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Mighty Minnetonka

Skipper girls, boy cagers flying high; skaters, too

By Bruce Strand

Minnetonka is a huge school in a prosperous community, a school that gives excellent support to extra-curricular activities — certainly a recipe for success by its athletic teams.

And the current sports season is looking like a banner one even by Skipper standards. The girls basketball team is 15-0 and ranked No. 1 in Class 4A. The boys team is 9-1 and ranked No. 3.

Oh, and the boys hockey team is 14-0-2 and ranked No. 1, and the girls are 16-2-1 and ranked No. 2. Quite a winter in this western suburb of 53,000 residents that’s headquarters for United-Health Group, Carlson Companies and Cargill among a thriving mix of businesses big and small.

“Regardless of sport and season, Minnetonka High School produces championships and great teams,” acknowledged Bryce Tesdahl, who came on board as boys hoops coach in 2019 after successful tenures at New Prague and East Ridge. “It is an expectation to compete at the highest level during the season and prepare at the highest level during the offseason.”

The girls coach, Brian Cosgriff, took over last year as al-



Tonka star Aaliyah Crump lined up a free throw, with Anna McKinney looking on.

Bruce Strand, MN Basketball News

ready the state record holder for winning percentage and state titles from his 21 years at Hopkins. He knew he’d stepped into another great situation.

“Minnetonka is the biggest school in the state. It has tremendous leadership from the activities director and administration. Everything that you need to be successful is there,” said Cosgriff, who got his 600th win this week, the last 31 of those at Minnetonka.

The Skipper girls won a duel of one-two ranked unbeatens over St. Michael-Albertville 63-54 on Friday, Jan. 12. STMA, state champs last year, was missing its top scorer with a finger injury. The Skippers’ closest win was over Way-

zata, 64-60. They had a battle with Prior Lake, 74-64, Tuesday. Their other dozen wins have been blowouts, including 82-57 over Class 3A’s top-ranked DeLaSalle.

The Skippers have not yet faced perennial power Hopkins (13-2); the Royals will come to MHS on Jan. 30. Another major test will be Class 2A’s top-ranked Providence Academy on Jan. 27.

The Skipper lineup boasts highly-ranked prospects in each of the top three grades — 6-foot-1 senior Tori McKinney, a Gophers’ signee averaging 14 points;

6-foot-1 junior Aaliyah Crump, a Michigan commit averaging 27.6 points; and 5-foot-9 sophomore point guard Lanelle Wright, who's averaging 15.2 points.

McKinney missed her junior season with a broken tibia, suffered in fall league. In her absence, the Skippers were 17-11. "We are a whole different team with her back," Cosgriff said. "She is an amazing defender. She can shoot. She covers the other team's best player except if it's the point guard and always does a great job."

Crump is the highest-profile Skipper, ranked sixth nationally in her class, with over fifty Division I offers, and a member of Team USA that won the FIBA Americas tournament in Mexico last summer. She's got an NIL deal with Kutch Athletics by New Balance. Breathtakingly agile and light-footed, she is averaging 27.5 points.

"Aaliyah is a great ball handler, she can post up, drive, and shoot from outside, and she's a real hard worker — what's not to love," said Cosgriff. He marveled at her recent performance against DeLaSalle: 38 points, nine assists and 12 rebounds.

Wright is an amazingly composed sophomore who made all-conference as a freshman in the mighty Lake Conference. She's averaging 15 points. "She is special," Cosgriff said. "She runs the show. What a game she had last night (against Prior Lake) with seven assists, just one turnover, 4-for-8 from the field, playing 33 minutes."

The foot soldiers include Grace Hanford, senior guard who's been a starter for three years, along with CeCe Nesseth, Sydney Cummings and Harley Wock. Those four combine for about 17 points per game.

Minnetonka has made just three trips to state, with one championship, in 2016, but don't bother to ask Cosgriff about their chances this March. "All I'm thinking about is practice today and Buffalo tomorrow," he said when contacted Wednesday. "Just one possession at a time. You don't win state championships in January."

The boys lone loss came against No. 2 ranked Park Center, 92-89. Ranked teams they've beaten are Lakeville South 103-92, Osseo 99-78, Benilde-St. Margaret's 82-65 and DeLaSalle 77-71. Big conference games com-

ing up are Hopkins on Jan. 30 and Wayzata on Feb. 1.

The Skippers are powered in large part by a pair of three-year starters at guard. Jordan Cain, 6-foot-2, is notching 17.6 points per game, along with 6.0 rebounds, after averaging 20 as a sophomore and 15.8 as a junior. He went over 1,000 this season. Andy Stefoniwicz, 6-foot-1, is delivering 16.8 points and 5.5 assists per game, after averaging 13.6 as a sophomore and 16.4 as a junior. He has committed to North Dakota State.



Jordan Cain's 1,000th point was commemorated by the school's graphic artist.

"Andy and Jordan have improved each year. Both make impact plays on both ends of the floor," Tesdahl said. "They are a great combo. Jordan does a great job of cutting and playing off Andy with the ball. Andy makes all his teammates play better. Both can make the easy play or the highlight play."

The top scorer is 6-foot-2 senior Greyson Uelmen with 20.7 points per game, which is triple what he scored last year. He's getting baskets at all three levels: shooting a higher percentage, and earning good looks in both the half-court offense and transition. Tesdahl said. "He put in a lot of work this off-season."

Kayden Wells, who played for Benilde-St. Margaret's last year, returned to Tonka for his senior year. The 6-foot-5 forward is notching 14.3 points and 6.2 rebounds, a big jump from 6.3 ppg at BSM. "Kayden has been a great fit coming back to Minnetonka. He rebounds, he screens, he runs the floor and creates his own shot on the perimeter and in the paint."

Duke Richardson, 6-foot-2 junior, averages 8.5 ppg in his second year starting. Isa El-Amin, 5-foot-9 junior, adds 5.6 ppg off the bench.

The Skippers were 23-8 last year and earned a state trip by beating Chanhassen in the section, then lost twice at state. That was the only one of Minnetonka's five state trips that didn't go well; the Skippers won championships in 1965, 1998 and 2008 and were runners-up in 1999. They hope to return and make up for that.

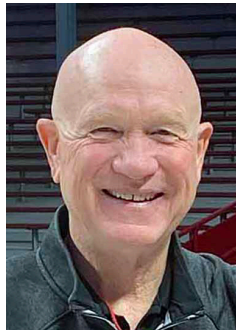
"We have a good team that wants to build on and improve upon last year," Tesdahl said. "Nothing is a given The target is on our backs. We need to improve and prepare daily to ensure we can play our best basketball in March."

On the Road Again - Pacesetter Season 45!

By Jeff McCarron
Pacesetter Sports Founder/Director

Ah, the winter of 1980. There were still hostages in Iran, and Ronald Reagan was making a run to unseat President Jimmy Carter. Inflation soared as the Fed fund rate hit 19%. Bette Midler, Paul McCartney, and Michael Jackson were in the Top 10. Larry Bird and Magic Johnson were battling for Rookie of the Year in the NBA. A dollar in 1980 was equivalent to \$3.72 today.

It doesn't seem that long ago. I was sitting at one end of the living room at Bill Gross's home in Sioux Falls, SD, as Bill sat at the other end. Bill, a two-time Minnesota state tournament player from Hayfield, who had an outstanding career at Augustana College 1969-1973, had just been called back to join Augustana's coaching staff.



Sunday nights were planning nights for "Gro" - so the yellow pad was in action. After a couple of teaching stints in Fairfax, Fairmont, and some subbing in Minneapolis schools, I moved to Sioux Falls. Mainly because Bill took the job at Augie and bought a house. I also had many friends in Sioux Falls, which provided more "Indy Ball" during the week at the Y and on weekends whenever and wherever possible.

I didn't really have strong desire to coach a high school team. I loved to play and wanted to keep three nights open every week. I coached some at Fairfax and Fairmont and took an assistant job at Sioux Falls Lincoln that season. I was also a regular director on the John Thomas Basketball Camp circuit in South Dakota and Minnesota in the summer. I learned that I loved teaching basketball skills and loved teaching kids in camp. John Thomas was a phenomenal player from the small towns of South Dakota. He made the Celtic 12-player roster in 1969 and practiced alongside John Havlicek and other Celtic greats. I was fortunate to learn so many "Fundamentals of Champions" from John at an early coaching age...and a greater appreciation of life on the road.

So while Bill was planning his week on a yellow pad, I was planning my life...on a spiral notebook across the living room. I decided I would start my own program in Minnesota only, with a series of basketball camps. Camps were relatively new then. Girls' basketball had only been a varsity

sport in Minnesota for a few years.

Hmmm...what should the name of the camps be...? "Pioneer?" I pondered aloud. "No, that's a seed corn," came the answer from the other end of the living room. "Right, that won't work." Bill looked up from his yellow pad, "How about 'PACE SETTER'?" I said it a few times in my head. "I like it." And just like that I had a basketball program. Thank you, Gro! He says he is still waiting for his royalty check. What a character!

Envelopes, letterhead, and stamps were purchased with my meager sub teacher earnings. I wrote to head coaches at 50 schools in Minnesota and set up eight camps for eight weeks. Two months later I took the English teaching job that my high school coach, Dennis Christofferson, vacated in March. So suddenly, I had a full-time teaching job and summer camp business. I met my future wife, Diane Halbur, that spring in Sherburn, and we married in the summer of 1981. Life can change quickly.

I continued with one camp a week for the next few years. I was lucky to have my high school teammate, Paul Krohn, right next door in Jackson. We teamed up as coaches in nearly every camp for those first few years. His wife, Kathy, coached in the morning girls' session as the women joined us on a long, wonderful, summer road trip that lasted into August and often concluded with a BWCA trip. I drove a VW bus with a canoe on the top, and we often sang, "On the Road Again" rolling down the highways of Minnesota to Lamberton, Spring Valley, Sandstone, Moose Lake, Montevideo, Elk River, Madison, Chisholm, Nashwauk-Keewatin, Sauk Centre, Minnesota Lake, Granite Falls, Dassel-Cokato, Thief River Falls, Hastings, and Fairfax to name a few...and back to Sherburn, but we always finished in Ely. Camps were always 5 days, and we wrote individual evaluation forms on every player. Long days but great days!

We enjoyed the small-town diners, pubs, fishing spots, golf courses and gyms. The stories are endless. What wonderful people we met along the way and what great times we had with kids in the gyms.

I decided to retire from teaching and focus full-time on Pacesetter in 1984. We expanded to 17 camps in the summer of 1985. The next year in 1986 we added volleyball and held 42 camps. In 1987 we set up 84 camps and reached 142 camps a few years later. We didn't know then, just 8 years into "Pacesetter", that we had only just begun.

"On the Road Again" - continued next week

7 unbeatens fall, 8 remain

By Bruce Strand

AROUND THE STATE

Unbeatens update: Seven teams were knocked from the unbeaten ranks in the past week, leaving eight still unscathed. Boys' teams with zero losses are Wayzata, Breck, Crosby-Ironton, Red Lake County and Blooming Prairie. Girls teams are Minnetonka, Delano and New London-Spicer. Handed their first losses on the boys side were Columbia Heights, by DeLaSalle 72-63; Ada Borup-West, by Henning 63-61; Nevis (playing for the third straight day), by Fertile-Beltrame 71-68 in OT; Dawson-Boyd, by Montevideo 77-72; and Kingsland, by Spring Grove 60-40. On the girls side, St. Michael-Albertville fell to Minnetonka 63-54, and Fosston to Sacred Heart 54-45.

Moorhead sank a trio of three-point shots, all with time running out — in regulation and two overtimes — to yank a game away from Sauk Rapids-Rice 105-103 in the Breakdown Sports USA Crossover Classic in Perham. DJ Smith heaved the game-winner from just beyond the half court line in the second OT and totaled 43 points. Smith's three-pointer with :05 remaining in regulation tied it 85-85. At the end of the first OT, Smith missed a three, but David Mack tipped the rebound out to Brian Zarazua, who nailed a trifecta at the buzzer to knot the score at 95. Dylan Zimmerman added 32 points for Moorhead (7-7). Keller Hanson had 32 and Izaya Cook 29 for SRR (9-4).

Breck, 13-0 and ranked first in Class 2A, pummeled three straight-ranked Class 2A teams in the past week — Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial 79-58 with Daniel Freitag hitting 35 points and Hanif Muhammad 25, Holy Family Catholic 95-63 with Freitag netting 37 points, and St. Paul Academy 107-75 as Muhammad led with 32. Freitag averages 21 points, Muhammad 15.5, Miles Newton 13.2, JP Musoke 10.9 and DeAngelo Dungy 9.1.

Noah Stommes of Eden Valley-Watkins joined his mother in the thousand-point club during an 84-60 win over Kimball on Jan. 16, one week after his classmate Katrina Schultz passed 1,000 during a loss to Minnewaska Area. Stommes won't get the family record, though. His mom, Janice Streit, a powerful low post, scored 2,096 points and led the Eagles to state tournaments in 1983 and 1984 (when they were runners-up). Stommes has signed with North Dakota State for football as a defensive lineman. Schultz plans to play for a two-year school, Minnesota West in Worthington.

Lukas Means of Redwood Valley made 13 three pointers in a 104-60 win over Windom on Tuesday, and it only broke his team record by one. Means had three games of 12 treys last year when he led the state by a wide margin with 142. The 5-foot-9 junior guard was 13-for-29 from outside the arc for 39 of his 41 points against Windom. He's hitting 45.2 percent for the season and averaging 24.3 points for the Cardinals (10-3). His 13 in one game is sixth all-time in the state.

Willow Thiel of Perham grabbed her 1,000th rebound on Saturday during a 67-57 win over Holdingford. The 6-foot post also has nearly 1,900 points, holding the school record in both categories. The game before, she had 32 points and 16 rebounds in a 59-54 win over Pelican Rapids (12-2). Thiel is averaging 28 points and 14 rebounds for the Yellowjackets (14-2) while sitting out the last quarter in seven blow-outs. "She is quick, athletic, powerful," said coach TJ Super about Thiel, a Minnesota-Crookston recruit.

Abe Soumis pumped in 55 points for Hermantown in an 88-81 win over Bemidji on Tuesday. The 6-foot-5 guard shot 14-for-23 on two's, 5-for-9 on three's, and 12-for-12 on free shots, while grabbing 14 rebounds. Soumis is averaging 30.9 points and 16 rebounds. He had 41 against Princeton to grab the school record and raised it with 43 against Becker (along with a team record 14 assists) and now 55. Soumis has 1,434 career points and 828 career rebounds. "As of now, he's an unsigned player that any school would be lucky to scoop up," coach Andy Penske said. Hermantown started the season 1-4, missing senior point guard Peyton Menzel, due to his participation the state all star football game. The Hawks are now 11-5.

Minnesota State-Mankato, which took over the National No. 1 spot in their division rankings this week, features two brothers from Waseca's 2019 state champion team. Malik Willingham, 6-foot-3 senior guard, is averaging 19.2 points, tops on the team. Kyreese Willingham, 6-foot-3 junior guard, is averaging 13.2 points. The Mavericks are 16-0, with five starters averaging double digits.

Delaney Hanson, New London-Spicer junior forward, had a triple double of 15 points, 14 assists and 10 rebounds as the undefeated Wildcats beat Crosby-Ironon 84-60 on Saturday.

Kunze's Gopher report card

Terry Kunze, a 1960's basketball standout with Duluth Central and the Gophers, went on to a European pro career and several coaching posts, including with the U as an assistant. MBBN asked Kunze to assess the Gophers, who are 3-4 in the Big Ten and 12-6 overall.

By Terry Kunze

First, I feel Ben Johnson was a great hire. When Ben came, the program was a disaster. The fan base disappeared. Players jumping ship was the norm. Recruiting was tougher because NIL money made players into pros. Ben and the staff are very good recruiters. They shocked the basketball world by signing Christie from Illinois and Evans from California but lost Evans due to money from Louisville. Basketball has become a big business. Coaches must save a couple scholarships for veterans in the portal. They prefer a battle-tested 21-year-old over a prep prospect. Ben has critics who know all the answers but it takes five years to fairly judge a coach. The Gophers have a competitive roster now. Learning how to win does not occur overnight.

Elijah Hawkins, 5-11 junior guard — His value is off the charts. He is able to pressure point guards with quick, active hands for steals and deflections in the passing lanes. Excellent passer, he leads the nation with 7.8 assists per game. A fine shooter but has trouble getting good looks. They must play him many minutes; they are not effective without him. At times he is out of control, but the game will begin to slow down for him.

Mike Mitchell, 6-2 junior guard — Solid guard. Feisty. He does not turn down good looks, and if he gets one, he can hurt you. At times he is overmatched against bigger Big Ten two guards and struggles to score. Good defender. He should have a good season. Needs to improve shot selection to be more effective.

Cam Christie, 6-6 freshman guard — Cam could play at the next level some day. He is smooth and long and he can stroke it. He wants to be a good team player. He should get 15-18 shots per game. The last couple games, he did not see the floor the last six minutes. I feel he is not playing with aggression. He should not be afraid to attack the defender.

Braeden Carrington, 6-4 sophomore guard — Talented player. Aggressive defender. Best defender the Gophers have and probably second-best rebounder.

Good passer, settles the team down, tireless worker. Second in minutes played. Only thing missing is consistent shooting. I think a breakout game is all he needs to catch on fire.

Joshua Ola-Joseph, 6-7 soph forward — Most improved player on the team. Freakish athlete with great hops. His shot selection, passing, and ball handling are very good; his shooting percentage shows that. Seems very coachable. Must improve rebounding and defense. Needs to search for rebounds rather than ball-watching. Defensively, he is vulnerable to back-door cuts, which really showed in the Iowa game. With improvement, he could get a look from the next level.

Parker Fox, 6-8 senior forward — Great athlete who dominated at Northern State three years and led D2 nation in dunks. A suspect shooter. He's a solid defender and passer, an active rebounder, and can provide solid minutes. He needs to move without the ball to score. He brings energy and can be a nightmare for opponents.

Pharrell Payne, 6-9 sophomore post — Learning how to play at this level, Pharrell is full of potential to become a very good big man. Outstanding low blocks threat with quicks and strength. He is a great high-low option with Garcia who shoots from the top. He's a poor foul shooter, a suspect passer, and prone to fouling, but all that can be cleared up. He should move into starting lineup and then watch out! He will be a player.

Dawson Garcia, 6-11 junior post — Dawson could be an all-Big Ten player. A tough matchup, he's effective inside and outside, can score in many ways. Very good foul shooter. The Gophers play their best when he has it going, because his double teams get teammates open. He should get the most touches every game.

Summary

This team must clean up turnovers and improve their shot selection. I don't think their rotation is set. Defensively, they are adequate, but tend to ball-watch too often. They struggle to score sometimes so the defense must be solid to win. A lot of players should be able to improve with good coaching, and, we hope, make better decisions, in order to win some close games. With the solid coaching staff they have, I feel the future is bright. We should jump on the band wagon and support this hard-working bunch.

MILESTONE PHOTO OPS



Minnetonka boosters of all ages were ready for the occasion when coach Brian Cosgriff notched his 600th win Tuesday, 74-64 over Prior Lake. Cosgriff had 569 with Hopkins and now 31 with undefeated, top-ranked Minnetonka. Cosgriff is just to the right of the banner.



Perham Yellowjackets players celebrated Willow Thiel's 1,000th rebound last Saturday. She is second from the left of the four players behind the banner. Thiel is also getting close to 2,000 points so they might have to do it again.

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

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Bemidji • March 17 • Boys & Girls Grades 4 & 6

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Rochester • March 17 • Girls Grades 8 & 9
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

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

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MBBN BOYS TOP 20

CLASS 4A

1. Wayzata 13-0
2. Park Center 14-1
3. Minnetonka 9-1
4. Farmington 11-2
5. Lakeville North 9-4
6. Shakopee 10-2
7. Hopkins 10-3
8. Minneapolis Washburn 12-1
9. Osseo 12-3
10. Waconia 10-2
11. Cretin-Derham Hall 10-2
12. Lakeville South 8-5
13. Tartan 9-2
14. Rogers 11-3
15. Mounds View 10-4
16. Eagan 7-5
17. Sauk Rapids-Rice 9-4
18. St. Michael-Albertville 8-5
19. Edina 6-6
20. Minneapolis Southwest 8-5

Records are through Tuesday

CLASS 3A

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

CLASS 2A

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

CLASS 1A

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

MBBN GIRLS TOP 20

CLASS 4A

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

Records are through Tuesday

CLASS 3A

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

CLASS 2A

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

CLASS 1A

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

ROAD TO THE TARGET CENTER!

2024 Minnesota Youth Basketball State Championships


Boys & Girls Grades 4-7

Region 1: Stewartville/Rochester - March 16 & 17
*5&7BG - 4&6BG

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

For Further Information and Registration
<https://www.pacesettersports.net/mn-championship/>

*Guide: 5&7BG - 4&6BG = 5th & 7th Boys & Girls - Saturday - 4th & 6th Boys and Girls - Sunday

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ROAD TO THE TARGET CENTER!

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



State Tournament
St. Cloud, MN
Sunday, April 7

Champions & Runners-up
advance to play in the
Great 5-State at the
Target Center

MN - IA - WI - ND - SD

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

Southwest Super Section: Lake Crystal - March 17 & 24
*8G&9G - 8B&9B

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*Guide: 8G&9G - 8B&9B = 8th & 9th Girls - 3/17 - 8th & 9th Boys - 3/24

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2024 Minnesota Basketball News • An Invitation-only Event

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



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.



45th Year!**More info:**<https://www.pacesettersports.net/host-a-camp/>

or scan QR code

**2024 PACESETTER**

Basketball Camps

Pacesetter has been providing high-quality, low-cost camps since 1980. Highly experienced directors and low player-coach ratios are a Pacesetter standard. Pacesetter focuses on teaching the most important skills to make the greatest possible improvement in a few days...for a cost most families can afford.

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

