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Minnesotans in the NBA

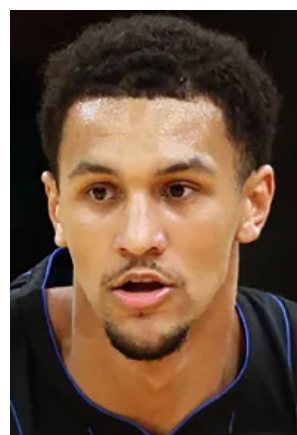
Twelve who've gone from these pages to the big show

By Bruce Strand

One dozen Minnesotans, guys we used to cover in MBBN as prep stars, are currently collecting paychecks in the National Basketball Association. The following is a run-down of that group, which includes one 10-year veteran, one who's averaged 18 points, six Mr. Basketball winners, three who are starters, two who played four college seasons, three from Apple Valley/Duke, two from Minnehaha Academy/Gonzaga, one set of brothers, and one whose dad played in the NBA.

Mike Muscala, 31, from Roseville, is the longest-tenured NBA player among the Minnesotans, in his 10th season, and fourth with the Oklahoma City Thunder. The 6-foot-11 forward/center is averaging 5.7 points and 3.1 rebounds in 34 games. After four college seasons at Bucknell, he was the 44th pick in the 2013 draft, by Dallas, who traded him to Atlanta. Before joining OKC, he played for Atlanta, Philadelphia, the L.A. Lakers and Toronto. He averaged 9.7 points in 35 games in 2020-21 and 8.0 in 43 games in 2021-22.

Gary Trent Jr., 24, from Apple Valley, is enjoying by far the most productive career of the Minnesotans. In his sixth NBA season, the Toronto Raptors 6-foot-5 shooting guard is averaging 18.5 points and



From left: Mike Muscala, 10-year veteran; Gary Trent Jr., an 18-ppg scorer; and Jalen Suggs, productive point guard

1.5 assists, after pumping in 18.3 ppg last year. He's been sidelined since Jan. 10 with left quad soreness. Trent, who left Apple Valley to play his senior year at a California prep school, was the 37th pick in the 2018 draft after one season at Duke. In 242 career games he's averaging 14.3 points. His father of the same name played nine NBA seasons with four teams.

Tyus Jones, 26, from Apple Valley, spent four seasons as a backup with the Timberwolves before landing with the Memphis Grizzlies for the last two seasons. The 6-foot-2 guard is averaging career highs of 10.8 points and 4.8 assists in 43 games, including seven starts. He averaged 8.7 points last year. The 2014 Mr. Basketball was Final Four MVP for NCAA champion Duke and was the

24th pick in the 2015 draft.

Jalen Suggs, 21, from Minnehaha Academy, has done well in two seasons with the Orlando Magic, but has been sidelined since Nov. 25 with an ankle injury. The 6-foot-5 guard was averaging 12.4 points, 5.4 assists and 3.3 rebound after 20 games — up from his solid rookie numbers of 11.8 points, 4.4 assists, and 3.6 rebounds. The 2020 Mr. Basketball winner (also a blue-chip quarterback prospect) had one super season at Gonzaga, which was unbeaten until the NCAA finals, and was the fifth pick in the 2021 draft.

Tre Jones, 23, from Apple Valley, is a starter in his second year with the San Antonio Spurs. The 6-foot-1 point guard is averaging 13.8 points, 6.4 assists, 3.8 rebounds and

1.3 steals in 44 games. He averaged 6.0 points last year, off the bench except for 11 starts. The 2018 Mr. Basketball was the 41st pick in the 2020 draft, after two years with Duke.

Chet Holmgren, 19, from Minnehaha Academy, was the most-hyped player in the 2022 draft as a willowy seven-footer showing highlight-reel agility and skills in his lone season at Gonzaga. But his rookie season with Oklahoma City had to wait a year due to a foot injury suffered in an August exhibition game while guarding superstar LeBron James on a fast break. The 2021 Mr. Basketball winner was the No. 2 pick in the draft.

McKinley Wright, 24, from Champlin Park, has played in 14 games for the Dallas Mavericks, logging 26 points, 20 assists and seven steals. The 5-foot-11 guard was Mr. Basketball in 2017, played collegiately for Colorado, and originally signed with the Timberwolves as an undrafted free agent. He played briefly with the Timberwolves and their Iowa Wolves affiliate.

Zeke Nnaji, 22, from Hopkins, is a third-year member of the Denver Nuggets, who made him the 22nd pick in the 2020 draft out of Arizona. The 6-foot-9 power forward is averaging 4.9 points and 1.9 rebounds, shooting 60.3 percent, in 35 games. He averaged 6.6 points and 3.6 rebounds last year and shot 61.6 percent.

Kendall Brown, 19, from East Ridge, is an NBA rookie with the Indiana Pacers, who made him the 44th pick in the 2020 draft out of Baylor. The 6-foot-7 guard has been sidelined with a leg injury since Dec. 7. He appeared in six games and scored nine points.

Jericho Sims, 24, from Christo Rey Jesuit, is in his second season with the New York Knicks. One of three centers on the team, the 6-foot-9 Sims is averaging 3.5 points and 4.2 rebounds. He played four seasons at Texas and was the 58th pick among 60, in 2021 but made the team, with occasional trips to their G League team.

David Roddy, 21, from Blake, is a rookie with the Memphis Grizzlies, who took him 23rd in 2022 out of Colorado State. The 6-foot-6, 255-pound forward (who was also a coveted football prospect at quarterback with Blake) is averaging 6.6 points and 2.8 rebounds in 39 games.

Amir Coffey, 25, from Hopkins, is a second-year player with the Los Angeles Clippers, making the club as an undrafted free agent after three seasons with the Gophers. The 6-foot-7 guard is averaging 3.7 points, 1.2 assists and 1.8 rebounds in 35 games, eight of them starts. The 2016 Mr. Basketball pick averaged 9.0 points and 2.9 rebounds in 69 games (30 starts) as a rookie.

Wayzata roars back after 0-3 start

Wayzata, coming off a state runner-up season, was ranked No. 3 in boys Class 4A before the opening tipoffs, but lost its first three games. However, the Trojans have reeled off eight straight wins since then and just turned in a banner week, handing Benilde-St. Margaret's its first loss 73-62 on Jan. 11 and stopping Hopkins' nine-game win streak 89-64 on Tuesday.



Tibbitts

"We have improved a lot in the last month," coach Bryan Schnettler acknowledged, "and we will continue to work hard to be playing our best basketball in March."

The Trojans' 0-3 start was actually pretty respectable: close losses against Lakeville South (currently 8-3), Eastview (7-2) and Lakeville North (9-2).

Against BSM, Hayden Tibbitts delivered 29 points and Jackson McAndrew 22. Spencer Hall snagged 10 rebounds and McAndrew eight. For BSM, Jalen Wilson 14, and Jayden Daisy 11.

"BSM is a very talented team and their ability to score in the paint and get offensive rebounds is tough to deal with," Schnettler said. "Our guys had one of our best defensive performances of the season. Hayden did a great job of leading us all night. Nic Beeninga took a big charge and hit some timely shots"

McAndrew was hot again Tuesday with 27 points against Hopkins. Hall added 15, and Tibbitts and Jake Schmitt 13 each. Hopkins, which had been averaging 82 points, was led by Jayden Moore with 18 and Anthony Smith with 12. McAndrew, a junior and a first-year starter, is averaging 16.8 points. Tibbitts, a senior who made the all-tournament team, is averaging 15.9 points.

Park Center, top-ranked, defending state Class 4A boys champion, won a duel of unbeaten teams over West Salem, WI, 91-83 on Saturday in the Midwest Players Classic event in La Crosse. JJ Ware sank 21 points, Casmir Chavis 19, CJ O'Hara 17, and Jackson Fowlkes 11 for the Pirates (10-0). Peter Lattos hit 25 points and Carson Koepnick 25 for West Salem (12-1). Will the Pirates go unbeaten? The last boys team to do it was Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa in 2012.

CLB nips Henning in unbeatens clash 71-70

Living up to its billing -- a duel of top-five-ranked, unbeaten teams -- was the Cass Lake-Bena vs. Henning game Saturday. CLB pulled out a 71-70 win as Kingsly Whitebird swished a three-pointer with 4.5 seconds on the clock. That game-winner came after CLB beat Henning to a loose ball and Cole Coss flipped it to a wide-open Whitebird.

"Tough competition and enjoyable win. Hats off to Henning. They never quit, but neither did CLB," said Alvin Wind, coach of the winning Panthers.

Cass Lake-Bena is 11-0 and ranked No. 2, and Henning 12-1 and ranked No. 5, after their spirited battle that took place in Perham as part of the Crossover Classic.

Henning roared to a 29-10 lead before CLB found its bearings. "With the talent they have, 19 points is not much," said Randy Misegades, Henning coach. Indeed, the Panthers were back within 38-37 at halftime.

Kadin Lee led the Panthers with 23 points despite fouling out with more than four minutes left. Dominick Staples-Fairbanks netted 16 points and Whitebird and Coss 10 each. "Their two guards — Lee and Staples-Fairbanks — are as good as we'll see in Class A all season. They are spectacular," Misegades observed.

Mason Hammer scored 24 for Henning. Freshman Kale Misegades delivered 19 points and nine rebounds, shooting 3-for-4 on three's and 10-for-11 at the line. Tyson Misegades added 13 points. Henning sizzled at the free throw line, 24-for-29, and the Panthers countered with 10-for-21 accuracy on three-pointers.

Buay Koak of Lyle-Pacelli notched his 2,000th point on Jan. 17 while scoring 15 to help the Athletics (11-2) beat Southland 46-29 in Lyle. The 6-foot-4 senior guard is averaging 22.4 points in his fifth year as a starter. "He's tough to defend on the inside and he handles the ball well," L/P coach Carl Truckenmiller said, in a Rochester Post-Bulletin feature. "He's just an all-around great athlete. He drives to the rim well and if you give him an open look, he'll dunk it on you. In Class A ball, that's kind of special." Koak is also a track-and-field athlete and has acted in several Austin Pacelli plays.



Koak

Mahtomedi, Holy Family thump Minnehaha Academy

Mahtomedi and Holy Family Catholic handed perennial power Minnehaha Academy back-to-back humbling losses last week. Mahtomedi, 9-2 and ranked No. 4 in Class 3A, beat the Redhawks 76-63 on Saturday night. HFC, 10-1 and ranked No. 2 in Class 2A, took them down 101-56 on Tuesday. HFC got 44 points



Mahtomedi's Owen Carlson foils a drive by Jerome Williams.

Bruce Strand, MBBN

from junior guard Kole Hanson (15-for-26 overall, 6-for-13 on three's, 8-for-9 at the line) while 6-foot-11 Boden Kapke poured in 35 points (14-for-20 overall, 4-for-4 on three's). "It was definitely one of those games where everything clicked offensively and defensively for us," said HFC coach Joe Burger. Another 6-11 player, Collin Mullholland, added 12 points, and helped hold HFC Minnehaha's 6-foot-9 standout Rolyns Aligbe to nine points. Jerome Williams led the Redhawks (7-5) with 22 points. Mahtomedi's win over the Redhawks was led by Owen Carlson with 24 points and 10 rebounds, and Will Underwood with 16 points, eight rebounds and six assists. Cole

Armitage added 14 points and James Ecker 11. Minnehaha got 20 points each from Williams and Aligbe.

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JUMPSHOTS -- Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton dealt **Perham** its first loss 57-56 in overtime on Jan. 12, led by Owen Leach with 30 points and 12 rebounds. Drew Sheeley added 10 points for the Rebels (8-2). Perham (12-1) had Micah Thompson with 17 points and Soren Anderson with 14, each grabbing seven rebounds. **Worthington's** 9-2 record includes a key section win over **New Ulm** 62-54 on Friday. Kaleb Knothe sank 20 points, including a 3-pointer that opened a 59-54 lead. Mikele Walu was next with 10. Colton Benson poured in 26 for New Ulm **Minneapolis North** (6-3), No. 6 in Class 2A, toppled **DeLaSalle**, No. 3 in Class 3A, 70-64 on Jan. 12 with Larry Perkins scoring 16 points, Zashon Rich 14, and AuVon Sager 12. Nasir Whitlock netted 24 for the Islanders (9-4) ... **Ada-Borup West** (11-1) knocked **Thief River Falls** from the unbeaten ranks 68-65 on Tuesday.

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Lake Crystal	April 22	4G, 6G, 8G, 5B, 7B, 9B
Lake Crystal	April 23	5G, 7G, 9G, 4B, 6B, 8B
Region 3 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Redwood Falls	March 25	5G, 7G, 9G, 4B, 6B, 8B
Redwood Falls	March 26	4G, 6G, 8G, 5B, 7B, 9B
Region 4 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Moose Lake/Willow River	April 15	4G, 6G, 8G, 5B, 7B, 9B
Moose Lake/Willow River	April 16	5G, 7G, 9G, 4B, 6B, 8B
Region 5 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Paynesville	April 1	5G, 7G, 9G, 4B, 6B, 8B
Paynesville	April 2	4G, 6G, 8G, 5B, 7B, 9B
Region 6 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Alexandria	April 15	5G, 7G, 9G, 4B, 6B, 8B
Alexandria	April 16	4G, 6G, 8G, 5B, 7B, 9B
Region 7 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Grand Rapids	April 1	8G, 5B, 7B
Grand Rapids	April 2	7G, 9G, 4B
Mt. Iron-Buhl	April 1	4G, 6G, 9B
Mt. Iron-Buhl	April 2	5G, 6B, 8B
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CLASS 4A

1. Hopkins 13-0
2. Chaska 13-1
3. Wayzata 12-2
4. St. Michael-Albertville 12-1
5. East Ridge 14-3
6. Maple Grove 10-3
7. Minnetonka 11-3
8. Eden Prairie 11-4
9. Rosemount 11-1
10. Lakeville North 9-3
11. Lakeville South 10-3
12. Stillwater 11-2
13. Rochester Mayo 12-1
14. White Bear Lake 13-3
15. Robbinsdale Cooper 12-3
16. Rogers 8-4
17. Anoka 11-3
18. Eagan 9-5
19. Roseville 8-6
20. Centennial 8-7

CLASS 3A

1. Benilde-St. Margaret's 9-4
2. Becker 9-2
3. Jordan 12-0
4. Grand Rapids 14-2
5. Stewartville 13-2
6. Alexandria 10-3
7. Holy Angels 11-3
8. Red Wing 9-2
9. Monticello 11-3
10. DeLaSalle 9-4
11. Visitation 9-4
12. Detroit Lakes 9-3
13. Marshall 8-4
14. Austin 9-5
15. Mankato East 8-4
16. Mahtomedi 7-5
17. North St. Paul 10-2
18. Cloquet 11-3
19. New Ulm 11-3
20. Delano 11-4

CLASS 2A

1. Providence Academy 11-2
2. New London-Spicer 12-0
3. Albany 11-1
4. Goodhue 13-2
5. Minnehaha Academy 8-4
6. St. Croix Lutheran 10-3
7. Perham 13-1
8. Rochester Lourdes 12-2
9. Pequot Lakes 8-1
10. Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial 13-1
11. Montevideo 10-2
12. Holdingford 11-2
13. Caledonia 13-2
14. Luverne 10-1
15. Sauk Centre 9-3
16. Minneapolis Roosevelt 12-2
17. Southwest Christian 11-2
18. Glencoe-Silver Lake 10-3
19. LaCrescent 10-2

CLASS 1A

1. Mountain Iron-Buhl 12-3
2. Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart 10-0
3. Mayer Lutheran 11-1
4. Hancock 9-2
5. Fosston 11-0
6. Hayfield 13-2
7. Henning 13-1
8. Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa 10-2
9. BOLD 10-2
10. Nevis 10-1
11. Badger-Greenbush-Middle River 10-3
12. Braham 11-1
13. Goodridge-Grygla 10-1
14. Breckenridge 10-2
15. Grand Meadow 11-2
16. Underwood 11-3
17. Barnum 11-1
18. Kelliher-Northome 9-2
19. Cromwell-Wright 10-3
20. Lac qui Parle Valley 11-2

Note: records are through Tuesday.

MBBN BOYS TOP 20

CLASS 4A

1. Park Center 10-0
2. Maple Grove 10-2
3. Eastview 7-2
4. Lakeville North 9-2
5. Minnetonka 8-2
6. Wayzata 8-3
7. Buffalo 10-1
8. Hopkins 11-2
9. Farmington 8-3
10. Shakopee 7-3
11. Andover 8-5
12. East Ridge 8-4
13. Stillwater 9-4
14. Lakeville South 8-3
15. Eden Prairie 7-4
16. Cretin-Derham Hall 8-5
17. Mounds View 8-3
18. Brainerd 8-2
19. Owatonna 9-3
20. Eagan 7-5

CLASS 3A

1. Totino-Grace 6-3
2. Benilde-St. Margaret's 9-1
3. DeLaSalle 9-4
4. Mahtomedi 8-2
5. Orono 7-2
6. Alexandria 9-1
7. Mankato East 10-2
8. Hermantown 9-2
9. South St. Paul 8-2
10. Delano 10-3
11. Austin 8-4
12. Princeton 9-2
13. Becker 7-3
14. Big Lake 7-4
15. Worthington 8-2
16. Stewartville 9-3
17. St. Anthony Village 8-3
18. Winona 5-4
19. St. Cloud Tech 7-5
20. New Ulm 9-4

CLASS 2A

1. Lake City 13-0
2. Holy Family Catholic 10-1
3. Maranatha Christian 9-2
4. Lake Crystal-Wellcome-Memorial 11-1
5. Maple River 14-2
6. Minneapolis North 6-3
7. Albany 9-1
8. Minnehaha Academy 7-5
9. Perham 12-1
10. Esko 8-2
11. Watertown-Mayer 8-3
12. Mora 10-1
13. Norwood Young America 10-2
14. Plainview-Elgin-Millville 9-3
15. Sauk Centre 8-1
16. Minneapolis Edison 9-3
17. Thief River Falls 11-1
18. West Central Area 10-2
19. St. Cloud Cathedral 8-2
20. Two Harbors 9-2

CLASS 1A

1. New Life Academy 11-1
2. Cass Lake-Bena 11-0
3. Cherry 7-3
4. Goodhue 12-2
5. Henning 12-1
6. Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 11-0
7. Hayfield 11-3
8. Lakeview 11-1
9. Belgrade-Broten-Elrosa 8-2
10. Ada-Borup-West 10-1
11. Lyle-Pacelli 11-2
12. Spring Grove 9-1
13. Browerville-Eagle Valley 8-1
14. Northland 9-1
15. Sacred Heart 11-2
16. Deer River 10-2
17. Border West 8-2
18. Fosston 9-1
19. Legacy Christian 10-4
20. Warren-Alvarado-Oslo 11-2

Note: records are through Tuesday.

Nevis girls hand 2 straight teams 1st loss

Nevis has knocked off undefeated teams in two straight games, each by a single point — Kelliher-Northome 37-36 on Thursday, Jan. 11, and Braham 32-31 on Saturday. Nevis, a state tournament entry last year, is 10-1 and was installed at No. 10 in Class 1A this week. Against Kelliher-Northome, Mya Stacey sank a pair of layups and a 3-pointer as Nevis rallied from a 32-27 deficit to a 36-32 lead. Over four minutes remained, but Nevis hung on as both offenses stalled. Mya Stacey sank 10 points and Kayli Bessler eight for Nevis. Kate Thayer notched 21 points and eight steals for Northome-Kelliher, which led 31-21 at halftime but shot just 19 percent in the game. Against Braham, Bessler sank a jump shot with 11 seconds left for the game-winner. She finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Braham had Madison Davis with 10 points.

Hopkins, top-ranked, unbeaten, defending champion in 4A girls, passed its toughest test of the season by fending off Wayzata 57-50 at home Tuesday. The Royals (13-0) and No. 3 Trojans (12-2) will have a rematch Feb. 10 in conference and most likely third go-around in Section 6. Liv McGill, junior guard, led Hopkins with 17 points, including a drive through traffic for a three-point lead. Nunu Agara scored 12 points and pulled down 16 rebounds. For Wayzata, Sophie Hawkinson netted 11 points, Brynn Senden and Abby Krzewinski nine each and Shannon Fornsell eight. Hopkins has won 13 straight over Wayzata, even though the Trojans are a regular in the top ten and frequently in the top five.



McGill

Alexandria and Detroit Lakes have dueled twice every season in girls basketball for many years, even though they are not in the same conference. It's an 80-mile bus trip as they resume the spirited rivalry home and home, and there's often a third matchup in Section 8AAA. Alexandria (10-3), ranked No. 6 this week, beat the No. 12 Lakers 62-42 on Tuesday, avenging a 56-50 loss to the Lakers (9-3) in December. (Before the Tuesday game, DL was ranked sixth and Alexandria seventh.) "We'll probably see them again," said Alexandria coach Wendy Kohler. Alexandria was led by 6-foot-2 sophomore Hadley Thull with 17 points and Chloe Scholl with 12 points. Abby Larson sank 11 points and Karlee Mace 10 for the Detroit Lakes. The Lakers, in the Tuesday rematch, were missing one starter with an injury and had two others foul out.

Lakeville North boys 10-2, missing two key players

Lakeville North has won its last three games, over Eagan, Eden Prairie and Burnsville, despite missing their Division I bound star Nolan Winter and their point guard Matt Drake. Winter, a 6-foot-11 senior forward signed by Wisconsin, is "day to day," said coach John Oxtan, dealing with a recurring ankle injury. Winter is averaging 21.7 points and 11.9 rebounds. Drake, a 5-foot-11 junior averaging 10 points and 4.6 assists, has a thyroid problem and "is probably out for another month or so, unfortunately," the coach said. Other standouts for Lakeville North, 10-2 and ranked No. 4 in Class 4A, are Jack Robison, averaging 16.9 points and 6.6 rebounds, and Hudson Vaith, averaging 15.5 points, 5.9 rebounds and 3.4 assists. Asked how the team is dealing with their absences, Oxtan said, "Not really significant adjustments, just others having to step up."

Max Shikenjanski, Stillwater's virtuoso quarterback and point guard, chalked up just his latest stellar feat by scoring his 2,000th career point on Friday evening. Needing 31 to get there, the 6-foot-2 sharpshooter logged 32 as the Ponies beat Park 84-51. Shikenjanski, who's averaging 28.3 points, was set to play D-1 basketball at The Citadel before the Gopher football staff enticed him to change his plans after a terrific senior season (26 touchdowns passing and seven rushing). Coach Brady Hannigan left his star in the game long after it was decided in order to let him get the milestone at home with the next two games on the road. Hannigan told the Stillwater Gazette that he appreciated Park coach Mike Weah not taking offense.

Eden Prairie's best player left the team recently while the Eagles are dealing with the suspension of coach David Flom, the Star-Tribune reported. Chiddi Obiazor, 6-foot-7 forward averaging 16.3 points, graduated early and enrolled at Kansas State, where he will play football. Meanwhile, Flom's son Joey, senior point guard who averaged 5.8 points in four games, also left the team. The Eagles were 5-1 before Obiazor left and are 3-3 since then. Coach Flom, whose outstanding record is highlighted by the 29-0 season in 2020 (halted due to the pandemic), was suspended Dec. 8. As the Star-Tribune describes it, an e-mail sent to players, parents and alumni indicated Flom read a racial slur aloud during a classroom session with players and assistant coaches dealing with responsible use of social media. Ex-Gopher Trevor Mbakwe, Flom's assistant, has coached the team since then.

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