

- *Top 20 teams at the start
- *Pre-season top 50 players in each class
- * NEW NCAA-style youth playoffs

It's tip-off time, so who's number one?



Park Center floor leader Casmir "Cash" Chavis



Minnetonka's high-scoring guard and Team USA gold medalist Ailaya Crump

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MN BB News picks:
Minnetonka, Benilde-SM,
Providence, Goodue girls;
Park Center, Totino-Grace,
Breck, Cherry boys

Girls preseason favorites listed

By Kevin Anderson

The 2023-24 season is under way with familiar faces atop the girls rankings. Two state champions are pegged to duplicate that in 2024. The top teams, and their leaders, in all classes are used to the spotlight.

Class 4A

Minnetonka, for the first time in the four-class era (starting in 1996-97), is the No. 1 team. Hopkins has spent 156 weeks in first place, most of the weeks while led by Brian Cosgriff, who now begins his second year with Minnetonka, and he has senior Tori McKinney (Minnesota recruit) back from a knee injury that sidelined her last season. Add junior Aaliyah Crump, who scored 22 ppg last year, and helped Team USA win the FIBA Americas tournament this summer, and sophomore standout Lanell Wright, and Minnetonka is expected to pursue its second state title (the Skippers won in 2016). Tonka won the Pacesetter Sweet 16 this summer.

Hopkins finds themselves at No. 2. The Royals took a grad hit last year with Nunu Agara (Stanford) and Taylor Woodson (Michigan) now playing in college, but shed no tears for Hopkins. They will still be a force with Liv McGill (Florida) leading the way. The Lake Conference, as usual, has other teams in the mix including St. Michael-Albertville (defending champion), Eden Prairie, and Wayzata. Outside the "Great Lake," look for Lakeville North. Former coach Andy Berkvam, who led Lakeville teams to three titles in the past, returns for the Panthers. He assisted last year at Minnetonka. Maple Grove out of the NW Suburban is also a force.

Class 3A

Benilde-St. Margaret's captured the crown in 2023 and starts the season on top. Olivia Olson (Michigan) is the focal point for the Red Knights. Kendall McGee went down with a knee injury in the state tournament, and it is unclear when or if she will return this year. BSM was our preseason No. 1 but after an opening loss to Providence Academy dropped to No. 2 this week behind Alexandria. Alexandria and Hill-Murray will be ready to pounce if

BSM is not able to close the title chase. Both teams are led by savvy Hall of Fame coaches. Both were in the state tournament last year. Hadley Thul is the leader for the Cardinals. The Pioneers picked up highly-ranked freshman Mya Wilson transferring from arch-rival Mahtomedi in the off season to bolster their chances.

Class 2A

Everyone is chasing Providence Academy. This year there will be two Greenways. Maddyn, only a sophomore, has already passed 2000 points. Her sister Beckett is a seventh grader with similar characteristics. Add in other returning starters, senior Brooke Hohenecker, Emma Millerbernd, and Hope Counts and hear the Lions roar.

Albany, the 2023 runner-up, starts in the second slot led by 6-2 Alyssa Sand (St. Thomas) and Kylan Gerads. Two more privates come up next: Duluth Marshall powered by junior Regan Jueneman and eighth-grader Chloe Johnson, and Minnehaha Academy, led by Addison Mack and Angel Hill.

Class 1A

Expect the No. 1 Goodhue and No. 2 Mountain Iron-Buhl to be fighting for all the marbles in March. Goodhue has returned from 2A (where they placed third last year) to 1A, with Elisabeth Gadiant (MSU Mankato) leading them. MIB won its first title in 2023 and would like to bookend that. Jordan Zubich (North Carolina) leads with her long-distance sniping.

A year prior to MIB's championship, the Hancock Owls were ruling the roost and will have something to say about who wins in 2024. They missed out on the festivities last year and are eager to make amends.

Hayfield has won their section the last two years and still has Kristen Watson and Natalie Beaver as outside and inside threats. And there's the Kottke twins (Rachel and Kristi, St. Cloud State recruits) at Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart who would like nothing better to cap their careers by getting to the state tournament.

The march to March has begun. Time will tell if the ball bounces the right way.



Olivia Olsen leads Benilde-St. Margaret's.

Boys preseason favorites listed

By Bruce Strand

Breck has never won a boys basketball state title and has reached the big show just once, in 2006 when they were runners-up. But this year the Golden Valley-based Episcopal school enters the 2023-24 season ranked first in Class 2A after a four-star prospect transferred in for his senior year.

Daniel Freitag joins a Breck lineup that was already going to be pretty good with four starters who combined for 40 points per game back from a 19-9 team. The four-star prospect signed by Wisconsin pumped in 28.5 ppg last year for a .500 team at Bloomington Jefferson. He intended to transfer to a prep school in California, but changed his mind and enrolled at Breck instead. His connection to Breck reportedly was a friendship with Hanif Muhammed, Breck senior guard.

The other teams anointed No. 1 by MBBN are Park Center, defending champion Totino-Grace and Cherry.

Class 4A

Park Center, 59-4 the last two seasons, runner-up to Wayzata last year after beating Wayzata for the 2021 title, gets our nod as the initial No. 1. The Pirates return dynamic point guard Casmir Chavis and two other starters.

Wayzata starts at No. 2 on our list despite returning just one starter, 6-foot-8 guard Jackson McAndrew, a Creighton recruit, who scored 67 points in the state tourney. Two strong backups move up, joined by highly-regard soph Christian Wiggins, who transferred back after playing for Benilde-St. Margaret's last year. Lakeville North (with Wisconsin recruit Jack Robison), Lakeville South and Shakopee round out the top five.

Class 3A

Totino-Grace, eyeing a three-peat, is No. 1 until someone says otherwise, deploying a deep lineup including forward Isaiah Johnson-Arigu, a Miami recruit, and guard Dothan Ijadimbola, ranked No. 2 among state sophs, getting D1 feelers already.

But there are numerous strong contenders in Class 3A. Watch out for our 2-3-4-5 teams, Benilde-St. Margaret's (24-5 with sophomores last year), Alexandria (fourth and second at state the last two years, with Gopher recruit Grayson Grove), Orono (third last year) and Delano (Pacesetter Sweet Sixteen champ in August) and right behind them 2023 state tourney teams Stewartville, Mankato East and DeLaSalle.

Class 2A

Hanif Muhammed, who tallied 16 ppg last year, is another leading threat for Breck along with Daniel Freitag. Class 2A rivals, canvassed by the MBBN, are pointing to Breck likely the team to beat. The Mustangs are coached by Harry Sonie, former Augsburg player and AAU coach whose first season at Breck was last year.

We've got defending champ Albany, led by two juniors who sparkled in last year's tourney, at No. 4 with three starters graduated. Lake City, 26-2 last year (upset by JWP in the section finals), with over 50 ppg returning, is at No. 2, followed by Holy Family Catholic, which graduated two 6-foot-11 stars but remains strong led by standout guard Kole Hanson. Also top-five is perennial power Minnehaha Academy.

Class 1A

The Cherry Tigers have the best player in Class 1A, and a likely Mr. Basketball finalist, in Gophers recruit Isaac Asuma, heading a lineup that's strong across the board with about 60 ppg returning, the others all underclassmen. Cherry had two somewhat disappointing state tournaments the last two years, with semifinal and third-place losses. They'll be aiming to finish on top come March in Isaac's last roundup.

Cass Lake-Bena, Dawson-Boyd and Nevis are all also consensus picks as top-five material in our canvassing of coaches, although ranking teams after those four is a gamble, as it always is in Class 1A.



Daniel Freitag posed at UW signing day.

One Small Step for Pacesetter, one Giant Leap for Youth TEAM Basketball

By Jeff McCarron
Pacesetter Sports Director

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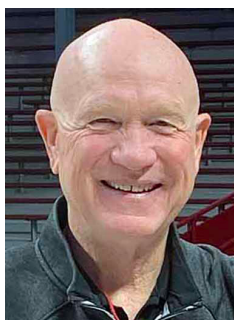
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- Region 5: St. Cloud • February 24 & March 2
- Region 6: Alexandria • February 17 & 18
- Region 7: Grand Rapids/Mt. Iron-Buhl • Feb 17 & 18
- Region 8: Bemidji • March 16 & 17

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- Southeast Super Section: Rochester • March 17 & 24
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CLASS 4A

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Anoka – Eryn Eppinga (sr G), Maddy Freking (jr F)
Brainerd – Mya Tautges (jr G)
Centennial – Marissa Frost (sr G)
Chaska – Aubrey Heyer (sr G), Ella Keenan (jr F)
Eagan – Drew Buslee (sr G)
East Ridge – Vienna Murray (so F)
Eastview – Savannah Gardner (sr F), Bra'ja Torry (jr G)
Eden Prairie – Tori Schlagel (jr G)
Edina – Abby Richter (sr F)
Forest Lake – Cassidy Pitzl (sr G)
Hastings – Keagan McVicker (jr G)
Hopkins – Liv McGill (sr G)
Lakeville North – Gabrielle Betton (sr G), Trinity Wilson (sr C)
Lakeville South – Finley Ohnstad (sr F)
Maple Grove – Claire Stern (sr F), Jordan Ode (jr G)
Mpls. Southwest -- Megan Schoenke (sr F)
Minnetonka – Tori McKinney (sr F), Aaliyah Crump (jr F), Lanelle Wright (so G)
Mounds View – Bria Stenstrom (sr G)
Prior Lake – CeCe McNair (sr F), Bree Bowman (jr G)
Rochester Century – Taylor Clarey (sr G)
Rochester Mayo – Ava Miller (sr C)
Rosemount – Ava Thompson (sr G), Avery Moeller (sr G), Aylishka Teko-Foley (sr F)
Roseville – Kendall Barnes (sr G), Mira Jackson (so G)
Shakopee – Olivia Pawlicki (sr F), Nicole Maenke (sr G)
Spring Lake Park – Olivia Kesti (sr F)
St. Louis Park – Evelyn Schmitz (sr G)
St. Michael-Albertville – Abby Hoselton (jr G), Ja'Kahla Craft (sr G), Ava Haus (sr G)
Stillwater – Amy Thompson (sr G)
Waconia – Audrey Brown (so F)
Wayzata – Kate Amelotte (so G), Sophie Hawkinson (jr G)
White Bear Lake – Jordyn Schmittiel (sr F)
Woodbury – Mattea Henry (Sr. G)

CLASS A

Alexandria – Allie Haabala (jr G), Hadley Thul (jr F), Chloe Scholl (jr F)
Austin – Ajiem Agwa (jr G)
Becker – Alexis Rose (sr G)
Benilde-St. Margaret's – Kendall McGee (jr G), Olivia Olson (sr G)
Bloomington Kennedy – Macie Miller (jr G)
Byron – Kendra Harvey (jr G)
Cloquet – Ava Carlson (sr C)
Cretin-Derham Hall – Lauren Bengtson (sr G), Suraya Hodges (sr F)
Delano – Norah Danielson (sr G), Taylor Tool (sr F)
DeLaSalle – Madalyn Blaylark (so G), Jordyn Johnson (jr C), Aneisha Scott (jr G)
Fergus Falls – Brynn Sternberg (jr G)
Grand Rapids – Jessika Lofstrom (sr F), Braya LaPlant (sr F)
Hill-Murray – Elise Groppoli (jr G), Mya Wilson (fr G)
Holy Angels – Keria O'Rourke (sr G), Jenna Buer (sr G)
Mahtomedi – Anna Greene (jr F), Ella Kletti (sr G)
Mankato East – Macy Birkholz (sr G), Ellie Edberg (sr G)
Marshall – Taliegha Bigler (so G)
Minneapolis Henry – Aiyanna Ballard (fr G), Berniza Mack (sr G)
Minneapolis Roosevelt – Jaida Walker (sr G), Olivia Wren (sr G)
Monticello – Samantha Voll (so G)
New Ulm – Daviney Dreckman (sr F), Brooklyn Lewis (so G)
North Branch – Ella Kuhlman (jr G)
Orono – Mya Moore (so G)
Princeton – Lillian Tidrick (so F)
St. Paul Como Park – Makyla Kenney (jr F)
St. Paul Highland Park – Tereya Vaughn (sr F)
St. Peter – Rhyann Holmgren (sr G), Annika Southworth (jr G)
Stewartville – Audrey Shindelar (so G), Ella Theobald (so C), Jayci Rath (so F)
Two Rivers – Gabi Kirchner (sr C)
Willmar – Telilie Lange (so G)
Winona – McKenzie Simmons (sr G), Alivia Bell (fr G)

MBBN GIRLS TOP 50 LISTS

CLASS 2A

Albany – Kylan Gerads (sr F); Alyssa Sand (sr. C)
Barnesville – Abby John (jr G)
Belle Plaine – Josie Schmidt (sr G)
Crookston – Halle Winjum (sr G)
Crosby-Ironton – Tori Oehrlein (so G), Margaret Silgen (sr G)
Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton – Aria Garrett (so F)
Duluth Marshall – Chloe Johnson (8th G), Regan Juenemann (jr G)
Esko – Kyra Johnson (sr C), Hannah Swanson (sr G)
Fairmont – Brylee Miller (so G), Neveah Rahm (sr F)
Glencoe-Silver Lake – Mylea Monahan (jr G)
Hawley – Izzy Steer (jr F)
Holdingford – Addy Pilarski (jr F), Maddy Mitchell (sr G)
Holy Family – Jocelyn Land (sr F)
International Falls – Olivia Thostenson (sr C)
Jackson County Central – Rylie Cother (jr G)
Jordan – Savannah Borowicz (jr G), Morgan Staloch (so G)
Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg – Madelynn Luft (jr F)
Maple River – Claire McGregor (sr G), Alexis Thomas (sr G)
Menahga – Kenzie Anderson (jr G)
Milaca – Maggie Westling (Sr. C)
Minnehaha Academy – Angel Hill (sr G), Addison Mack (jr G)
Minnewaska Area – Sydney Dahl (jr F), Megan Thorfinnson (jr G)
Mounds Park – Nora Pederson (sr. G)
New London-Spicer -- Dakota Rich (jr G)
Pelican Rapids – Morgan Korf (so G)
Pequot Lakes – Isabel Larson (sr G), Kelsi Martini (sr G)
Perham – Willow Thiel (sr F)
Pierz – Alyssa Sadlovsky (sr G)
Pine City – Karly Juszczak (sr F)
Providence Academy – Hope Counts (jr F), Brooke Hohenecker (sr G), Maddyn Greenway (so G), Emma Millerbernd (fr G)
Redwood Valley – Kendall Huhnerkoch (jr F)
Royalton – Kylie Waytashek (sr F)
Sauk Centre – Cierra Kortan (jr G)
St. Croix Lutheran – Laura Hauge (sr G)
St. Croix Prep – Ivy Lothenbach (sr G)
Thief River Falls – Avah Waldal (jr F)
Visitation – Samantha Wills (jr G)
Wadena-Deer Creek – Payton Gravelle (fr F)
Warroad – Faith Lilly (sr G)
Watertown-Mayer – Mallory Czinano (sr F)
Windom – Hadley Sammons (jr G)
Winona Cotter – Clarissa Sauer (jr F)

CLASS 1A

BOLD – Lainey Braulick (jr G), Kenzie Visser (sr F)
Breckenridge – Parker Yaggie (sp F), Johnica Bernotas (so G)
Browerville-Eagle Valley – Anna Myers (sr G)
Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart – Kristi Kottke (sr G), Rachel Kottke (sr G)
Cass Lake-Bena – Gabby Fineday (jr G)
Cedar Mountain – Aubrey Steffl (fr G)
Chisholm – Tresa Baumgard (sr F)
Edgerton – Alyda Vande Griend (sr F)
Ely – Grace LaTourell (sr G)
Fosston – Brynlea Mahlen (sr G)
Goodhue – Elisabeth Gadiant (sr G)
Grand Meadow – Lauren Queensland (jr F), Lexy Foster (sr F)
Hancock – Kaitlyn Rohloff (jr G), Misti Zempel (sr F)
Hayfield – Natalie Beaver (sr F), Kristen Watson (sr G)
Henning – Lyvia Misegades (sr F)
Kelliher-Northome – Kate Thayer (so G), Ella Thayer (sr G)
Kittson County Central – Morgan Turn (jr G)
Lester Prairie – Addison Hoof (jr G)
MACCRAY – Brielle Janssen (so F)
Martin County West – Emily Anderson (jr F)
Mayer Lutheran – Danica Martin (sr F), Clara Keavenny (so G)
Minneota – Grace Hennen (sr G)
Mountain Iron-Buhl – Hali Savela (sr G), Jordan Zubich (sr G)
Nevis – Mya Stacey (sr G), Marley Mitchell (Sr. G)
New York Mills – Ayla Olson (jr F)
Ogilvie – Grace Heins (sr G), Kadence Pierce (so G)
Sleepy Eye – Kadence Hesse (sr G), Brea Mertz (sr F)
Sleepy Eye St. Mary – Morgan Mathiowetz (fr G)
South Ridge – Svea Snickers (sr G)
Southwest MN Christian – Jocelyn Barron (sr F), Ana Veldkamp (sr G)
Springfield – Brooklyn Sturm (sr G)
Underwood – Elizabeth Lukken (sr G), Kallyn Grove (jr G)
Walker-Hackensack-Akeley – Aubrey Morrison (jr G)
Westbrook-Walnut Grove – Addeson Jenniges (sr G), Isabel Klumper (sr G)

MBBN BOYS TOP 50 LISTS

CLASS 4A

Andover — Alex Kopetzky (sr G)
Anoka — Trey Borchers (sr G)
Blaine — Alvin Payne (sr G), Ethan Petits (sr G)
Brainerd — Elijah Hoelz (sr G)
Buffalo — Grady Guida (sr G), Brady Wishart (sr G), Torii Johnson (sr G/F)
Cambridge-Isanti — John Troolin (sr G)
Chanhassen — Maxwell Woods (sr G), Riley Johnson (jr G)
Chaska — Treyton Lenzen (jr F)
Cretin-Derham Hall — Joseph Mitchell III (so G)
East Ridge — Charlie Theis (sr F), Cedric Tones (so G), Charlie Theis (sr F)
Eastview — Jonathan Mekonnen (jr F), Kamryn Mestas (sr G/F)
Edina — Josiah Coleman (sr G), Daniel Molhoek (jr F), Waylon Erlandson (sr G)
Farmington — Brandon Hrcir (sr F)
Forest Lake — Owen Waldoch (sr G)
Hastings — Owen Bernatz (sr G)
Hopkins — Jayden Moore (so G), Anthony Smith (jr G),
Lakeville South — Marley Baah-Yeboah (sr G), Ryan Johnson (sr G), Demarcus Burks (sr G)
Lakeville North — Jack Robison (sr F)
Minneapolis Southwest — Liam Farniok (sr G)
Minneapolis Washburn — Kyle Jorgensen (sr F)
Minnetonka — Jordan Cain (sr G), Andrew Stefanowicz (sr G)
Moorhead — Dylan Zimmerman (sr F)
New Prague — Evan Weichert (jr G/F)
Osseo — De'Mari Larkins (sr G)
Park Center — Jackson Fowlkes (sr G), Casimir Chavis (sr G), Chaing Ring (sr C)
Robbinsdale Armstrong — Seth Newbern (sr G)
Rochester Century — Shaun Wysocki (sr F)
Rochester Mayo — Sawyer Markham (sr G)
Roseville Area — Ataa Adjetey Mensah (sr G)
Sauk Rapids-Rice — Spencer Swenson (jr G)
St. Paul Central — Alan Lankford Jr. (jr G/F)
Shakopee — Jalen Langsy (sr G), Isaac Snell (sr G)
Tartan — Elijah Barrett (sr C)
Wayzata — Jackson McAndrew (sr G)

CLASS 3A

Alexandria — Grayson Grove (sr F), Chase Thompson (jr F)
Becker — Kylan Blomquist (sr F)
Benilde-St. Margaret's — Jayden Daisy (sr F), Abu Kieta (jr F), Jalen Wilson (jr F), Jaleel Donley (jr G)
Big Lake — Trevor Maruska (sr G)
Chisago Lakes — Patrick Rowe (sr G)
Cloquet — Jack Battaglia (jr G)
Delano — Max Iverson (so G), Will Strandemo (sr G), Jake Schultz (jr G)
Detroit Lakes — Mason Carrier (sr F), Devon Berg (sr G)
Duluth Denfeld — Marnaries Ferguson (jr G), Aidan Altona (sr F)
Fridley — Jamal Woods (sr G)
Hermantown — Abraham Soumis (sr F)
Kasson-Mantorville — Ethan Lee (jr G/F)
Mankato East — Brogan Madsen (jr G)
Mankato West — Landon Dimler (sr G), Kyle Steinke (jr F)
Minneapolis South — Poet Davis (sr G)
North Branch — Brody Beaver (sr G), Tyler Minke (jr G)
Marshall — Jackson Baynard (sr F)
Minneapolis Edison — Deidrick Taylor (sr G)
New Ulm — Colton Benson (sr F), Nathan Firle (sr C)
Northfield — Ethan Lee (sr F)
Orono — Noah Groves (jr G), Brady Wooley (jr F)
Totino-Grace — Zy'Lerre Stewart (sr G), Isaiah Johnson-Arigu (sr F), Tyler Wagner (jr G), Dothon Ijadimbola (so G/F)
Richfield — CJ Armstrong (jr G)
Rocori — Jack Boos (sr G)
Robbinsdale Cooper — Clarence Wicks (sr G)
St. Cloud Apollo — Azayah Washington (jr G)
St. Cloud Tech — Tameron Ferguson (sr G)
St. Paul Highland Park — Xavier May (sr G/F), Yared Yohannes (jr G)
St. Thomas Academy — Luke Dobbs (sr G)
St. Paul Harding — Al-jhon Douglas (jr G)
South St. Paul — Gavin Pendergast (sr F)
Stewartville — Henry Tschetter (sr G)

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Albany — Sam Hondl (jr F), Zeke Austin (jr G)
Annandale — Nick Walter (sr G)
Blake — Grayson Okornonkwo (sr G)
Breck — Daniel Freitag (sr G), Hanif Muhammed (sr G)
Caledonia — Lewis Doyle (sr G)
Crosby-Ironton — James Stokman (sr F)
Dassel-Cokato — Gabe Aamot (sr G)
Deer River — Cale Jackson (jr F), Caiden Schjenken (jr G)
Duluth Marshall — Brooks Johnson (jr G)
Eden Valley-Watkins — Noah Stommes (sr C)
Esko — Koi Perich (jr G/F)
Glencoe-Silver Lake — Eli Ehrke (sr G)
Holy Family Catholic — Kole Hanson (sr G), Luke Graff (sr G)
Howard Lake-Wav.-Win. — Cody Stapel (jr G)
Jackson Co. Central — Roman Voss (sr G/F)
Janesville-Wald-Pem. — Memphis James (sr G)
Kerkhoven-Mur-Sun — DeAnder Holloway (sr F)
Lake City — Hunter Lorensen (sr F), Keegan Ryan (sr G/F)
Lake Crystal-WM — Jack Brockman (sr G/F)
Legacy Christian — Dominic Zoa (sr G)
Maranatha Christian — Greyson Rennie (sr G), Trel McCrimon (sr G)
Melrose — Connor Engelmeyer (sr G)
Minneapolis North — Zashon Rich (jr G)
Minnehaha Academy — Jerome Williams (sr F/G), Lorenzo Levy (sr G)
Minnesota Valley Lutheran — Zander Jacobson (sr C), Benjamin Pearson (sr G)
Moose Lake-Will. Riv. — Adam Neumann (sr G)
Mora — Noah Oberfeld (jr F), Gage Braiedy (jr G)
Morris Area/Chok.-Alb. — Riley Asmus (so G/F)
Mounds Park Academy — Wyatt Syrsen (jr F)
New London-Spicer — Grant Paffrath (sr W)
Osakis — Kyle Mages (sr F)
Sauk Centre — Jay Neubert (sr G)
Pelican Rapids — Timmy Guler (sr G)
Pillager — Christian Hooge (jr F)
Redwood Valley — Luke Means (jr G), Isaiah Dow-Hilliard (sr G/F)
St. Agnes — Andrew Weber (sr G 17-6-4)
St. Paul Academy — Ethan Carter (sr G), Tysen Hayes (sr G/F)
Spectrum — Blake Femrite (sr G)
Wadena-Deer Creek — Peyton Church (sr G)
Waseca — Damarius Russell (jr G)

CLASS 1A

Ada-Borup West — Cameron Spaeth (sr G)
Atwater-Cosmos-Gr. City — Kyler Pickle (sr G)
Battle Lake — Jack Mekalson (sr G)
Belgrade-Brtn.-Elr. — Luke Dingman (sr G/F)
Bethlehem Academy — Hudson Dillon (sr G)
Blooming Prairie — Gabriel Hein (sr G/F)
Browerville — Miguel Maloney (sr G)
Buffalo Lake-Hec.-Stew. — Chase Hubin (sr G)
BOLD — Jack Gross (jr G/F)
Carlton-Wrenshall — Carter Woodall (sr G), Utah Loucks (sr G)
Cass Lake-Bena — Kaydin Lee (sr G), Dominic Staples-Fairbanks (sr G)
Cherry — Isaac Asuma (sr G), Carson Brown (jr G), Noah Sundquiist (jr G)
Dawson-Boyd — Brayson Boike (jr G/F), Drew Hjelmeland (jr F)
Deer River — Cale Jackson (jr G), Caden Schjenken (jr G)
Fillmore Central — Jayce Kiehne (sr G)
Fertile-Beltrami — Caiden Swenby (sr G), Derek Sorenson (sr G)
Goodridge-Gryg.-Gatzke — Lewis Jones (sr G)
Hancock — Hudson Ver Steeg (sr F)
Henning — Kale Misegades (so G)
Heritage Christian — Abu Tarawallie (jr C)
Hillcrest Academy — Noah Brumfield (sr G/F)
Kingsland — Jayden Brink (sr G)
Lester Prairie — Trevor Schauer (sr G)
Nevis — JP Benson (sr F), Alex Lester (jr C), Austin Ahrendt (sr F)
North Woods — Jonah Burnett (sr G)
Parkers Prairie — Dylan Debilzen (sr G)
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton — Trevor Smith (jr G)
Mountain Lake-Comfrey — Carter Olson (sr G)
New Ulm Cathedral — Jevan Wilfahrt (sr G/F)
North Lakes Academy — Marcus Dukuly (sr G)
Pine River-Backus — Andrew Bueckers (sr G/F)
Rushford-Peterson — Dawson Burke (sr G)
Russell-Tyler-Ruthton — Drew Werkman (jr F)
Roseau — Jordan Borowicz (fr G)
Sacred Heart — Parker Erickson (jr G/F), Josiah Sundby (sr G)
Sleepy Eye St. Mary's — Will Walter (sr G)
Springfield — Brayden Sturm (jr G)
Spring Grove — Jaxson Strinmoen (sr G/F)
Win-E-Mac — Justin Courneya (sr G)
West Lutheran — Isaiah Running (sr G)

MBBN GIRLS TOP 20

CLASS 4A

1. Minnetonka 2-0
2. Hopkins 2-1
3. Lakeville North 1-0
4. St. Michael-Albertville 3-0
5. Maple Grove 1-0
6. Eden Prairie 1-0
7. Andover 1-0
8. Stillwater 1-0
9. Chaska 3-0
10. Prior Lake 0-1

11. Rosemount 0-1
12. Roseville 2-0
13. Eastview 3-0
14. Elk River 1-0
15. Eagan 1-0
16. White Bear Lake 2-1
17. Centennial 1-2
18. Shakopee 0-1
19. Wayzata 0-1
20. Rochester Mayo 1-1

CLASS 3A

1. Alexandria 1-0
2. Benilde-St. Margaret's 1-1
3. Stewartville 2-0
4. DeLaSalle 1-2
5. Hill-Murray 0-1
6. St. Peter 1-0
7. Totino-Grace 2-0
8. Cretin-Derham Hall 0-0
9. New Ulm 1-0
10. Grand Rapids 3-0

11. Mankato East 1-0
12. Delano 1-0
13. Winona 0-0
14. Byron 0-0
15. Becker 0-0
16. New Prague 1-0
17. St. Paul Como Park 2-0
18. Monticello 1-0
19. Orono 2-1
20. Mankato West 2-0

CLASS 2A

1. Providence Academy 1-0
2. Albany 1-0
3. Duluth Marshall 0-0
4. Minnehaha Academy 3-0
5. Crosby-Ironton 1-0
6. Perham 1-0
7. Holdingford 1-0
8. New London-Spicer 1-0
9. Jordan 2-0
10. Sauk Centre 1-0

11. Pequot Lakes 1-0
12. Pelican Rapids 1-0
13. Fairmont 1-0
14. Glencoe-Silver Lake 0-0
15. Dover-Eyota 3-0
16. Chatfield 3-0
17. St. Clair 1-0
18. Minnewaska Area 1-0
19. Thief River Falls 0-0
20. St. Croix Lutheran 0-2

CLASS 1A

1. Goodhue 0-0
2. Mountain Iron-Buhl 2-1
3. Hayfield 1-0
4. Hancock 1-0
5. Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart 0-0
6. Kelliher-Northome 1-0
7. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 1-0
8. Sleepy Eye 3-0
9. Cass Lake-Bena 0-0
10. Nevis 1-0

11. Underwood 1-0
12. Fosston 1-0
13. Westbrook-Walnut Grove 1-0
14. Southwest MN Christian 0-0
15. Minneota 0-0
16. Mayer Lutheran 0-3
17. Cromwell-Wright 1-0
18. Grand Meadow 1-0
19. Ogilvie 1-0
20. Hills-Beaver Creek 0-0

MBBN BOYS PRESEASON TOP 20

CLASS 4A

1. Park Center
2. Wayzata
3. Lakeville North
4. Lakeville South
5. Shakopee
6. Minnetonka
7. East Ridge
8. Hopkins
9. Buffalo
10. Eastview
11. Edina
12. Chanhassen
13. Osseo
14. Blaine
15. Farmington
16. Eden Prairie
17. Cretin-Derham Hall
18. Rochester Century
19. Tartan
20. Cambridge-Isanti

CLASS 3A

1. Totino-Grace
2. Benilde-St. Margaret's
3. Alexandria
4. Orono
5. Delano
6. Stewartville
7. Mankato East
8. DeLaSalle
9. St. Cloud Tech
10. South St. Paul
11. Hermantown
12. St. Paul Highland Park
13. New Ulm
14. Mankato West
15. Duluth Denfeld
16. Richfield
17. Northfield
18. St. Thomas Academy
19. Byron
20. North Branch

CLASS 2A

1. Breck
2. Lake City
3. Holy Family Catholic
4. Albany
5. Minnehaha Academy
6. Eden Valley-Watkins
7. Esko
8. Caledonia
9. Minneapolis North
10. MN Valley Lutheran
11. Maranatha Christian
12. Sauk Centre
13. Waseca
14. Mora
15. St. Paul Academy
16. Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial
17. Maple River
18. Osakis
19. Redwood Valley
20. Cannon Falls

CLASS 1A

1. Cherry
2. Cass Lake-Bena
3. Dawson-Boyd
4. Nevis
5. West Central
6. Ada-Borup
7. Sleepy Eye-St. Mary's
8. Fertile-Beltrami
9. Henning
10. Sacred Heart
11. Mt. Lake/Comfrey
12. Deer River
13. Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa
14. Lester Prairie
15. Heritage Christian
16. Southwest MN Christian
17. Russell-Tyler-Ruthton
18. Central MN Christian
19. Fillmore Central
20. Spring Grove

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Mt. Iron-Buhl • February 18 • Boys & Girls Grade 6

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

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

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