

Flaming stars

Roseau's Borowicz sisters: down to one last season by Kacie after Kiley and Katie exit with painful illnesses

By Bruce Strand

Borowicz — that's the name that transformed Roseau from a Canadian border town best known for hockey prowess to one that also produced one of the most prolific basketball families in state history.

With Kiley, Kacie and Katie Borowicz gracing the green-and-white, each spaced two years apart, Roseau made five consecutive state tournaments with one state championship, one runner-up finish and two third-places.

The trio netted numerous all-state honors, one Miss Basketball award, two finalists, and 9,186 combined points — and that was with the youngest skipping her last year to join the Minnesota Gophers early.

The Borowicz era is now down to one final season for Kacie at UND -- with two of the sisters' stars forced to flame out early.

Kacie, the Summit League's leading scorer for North Dakota, is taking the option for a fifth year. Her sisters both had to quit after two college seasons.

Kiley was forced out before her junior season at Minnesota State-Moorhead



Kiley Borowicz, MN-Moorhead



Katie Borowicz, MN Gophers



Kacie Borowicz, North Dakota

due to a life-long struggle with arthritis. Katie, this March, stepped away from the Gophers with two years left, also due to a congenital ailment, in her case a brain/spinal problem that affected her legs.

"Both my sisters' stories were heart-breaking and sad," Kacie told MBBN. "I had many conversations with both of them before they made their final decisions, and it was hard to see them taken from their sport, knowing how much time they put into it."

Kacie missed one season herself, with a stress fracture in her right leg during her second year at UND, and wore a boot for two months, but she was much more fortunate than her sisters, returning to put in 19 and 21 points per game the next two seasons.

"It never bothered me in high school. I haven't had any issues with it since," she said.

The girls' most memorable season was 2016-17 when Roseau went 32-0, capped by a 75-64 win over Sauk Centre in the finals, when Kiley was a senior, Kacie a sophomore and Katie an eighth-grader. They didn't have a close game all season.

In the final seconds, Kiley hooked one arm around each sister and pulled them close with tears streaming down her face. "I was just thinking about how we're done playing together," Kiley told reporters after the game. "Our journey ever since third grade is over."

Kiley had 20 points, Kacie 19 and Katie nine that night.

Katie was the point guard, averaging seven assists per game. Kiley was a Miss Basketball finalist and averaged 26 points.

With two Killer B's still playing, the Rams reached the title game again in 2018, after Kacie scored 40 against Maranatha Academy in the semifinals. Sauk Centre beat them in a finals rematch 63-52. In 2019, the Rams were stopped in the semifinals by Caledonia and finished third.

Kacie, who played in all five state tournaments, all-tourney every time, was named Miss Basketball in 2019. She scored 3,501 points, including 319 in 15 state tournament games. She broke the school career record, which was no small feat as another Minnesota hoops legend, Megan Taylor, racked up a then state record 3,300 points, graduating in 1997, before going on to stardom at Iowa State.

Kiley scored 3,225 points at Roseau, including 268 in nine state tournament games, and Katie, after forfeiting her senior season, finished with 2,460 points.

Katie led the state with 32.3 points per game on a 20-6 team as a junior, breaking the family record as Kacie's top average was 28 and Kiley's was 26, both of them, of course, having superstar sibs to share the ball with.

The Borowicz family total is still growing with their two

younger brothers playing. Eighth-grader Jordan pumped in 23 points per game on the varsity this winter, including a school record 48-point game. Jake, a sophomore, who is a different kind of athlete, 5-10 and 270 pounds, is a football lineman and a thrower in track while also playing basketball.

Their parents, David and Tracy, were star athletes at Stephen, about an hour away from Roseau. David played football at UND, where he was Division III All-American, mainly at linebacker, and Tracy played basketball at Moorhead. One daughter each would follow them to their respective alma maters. The couple settled in Roseau because David, a mechanical engineer, always wanted to work for Polaris, headquartered there.



Kiley (right) and Kacie took a selfie in a recent visit at UND.

Kylie, the oldest, was about eight months old when an arthritic condition showed up. She was an early, enthusiastic crawler and walker, David said, but suddenly stopped doing so and seemed to be experiencing pain in her wrists and ankles. Alarmed, they eventually took her to Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. "They said she was the youngest person they had seen to be diagnosed with arthritis," said David, adding that this affliction ran in his family.

Kiley had the poly articulate kind that moved around to different joints. She had to be medicated from an early age. Her condition went into remission enough for her to thrive in high school basketball and volleyball. At Moorhead, though, arthritis pain came back and would not let go.

Borowicz averaged 13.9 points and 5.3 rebounds on a 27-7 team at Moorhead her sophomore year, and was an all-Northern Sun Intercollegiate first-team pick. She had

a 37-point game against Augustana, setting a team record with nine 3-pointers. But there would be no junior season as she had to pull out in September of 2019.

"It was very hard, for how much work I put into it," Borowicz told the Fargo Forum, at the time, about her decision, adding, "I just couldn't do it any more, and I finally realized I had to look out for my future body ... I did not want to make it worse."

Kiley has a physical education degree and did some substitute teaching in the St. Cloud area but found that she liked working as a bartender and waitress better, and made a lot more money that way, too. She moved to St. Paul in May.

Katie's lifelong affliction is Chiari Malformation, in which the cerebellum part of the brain, at the back of the skull, bulges through the opening in the skull where it joins the spinal cord. This results in pressure on parts of the brain and spine and makes it difficult for spinal fluid to pass through.

She joined the Gophers at age 17 when then-coach Lindsay Whalen, needing guards right away, invited her to graduate early and skip her senior season at Roseau to play college ball a year early. Katie was thrilled to accept the offer and looked forward to playing four years in the Big Ten.

She played in 14 games as a freshman averaging 3.9 points, then had surgery after her first year to open up that passageway and missed the entire 2021-22 season. The operation helped, but not enough.

The 5-foot-6 point guard returned this past winter, was named a captain, and played in 29 games, 17 of them starts, averaging 8.5 points. She had five steals in five of the games and shot 90.5% from the free throw line.

The pain would not subside. She tried cold packs, ice baths, and pills, but, she lamented, "When I play, it only gets worse, and I've come to associate basketball with pain."

Katie announced shortly after the season, in a tweet, that she was done: "My decision to medically retire is the most difficult and painful one I've ever had to make. I've



Katie (right) and Kacie posed at Williams Arena, Katie's home court for two seasons before a health issue ended her

for an extra year due to the shortened Covid-19 season. Kacie said it was a "no-brainer" for her to capitalize, especially since she felt she had been shorted one season because she was hurt that year anyway.

"I really just want to play as long as I can," she said. "I'd rather be in college making memories than working or trying to find a job."

After UND, Borowicz said, she plans to eventually work as a graphic designer, for a business or a sports team, although the possibility of pro basketball overseas has "always been something for me to think about."

been struggling for the past year to push through and put a smile on my face, but my body is telling me enough."

Kacie averaged 7.7 points on a 15-15 team as a freshman at UND. Her second season was limited to nine games, averaging 8.8 points, due to a stress fracture in her tibia, which she thought was shin splints before it was diagnosed. UND labored to a 2-19 season.

Fully recovered after resting and rehab, she became the prolific scorer she was expected to be, averaging 19.4 points in 2021-22 and the Fighting Hawks got back to .500 at 15-15.

This past season, Borowicz averaged 21 points and 4.8 assists, both tops in the Summit League. One highlight was a 20-for-20 free throw performance against Montana State, a league record, on the way to a .957 season at the line, second-best in the country. She had 33 both that game and against Western Illinois. UND had its first winning season during her tenure, 19-13. She has scored 1,466 points for the Fighting Hawks.

Borowicz is a senior this year but college athletes are eligible for an extra year due to the shortened Covid-19 season.

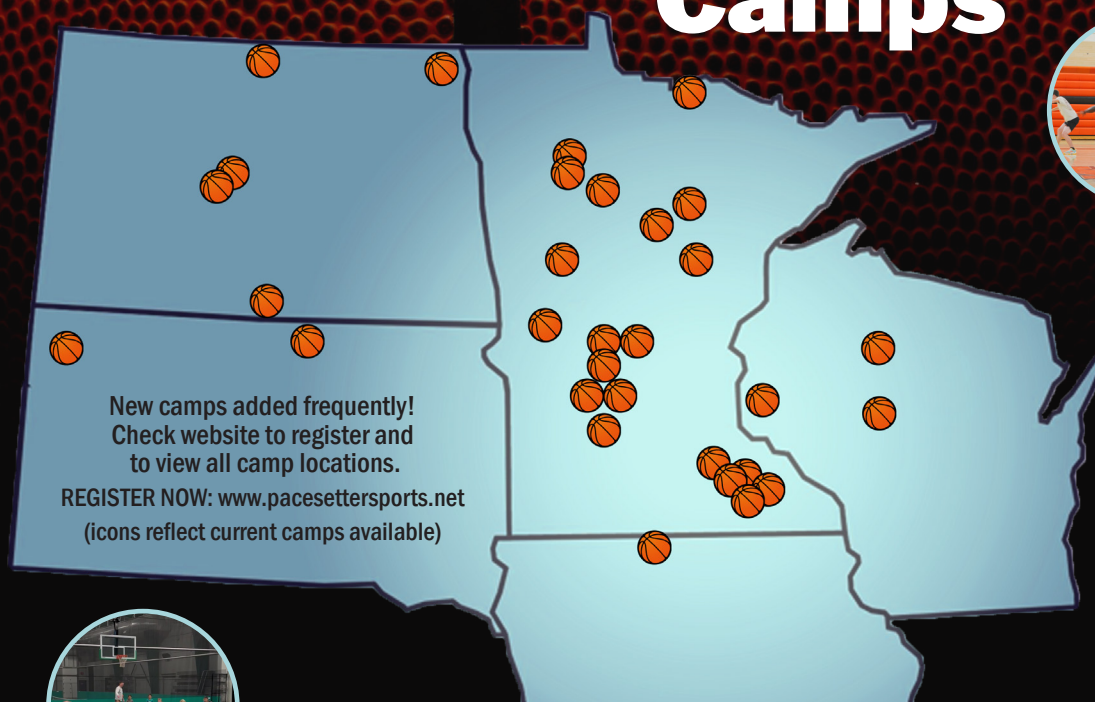
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Pacesetter Boys Top 100 Watch List

School	Boys Top 100 Watch List
Albany	Samuel Hondl, Zeke Austin
Alden-Conger	Quentin Guanella
Alexandria	Grayson Grove, Chase Thompson, Mason Witt
B O L D	Jack Gross
Barnesville	Zach Bredmen
BBE	Luke Dingman
Benilde-St. Margaret's	Jayden Daisy, Abu Kieta, Jalen Wilson, Jaleel Donlehy
Bethlehem Academy	Hudson Dillon
Blaine	Alvin Payne, Ethan Petits, Jordan Lyon
Blake	Grayson Okoronkwo, Carson McMichael
Blooming Prairie	Gabe Hein, Brady Kittelson, Zack Hein
Bloomington	Daniel Freitag, Marcus Horton
Brainerd	Eli Hoelz
Buffalo	Grady Guida, Kai Penny, Torii Johnson, Brody Wishart
Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart	Chase Hubin
Cambridge-Isanti	John Troolin, Elias Dee
Cannon Falls	Aiden Johnson
Cass Lake-Bena	Kaydin Lee, Dominic Staples-Fairbanks
Champlin Park	Luke Graff
Chanhassen	Maxwell Woods
Cherry	Isaac Asuma, Noah Asuma, Carson Brown, Noah Sundquist
Chisago Lakes Area	Patrick Rowe, Zander Schmidt
Coon Rapids	Jerry Freeman, Jaxon Young, Jackson Hettwer
Crosby-Ironton	James Stokman
Dawson-Boyd	Brayson Boike
Deer River	Cale Jackson, Caiden Schjenken
Delano	Max Iverson, Will Strandemo, Jake Schultz
DeLaSalle	De'von Irvin, Jaden Morgan
Detroit Lakes	Mason Carrier, Devon Berg
East Ridge	Charlie Theis, Cedric Tomes
Eastview	Jonathan Mekonnen
Eden Valley-Watkins	Noah Stommies, Parker Schultz
Edina	Josiah Coleman, Daniel Molhoek, Waylon Erlandson
Esko	Koi Perich
Fairmont	Levi Cooley
Farmington	Brandon Hrbcir
Fergus Falls	Henry Bethel
Fertile-Beltrami	Caiden Swenby, Derek Sorenson
Fillmore Central	Jayce Kiehne
Fond Du Lac Ojibwe	Jordell Brown
Forest Lake	Owen Waldock, Brennan Sauvageau, Braeden Turk
Fridley	Jamal Woods, Antwon Smith
GHEC/Truman/Martin Luther	Carter Fox
Glencoe-Silver Lake	Eli Ehrke, Josh Fiecke
Glenville-Emmons	Marshall Baseman
Grygla-Gatzke/Goodridge	Blake Rychlock
Hancock	Hudson Ver Steeg, Chase Evink
Hastings	Owen Bernatz, Kellen Nuytten
Hawley	Brevin Stoa
Hayfield	Zander Jacobson
Henning	Kale Misegades
Heritage Christian Academy	Abu Tarawallie, Joshua Sokeye, Owen Haag, Jonah Moulton
Hermantown	Abraham Soumis
Hiawatha Collegiate	Kam'Ron Solomon
Hillcrest Lutheran Academy	Noah Brumfield

Holy Family Catholic	Kole Hanson
Hope Academy	Zakary Ruhland, Brian Moss
Hopkins	Jayden Moore, Anthony Smith
Jackson County Central	Roman Voss, Weston Rowe
JWP	Memphis James
Kingsland	Jayden Brink
KMS	DeAndre Holloway
Lake City	Hunter Lorensen, Jaden Shones, Keegan Ryan
Lakes International Language Academy	Connor Severson
Lakeville North	Jack Robison, Matt Drake
Lakeville South	Marley Baah-Yeboah, Ryan Johnson, Demarcus Burks
Lanesboro	Mason Howard
Legacy Christian Academy	Dominic Noa, Micah Strand
LeRoy-Ostrander	Camden Hungerholt
Lester Prairie	Trever Schauer
Little Falls	Jaxon Janski
Mabel-Canton	Cayden Tollefsrud
MACCRAY	Isaac Post
Mankato East	Brogan Madsen, Gandon Gosch, Carson Schweim
Mankato West	Landon Dimler, Kyle Steinke, El Staley
Maple Grove	Henry Stang
Maple River	Aaron Pawlitschek, Arden Pawlitschek
Maranatha Christian Academy	Greysyn Rennie, Trell McCrimmon
Marshall School-Duluth	Brooks Johnson
Math & Science Academy	Salvia Balami
Melrose	Conner Englemeyer
Minneapolis Edison	Deidrick Taylor
Minneapolis North Community	Zashon Rich
Minneapolis South	Poet Davis
Minneapolis Southwest	Liam Farniok
Minneapolis Washburn	Kyle Jorgensen, Blake Bergen
Minnehaha Academy	Lorenzo Levy, Jerome Williams
Minnetonka	Jordan Cain, Andrew Stefanowicz
Montevideo	Gannon Reidinger, Griffin Epema
Moorhead	Dylan Zimmerman
Mora	Gage Braiedy
Mounds Park Academy	Wyatt Srsen, Micah Hudock
Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey	Carter Olson
Nevis	Alex Lester, JP Benson
New Life Academy	Colter Stone
New London-Spicer	Grant Paffrath, Mason Delzer
New Prague	Evan Weichert
New Ulm Cathedral	Jevan Wilfahrt
New Ulm	James Osborne, Colton Benson, Nathan Firle
North Woods	Jonah Burnett
Orono	Noah Groves
Osseo	De'Mari Larkins
Park Center	Jackson Fowlkes, Casmir Chavis, Chaing Ring
Park Christian	Daniel Swiers
Paynesville Area	Brayden Pung, Bryce VanderBeeck
Pelican Rapids	Timmy Guler
Pequot Lakes	Brayden Spiczka
Pillager	Christian Hooge, Parker Schaefer, Eli Miller
Pine River-Backus	Andrew Bueckers
Red Lake County Central	Owen Chervestad
Richfield	CJ Armstrong, Xavier Hayes

Rochester Century	Shaun Wysocki, Richard Wengert
ROCORI	Jack Boos
Roseau	Jordan Borowicz, Gunnar Lund
RTR	Drew Werkman
Sauk Centre	Jake Neuber
Schaeffer Academy	Ethan VanSchepen
Shakopee	Jalen Langsy, Isaac Snell
Simley	Deoviez Gibson
Sleepy Eye St. Mary's	Will Walter
South Saint Paul	Elonzo Simmons, Gavin Pendergast
Spectrum	Blake Fermrite
Spring Grove	Elijah Solum, Jaxon Strinmoen
St. Agnes	Andrew Weber
St. Cloud Apollo	Azayah Washington
St. Cloud Tech	Tameron Ferguson, Warsame Mahat
St. Paul Central	Allen Lankford, Eli Mossman
St. Paul Highland Park	Xavier May, Yared Yohannes, Andrew Bacigalupi
St. Thomas Academy	Luke Dobbs
Stewartville	Henry Tschetter, Parker Wangen, Tegan Malone, Caleb Bancroft
Totino-Grace	Zy'Lerre Stewart, Isaiah Johnson, Tyler Wagner, Chase Watley
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton	Trevor Smith, Alex Munson
Triton	Pierce Petersohn
Two Harbors	Isaiah Hietala
Verndale	Shawn Schmitz, Jaden Schulke
Wadena-Deer Creek	Peyton Church, Teshie Loer
Warren-Alvarado-Oslo	Kaden Pierce
Warroad	Liam Grover, Kason Pietrusewski
Waseca	Damarius Russell, Carson Ohnstad
Wayzata	Jackson McAndrew, Drew Neptstad
West Lutheran	Isaiah Ronning, Nolan Davis
White Bear Lake	Colin Piper
Win-E-Mac	Justin Courneya, Ryan Kangas
Winona	Jackson Harvey
Worthington	Kaleb Knothe, Jacari Swinea

Pacesetter Girls Top 100 Watch List

School	Girls Top 100 Watch List
Academy of Holy Angels	Jenna Buer, Keria O'Rourke
ACGC	Ruby Klinger, Elli Roemeling
Adrian	Sadie Krahling
Albany	Kylan Gerads, Alyssa Sand
Albert Lea	Nevaeh Wacholz
Alden-Conger	Alyvia Newman, Macy Mattson
Alexandria	Allie Haabala, Hadley Thul
Andover	Anna Vaaler
Apple Valley	Natalia Mackins, Kya Myers
Austin	Ajiem Agwa
B O L D	Lainey Braulick, Kenzie Visser
Barnesville	Abby John
Battle Lake	Kenady Cameron
BBE	Brooklyn Fischer
Benilde-St. Margaret's	Kendall McGee, Olivia Olson
Bertha-Hewitt	Carissa Winscher
Blackduck	Marissa Mills
Bloomington Kennedy	Loni Harris, Hailey Williams, Macie Miller, Allie Sheehan
Brandon-Evansville	Kylee Dingwall
Breckenridge	Parker Yaggie, Johnica Bernotas, Sydni Roberts
Browerville	Anna Myers, Lauren Schnettler
Buffao	Brylie Guida, Hayley Rohlin, Alyana Feekes
Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart	Rachel Kottke, Kristi Kottke, Lily Hubin
Burnsville	Madison Malecha, Ashley King, O'Ciana Johnson, Avery Krumwiede
Byron	Kendra Harvey
Cass Lake-Bena	Rayhanna Fairbanks, Gabby Fineday, Talyssea Graves-Dejarleit, Alexiah LaRose, Anika Wind, Alyssa Wright
Cedar Mountain	Aubrey Steffl
Champlin Park	Ava Holman
Chisholm	Tresa Baumgard
Clearbrook-Gonvick	Makenna Hartwig, Allison LaVine, Haylee McCoy
Cleveland	Ava Hahn, Greta Hahn
Columbia Heights	Kalise Lewis
Crookston	Halle Winjum, Abby Borowicz, Emma Gunderson
Crosby-Ironton	Tori Oehrlein
Delano	Taylor Tool
DeLaSalle	Aneisha Scott, Jordyn Johnson, Erianna Moeschter, Madalyn Blaylark
DGF	Aria Garrett
Eagan	Drew Buslee, Lydia Schmitter, Jocelyn McClary
East Grand Forks	Alison Kovar, Mya Langerud, Kylee Mattison, Tatem Votava
Eastview	Savanah Gardner, Lauren Machacek, Baja Torry, Myah Maull
Eden Prairie	Tori Schlagel, Vanessa Jordan
Eden Valley-Watkins	Katrina Schutz
Edgerton	Mataya Gilbertson, Alyda Vande Griend
Edina	Abby Richter, Camilla Thorson
Ely	Grace LaTourell
Esko	Hannah Swanson, Kyra Johnson, Cairin Berger
Fairmont	Neveah Rahm, Grace Pendergast, Brylee Miller
Farmington	Mari Scott, Hannah Hansen
Frazee	Hailey Selly, Jayden Sonnenberg
Fridley	Brandi Washington
GFW	Jenna Schweiss
GHEC-Truman-Martin Luther	McKenna Benck, Olivia Mattson, Beth Petrowiak, Keira Benck
Glencoe-Silver Lake	Mylea Monahan
Goodhue	Elisabeth Gadiant
Grand Meadow	Lexy Foster, Lauren Queensland
Grand Rapids	Jessika Lofstrom
Hancock	Kaitlyn Rohloff, Misti Zempel, Kaitlyn Staples, Brooke VerSteeg, Karleigh Rohloff
Hawley	Emma Brookshire, Izzy Steer
Hayfield	Natalie Beaver, Kristen Watson
Henning	Lyvia Misegades
Hibbing	Katherine Toewe
Hillcrest Lutheran Academy	Ruby Peterson, Ella Knutson
Hill-Murray	Elise Groppoli
Hills-Beaver Creek	Lanae Elbers, Layla Deelstra, Abbie Harris, Olivia Deelstra
Holdingford	Addy Pilarski, Laure Soltis, Maddy Mitchell, MaKenna Hohbein, Felicity Leblanc
Holy Family Catholic	Jocelyn Land

Hopkins	Liv McGill, London Harris, Erma Walker
Houston	Avery Kingsley
Jackson County Central	Rylie Cother
Jordan	Savannah Borowicz, Morgan Staloch, Maddie Olinger
Kelliher-Northome	Kylee Binkley, Alli Lundin, Ella Thayer, Kate Thayer
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KMS	Madelynn Luft, Acelynn Hacker
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Lakeville South	Finley Ohnstad, Anna Goodman, Dani Coleman
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Laporte	Thalia Meyer, Daphne Zubke
LCWM	Katelin Flack, Maggie Graupman, Ella Voges,
LeRoy-Ostrander	Jenna Olson, Benita Nolt
Long Prairie-Grey Eagle	Brooklyn Lux
Luverne	Kira John
Lyle-Pacelli	Kirsten Koopal
Mabel-Canton	Kinley Soiney, Hope Erickson
Mahtomedi	Mya Wilson
Mankato East	Macy Birkholz, Ellie Edberg
Mankato Loyola	Madison Huiras, Samantha Kann
Mankato West	Livi Downs
Maple Grove	Jordan Ode
Maple River	Claire McGregor, Alexis Thomas
Maranatha Christian Academy	Janiya Wright
Marshall	Taliegha Bigler
Marshall School-Duluth	Regan Juenemann
Martin County West	Emily Anderson, Ella Carlson
Menahga	Erica Tormanen, Janelle Hendrickson, Kenzie Anderson, Anjalie Aho
Milaca	Maggie Westling
Minneapolis Roosevelt	Jaida Walker, Olivia Wren
Minnehaha Academy	Angel Hill, Addison Mack
Minnetonka	Aaliyah Crump, Sidney Reed, Grace Hamdorf, Lanelle Wright
Minnewaska Area	Sydney Dahl, Megan Thorfinnson
MN Valley Lutheran	Ella Mullenbach
Montevideo	Kierra Foley, Teagan Epema
Monticello	Samantha Voll
Moose Lake-Willow River	Julia Brinkman
Morris Area / Choko-Alberta	Kaylee Harstad
Mounds Park Academy	Nora Pederson
Mountain Iron-Buhl	Hali Savela, Jordan Zubich, Gabby Lira
Nevis	Kayli Bessler, Ava Forbes, Marley Mitchell, Mya Stacey
New Ulm Cathedral	Jenna Hotovec
New Ulm	Daviney Dreckman, Brooklyn Lewis
New York Mills	Alayna Baune, Ayla Olson, Annika Dunrud
Nicollet	Leah Bode
North Branch	Ella Kuhlman
Ogilvie	Kadence Pierce
Orono	Mya Moore
Osakis	Carlee Muenzhuber, Taylor Dirkes
Owatonna	Carsyn Brady, Morgan Fisher, Maryn Pool
Park	Tori Henderson
Paynesville Area	Rayana Spanier, Emma Flanders
Pelican Rapids	Ellie Welch, Anna Roisum, Morgan Korf
Pequot Lake	Isabel Larson, Kelsi Martini
Perham	Willow Thiel, Kennedy Pilgrim, Kaia Anderson, Cora Grismer
Pillager	Jada Loucks
Pine City	Karly Juszczak
Prior Lake	CeCe McNair, Julia Thoms, Anna VanHelden, Bree Bowman, Anna Traschel, Alaya Carter, Brooklyn Holmberg
Providence Academy	Maddyn Greenway
Red Lake	Raquel Stilday
Redwood Valley	Kenzie Lundeen, Kendall Huhnerkoch
Richfield	Brianna Johnson
Robbinsdale Cooper	Somah Kamara
Rochester Century	Taylor Clarey, Audrey Whitney, Ella Zmolek
Rochester John Marshall	Alayna Meister
Rochester Mayo	Ava Miller, Kaia Kirkeby
Roseau	Anyia Severson, Brooklyn Hulst

Rosemount	Ava Thompson, Avery Moeller, Ayelishka Teko-Folly, Riley Ang
Roseville Area	Kendall Barnes
Rothsay	Savannah Sullivan
Royalton	Kylie Waytashek, Hannah Krueger
Sartell-St. Stephen	Kaia Gack
Sauk Centre	Cierra Kortan, Tory Jennissen
Schaeffer Academy	Lily Morrisey
Sebek	Annika Pulju
Shakopee	Nicole Maenke, Olivia Pawlicki, Daviyana Singleton Buchanan, Sadie Hall, Brille Pankake, Kailey Korba
Sleepy Eye	Kadence Hesse, Brea Mertz
Sleepy Eye St. Mary's	Natalie Fischer, Morgan Mathiowetz
South Ridge	Svea Snickers, Mercedes Lawrence
Southwest MN Christian	Madysen Fey, Jocelyn Barron, Ana Veldkamp, Makenzie Pap
Spring Grove	Kylie Hammel
Springfield	Brooklyn Sturm
St. Anthony Village	Bel Cassidy, Stella Timmins
St. Clair	Steph Cink, Tori Ward, Brooklin Hinze, Brooklyn Meng
St. Croix Lutheran	Laura Hauge
St. Croix Preparatory Academy	Ivy Lothenbach
St. Michael-Albertville	Ja'Kahla Craft, Ava Haus, Abby Hoselton, Cail Jahnke
St. Peter	Rhyan Holmgren, Maddie Kamm, Annika Southworth
Stillwater Area	Amy Thompson
Swanville	Avery Douglas
Thief River Falls	Avah Waldal, Sophia Kraemer, Breanna Myers
Two Harbors	Rachel Bopp
Underwood	Elizabeth Lukken, Kallyn Grove
Upsala	Brenna Graves, Samantha Pilarski, Dakota Soltis
Verndale	Katie Blaha, Reagen Ludovissie
Visitation	Samantha Wills, Kiersti Joerger
Wadena-Deer Creek	Addyson Gravelle, Montana Carsten, Payton Gravelle
Walker-Hackensack-Akeley	Avery Morrison, Aubrey Morrison, Britta Rand, Ava Welk
Warroad	Faith Lilly
Wayzata	Sophie Hawkinson, Kate Amelotte
West Central Area	Macy Grosz, Addison Staples
Wheaton/Herman-Norcross	Julia Schmidt
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The Girls' Top 100 Expo is full. The boys' Top 100 has 15 openings.

All boys on the Watch List:

If you have not registered, you are invited to do so ASAP by writing me at jmac8144@yahoo.com. I will send you the registration link.



All Minnesota boys' head coaches: Jeff McCarron

If you have a player who has college potential, please let me know, and we will send him the link to register. We will also add him to the Watch List.

All college coaches in the 6-state area are being invited to attend. The Top 100 Expo Player List will be sent to them on June 30, so players should register soon.

The 2023-2024 pre-season issue of MBBN will again feature the Top 50 Boys and Top 50 Girls player lists in each class. The Top 100 Expo gives our staff a chance to see players in action to help us evaluate. Input from head coaches about top returning players is also essential to recognize the top players in pre-season.

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find you. They are very good at what they do.

Borowicz Family

I have been honored to see the three sisters play in our Pacesetter regional/state playoff system since they were young. The first time I met Katie she was a 4th grader watching Kiley and Kacie win the Pacesetter Great Five-State Tournament in the Target Center. She had a Lynx painted on her cheek and was proud to show it with a smile I have never forgotten.

What a basketball journey for this family. It was so sad to hear of the medical issues that prevented Kiley and Katie from playing full college careers. But if I have read them right, they are not the type to sit and wallow in self-pity. They are winners and will continue to succeed in whatever they do and appreciate the time they had on the court. They have lived the dream of winning a state championship and playing high-level college basketball. Very few get to enjoy that feeling for life.

At this very moment Katie and her mom, Tracy, are running a Pacesetter "Tour of Champions" Camp for over 40 girls in Perham. Basketball can continue to give to all that love it - through coaching, teaching, or officiating. I'm sure we'll be seeing these ladies on or near a basketball court much of the rest of their lives. The Borowicz family are a first-class family who love this game. I wish each of them every success on and off the court.

Pacesetter's 44th Season...and The Future

This summer marks the 44th season for Pacesetter Basketball. I drove through Lamberton today, recalling some of our earliest camps almost a half century ago. The school and the Lamberton Motel are still there, but Phyl's Cafe on main is long gone. Sweet memories....

Bill Gross from Hayfield, a close friend of mine, who gave me the name "Pacesetter" in his living room in early 1980, asked me today "How many players have gone through Pacesetter?" I said I didn't know, but it has to be between 300,000-400,000.

There will be some exciting changes coming to Pacesetter next year and into the future. Stay tuned....