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# Blackjacks on the rise

By Bruce Strand

Dawson-Boyd's last state tournament trip was in 1991 when Jeff Nordgaard and Brian Prestholdt powered the Blackjacks to a third-place in the smaller class of a two-class system.

Cory Larson was the point guard. He doesn't take much of the credit: "My job was pretty easy: get the ball to those two guys and get out of the way!"

Larson is now the Blackjack's longtime head coach, and there's a fairly good chance of getting back to state, with the lineup he currently has, this year or next.

Last season, the Blackjacks went 26-4 and handed state champion Russell-Tyler-Ruthton its lone loss, with RTR winning their other two encounters, all close games.

This year, despite graduating four of the top seven, including two all-conference players, Dawson-Boyd appears to be even stronger, if early returns are any indication.



**Drew Hjelmeland laid in two of his 30 points against Cass Lake-Bena**



**Brayson Boike, all-around star for D-B**

*Coach is link to Dawson-Boyd's last state team*

The Blackjacks opened with a 75-62 win over RTR and that's the closest of their six wins so far. They are ranked No. 2 in Class 1A behind Cherry, playing four juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen.

"Our goal is to be competitive," said Larson, a math teacher who's been basketball coach for 19 years and football coach for 22 years. "I felt it might take some time for our younger players to feel comfortable with a different pace and adjust to a more physical game, but to this point, that group has exceeded expectations."

Asked about goals, he's playing that down for now: "We try to stay focused on getting better each day, not setting any team goals until we have put ourselves into those situations."

The linchpin player is Brayson Boise. Larson regards the 6-foot-7 junior as the Blackjacks' best talent since Nordgaard, who had a pro career in Europe after starring at Wisconsin-Green Bay. Boise is delivering 25.2 points, 11.8 rebounds and 5.3 assists per game in his third season. He averaged 16.3 points and 7.2 rebounds as a freshman and 20 points, nine rebounds and 3.3 assist as a sophomore.

Drew Hjelmeland, 6-foot-6 junior, is averaging 18.7 points and 9.7 rebounds. He played off the bench last year and still delivered 14.9 ppg.



**Coach Cory Larson was the Blackjacks point guard on their 1991 state third-place team.**

Photos by Bruce Strand, MN BB News

“Two very special players,” acknowledged Larson. “Both bring a strong skill set with their long frames. They both are comfortable everywhere on the floor. Tough match-ups for most teams.”

“Brayson is an elite defender, can guard any position on the floor. Drew just had to knock down outside shots for us a year ago. He has become more aggressive with the basketball this season.”

Gunner Liebl, who saw action off the bench last year, is making a big impact now that he’s starting at point guard, averaging 19.5 points, 3.7 assists and 5.7 rebounds. “Gunner is off to a great start,” said Larson, praising him as a facilitator, scorer from the perimeter and paint, and outside defender.

Their next scorer is sophomore Carson Stratmoen with 6.8 points.

The Blackjacks’ experience competing against last year’s state champs three times made the returning team believe that “we were close” to playing at that level, Larson said. Still, they have a lot of work to do: “Losing a group of seniors that were key contributors and now replacing them with underclassmen, we knew our team would look different come this season.”

Larson coached a lot of the same kids on a 5-5 football team. Boike was voted sub-district MVP at both wide receiver and cornerback. Liebl was the quarterback and linebacker, Hjelmeland tight end/defensive back and Gunnar Olson a two-way lineman.

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## Another Borowicz hits milestone ahead of sisters, parents

By Bruce Strand

Jordan Borowicz has become the sixth member of his family to score 1,000 career points, and he got there faster than his parents and three older sisters.

The Roseau Rams freshman guard passed 1,000 while pumping in 41 points in a 79-63 win at Stephen-Argyle on Dec. 1. Ironically, his parents were stars for Stephen on that same court. Tracy Safranski Borowicz tallied 1,422 points and David Borowicz 1,117 for Stephen.

Borowicz, a hard-driving, 5-foot-10 point guard, is averaging 30 points, leading the Rams to a 5-1 start. He averaged 23 points in eighth grade on a 7-20 team.

The freshman prodigy, a starter since seventh grade, gets the bulk of his points in the paint, owing it to his physical style of play. His mom, Tracy, told the Grand Forks Herald that Jordan plays almost like it’s football, not basketball. “He is so aggressive. He just loves the contact. He doesn’t shy away from it at all. Sometimes I turn my head when I see him because he’s just such an aggressive player, very physical.”

His big sisters are state legends with Kacie scoring 3,501 points, Kiley 3,225 and Katie 2,460 before skipping her senior year to join the Gophers early. The three of them teamed up for an unbeaten state championship season in 2017. Jordan told the Herald that he’d like to break some of their records “and make a name for myself.”

His coach, Ryan De Bock, assessed that Jordan never had to be trained for scoring ability or killer instinct, like most kids do, because he’s always had it. The main quest has been to get him to trust teammates around him a little more. “He’s starting to figure that out now,” De Bock said, with some teammates stepping up as scorers. He has potential to be “an incredible player.”



**Jordan Borowicz**



# Albany upends P.A. in thriller

*Duel of 2A powers ends 72-70 before huge crowd*

By Bruce Strand

Albany and Providence Academy figured, why wait until late March to resume their spirited rivalry? So the city and country powers scheduled a regular-season game this year, and it was all the fans could hope for. Albany upset the two-time defending Class 2A champion Lions 72-70 before a packed house of close to 1,500 fans in Albany on Tuesday evening, with Savanna Pelzer delivering two game-winning free shots.

It was a battle of 1-2 ranked unbeatens, the order of which was reversed by the outcome with Albany now No. 1 and Providence Academy at No. 2, out of the top spot after 34 weeks there. The Huskies snapped a 37-game win streak by the Lions.

They've met at state the last three years. Providence Academy beat the Huskies 74-60 in in the 2023 finals and 55-48 in the 2022 semifinals. Albany beat the Lions 57-43 in the 2021 finals. Another clash in March 2024 would surprise no one.

Kylan Gerads, St. Cloud State recruit, pumped in 25 points, and Alyssa Sand, St. Thomas recruit, sank 23 as the two senior stars accounted for 48 of the Huskies' 72 points. But it was all up to Pelzer when she was fouled on the Lions' end of the floor while chasing a rebound with 2.1 seconds left. The senior guard had two points on her ledger when she went to the line.

She told the St. Cloud Times she was nervous but confident: "I hit free throws in practice all the time, that's what I told myself." Gerads added, "We told her it's just like at practice." Pelzer sank them both. "She had ice in her veins," Gerads said. The Huskies had their memorable victory when Providence superstar Maddyn Greeway's desperation shot missed from mid-court.

Huskies coach Aaron Boyum was elated at the turnout of fans and the exciting game they were treated to. "I can't say enough about our fans to create this kind of atmosphere. It's going to be a tremendous memory for our girls," he told the Times. Sand noted that it was "the most packed our gym has ever been," and when Pelzer was fouled, it was "the loudest I've ever heard a crowd in my life."



**Savanna Pelzer readied herself to shoot the winning free shots.**

Reid Glenn, St. Cloud Times

"It was an amazing environment. One I haven't seen, ever," Connor Goetz, Providence coach, told the Minnesota Basketball News. "Probably on a smaller scale to the Wayzata-Hopkins games, but a really intimate feeling."

Greenway, averaging 34.5 points coming in, was limited to 19, along with nine assists, seven rebounds and two steals. The Huskies double-teamed her most of the game with Pelzer, Tatum Findley and Callie Holthaus switching off, the Times reported. They also played some 2-3 zone on her,

Hope Counts logged 16 points and 11 rebounds, Emma Millerbern 14 points and Ari Peterson 13 points. The Lions made 10 steals, about six less than they were averaging. Goetz said the key factors were Albany's ability to handle the Lions' pressure, mainly due to Pelzer, along with foul trouble

and an off-night shooting. He praised Albany's "ability to make tough contested shots ... Every time we'd make a run, they'd answer right back with a tough shot."

The Lions' conquests include Iowa power Dowling Catholic 79-76, defending 3A champion Benilde-St. Margaret's 83-61, Wisconsin power Hortonville 95-86, Class 4A's No. 4 Lakeville North 78-75 and Class 1A's No. 5 Goodhue 86-70. They will face Hopkins on Dec. 29 at College of St. Benedict.

Albany has a couple more high-profile clashes coming up, against Class 1A's top-ranked Mountain Iron-Buhl and Class 2A's No. 4 Crosby-Ironton on Dec. 29-30 at St. John's.



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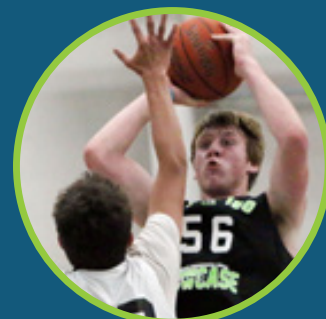
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# T-G wins round one vs Park Center

By Bruce Strand

Totino-Grace and Park Center, state powers in Class 3A and 4A, respectively, clash twice each season as Northwest Suburban Conference rivals. Totino-Grace won the first installment Tuesday at home 82-72 with five double-digit scorers: Tayler Wagner 17 points, Tian Chatman 15, Isaiah Johnson-Arigo 15, Chase Watley 15 and Dothan Ijadimbola 14. Cashmir Chavis poured in 33 for Park Center while Chiang Ring had 12 points and 11 rebounds. Totino-Grace remains No. 1 in Class 3A while the Pirates slipped to No. 2 in Class 4A behind Wayzata, which beat Totino-Grace 83-81.

Spring Grove's standout senior Elijah Solum will miss the bulk of the season with a torn ACL suffered in AAU ball. "He got his surgery in July and has been rehabbing well," coach Wade Grinde reported. "We are hoping to get him back sometime in January, or even February." The 6-foot-1 guard averaged 16.2 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals last season, leading the Lions to a 31-2 record and third place in the state Class 1A tournament. He has 1,214 career points. Solum missed the 2023 football season after quarterbacking the Lions to a 13-1, state runner-up season his junior year.

Teresa Baumgard of Chisholm poured in 56 points and passed the 2,000-point marker in an 111-23 win over Littlefork-Big Falls at home Monday. Baumgard, who's averaging 42.5 points after four games, needed 55 to reach the milestone. The Minnesota-Moorhead recruit is likely to break Chisholm's girls record of 2,152 by Judy McDonald that has stood since 1984.

Three highly-ranked boys teams lost to teams from other states in the past week. Lakeville North lost to Wisconsin Lutheran (9-0) in a Madison tournament, 68-63, after beating Verona 105-74. Totino-Grace lost to Bellevue West (6-1) of Nebraska 84-74 at home Saturday. Caledonia lost to Waverly-Shell Rock (6-2) of Iowa 75-63 at Luther College after beating Bishop Heelan 71-67.

## AROUND THE STATE

St. Louis Park was 0-5 before defeating two ranked Steams. The Orioles beat Minnehaha Academy 102-82 on Friday with sophomore Micah Curtis sinking 45 points (previous high was 24) and Marley Curtis and Rashad Kimber 23 points each, then Tartan 83-67 on Tuesday with Micah hitting 27 points and Marley 21. Holy Family (No. 2 in 2A) stopped them 92-74 on Thursday with Kole Hanson sinking 34 points.

Orono split against fellow Class 3A powers in back-to-back games this week. The Spartans nipped Richfield 93-91 Monday as Brady Wooley delivered the game-winner on a follow-up dunk, Nolan Groves sank 33 points and Wooley 20. Richfield's CJ Armstrong pumped in 38 points. Delano took Orono down 79-74 on Tuesday with Will Strandemo netting 24 points and Max Iversen 21. Riley Nelson sank 18, Groves 16, and Wooley 15 (with 18 rebounds).

St. Thomas has signed three in-state standouts — St. Croix Lutheran guard Laura Hauge, recently the state's new record-holder for career 3-points; Albany's 6-foot-3 Alyssa Sand, scoring and rebounding machine for the top-ranked 2A team and last year's state runner-up; and Savannah Gardner, Eastview forward, who helped North Tartan AAU team win a national 16U tournament in 2022. Coach Ruth Sinn's other signee was guard Mikayla Werner of Hortonville (WI). The Tommies, playing a Division I schedule, are 5-6, led in scoring by Stillwater's Amber Scalia (16.8 ppg), Minneapolis South's Jade Hill (14.7) and Elk River's Jo Langbehn (11.8).

**JUMP SHOTS** -- Liam Farnick, Minneapolis Southwest senior, sank 40 points in a win over Minneapolis Henry 104-69 on Dec. 18 and passed 1,000 points ..... Kyle Jorgensen, Minneapolis Washburn 6-9 forward signed by Colorado State, reached 1,000 while scoring 34 points in a 64-59 win over Eastview on Dec. 16 .... Cherry guard Noah Asuma is the first sophomore this year, that we're aware of, to reach the 1,000-point milestone. He did so Nov. 30 during a win over Deer River ... The Dover-Eyota girls (10-0) edged Byron 56-53 in a duel of unbeaten on Monday with Nora Prestash and Miranda Palmy sinking 11 points each and Madi Mullikin 10. Paige Halderhad 15 for Byron.

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## CLASS 4A

1. Wayzata 6-0
2. Park Center 5-1
3. Lakeville North 3-2
4. Shakopee 4-2
5. Minnetonka 4-0
6. Farmington 6-0
7. Hopkins 4-1
8. Minneapolis Washburn 6-1
9. Osseo 4-1
10. Buffalo 5-1
11. Cretin-Derham Hall 4-1
12. Rogers 6-1
13. Rochester Century 3-2
14. East Ridge 2-3
15. Rosemount 4-1
16. Apple Valley 4-2
17. Coon Rapids 4-2
18. Cambridge-Isanti 4-2
19. Lakeville South 3-3
20. Woodbury 5-0

*Records are through Tuesday*

## CLASS 3A

1. Totino-Grace 4-2
2. Benilde-St. Margaret's 3-1
3. Alexandria 4-1
4. Mankato East 5-1
5. Stewartville 5-0
6. Delano 5-2
7. Orono 4-2
8. Minneapolis South 5-0
9. Fridley 3-0
10. Richfield 3-2
11. Hutchinson 6-0
12. DeLaSalle 1-2
13. Becker 5-1
14. Big Lake 4-2
15. North Branch 4-2
16. Columbia Heights 4-0
17. Chisago Lakes 5-1
18. Mankato West 4-2
19. St. Cloud Tech 2-2
20. Detroit Lakes 5-0

## CLASS 2A

1. Breck 4-0
2. Holy Family 4-2
3. Minnehaha Academy 3-2
4. Esko 3-0
5. Caledonia 4-1
6. Minneapolis North 3-1
7. MN Valley Lutheran 5-0
8. Maranatha Christian 3-0
9. Belle Plaine 5-1
10. Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta 6-1
11. Melrose 3-1
12. Eden Valley-Watkins 5-1
13. Albany 2-1
14. Sauk Centre 5-1
15. Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial 4-1
16. Paynesville 5-1
17. Osakis 5-1
18. Annandale 3-1
19. Redwood Valley 6-1
20. Rockford 4-1

## CLASS 1A

1. Cherry 7-0
2. Dawson-Boyd 6-0
3. West Central Area 5-1
4. Ada-Borup West 7-0
5. Nevis 2-0
6. Henning 6-0
7. Sacred Heart 5-0
8. Sleepy Eye 5-1
9. Sleepy Eye-St. Mary's 6-1
10. Northern Freeze 5-1
11. Fertile-Beltrami 4-1
12. Heritage Christian 4-1
13. Southwest MN Christian 4-2
14. Mt. Lake Area/Comfrey 6-1
15. Red Lake County 6-0
16. Browerville-Eagle Valley 4-1
17. Upsala 5-1
18. Spring Grove 3-0
19. Blooming Prairie 3-0
20. Cromwell-Wright 5-0



# MBBN GIRLS TOP 20

## CLASS 4A

1. Minnetonka 6-0
2. St. Michael-Albertville 9-0
3. Hopkins 7-2
4. Maple Grove 7-0
5. Lakeville North 4-2
6. Eden Prairie 7-1
7. Wayzata 5-2
8. Stillwater 6-1
9. Rosemount 6-2
10. Elk River 5-2
11. Andover 5-2
12. White Bear Lake 7-3
13. Eastview 5-3
14. Chaska 4-3
15. Anoka 5-3
16. Roseville Area 6-2
17. Rochester John Marshall 6-1
18. Centennial 2-5
19. Prior Lake 3-5
20. Shakopee 5-3

## CLASS 3A

1. DeLaSalle 4-2
2. Alexandria 7-1
3. Benilde-St. Margaret's 3-4
4. St. Peter 8-0
5. Totino-Grace 7-0
6. Delano 8-0
7. Marshall 6-1
8. Cloquet 7-0
9. Rock Ridge 7-0
10. Monticello 8-1
11. Byron 3-1
12. Stewartville 7-2
13. Minneapolis Roosevelt 5-3
14. Cretin-Derham Hall 5-2
15. Mankato East 4-3
16. Winona 5-1
17. Hill-Murray 2-4
18. New Ulm 6-2
19. Orono 3-3
20. Grand Rapids 6-3

## CLASS 2A

1. Albany 7-0
2. Providence Academy 8-1
3. Minnehaha Academy 10-0
4. Crosby-Ironton 7-0
5. Duluth Marshall 4-1
6. Jordan 8-1
7. New London-Spicer 6-0
8. Pequot Lakes 5-0
9. Dover-Eyota 10-0
10. Pelican Rapids 6-0
11. Winona Cotter 6-0
12. Perham 6-2
13. Sauk Centre 5-2
14. Holdingford 5-1
15. Watertown-Mayer 7-1
16. Fairmont 5-1
17. Pine City 5-2
18. St. Croix Lutheran 3-5
19. NRHEG 6-1
20. Holy Family 7-2

## CLASS 1A

1. Mountain Iron-Buhl 9-1
2. Hayfield 8-0
3. Hancock 6-0
4. Sleepy Eye 8-0
5. Goodhue 5-3
6. Kelliher-Northome 5-0
7. Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart 3-2
8. Fosston 8-0
9. Braham 8-0
10. Mayer Lutheran 7-3
11. Southwest MN Christian 6-0
12. Cass Lake-Bena 4-1
13. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 4-2
14. Nevis 5-2
15. Underwood 5-1
16. Minneota 5-1
17. Cromwell-Wright 6-2
18. Spring Grove 7-1
19. West Central Area 7-2
20. Kittson County Central 5-1

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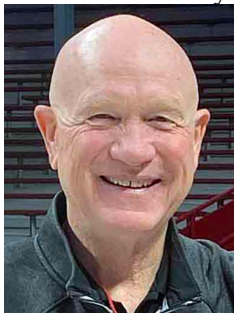


# Merry Christmas and Happy Season!

*Give your teams in grades 4-9 the gift of "Playoffs"*

Older people sometimes forget what it was like to be young. When Tom Mulso, my lifelong friend, and I were in 5th grade, we got to play at halftime of a varsity game against a team from Dunnell. "They have Tirevold and Hybbert," Tom reported, adjusting his glasses, "I have to go pee!"

I am sitting here laughing now at the memory. I think we went to the bathroom 4-5 times in the first quarter. At that time there were cheerleaders and a band and a good crowd in the gym, so this was no quiet gym 5th grade game – makes me need to pee thinking about it!



Tom was right. Hybbert was big and strong and Tirevold was quick and hard to guard. I would pay to see a video of that game. We won, I remember that – probably 4-2 - and no one left a yellow trail on the court, thank goodness.

I do remember that excitement. Later, when we played in the driveway – after shoveling off the snow and donning gloves, we emulated stars from the state tournaments we'd seen or the Big Ten games on Saturday afternoons or our own high school stars at the time. A 5th grade heart is big and ready!

At 71 now, I'm proud that we have been able to offer an 8-region Minnesota youth state championship system since 1993. That's a lot of big hearts and an ocean of excitement as 400-800 youth teams have played each year for 31 years.

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## Cherry on Top

I took a trip into the northern Minnesota woods on Monday to Cherry High School. Rated #1 in Class A, the undefeated Cherry Tigers were taking on the unde-

feated Moose Lake-Willow River Rebels. As you can see in the photo, some of the players know each other very well. Two of the Cherry players joined the young Rebels in 4th grade to play some games together.

But once the ball was tossed at center court, Cherry showed no mercy – friends or no friends – and put on a clinic: dunks, ally-oops, 3's, post ups, steals and break-aways. It started 10-0 and was 61-32 at halftime. Both teams rely on a similar style – pressure defense and running - without having much height, but on this night, it was like college against high school. Isaac Asuma is a 6-foot-3 Gopher recruit, so there is a good chance he will be playing in the Big Ten next year. He's smart, quick, extremely team-oriented, unselfish, and an excellent facilitator. On a night he could have scored 40, he had 10 points. The game ended 92-56 as good sportsmanship on both sides prevailed...and the grade school teammates gathered as the friends they are for a photo together after the game.



Players: (L to R)

Eli Youngs, Kaden Robbins, Andrew Staples, Isaac Asuma, Nolan Nelson, Adam Neumann, and Luke Dewey.

Moose Lake-Willow River won the next night 87-39 over Mesabi East to go 4-1, so they are a good team that just ran into a GREAT Cherry team.

## Pacesetter Sets Top 100 Expo, College Prep, and Sweet Sixteen dates

The Pacesetter-MN BB News Top 100 Expo Showcase will be held on Tuesday, July 2, with the preceding College Prep Camp on Monday, July 1. The top 100 Minnesota players in each gender and class will be invited. All players will play in three games in one day at Clemens Field House at The College of St. Benedict. All college coaches from the 5-state area will be invited to attend.

Players will be invited to the Top 100 Expo in March. Head coaches are invited to recommend any players who they feel have college potential by writing me at [jmac8144@yahoo.com](mailto:jmac8144@yahoo.com).

The Pacesetter "Sweet 16" Championships will be held on Saturday-Sunday, August 3-4.

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Lake Crystal • March 23 • Boys & Girls Grades 4 & 6  
Lake Crystal • March 24 • Boys & Girls Grades 5 & 7

### Region 3

Redwood Falls • March 9 • Boys & Girls Grades 5 & 7  
Redwood Falls • March 10 • Boys & Girls Grades 4 & 6

### Region 4

St. Cloud • February 25 • Boys Grades 4-7  
St. Cloud • March 3 • Girls Grades 4-7

### Region 5

St. Cloud • February 24 • Boys Grades 4-7  
St. Cloud • March 2 • Girls Grades 4-7

### Region 6

Alexandria • February 17 • Boys & Girls Grades 4 & 6  
Alexandria • February 18 • Boys & Girls Grades 5 & 7

### Region 7

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Grand Rapids • February 18 • Boys & Girls Grade 4  
Mt. Iron-Buhl • February 17 • Boys & Girls Grade 7  
Mt. Iron-Buhl • February 18 • Boys & Girls Grade 6

### Region 8

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Rochester • March 24 • Boys Grades 8 & 9

### Southwest Super Section-Regions 2 & 3

Lake Crystal • March 17 • Girls Grades 8 & 9  
Lake Crystal • March 24 • Boys Grades 8 & 9

### Central Super Section-Regions 5 & 6

Monticello • March 17 • Boys Grades 8 & 9  
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### North Super Section-Regions 7 & 8

St. Cloud • March 17 • Girls Grades 8 & 9  
St. Cloud • March 24 • Boys Grades 8 & 9

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