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# Border Battle: MN 7, WI 1

*Annual Breakdown expo goes Minnesota's way at BSM*

By Bruce Strand

Minnesota teams won seven of eight matchups Saturday in the annual Border Battle with Wisconsin. The Breakdown event was in Minnesota this year, hosted by Benilde-St. Margaret's.

**Cherry** defeated **Solon Springs** 90-71 in a duel of the top-ranked teams in the smallest classes for each state. The Tigers raced to a 46-26 halftime lead. Noah Asuma netted 22 points, Isaac Asuma 19, Carson Brown 18 and Noah Sundquist 15 for Cherry. Isaiah Kastern scored 24 points and Dylan Taggert 20 for Solon Springs (12-2).

**Minnetonka**, No. 3 in Class 4A, topped **Grafton** 86-76 after trailing by 12 midway through the second half. Jordan Cain sank 23 points and Andy Stefanowicz 22 points including four 3-pointers. Greyson Uelman added 16 points and Isa El-Amin 15. Grafton (8-6) was powered by Juan Guerrero-Hernandez Jr. with eight 3-pointers on the way to 32 points. Grafton is ranked No. 10 in Division 2, second-largest of five classes.

**Orono** won 78-54 over **La Crosse Central** (6-7) with Nolan Groves netting 16 points, Mitchell Kauch 14, Nathan Chavez 12, Lucas Knutson 11 and Brady Woolley nine.

**Totino-Grace**, top-ranked in Class 3A, overwhelmed **Onalaska** 98-66 with Isaiah Johnson-Arigu netting 23 points, Dothan Ijadimbola 18, Malachi Hill 17, Tyler



**Totino-Grace's Isaiah Johnson-Arigu powers to the hoop against Onalaska in a 98-66 win at Benilde-St. Margaret's.**

Bruce Strand, MN Basketball News

Wagner 11 and Will Brands 11. For Onalaska (10-5), Evan Anderson sank 22 points, and Jack Smith and Isaac Skemp 18 each.

**Park Center**, No. 2 in Class 4A, blazed to the basket and soared above their opponents throughout, cruising to an 83-58 win over Eau Claire Memorial (12-3). Ari Gooch logged 29 points and 11 rebounds, Casmir Chavis 17 points and seven rebounds, Temi Omotoyinbo 18 points and nine rebounds, and Aidan Memene 11 points

and seven rebounds. Julius Clark led Eau Claire Memorial with 22 points.

**Edina** clipped **River Falls** 84-63 with Josiah Coleman hitting 25 points, Billy Demars 18 and Daniel Mohlhoek 14. For River Falls (11-3), ranked sixth in the second-highest division, Eli Johnson sank 16 points and Preston Johnson 14.

**Breck**, No. 1 in Class 2A, rolled to a 94-64 win over **Heritage Christian** of New Berlin, WI, as Daniel Freitag tallied 22 points, JP Musoke 18, Miles Newton 17 and Carter Steinbeck 10. Mike Bowen Jr. scored 22 for Heritage Christian (10-3).

Host **Benilde-St. Margaret's** lost 80-64 to **Homestead** (11-3) with Tim Franks pouring in 39 points, cashing 15 of 19 free throws. Jaleel Donley had 18 points and Abu Keita 16 for BSM. Homestead is ranked No. 7 in Wisconsin's top division.



**Jackson Fowlkes of Park Center drew contact while penetrating against Eau Claire Memorial.**



**Minnetonka's Isa El-Amin gets fouled on a drive against Grafton.**



**Dothan Ijadinbola of Totino-Grace goes up for two points against Onalaska.**

**Andy Stefanowicz of Minnetonka drives against Grafton's Tyler Tagliapietra.**







Sixty-five past players showed up to help celebrate the 500th win for coach Neil Steffes (front).

# Fertile-Beltrami revving up

By Bruce Strand

January has been an adventure for Fertile-Beltrami boys basketball with the Falcons notching their coach's 500th win and climbing in the Class 1A rankings by winning a pair of Top Ten battles.

Neil Steffes, in his 31st year at the helm, reached the milestone when the Falcons defeated Fosston 74-37 at home on Jan. 19. "I had a surprise when 65 of my former players showed up for the game," said Steffes, obviously touched. The large turnout, including six members of his 1996 state runner-up team, made for a memorable group shot after the game.

The Falcons, who moved up to No. 3 this week, are 13-1 with nine straight wins, including conquests of Nevis (10-3) and Ada-Borup West (13-2). They're building on last year's 22-7 season.

Nevis was 9-0 before the Falcons tripped the Tigers 61-58 in overtime Jan. 13 at a Breakdown event in Perham. Caiden Swenby led with 17 points, 13 rebounds and five assists. Masen Nowacki sank 17 points and Derek Sorenson 10. Bryer Strem and Nowacki hit three-pointers in the overtime. "Very physical game with no lead bigger than seven," Steffes said. "We played well defensively. We made things difficult for their big inside, and we hit some big shots late in OT."

This Monday, the Falcons downed Ada-Borup West 67-51 at home. Sorenson delivered 24 points, four assists and four steals, Preston Hanson 17 points and nine rebounds, and Swenby 12 points, five rebounds, six assists and four steals. The key was extracting 30 turnovers from the Cougars. "Total team effort, Defen-



**F-B's Caiden Swenby scores against Fosston.**

sively, we held them to 51, when they were averaging 70," Steffes said. "Offensively we moved extremely well and hit open cutters. Very unselfish basketball."

The Falcon defense has been their calling card, he said: "We have been making it difficult for teams to get open looks." Meanwhile, four players average double digits and three are over 40 percent on three's. Swenby averages 24.9 points, 7.9 rebounds, 5.4 assists

and 3.3 steals and is shooting 55 percent. Sorenson averaged 13.2 points, 3.2 assists and 3.1 steals. Hanson averages 11.9 points, 3.3 assists and 6.4 rebounds. Nowacki adds 11.1 ppg. Caleb Stoltman is hitting 53.8 percent on three's. Top subs are Cody Opdahl, Easton Petry, and Strem.

Fertile-Beltrami's greatest season was 1995-96 when they were undefeated until the finals of the Sweet 16 (one champion) tournament and lost to Minneapolis North, which was in the second year of a three-year dynasty. Steffes has coached three state tourney teams, the others in 1995 and 2001. The Falcons hope to end their 23-year absence this March.

# Holmgren hailed at Minnehaha, NBA pals attend

Chet Holmgren's number 34 was retired by Minnehaha Academy last Friday and the star NBA rookie was there with his Oklahoma City teammates to acknowledge the honor. The contingent arrived during the Redhawk girls game against Providence Academy, drawing considerable attention away from the No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown that was won by the visiting Lions.

"This is my chance to say thank you to everybody who helped give me the opportunity to become who I am," Holmgren told the crowd. "My jersey will be on the wall as an example of the standard that should be kept for everybody who walks through the door of this school, and if you uphold that standard, it might not help you get your jersey retired but it will help you do great things in life."

The Thunder (29-13) beat the Timberwolves (30-12) in a duel of Western powers 102-97 that night. Holmgren contributed 15 points and five rebounds in his return to the state where played on four state champion teams, three of them with Jalen Suggs. They



**Chet Holmgren's number 34 was retired and he had his Thunder teammates with him.**

were back-to-back Mr. Basketball winners who both starred one season for Gonzaga and moved on the NBA, Suggs as the fifth player picked in 2021 and Holmgren as the second in 2022. Suggs, an Orlando Magic guard, had his Redhawks No. 1 jersey similarly retired at a game last February and was present.

Holmgren missed a season with a summer foot injury, moving his rookie season to this year. Willowy and incredibly agile at 7-foot-1, Holmgren is averaging 17.4 points, 7.2 rebounds and 2.5 blocks, hitting 38.5 percent on 3-pointers. He's one of the top two rookie of the year candidates along with San Antonio's Victor Wembanyama, the 7-foot-4 sensation from France.

## Look out, mom: Climax-Fisher 8th-grader at 1,000

Peyton Hoffman, Climax/Fisher eighth-grader, is already a 1,000-point scorer, reaching that milestone while scoring 33 points in a 75-53 win over Bagley in a home game on Jan. 18. Hoffman, a six-footer who plays guard and forward, is averaging 25.2 points and 14.9 rebounds, with high of game 40 points, for the Knights (7-9). As a seventh-grader, Hoffman averaged 23.1 points and 10.9 rebounds. "She can drive, post up inside, shoot from the outside, and pretty much can score from wherever," said her mother, Brenda Slyt -- whose school records might be broken by Peyton. Slyt scored 2,358 points for Climax/Fisher with a high of 42 points before going on to a college career at North Dakota State. Slyt is an assistant to head coach Guy Finstrom.



**Peyton Hoffman**

## Duluth Marshall phenom scores 1,000th in 8th grade

Chloe Johnson, Duluth Marshall eighth-grade prodigy, went over 1,000 points while scoring 46 in an 87-69 loss to Minnehaha Academy on Saturday. The 5-foot-11 guard fielding multiple Division I offers already is averaging 28.7 points, 10.6 rebounds and 8.5 assists. Her brother, Brooks, a 6-foot-6 junior, is averaging 29.2 points. She and Peyton Hoffman (left) became the third and fourth eighth-graders to reach 1,000, after current sophomore luminaries Tori Oehrlein of Crosby-Ironton and Maddyn Greenway of Providence Academy. Oehrlein got there in 40 games, Hoffman in 42, Johnson in 45 and Greenway in 46. A recent the Star-Tribune feature by Chip Scoggins told of Johnson's battle with OCD and how basketball is her haven in dealing with it. On social media, Johnson thanked people who contacted her with kind words. She added, "Also feel honored to be in the same sentence as Tori and Maddyn."



**Chloe Johnson**

# Hopkins deals Wayzata 1st loss

By Bruce Strand

Hopkins dislodged Wayzata, top-ranked in Class 4A, from the unbeaten ranks 80-69 on Tuesday in a Lake Conference clash at Hopkins. Junior guards Davie Hart and Anthony Smith led Hopkins (11-3) with 22 and 20 points, respectively. JJ Semanko added 17 and Jayden Moore 12. For Wayzata (14-1), Jackson McAndrew netted 14 points, nine below his average, and Christian Wiggins and Ben Shaffer 13 each. Wayzata had fended off an upset bid by Edina 74-70 on Friday.

## AROUND THE STATE

Isaac Asuma, Cherry senior guard, reached 3,000 point on Monday while scoring 15 points in a 99-57 win over North Woods. The Gophers recruit, and leader of Class 1A's top-ranked team, reached the milestone with two free shots in the first half. He is the 11th Minnesota boy to score 3,000.

Daniel Freitag, senior guard finishing his stellar prep career at Breck after three seasons at Bloomington Jefferson, reached the 2,000 point marker while scoring 25 in a 93-38 win over Providence Academy on Tuesday. The Wisconsin recruit has led Breck to a 16-0 record and the No. 1 ranking, and the win Tuesday clinched the Mustangs' first conference title since 1981, in the Independent Metro Athletic Conference.

Providence Academy won a 1 vs. 2 matchup over host Minnehaha Academy 98-90 in a Class 2A girls showdown Friday led by Ari Peterson with 26 points and Maddyn Greenway with 20 points, 17 rebounds and 13 assists. Brooke Hohnecker's back-to-back three-pointers gave the Lions the lead for good. For the Redhawks, Addi Mack netted 33 points and Sinae Hill 23 with six 3-pointers.

Matt Urbanek, Jordan boys coach, notched his 400th win on Jan. 8 when the Hubmen defeated Belle Plaine 73-56. Jordan is 9-5 this year. Urbanek is currently 401-268 in 26 seasons, 15 at Jordan after three at International Falls and eight at Brainerd.

McDonald's All-American Game selections from Minnesota are Olivia Olson of Benilde-St. Margaret's and Liv McGill of Hopkins. Olson, ranked No. 15 by ESPN HoopGurlz, is signed by Michigan, and McGill, ranked No. 16, is signed by Florida. No Minnesota boys were selected this year. The games, for seniors only, will be played April 2 in Houston.

Alexandria at Hill-Murray on Saturday was a matchup of girls coaches with 1,270 wins between them. Alexandria beat Hill-Murray 73-43, win No. 690 for coach Wendy Kohler, giving her third place all-time in the state, one ahead of Gary Lembcke (retired) of Norwood Young America. Pioneer coach Erin Herman has 581 wins, ranking 14th. State hoops historian Matt Pederson observed, "Unless someone is coaching against Mike Dreier, it is rare to have two coaches meeting that have nearly 1,300 wins between them." (The New London-Spicer coach has over 1,000 wins). Alexandria is 14-2 and Hill-Murray is 8-8.

Morgan Mathiowetz of Sleepy Eye St. Mary's became the first freshman to break 1,000 this year while scoring 23 points in a 76-50 win at New Ulm Cathedral. The 5-foot-7 guard is averaging 28.3 points, 7.2 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 3.3 steals for the Saints (13-5). She will be climbing up the Mathiowetz family scoreboard that includes Madison (3,762), Molly (1,709), Matt (1,226) and Ashley (1,032).

Sauk Centre shot 50 percent (22-for-44) and handed New London-Spicer its first loss 59-53 on Saturday. Tori Jennisen, 6-foot-4 center, scored 16 points and Cierra Korton 12 for the Mainstretters (12-4). NLS shot just 28 percent. Ava Carlson kept NLS (15-1) in the game with 24 points, four steals and six rebounds.

Pequot Lakes (11-2) handed the Crosby-Ironton boys (13-1) their first loss 47-35 on Tuesday. Five teams are still unbeaten: Minnetonka and Delano girls, and Breck, Red Lake County and Blooming Prairie boys.

**JUMP SHOTS – Brooks Johnson**, Duluth Marshall junior, scored 50 points in a 96-84 loss to Hermantown on Thursday and went over 2,000 in his career ... **Dominic Fairbanks**, Cass Lake-Bena senior, logged his 2,000th point Monday while scoring 34 in an 83-72 win over Mt. Iron-Buhl ... **Randy McClendon** hit 41 points to lead Columbia Heights in a 102-97 shootout vs. Richfield on Tuesday. He's averaging 28 points ... **Brea Mertz** of Sleepy Eye reached 1,000 rebounds Jan. 18 in a loss to Springfield. The 5-10 forward (signed by Briar Cliff) has over 1,800 points ... **Karly Juszak** of Pine City snagged her 1,000th rebound while logging 29 points and 24 rebounds in a 77-57 win over St. Francis on Jan. 19. The 6-1 forward (signed by Idaho) has almost 1,700 points ... **Blake Berggren** hit 24 points and **Kyle Jorgenson** 20 as Washburn beat North 65-55 Monday to stay unbeaten in the Minneapolis loop.



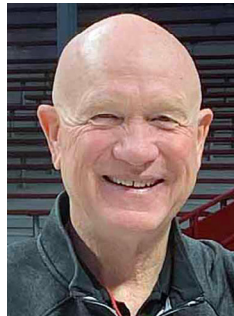
# Pacesetter Season - 45 Part 2

**By Jeff McCarron**  
Pacesetter Sports Director  
MN BB News Publisher

*(Continued from Part 1 - Jan. 19 issue of MBBN)*

We had our two children, Maggie, and Joe, in 1986 and 1988. With an English teaching background and school newspaper experience, I was interested in creating a basketball newspaper. Kevin Mulder beat me to it with The Full-Court Press in 1985. I offered to be a writer for him and wrote a number of articles.

I love golf as much as basketball, so I decided to start Minnesota Golf Newsmagazine in 1988. I knew the US Open was coming to Minnesota at Hazeltine in 1991, so I was hoping to be established enough to be a part of it somehow – or at least have a great view inside the ropes.



I bit off more than I could chew. With an office in my basement, where my two little kids made forts and danced to Raffi and seemed to have Mary Poppins on every day, I tried to keep up with all the camps and publish four monthly copies of Minnesota Golf. I was so busy I barely got to attend the Open when it came around. I sold it after five years in 1992.

I recall one day answering the phone and taking down notes and losing the notes and the return phone numbers and thinking, *I need help!* And I got lucky again... when Tracey Sieben (now Haines) agreed to work for me. She had taught high school for a year in Wisconsin, but she didn't enjoy it and came back to her hometown of Paynesville. Fortunately, our paths crossed, and the rest is history. She started in the spring of 1991 and is still working for Pacesetter today – 33 years later.

We started the Minnesota Youth Basketball State Championships in 1993 with 400 teams the first year in 8 regions and reached nearly 900 teams a few years later. The state championships were held in St. Cloud. We took over where The Full-Court Press left off with Minnesota Basketball News in 1994. We also began running varsity tournaments, including the Varsity Sweet 16, the Minnesota Invitational Tournament (MIT), and the Top 100 Expo in the late 80's and early 90's. I also started a pro basketball league with a team

in St. Cloud in 1995 – The Minnesota Rockin' Rollers. That's another column or book. The league eventually morphed into the NBA D League. Dave Joerger started with us in Pacesetter and helped us in that league and worked his way through that league to become an NBA head coach at both Memphis and Sacramento. He's now an assistant with the Sixers.

Our family took a venture to move to Poland in 2000, where my wife and I both taught in the American School of Warsaw for five years. I was fortunate again that my good friend, Dan Freidel, was between college football jobs and able to direct Pacesetter while I was gone for ten months each year. He took great care of our house, our dog, and Pacesetter. Tracey decided to have all four of her kids during those five years, so it's hard to imagine how they managed everything. I was able to help mid-June to mid-August and did plenty from Poland.

We started the Pacesetter Great Four-State Championships in 2010 for Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Iowa and expanded it to five states with the addition of Wisconsin in 2018. Every team gets to play at least one game on the main Target Center floor. That has been a thrill to watch and coordinate.

We added 1-2 day "Tour of Champions" camps in 2018 while the full area camps remained at 3-4 days. The "TOC" camps feature many of the very best coaches in Minnesota: Vix, Kohler, Carlson, McDonald, McKenzie...to name a few. We added the Pacesetter Youth Volleyball State Championships in the fall of 2019.

Last year we had almost 4,000 players in 82 camps and over 500 teams in tournaments. In a normal Pacesetter season, 10,000-15,000 young people participate, and over 100 adults contribute as camp coaches, tournament staff, and officials.

Tracey has continued to be a stalwart in our office for almost 33 years, managing everything, and coordinating all programs with grace, good humor, and remarkable efficiency. Everyone knows Tracey over the phone, few have met her in person. She has helped at a few tournaments and surfaces occasionally. What an important contribution she has made.

It has been a wonderful whirlwind ride for 45 years, involving so many incredible people. We hope Pacesetter will continue for many years into the future, "Serving Hometown Teams, Players, and Coaches."

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Region 6: Lake Crystal  
Region 7: Redwood Falls  
Region 8: St. Cloud

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# 2024 Minnesota Youth Basketball State Championships


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**Region 1: Stewartville/Rochester - March 16 & 17**  
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**Region 2: Lake Crystal - March 23 & 24**  
\*4&6BG - 5&7BG

**Region 3: Redwood Falls - March 9 & 10**  
\*5&7BG - 4&6BG




**Region 4: St. Cloud - Feb 25 & March 3**  
\*4B-7B - 4G-7G



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**Region 5: St. Cloud - Feb 24 & March 2**  
\*4B-7B - 4G-7G

**Region 6: Alexandria - Feb 17 & 18**  
\*4&6BG - 5&7BG

**Region 7: Gr Rapids/Mt. Iron - Feb 17 & 18**  
\*5&7BG - 4&6BG

**Region 8: Bemidji - March 16 & 17**  
\*5&7BG - 4&6BG

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# 2024 Minnesota Youth Basketball State Championships

### Boys & Girls Grades 8-9

**North Super Section: St. Cloud - March 17 & 24**  
\*8G&9G - 8B&9B




**Central Super Section: Monticello/St. Cloud - March 17 & 24**  
\*8B&9B - 8G&9G



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**Southeast Super Section: Rochester - March 17 & 24**  
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\*8G&9G - 8B&9B

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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  
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### Region 6

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

### Region 7

Grand Rapids • February 17 • Boys & Girls Grade 5  
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

Bemidji • March 16 • Boys & Girls Grades 5 & 7  
Bemidji • March 17 • Boys & Girls Grades 4 & 6

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

### 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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# MR. BASKETBALL WATCH LIST

Following is a watch list of 35 players under consideration for the Mr. Basketball award, announced by the committee Jan. 15. The top 10 will be announced Feb. 26 and five finalists on March 17. The Miss Basketball committee will announce the girls watch list after meeting Sunday.

**Alexandria** – Grayson Grove  
**Breck** – Daniel Freitag  
**Cherry** – Isaac Asuma  
**Chisago Lakes** – Patrick Rowe  
**Columbia Heights** – Randy McClendon  
**Delano** – Will Strandemo  
**Eastview** – Jonathan Mekonnen  
**Esko** – Makoi Perich  
**Farmington** – Brandon Hrnccir  
**Forest Lake** – Owen Waldoch  
**Hermantown** – Abe Soumis  
**Holy Family** – Kole Hanson, Brayden Carlson  
**Lakeville North** – Jack Robison, Matt Drake  
**Lakeville South** – DaMarcus Burks, Ryan Johnson  
**Mankato East** – Carson Schweim  
**Minneapolis Washburn** – Kyle Jorgensen  
**Minnetonka** – Andy Stefanowicz, Jordan Cain  
**Moorhead** – Dylan Zimmerman  
**New Ulm** – Colton Benson  
**Park Center** – Casimir Chavis,  
Jackson Fowlkes, Chiang Ring  
**Richfield** – Xavier Hayes  
**Rochester Century** – Shaun Wysocki  
**St. Cloud Tech** – Cameron Ferguson  
**Sauk Center** – Jay Neubert  
**Shakopee** – Jalen Langsy  
**Stewartville** – Henry Tschetter  
**Totino-Grace** – Isaiah Johnson  
**Wayzata** – Jackson McAndrew  
**Win-E-Mac** – Justin Courneya



Isaac Asuma



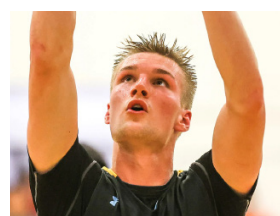
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Jay Neubert



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**Area Camps**—Pacesetter Area Camps serve players in many regions of the 5-state area. Camp hosts design the time schedule of the sessions and the grades and genders to meet their needs. These camps range from 3-4 days and provide sessions ranging from 1-6 hours per day for players in grades 1-12.

**“Tour of Champions” Camp**—Pacesetter also offers a special “Tour of Champions” series of camps in the 5-state area. These camps will be 1-2 days and feature the very best coaches in the Midwest – coaches who have won state championships or head college coaches or coaches who have reached other high levels of success – Hall of Fame, Coach of the Year, etc. Host coaches may also invite their coaching staff to attend these special camps as a free coaching clinic.

## Camp of Champions...that comes to YOUR gym!

### Customize your camp to YOUR program

To set up a camp at your school, please email Tracey at [pacesettersportsmbbn@gmail.com](mailto:pacesettersportsmbbn@gmail.com)



# MBBN BOYS TOP 20

## CLASS 4A

1. Park Center 17-1
2. Wayzata 14-1
3. Minnetonka 12-1
4. Hopkins 11-3
5. Farmington 12-3
6. Lakeville  
North 11-4
7. Shakopee 12-2
8. Minneapolis  
Washburn 14-1
9. Waconia 12-2
10. Cretin-Der  
ham Hall 11-2
11. Tartan 12-2
12. Osseo 12-5
13. Lakeville  
South 9-6
14. Rogers 14-3
15. Edina 8-7
16. Mounds  
View 11-4
17. Sauk Rapids-  
Rice 10-4
18. Apple  
Valley 8-6
19. Eagan 9-6
20. Maple  
Grove 8-7

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## CLASS 3A

1. Totino-  
Grace 13-3
2. Mankato  
East 14-1
3. Delano 12-3
4. Minneapolis  
South 11-2
5. DeLaSalle 9-5
6. Stewartville 12-3
7. Orono 9-5
8. Alexandria 11-4
9. Columbia  
Heights 10-1
10. Fridley 10-3
11. Benilde-St.  
Margaret's 7-7
12. Hutchinson 12-3
13. Mankato  
West 11-4
14. Byron 13-2
15. Chisago  
Lakes 11-4
16. St. Cloud  
Tech 10-4
17. St. Paul  
Johnson 9-1
18. Detroit  
Lakes 12-2
19. St. Paul  
Harding 11-3
20. Duluth  
Denfeld 9-7

## CLASS 2A

1. Breck 16-0
2. Minneapolis  
North 11-5
3. Lake City 12-3
4. Eden Valley-  
Watkins 14-1
5. Albany 12-2
6. Pequot  
Lakes 12-2
7. Caledonia 13-3
8. Crosby-  
Ironton 13-1
9. Southwest  
Christian 10-4
10. Foley 10-2
11. Esko 9-3
12. Holy  
Family 8-7
13. Annandale 10-3
14. Spectrum 12-2
15. Legacy  
Christian 13-3
16. Lake Crystal  
Wellcome  
Memorial 11-3
17. Sauk  
Centre 12-2
18. Minnehaha  
Academy 8-8
19. Pelican  
Rapids 12-2
20. Blake 10-6

## CLASS 1A

1. Cherry 15-2
2. Dawson-  
Boyd 15-1
3. Fertile-  
Beltrami 13-1
4. West Central  
Area 12-3
5. Red Lake  
County 14-0
6. Blooming  
Prairie 16-0
7. Henning 15-2
8. Heritage  
Christian 10-1
9. Mt. Lake Area/  
Comfrey 12-1
10. Ada-Borup  
West 13-2
11. Spring Grove 11-1
12. Hillcrest  
Lutheran 12-2
13. Southland 11-2
14. Sleepy Eye 12-3
15. Nevis 10-3
16. Sleepy Eye  
St. Mary's 13-4
17. Rushford-  
Peterson 14-4
18. Hills-Beaver  
Creek 8-3
19. Cass Lake-  
Bena 8-6
20. Red Lake 11-3



# MBBN GIRLS TOP 20

## CLASS 4A

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

## CLASS 3A

1. DeLaSalle 14-3
2. Benilde-St. Margaret's 9-5
3. Delano 16-0
4. Alexandria 15-2
5. Marshall 14-1
6. St. Peter 14-1
7. Monticello 15-2
8. Byron 14-3
9. Totino-Grace 13-4
10. Orono 9-6
11. Becker 10-4
12. Rock Ridge 15-2
13. Stewartville 12-6
14. New Ulm 12-6
15. Winona 12-5
16. Mankato East 11-6
17. Mahtomedi 9-6
18. Holy Angels Academy 9-8
19. Hill-Murray 9-8
20. Fergus Falls 11-5

## CLASS 2A

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

## CLASS 1A

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

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# TOP 100 EXPO SHOWCASE

College of St. Benedict  
St. Joseph, MN

Tuesday, July 2



The Top 100+ Players in each class are being invited along with select players from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa.

Seeking player nominations from head coaches for the 2024-25 Watch List. Email player name and school to Jeff McCarron at [jmac8144@yahoo.com](mailto:jmac8144@yahoo.com)



## COLLEGE PREP BASKETBALL CAMP

Monday, July 1

The Pacesetter "College Prep" program is designed for male and female players entering grade 9 through college freshman seeking to play basketball in college. Players will be taught high-level skills by college coaches in a comprehensive one-day, 7-hour format. Players will be given the best tips to become a successful college player on and off the court.

