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Mid-season scorecard

Looking at teams ranked No. 1-2-3

Boys: Wayzata, Richfield, Belle Plaine & Henning top lists

CLASS 4A BOYS

Defending champion Wayzata, top ranked all year, has beaten Totino-Grace 88-65 and Cretin-Derham Hall 96-66. The Trojans lost to No. 4 Maple Grove (9-3) 77-75 on Tuesday evening, which might alter next week's rankings. They also lost Wisconsin power West Allis Central 67-64. Nolen Anderson is averaging 23 points, Christian Wiggins 18.5 and Isaac Olmstead 12.8.

No. 2 Tartan's 9-0 mark includes wins over ranked Maple Grove 68-61, Hopkins 84-76 and Mahtomedi 85-69. The Titans were 27-0 last year before losing in the section final to Cretin-Derham Hall, the eventual state runner-up, 73-68. Stars include soph Kevin Wilson and senior Duke King.

Cretin-Derham Hall is ranked third with a 9-2 mark including wins over Alexandria (6-3) 78-69 and East Ridge (8-3) 82-69. The Raiders have lost to Wayzata and Totino-Grace. They're led by Division I-bound JoJo Mitchell (21.2 ppg) and Ty Schlagel (19.6).

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Maple Grove's Max Iverson works against a double team by Wayzata's Xavy Ivey and Max Beeninga.

Bruce Strand photo

Girls: Hopkins, Orono, Providence, MIB lead

CLASS 4A GIRLS

Hopkins lost the No. 1 slot briefly to Minnetonka but regained it when the Skippers were handed their first loss by Maple Grove, 85-74, on Jan. 9. Hopkins is 12-1, losing only to Caitlin Clark's alma mater Dowling Catholic 46-45. In their opener, the Royals took a big lead against Providence Academy and held on 78-74. They routed No. 3 Maple Grove 89-56 on Jan. 6. Jaliyah Diggs is scoring 18 points per game and Ava Cupito and Emma Walker each 16 ppg.

No. 2 Rosemount is the lone 4A unbeaten at 11-0, powered by sisters Amisha (24 ppg), Ashna and Arshia Ramial. They have beaten Wayzata (10-3) 61-56, Eastview (10-3) 82-58, and East Ridge (12-3) 62-50.

Maple Grove, 10-2 and No. 3 after beating Minnetonka, is led by Kate Holmquist and Sophia Anderson with 17 ppg each. They lost to No. 6 Rochester Mayo (14-1) 77-69.

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CLASS 3A BOYS

Richfield is 12-0 and took over the top spot from Totino-Grace two weeks ago. They've played only two teams above .500, beating Orono 84-61 and DeLaSalle 69-68. They've got five double-digit scorers led by Dre Collins with 21.6 per game and Tyrese Hagler with 15.2.

Totino-Grace is No. 2 at 7-2 against a schedule loaded with ranked Class 4A teams. The Eagles have beaten Cretin-Derham Hall 65-63 and Maple Grove 78-76 while losing to Wayzata 88-65 and East Ridge 86-79. Stars include Dothan Ijadimbola and Tian Chatman,

DeLaSalle (7-2) is No. 3 with 91-88 win over Alexandria, the defending 3A champion now in 4A, and losses to Maple Gove 86-64 and Richfield by one point. The Islanders have six guys averaging 10 to 15 points.

CLASS 2A BOYS

Belle Plaine is on top with a 9-1 mark, led by senior guard Ethan Martin, averaging 32.7 points. Top teams they've beaten are Marshall and Glencoe-Silver Lake. They lost to St. Peter, a 9-3 Class 3A team, 75-63.

Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta (8-0) has climbed to No. 2 with the lone unbeaten record in Class 2A, including wins over Montevideo (10-1) 68-66 and defending 1A champion Dawson-Boyd (10-2) 66-53.

Goodhue (11-1) is at No. 3 with wins over Zumbrotta-Mazeppa (9-2) 77-56, Rushford-Peterson (10-2) 80-63 and Cannon Falls (8-2) 91-75. The Wildcats lost 82-72 to Winona Cotter/Hope Lutheran (11-2).

CLASS 1A BOYS

Nine Class 1A teams are unbeaten with Henning (11-0) ranked first. The top team the Hornets have beaten is Pelican Rapids (8-2) by 77-60. Kale Misegades is averaging 34.5 points and Ryan Despard 17.

Red Lake County is 10-0 and No. 2 with wins over Thief River Falls (7-2) 65-44 and Stephen-Argyle (7-2) 62-43. They have a 2,000-pointer, Connor Duden.

Cherry, aiming for a fifth consecutive trip to state, is 11-2 and ranked third. The top team the Tigers have beaten is South Ridge (10-2) 67-59. They've lost to River Falls 101-79 and Esko (6-6) 70-41. The Tigers have a 2,000-point scorer in Noah Asuma, a veteran of four state tournaments.

Also unbeaten are No. 4 Janesville-Waldorf-Pember-ton, No. 5 Hills-Beaver Creek, No. 9 Wabasso, Breckenridge, Benson, Madelia and Liberty Classical.

CLASS 3A GIRLS

Orono (11-2) took over the top spot with a 83-72 conquest of the previous No. 1, Benilde-St. Margaret's, with Mya Moore scoring 51 points, on Jan. 6. The conference rivals will meet again Jan. 29. The Spartans beat Wayzata (10-3) 81-80 and lost to Minnetonka 79-76 and Prior Lake (5-9) 54-47. See feature on Page 3.

No. 2 BSM is 8-2 also losing to Iowa's Waukee Northwest 62-57. The 2025 champs have six players averaging between 8.6 and 15 points, led by Pressley Watkins.

Hill-Murray is No. 3 at 11-1, powered by three transfers from Mahtomedi: Mya Wilson with 26 ppg, eighth-grader Ashlee Wilson 22 and Sarah Poepard 17.7.

CLASS 2A GIRLS

Providence Academy, aiming for a fifth straight Class 2A crown, is 9-3 with losses to Hopkins 78-74 and Wisconsin powers Wauwatosa East 89-78 and Arrowhead Union 94-83. They've beaten two ranked teams, Minnehaha Academy 96-57 and Rochester Lourdes 99-58. Maddyn Greenway averages 32.5 points, Emma Millerbernd 20.2 and Beckett Greenway 18.1.

Crosby-Ironton is at No. 2 with a 10-4 mark, losing to the top four teams in Class 4A. Tori Oehrlein averages 34.4 points and Lucy Lewandowski 14.4.

No. 3 New London-Spicer, 27-2 last year, graduated their three best players but has started 12-0, led by seniors Taylor Munsch (14.8 ppg) and Ayla Caskey (13.6) and freshman Korbin Tanner (14.1). Best team they've beaten is Watertown-Mayer (10-2) 80-60.

CLASS 1A GIRLS

Mountain Iron-Buhl and Sleepy Eye St. Mary's are both unbeaten and very impressive. The coaches give the No. 1 nod to MIB (12-0), the only team to beat No. 3 Kelliher-Northome, 100-90, and No. 4 Hillcrest Lutheran, 53-42. Izzy Wiita is averaging 18.7 points and Anna Neyens 16.7 for MIB, which didn't make state last year after going for 12 straight years

SESM is 12-0, led by Morgan Mathiowetz with 30.2 ppg and Olivia Schieffert 18.0. The best teams the Knights have beaten are BOLD (11-3) 77-41, Mayer Lutheran (9-4) 52-49 and Cedar Mountain (9-2) 69-49.

No.3 Hillcrest Lutheran (8-1) has beaten Sacred Heart (8-1) 70-62 and Underwood (8-3) 53-42. Ella Knutson averages 14.3, Elsa Retzlaff 13.7, Elin Retzlaff 10.7. No. 4 Kelliher-Northome (9-1) averages 88 points with Kate Thayer at 29 ppg and Kylee Binkley 23.

Orono girls take over No. 1

By Bruce Strand

Orono has a rough road to the state tournament in girls basketball, contending with Benilde-St. Margaret's, state champion the last three years, in Section 6AAA. Still, the Spartans showed once again that they can be up to the task by toppling the Red Knights 83-72 — with a brilliant 51-point performance by Mya Moore — at home Jan. 6.

Then again, Orono beat BSM twice in Metro West play last season but the Red Knights foiled them 73-54 in the section finals on the way to their three-peat. The two teams have switched places in the coaches association rankings with Orono (11-2) now No. 1 and BSM (8-2) No. 2. They will clash again Jan. 29 and probably in the section again.

“I wish the MSHSL would figure out a way to ensure the best teams are represented in our state tournament,” coach Chris Bjorgaard mused. “We were 3-1 versus the two teams in the state championship game last year.”

Moore, a 5-foot-11 guard, got her 51 points against such a formidable opponent by shooting 16-for-35, including 7-for-17 on three's, and 12-for-12 at the line.

The Creighton recruit broke the Spartan record of 45 points set by Madeline Loder in 2018. She also went over 2,000 points recently.

“Mya is well rounded,” Bjorgaard said. “She has great handles, and quickness to get by defenders. She can finish at the rim or pull up from well behind the 3-point line. Her (physical) strength is improving. Combine this with the fact that she guards the other team's best player every game, and you have a special kid.”

Moore is averaging 28.4 points and 5.2 steals. Her sophomore sister, point guard Ally Moore, a third-year starter, averages 9.5 points, six assists, and three steals. She missed the section finals loss to BSM last year with an injury, after logging 32 points, 12 assists and 12 steals against them in two conference games.

Senior forward Amelia Schwendimann averages 9.0 points and junior guard Maryn Prenevost 8.2 points.



Orono players celebrated Mya Moore's 2,000th point.

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While nobody else averages double figures, they're all threats, Bjorgaard said. “If we didn't have skilled shooters, I would think teams would commit multiple defenders to Mya. The fact they don't, tells me they respect what the other players bring to the table. Also, Mya is unselfish and will make the right basketball play if teams do try and double her.”

Prenevost, Schwendimann, both Moore's, and Hayden Tyler can all hit from the wings, and the bigs, Evelyn Miller, Lilah Rice, Brynn Leibried, and Carly Rausch can shoot well also, said the coach. “So we can space the floor or we can bang it inside on any given night.”

The Spartans had an upset loss to Prior Lake 54-47. Their other loss was 79-76 to a 12-1 Minnetonka team. Orono beat another ranked 4A team, Wayzata, 81-80, with Moore scoring 37 points, capped by the game-winner with three seconds left. Prenevost had 14 points and Ally Moore 12. Wayzata's Kate Amelotte scored 29 points and Mallory McBeth 21.

Orono has made just three state trips but was state champion in 2017.

Bjorgaard, asked if it's a burden or an inspiration to have BSM in their section, vented a little. “My personal belief is, having any school that goes out and recruits kids to their program is an unfair advantage to the schools that develop their talent internally. I believe private schools should have their own state tournament.”

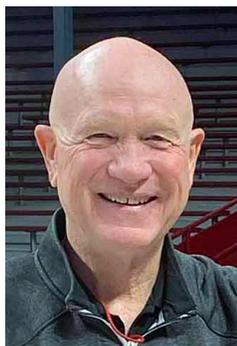
But he added, while it's a burden, “it also drives our kids to get better, knowing that if we can get to state, we have a real shot at winning state.”

Gopher Gold at the End of the Rainbow

By Jeff McCarron

I was a Minnesota Gopher at a unique time in Gopher history – 1971-72 – as a football player for Murray Warmath’s final season and a basketball player for Bill Musselman’s first season. Coach Warmath led the Golden Gophers to a national championship season in 1960 and was named National Coach of the Year. Coach Musselman led his very first Gopher team to a Big Ten championship and the NCAA “Sweet 16”.

Wow! What a year for a 19-year-old kid. That was 54 years ago.



Jeff McCarron

When I saw Eric Musselman coaching his Southern Cal team against the Gophers last week in Williams Arena, it brought back many memories of his father in the same arena. Eric had just turned 7 years old that November. He showed us his ball handling skills in their basement. He has since been a coach “everywhere” – see Wikipedia – including head coach at both Golden State and Sacramento in the NBA and Arkansas and USC in college. Never underestimate a 7-year-old!

Bill Musselman was only 31 years old that first season. The Gopher team the year before drew from 9,000-13,000 a game. For the first Big Ten game in January 1972 there were over 19,000 fans rocking to “Sweet Georgia Brown” for the Gophers’ Harlem Globetrotter-style warm up. The student section was packed early for the first-come, first-served seats. Bobby Knight was also in his first year at Indiana, wearing his red-checked blazer while Mussel-

man wore his gold. Growing up in Ohio, they knew each other. Minnesota won on last-second free throws.

I thought, “Great. Practice tomorrow, especially on a Sunday after such a big win, should be a breeze. Wrong! The longest practice of the year – three and a half hours.” The line-running drills he called Gauntlets. Loose ball drills involved blood. *Need I say more?* Never underestimate a Musselman.

I’m going to take a moment to review the players on the Gopher team: No. 2 NBA draft pick and starter on the 1972 US Olympic team, 6-foot-8 Jim “Papa” Brewer and No. 7 NBA draft pick 6-foot-9 Ron “Honeycomb” Behagen. Future baseball Hall of Famer and New York Yankee baseball player, 6-foot-6 Dave “The Rave” Winfield, who was drafted in three sports when selected in the NFL football draft. I’m not sure he even played football...but at 6-6 and 225 with the athleticism of a large cat...he could have played any position. Then there was the leading scorer – 6-7 Clyde “Sweetback” Turner. Clyde had a premature bald spot in the back of his head, so he could have been mistaken for the custodian pushing his broom at halftime, but that was part of his charm, and he had a “sweet” jumper from the wing and a little 2-step dance move afterward that tickled the

crowd. Then there was 6-10 Corky Taylor, possibly the nicest guy on the team. He had such a great first name that I don’t recall his nickname. Add Keith “Silk” Young, starting off guard and a great leaper, and you have quite a group wanting the ball.

Can you imagine being a 6-4 kid with average jumping ability trying to get a rebound in that group? I said, when it was my turn to talk to this group at a reunion years later, “Hey, I tell my friends ‘I was never outjumped by you guys’.” Many eyeballs rolled my way. ““Because I hadn’t jumped yet!””



Years ago, our reporter Bruce Strand painted “Musselman’s Men.”

Bob Nix started at the point at 6-4. Bob “The Surf” Murphy, who had played often the previous year, was a great player who rounded out the top eight players seeing court time that year. And then there was The Unsung Six: Greg “Mad Dog” Troland, Roger “Toad” Arnold, Chad “Flower Child” Ormiston, Steve “War Horse” Palmer, Stan “Big Lew” Krebs, and me.

That season may go down in college basketball history as one of the most notable ever. We started 4-0 in the Big Ten. That was mentioned a couple weeks ago after the current Gophers shocked Indiana to start 3-1 in the Big Ten – “the best start since 1972”. What a great accomplishment for Coach Medved and his Gophers!

Next game in ‘72: Ohio State at Williams Arena. The date of January 25 was written on the locker room wall the first week of fall training – possibly next to the locker room sign reading, “Death is better than losing – you don’t have to live with it.” Apparently, head coach Fred Taylor from Ohio State said something that offended Musselman, who had won Ohio College Coach of the Year. Anyway, the game got rough early with some cheap shots, and long story short, there was an altercation among players in the last seconds of the game – when the Gophers were losing - that turned into a bench-clearing brawl that made national news and the front page of Sports Illustrated.

Devastating in so many ways...as misplaced passion was triggered in an emotional setting. And we lost two key players - suspended for the rest of the season. It was a sad and unfortunate incident, blamed solely on the Gophers at the time...but the band of remaining brothers united. One tragic minute in time would not define the team or be the end of the story. The Gophers moved on – to Iowa City – and won a close one before a hostile crowd. Iowa returned to Williams Arena only days later – likely a make-up game – and we won again. Now 6-1 in the Big Ten. There were road losses at Indiana and Michigan, but going into the final game of the season, with a 10-3 record, there was still a chance this troop of survivors could win the Big Ten championship – and we did, by one point at Purdue. Big Ten Champions at 11-3 and on to the NCAA tournament when only 16 teams qualified – and just one Big Ten team.

The tournament ended for the Gophers at the Mideast

Regional at Dayton, Ohio, with an opening round loss to Florida State, who made it to the national championship game that year. A third-place game was held, so we were able to finish with a good win over Al McGuire and Marquette.

A long, arching rainbow of life has passed by for all members of that team. Bill Musselman, Corky and Clyde have passed on. The gold championship trophy will live forever, but the real gold discovered toward the end of that rainbow happened when the two players involved in the altercation communicated with each other as mature men...and decided to meet. Corky invited Luke Witte and his wife to his home in Minnesota. Clyde joined them. They watched the film and talked for hours over two days. When it came time for Luke Witte to depart, they all hugged. “I had no hesitation,” said Witte, who became a minister. “We were now friends – connected forever.”



Corky Taylor

That’s as Golden as it gets.

In my life there has been gold at the end of my rainbow. I have gained two good friends within the last few years - and both were opponents on teams that lost a heart-wrenching playoff game to my team. There was not a fight, but I played a role in breaking their hearts. Nate Jorgenson from Jackson and Drew Kindseth from Marshall. I’m proud to say their names, and it warms my heart to call them both very good friends.

There is one good thing about getting old. The heart learns to appreciate the precious times with special people. “Grateful”, my Augustana coach Mel Klein said recently. I’ve also been able to re-ignite and enjoy many good times with former teammates and classmates...and that time is golden...as we recognize time is fleeting.

So to all who play sports...remember this:

Your opponents could be your best friends you just haven’t met yet.

So go for the real gold. The sooner, the better.

Kunze's take on Timberwolves

Terry Kunze, leader of Duluth Central state champs in 1961, Gopher point guard, former college and pro coach, and member of the Mr. Basketball committee, comments on hoops topics for MBBN. Here is his assessment of the 2025-26 Timberwolves so far.

The Timberwolves have a lot of talent but not an NBA championship roster right now. Coach Finch is trying to get into a solid eight-man rotation but will have to add another player since Mike Conley at 38 is falling off and must be replaced eventually.

They need a quality guard to run the show. They do not have that guy now. They are not moving the ball well in crucial late-game situations. At times they go to a one-on-one play and have horrible shot selection. Better ball movement would lead to better shots and offensive rebounding opportunities. They must get a solid PG to be a contender. However, they have no salary cap space, which makes trade prospects very difficult.

Coaching in this league can be a nightmare with all the distractions like pressure from fans and media who are hard to satisfy. Second-guesses are never wrong. I try not to second-guess, and I only want what's best for the team. They can be awfully good if they figure out what to do with this guard problem.

Donte DiVincezo, 6-4 G, age 28 — Donte is not a point guard; he is a two guard who can shoot. He is an average ball handler and average passer who can be pressured, not really a playmaker. At his best he is an effective catch-and-shoot 3-point specialist. He is a very good defender who creates steals and turnovers. Nobody plays harder.

Mike Conley, 6-1 G, age 38 — Mike is trusted by Finch and finishes a lot of close games, which

at times hurts the team. He is a clever set-up guy who makes good decisions and settles them down. However, he is not as effective this year and hurts them on defense due to mis-matches. He has lost a step. He can hit the big shot on occasion if left open.

Rob Dillingham, 6-2 G, age 20 — Rob is a talented point guard but has struggled with consistency. I don't think Finch trusts him. Because of that, Rob is not making shots, although his floor game opens teammates up for good shots. He is playing under stress without a good relationship with the coach. Maybe he should find another team that will give him more freedom. It's a shame he did not have a G-League season to develop; his first year was wasted on the bench.

Bones Hyland, 6-2 G, age 25 — Bones has seen the floor less than Dillingham. He is a good shooter and has quicks, but he is not the answer to the Wolves' point guard problem.

Anthony Edwards, 6-4 G, age 24 — Ant is a great player, tough as nails, big time scorer, plays very good defense. Getting a solid point guard would help take away some of his ball handling responsibilities and give him more quality minutes. He is a SCORER but not a playmaker and, in fact, not a good passer. Turnovers and shot selection have been problems throughout his career. Rudy does not help Ant much because he clogs the driving lanes. The Wolves must work on countering the double-teams that get Ant frustrated; more off-the-ball movement would make it tougher to double him on the wing.

Naz Reid, 6-9 C/F, age 26 — Naz is a warrior — a very good 'big' with quicks, temperament, excellent shooting and activity. When he gets it going, he is relentless and tough to cover. He can forget his misses and continue to play to win. It's very easy to root for Naz Reid.

Julius Randle, 6-9 F/C, age 31 — Julius may be the team MVP because he demands double teams, is a clever passer out of them, shoots a good percentage, is effective under and out, and he gets teammates open, especially Rudy. He is tough to cover. Also a capable defender on switches. And he will run the floor. I really like this guy.

Rudy Golbert, 7-1 C, age 33 — One game, Rudy dominates; and the next, he can disappear. On his good days the Wolves are tough to beat, and it's the opposite on his bad days. Basically he is a shot blocker and rebounder and a dunker. His minutes can be determined by whom the opponent is. Most teams use his man to



Anthony Edwards



Naz Reid



Julius Randle

pick the ball to create mismatches, which has killed the Wolves at times. Rudy should try to get his foul shooting up to 65 percent. He can be a force. He has had some workman-like games. I love Rudy when he is working. Rebounding is moving to get the ball, not hoping the ball comes to you.

Jaden McDaniels, 6-9 F, age 25 — I wonder if Jaden knows how good he is. This is a talented big player who has great skills. He is the team's best defender, which at times has hurt his offensive contributions. He has shown more maturity this year, not letting little things like bad foul calls hurt his focus. Consistency has been a problem throughout his career. The Wolves need him to be the real McDaniel. He knows how much his teammates root for him.



Jayden McDaniels



Rudy Golbert

Jaylen Clark, 6-5 G, age 24 — Jaylen is a winner. Great defender who knows what he has to do and does it. He can hit the open three. He can create turnovers. He is a sneaky rebounder, great foul shooter and passer. He is trusted by the coaching staff. He has earned his spot in the rotation.

Terrence Shannon, 6-6 G/F, age 25 — Terrence is trying to join the rotation but has not shown the consistency the coaches like. His role is a lot like Dillingham's. He has ups and downs and still plays like a rookie. I think in time he will move into the rotation. Confidence is important at this level. You either have it or you don't. Terrence is currently looking for it.

Summary: The coaching staff has calmed some rough stretches, and they are playing with better energy. They need more movement in the key minutes of close games to get better shots and more offensive rebounds. Rudy has really been a positive factor in almost all games.. They have talent. With focus on every game, they can be tough to beat. I do believe they will pick up another guard by Feb. 5. We have a creative GM, so he will get something done. Let's watch and enjoy without being too critical. *Go Wolves!*

Around the state

Ken Novak, coach of eight state champion teams with the Hopkins boys, reached the 1,000 win marker when the Royals edged Maple Grove 75-70 on Jan. 6. Novak started his career with Blaine in 1982 and succeeded his father as Hopkins coach in 1990. The state boys record is 1,012 wins by the late Bob McDonald, mostly with Chisholm in a career that ended in 2014. Hopkins is 9-3 this year and Novak is at 1,002.

Calvin Peterson of Minneapolis Roosevelt netted his 1,357th career point against St. Paul Como Park, breaking the school record that had stood since 1991. The 6-foot-2 senior guard is averaging 20.9 points. The record of 1,356 was held by Donald Phillips for 35 years.

In Mountain Iron-Buhl's rollicking 100-90 win over Kelliher-Northome on Dec. 20, Izzy Wiita logged 25 points, 10 steals and eight assists, Farrah Thomas 23 points and Sami Warwas 18 for the Rangers (12-0). Kate Thayer hit 32 points, Allison Lundin 23 and Kylee Binkley 21 for K-N (9-1).

Gophers recruit Cedric Tomes of East Ridge pumped in 50 points against a very strong opponent, Totino-Grace, leading to an 86-79 win on Jan. 2. The 6-foot-2 senior guard is averaging 31.8 points for the Raptors (8-3).

At midseason, Roseau's Jordan Borowicz is the state boys scoring leader with 31.7 points per game, followed by Tomes, Deer River's Lawrence Bowstring with 31.5, LeSueur-Henderson's Hunter Vinkemeier with 31.1 and Triton's Pierce Petersohn with 30.7. Vinkemeier leads with 20.3 rebounds per game.

The girls scoring leader is Gopher recruit Tori Oehrlein of Crosby-Ironton with 34.4 points per game, followed by Marta Forsline of Mesabi East with 32.9, Morgan Mathiowetz of Sleepy Eye-St. Mary's with 32.7, Providence Academy's Maddyn Greenway with 32.5 and Kelliher-Northome's Kate Thayer with 28.5. Callie Oakland of St. Croix Lutheran leads in rebounds with 20.3 per game.

New London-Spicer's Mike Dreier, the all-time wins leader for boys and girls coaches, got his 1,100th win on Dec. 16 at home against Watertown-Mayer, 80-60. Dreier has a record 20 state tournament trips also with two state titles.

---Bruce Strand

Coaches association state polls

Girls

CLASS 4A

1. Hopkins (6) 12-1
2. Rosemount 11-0
3. Maple Grove 10-2
4. Minnetonka 12-1
5. Wayzata 10-3
6. Rochester Mayo 14-1
7. Eastview 10-3
8. East Ridge 12-3
9. Elk River 11-2
10. Waconia 13-2

Others receiving votes —
Lakeville South, Lakeville
North, Forest Lake, Monticello,
Chanhassen

CLASS 3A

1. Orono (5) 11-2
2. Benilde-St.
Margaret's 8-2
3. Hill-Murray 11-1
4. Stewartville 9-1
5. Cretin-Derham Hall 8-5
6. Marshall 11-2
7. Byron 10-3
8. Northfield 12-3
9. Delano 9-6
10. DeLaSalle 6-6

Others receiving votes —
Richfield

First place votes in
parentheses

Rankings were released
Sunday and include
won-lost records through
the weekend

CLASS 2A

1. Providence
Academy (5) 9-3
2. Crosby-Ironton 10-4
3. New London-
Spicer 12-0
4. Duluth Marshall 7-4
5. Dilworth-Glyndon-
Felton 13-1
6. Red Wing 11-3
7. Perham 12-2
8. Foley 9-1
9. Rochester
Lourdes 10-4
10. Minnehaha
Academy 10-5
Caledonia 10-3

Others receiving votes —
Menahga, Pequot Lakes, Water-
town-Mayer, Minnewaska Area

CLASS 1A

1. Mountain Iron-
Buhl (4) 12-0
2. Sleepy Eye St.
Mary's (1) 12-0
3. Hillcrest Lutheran 12-1
4. Kelliher-Northome 9-1
5. New Richland-Hartland-
Ellendale-Geneva 12-2
6. Central Minnesota
Christian 7-1
7. Mayer Lutheran 9-4
8. Hayfield/Schaefer
Academy 13-2
9. Pine River-Backus 10-0
10. Hills-Beaver
Creek 11-1

Others receiving votes —
East Grand Forks Sacred Heart,
Braham, BOLD, Belgrade-
Brooten-Elrosa

Boys

CLASS 4A

1. Wayzata 12-1
2. Tartan 9-0
3. Cretin-Derham
Hall 9-2
4. Maple Grove 8-3
5. Farmington 9-1
6. Hopkins 9-3
7. Buffalo 10-1
8. Blaine 11-0
9. Alexandria 6-3
10. Moorhead 11-1

Others receiving votes —
Eden Prairie, Prior Lake, Eagan,
East Ridge, Lakeville South,
Rosemount

CLASS 3A

1. Richfield 12-0
2. Totino-Grace 7-2
3. DeLaSalle 7-2
4. St. Paul Johnson 8-0
5. Northfield 11-1
6. Mahtomedi 8-2
7. Willmar 10-0
8. Mankato East 8-4
9. Becker 8-2
10. Orono 6-4

Others receiving votes —
St. Peter, Stewartville, South St.
Paul, St. Cloud Apollo, Hibbing

CLASS 2A

1. Belle Plaine 9-1
2. Morris Area/Chokio-
Alberta 8-0
3. Goodhue 11-1
4. Montevideo 10-1
5. Pequot Lakes 8-1
6. Holy Family 6-3
7. Zumbrota-
Mazeppa 9-2
8. Albany 8-2
9. Southwest
Christian 7-3
10. Annandale 7-2

Others receiving votes —
Winona Cotter/Hope Lutheran,
Caledonia, Cannon Falls,
Rushford-Peterson, Minnehaha
Academy

CLASS 1A

1. Henning 11-0
2. Red Lake County 10-0
3. Cherry 11-2
4. Janesville-Waldorf-
Pemberton 13-0
5. Hills-Beaver
Creek 9-0
6. Pelican Rapids 9-2
7. Central Minnesota
Christian 10-1
8. Nevis 9-1
9. Wabasso 11-0
10. Dawson-Boyd 10-2

Others receiving votes —
Madelia, Breckenridge,
Southland, Liberty Classical,
Heritage Christian, Lewiston-
Altura, Deer River

MILESTONES AT MID-SEASON

POINTS, SINGLE GAME

GIRLS -- 52 - Samantha Voll, Monticello, Dec. 29 vs. Moorhead 51- Tori Oehrlein, Crosby-Ironton, Jan. 6 vs. Hinckley-Finlayson 51 - Mya Moore, Orono, Jan. 6 vs. Benilde-St. Margaret's ... 50 - Tori Oehrlein, Crosby-Ironton, Jan. 8 vs. East Central (first girl with consecutive 50 point games)

BOYS -- 57 - Jordan Borowicz, Roseau, Jan. 13, vs. Badger-Greenbush-Middle River, and 50, Jan. 2, vs Menahga 50 - Cedric Tomes, East Ridge, Jan. 2 vs. Totino-Grace

1,000 POINTS, TEAMMATES, SAME GAME

Cairin Berger & Anna Saari of Duluth Marshall, Dec. 11 vs. Duluth Denfeld Mimi Bueckers & Sawyer Tulenchik of Pine River-Backus, Dec. 11 vs. Blackduck ... (It rarely happens to have teammates reach milestones in the same game. Here, it happened twice on the same date!)

2,000 POINTS, BOYS

Jayden Moore, 2026, Hopkins, Dec. 19 vs. St. Louis Park (new to the triple quadruple club) ... Connor Duden, 2026, Red Lake County, Dec. 11 vs. Red Lake ... Noah Asuma, 2026, Cherry, Dec. 8 vs. Duluth Marshall ... Pierce Petersohn, 2026, Triton, Dec. 16 vs. Hayfield ... William Kirsch, 2026, Holy Family, Waconia, Dec. 22 vs. Owatonna ... Kale Misegades, 2026, Henning, Dec. 29 vs. Wahpeton ... Cedric Tomes, East Ridge, Jan. 12 vs. Rosemount

2,000 POINTS, GIRLS

Brooklin Hinze, 2026, St. Clair, Nov. 21 vs. Nicollet ... Samantha Voll, 2026, Monticello, Nov. 25 vs. Elk River ... Marta Forsline, 2026, Mesabi East, Nov. 25 vs. Mountain Iron-Buhl ... Mya Moore, 2026, Orono, Nov. 29 vs. DeLaSalle ... Jayden Sonnenberg, 2026, Frazee, Dec. 4 vs. Park Rapids Area ... Lily Hubin, 2026, Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart, Dec. 12 vs. Cedar Mountain ... Kylee Binkley, 2026, Kelliher/Northome, Dec. 19 vs. Fisher-Climax ... Vienna Murray, 2026, East Ridge, Dec. 29 vs. Lakeville South ... Mya Wilson, 2027, Hill-Murray, Dec. 30 vs. Champlin Park ... Aubrey Steffl, 2027, Cedar Mountain, Jan. 6 vs. New Ulm Cathedral ... Kenzie Kiminski, 2026, Floodwood, Jan. 6 vs. South Ridge Sienna Duinink, 2027, Central MN Christian School, Jan. 8 vs. Renville County West (her sister Coco also scored 2,000 points for CMCS), Jadyn Kor, 2026, Pipestone Area, Jan. 13 vs Jackson Co. Central ... Ace-Lyn Hacker, Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg, Jan. 13 vs. Eden Valley-Watkins

1,000 REBOUNDS

Maddyn Greenway, 2026, Providence Academy, Nov. 22 vs. Hopkins ... Ruby Klinger, 2026, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City, Dec. 8 vs. Kimball Area ... Ella Knutson, 2026, Hillcrest Lutheran, Dec. 27 vs. Royalton ... Shay Wilfahrt, 2026, New Ulm Cathedral, Jan. 3 vs. Mankato Loyola; Aria Gilbert, DGF, 2025, Jan. 13 vs. Glencoe-Silver Lake; Kinley Soiney, Spring Grove, 2026, Jan. 13 vs. LeRoy-Ostrander

ASSISTS

1080 - Maddyn Greenway, 2026, Providence Academy, Dec. 11 vs. Princeton (new state record of 1080+) ... 1000 - Tori Oehrlein, 2026, Crosby-Ironton, Dec. 4 vs. Mora

STEALS

922 - Kate Thayer, 2026, Kelliher/Northome, Dec. 16 vs. Red Lake (new state record of 922+)

COACHES CAREER WINS

GIRLS -- 1100 - Mike Dreier, New London-Spicer, Dec. 16 vs. Watertown-Mayer **BOYS** -- 1000 - Ken Novak, Jr., Hopkins, Jan. 6 vs. Maple Grove ... 700 - Steve Phillion, Red Lake County, Dec. 16 vs. Clearbrook-Gonvick ... 600 - Tom McDonald, Ely, Dec. 11 vs. Floodwood 400 - Lance Larson, Springfield, Dec. 16 vs. Cedar Mountain ... 400 - Chris Pack, Hayfield, Jan. 9 vs. Kenyon-Wannmingo 200 - Brad King, Caledonia, Dec. 4 vs. Rushford-Peterson ... 200 - Bryce Tesdahl, Minnetonka, Dec. 20 vs. Brainerd ... 200 - Joe Janquart, Lakeville South, Dec. 19 vs. Edina

QUADRUPLE DOUBLES, GAME

Tori Oehrlein, Crosby-Ironton (33p, 18r, 12a, 11s), Dec. 2 vs. Aitkin, and 37p, 18r, 10a, 15s), Dec. 16 vs. Pillager (7th quadruple double in her career) Haylie Wolbeck, Royalton (15p, 11r, 11a, 11s), Dec. 12 vs. Eden Valley-Watkins

TRIPLE QUADRUPLES, CAREER

Jayden Moore, Hopkins, scored 2,000th point to go with rebounds, assists achieved previously ... Tori Oehrlein, Crosby-Ironton, made 1000th assist to go with points, rebounds achieved previously

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 Grand Rapids • February 15
 Boys Grades 4 & 6



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