Hermantown 1-0

CLASS 2A
1. Roseau 1-0
2. Sauk Centre 1-0
3. Stewartville 1-1
4. Minnehaha Academy 1-1
5. Eden Valley-Watkins 1-0
6. Rush City 0-0
7. Proctor 1-0
8. Holy Family Catholic 1-2
9. Maranatha Christian 0-0
10. Esko 1-0
11. Concordia Academy 1-0
12. Norwood-Young America 0-0
13. Lake City 1-0
14. Crookston 1-0
15. St. Cloud Cathedral 0-1
16. New London-Spicer 1-0
17. Pequot Lakes 1-0
18. Glencoe-Silver Lake 0-0
19. Mpls. North 3-0
20. Rochester Lourdes 0-2

CLASS 1A
1. Minneota 1-0
2. Mountain Iron-Buhl 1-0
3. Heritage Christian 1-0
4. Menahga 1-0
5. Ada-Borup 0-0
6. Pelican Rapids 0-0
7. Grand Meadow 1-0
8. Goodhue 2-1
9. Lac qui Parle Valley 1-0
10. SW Minnesota Christian 0-0
11. Hills-Beaver Creek 1-0
12. BOLD 0-1
13. Cromwell 0-0
14. Parkers Prairie 1-0
15. Stephen-Argyle 1-0
16. Red Lake 0-0
17. Wabasso 0-0
18. Pine River-Backus 0-0
19. Wheaton-Herman-Norcross 1-0
20. St. Clair 0-0
BOYS TOP 20S

**CLASS 4A**
1. East Ridge
2. Hopkins
3. Eden Prairie
4. Lakeville North
5. Park Center
6. Prior Lake
7. Cretin-Derham Hall
8. Wayzata
9. Shakopee
11. Edina
12. Minnetonka
13. Tartan
14. St. Paul Johnson
15. Champlin Park
16. Chaska
17. Maple Grove
18. Buffalo
19. Rochester Mayo
20. Cambridge-Isanti

**CLASS 3A**
1. DeLaSalle
2. Princeton
3. Robbinsdale Cooper
4. Mahtomedi
5. Austin
6. Waseca
7. Marshall
8. Mankato East
9. Delano
10. Columbia Heights
11. Hibbing
12. Alexandria
13. St. Paul Harding
14. Willmar
15. Bemidji
16. Northfield
17. St. Thomas Academy
18. St. Cloud Apollo
19. Hermantown
20. Fergus Falls

**CLASS 2A**
1. Minnehaha Academy
2. Minneapolis North
3. Perham
4. Lake City
5. Caledonia
6. Breck
7. Melrose
8. Rochester Lourdes
9. Hawley
10. Breckenridge
11. Mesabi East
12. Stewartville
13. Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta
14. New London-Spicer
15. St. Charles
16. St. Cloud Cathedral
17. Osakis
18. Brooklyn Center
19. Spectrum
20. Pine City

**CLASS 1A**
1. Minneota
2. Springfield
3. North Woods
4. Russell-Tyler-Ruthhton
5. BOLD
6. Ortonville
7. Minnesota Valley Lutheran
8. Cromwell
9. Mountain Lake Area
10. Mayer Lutheran
11. Mahnomen-Waubun
12. New Ulm Cathedral
13. Henning
14. Cass Lake-Bena
15. Ada-Borup
16. Murray Co. Central
17. SW Minnesota Christian
18. Dawson-Boyd
19. Rushford-Peterson
20. Randolph

Carter Hansen of RTR drives against North Woods in the 2018 state finals.
Pacesetter Expecting 1,000 Teams for 5-State Youth Playoffs - Grades 4-9

State championships in five states, Great Five-State championships at Target Center in Minneapolis

Even beyond the dream comes true!

Teams in grades 4-9 now have a state championship in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota - and a 5-state championship at the Target Center in Minneapolis, home of the Timberwolves and 3-time world champion, Minnesota Lynx.

“I remember when I was in 5th grade,” said Jeff McCarron, Director of Pacesetter since 1980. “We played two halftime games at varsity games. That was it. In 7th grade we played six games - total. I remember where I was then when I dreamt of being able to play off against the state’s best 7th grade teams. Pacesetter is now giving kids that dream. The Great Five-State at the Target Center is beyond that dream!”

Last year over 900 teams played in the Pacesetter 5-state system, which was the first year for Wisconsin.

“We had some incredible games!” said McCarron. “We had both ends of the spectrum - from small towns winning championships to a team near Milwaukee (New Berlin West) with a young Jordan-like player on their team - he was big-time dunking in 8th grade - winning it on a last-second shot. Our first Wisconsin Great State champion. They had seven seconds left. He took the ball full court in four seconds and dished to a teammate in the corner for the winning shot.”

All teams that enter the playoffs begin in their own state with state championship playoffs, playing 3-4 games in one day. Minnesota has an 8-region state playoff March-April with eight region champions advancing to state in June. Minnesota’s state champion and runner-up will be invited to Great State.

North Dakota and South Dakota have Class A and Class B tournaments March-April in Jamestown and Huron with a “Border Battle Class B” tournament for one bid to the Great State in Minneapolis. The Class A state champions will get direct invitations to Great State. Iowa and Wisconsin will both have one-class state tournaments in Des Moines and Ripon. The two state champions and one state runner-up team from those two states will get a bids to Minneapolis.

“There is great pressure on school-team sports now due to club team expansion as teams split for AAU-style tournaments,” said McCarron. “Pacesetter supports ‘Hometown Teams’ - school and community teams - by providing a first-class, high-profile tournament system for school and community-based teams - the teams that will be playing together in high school. Kids can certainly do both, but we emphasize that playing for your school or community is the top priority. The AAU-style tournaments put too much emphasis on individuals...for my taste. Basketball is a great TEAM sport...and character builder through effort, sportsmanship, and teamwork...and it should always be played that way.”

Teams may register online at www.pacesettersports.net. All teams will play 3-4 games in one day at every tournament. Team discounts are offered for early registration - $10 off - by Jan. 31 - and multiple team entries - $10/team off with three of more teams registering online in the same transaction.

Let the DREAMS begin!