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Rosemount, SESM, Benilde-SM, Providence!



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Clockwise from top left: Rosemount joyfully hoists a hard-earned trophy; Benilde-St. Margaret's bounds unto the floor at the final horn; Sleepy Eye St. Mary's players savor their school's first state girls' championship; and Providence Academy star Maddyn Greenway beats a trio of Duluth defenders to the basket.

Rosemount rally nets title

By Bruce Strand

Rosemount generated a rally for the ages to snatch the state championship away from Hopkins 63-62 in the Class 4A finals -- the only close game of the day — and it was a thriller.

“There’s never a moment (in the season) that was too big for this group,” Rosemount coach Chris Orr declared — not surprised about his team’s comeback from a 60-53 deficit that gave the Irish their first-ever state crown and denied Hopkins its 10th title.

CLASS 4A Rosemount 63, Hopkins 62

Rosemount, which won by a point in the semifinals also, 65-64 over Rochester Mayo, finished 29-3. Hopkins, No. 1 ranked and the top seed, finished 27-3 with no seniors on the team.

The Rosemount resurgence started with a four-point possession as Amisha Ramlall sank a driving layup, got fouled, missed the free shot, and Ashna Ramlall picked off the long rebound, then sank a jump shot in the paint. In one trip Rosemount was down only 60-57 rather than 60-53.

After Hopkins missed two shots, Gianna Carpentier swished a three-pointer to knot the score at 60 with 4:03 left. Hopkins missed a three and Rosemount took the lead with Kaylee Dilger nailing a three-pointer, her only points of the game, with 3:19 left, to complete a 10-point run.

Amisha Ramlall, the main focus of the Hopkins defense, passed off to both shooters on those 3-pointers.

“Being denied obviously opens up a lot for my teammates,” she said. “And my teammates are very good basketball players, so if you take away one person, obviously you open up another ... That’s nothing really



Amisha Ramlall, who led Rosemount with 20 points in the finals, is challenged by Hopkins’ Erma Walker.

new for us.”

Erma Walker hit a 15-foot jumper to pull Hopkins within 63-62 with 2:54 left, but that would be the last points of the game.

Both team missed chances down the stretch. Hopkins had an apparent go-ahead layup nullified by a charge. Rosemount gave up the ball with a five-second violation on an inbounds play. Hopkins missed a three and Carpentier rebounded with :33 left.

Dilger missed a free throw with :10 left. Silk rebounded and got fouled, but she missed the free throw. Nesbitt rebounded for Hopkins with :08 left. Hopkins didn't call a time out, just sped down the floor looking for a game-winner.

Diggs had a good look for a jumper, but Silk deflected it out of bounds. In the last second, Hopkins inbounded but couldn't get off a good shot, setting off a delirious celebration by the Rosemount Irish.

About his team's strong defensive effort, Orr said, "If they're going to beat us, they're going to beat us from the outside ... We're going to collapse everybody and anybody inside."

That strategy paid off as Hopkins was 3-for-18 from deep. The Irish had a big edge in shooting, 24-for-48 overall to Hopkins' 26-for-61, and 4-for-10 on three's. Hopkins had a 35-26 rebound edge.

Amisha Ramlall, junior guard, a Gophers recruit, led with 20 points and eight assists. Ashna Ramlall, sophomore guard, notched 16 points and six rebounds, and Carpentier, junior guard, 10 points while blocking three shots.

Diggs, junior guard, powered Hopkins with 20 points, eight rebounds and four assists. Walker, junior forward, tallied 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds.



Jaliyah Diggs sank 20 points for Hopkins in the 63-62 finals loss to Rosemount.

In Rosemount's 65-64 win over Mayo, Ashna Ramlall scored 21 points (5-for-10 on three's) and Amisha Ramlall 19 points, including a free throw with :08 left for the decisive point. Amelia Mills had 29 for Mayo. The Irish beat Chanhassen 71-56 in the quarterfinal with Amisha Ramlall netting 22 points, Ashna Ramlall 16 and Carpentier 14.

Hopkins advanced to finals beating Blaine 65-28 with eighth-grader Marianna Davis sinking 22 points and Walker 18, and Maple Grove 60-45 as Diggs netted 20 points and Walker 17 with 13 rebounds.

Hopkins made its 20th state appearance and reached the finals for the 16th time. Rosemount made its seventh trip and avoided taking home their third runner-up trophy.

Rosemount 29 34 — 63
Hopkins 32 30 — 62

Rosemount — 24-48 FG, 4-10 3 FG, 9-13 FT, 26 rebounds, 17 turnovers, 11 fouls Scoring: Amisha Ramlall 20 (2r, 8a, 2s), Isla Silk 20 (4r, 1a, 1b), Maren Powell 0 (4r), Ashna Ramlall 16 (6r, 3a, 2s, 1b), Gianna Carpentier 10 (5r, 3a, 2s, 3b), Riley Ang 2 (1r, 1a), Kaylee Dilber 3 (1r, 1a, 1s) ... 3-pointers: Am. Ramlall 1-1, Ash. Ramlall 1-4, Carpentier 1-2, Dilger 1-2

Hopkins — 26-61 FG, 3-18 3FG, 7-9 FT, 35 rebounds, 15 turnovers, 15 fouls Scoring: Ava Cupito 7 (1r, 2a, 3s), Ava Smith 4 (2r, 1a, 1s), Jaliyah Diggs 20 (8r, 4a, 3s, 1b), Erma Walker 14 (9r, 1a, 1s, 1b), Inarah Nesbit 5 (5r, 1a, 1s), Lanaia Durant 4 (51r, 2a), Marianna Davis 8 (3r, 1s) ... 3-pointers: Cupito 1-4, Diggs 2-8

Key: r, rebounds; a, assists; s, steals; b, blocks

Pacesetter “Sweet Sixteen” – SAT-SUN, August 1-2 36th Year!

By Jeff McCarron

When teams warm up under the 30-year-old “Pacesetter Sweet 16 Championships” banner strewn across the west end of Clemens Field House at St. Ben’s, they know they are playing somewhere special – where great teams and great players of the past have played. Where Paige Bueckers of Hopkins and Tyus Jones of Apple Valley, two of the most well-known recent players, each led their teams to multiple Sweet 16 championships. Where Kenny Novak, Sr. and Kenny Novak, Jr. of Hopkins would walk in side-by-side each summer in shorts to watch their “next team” show their stuff. Where Terry Kunze always shows up – because he loves watching great players.

Both Hopkins teams – when Brian “Cos” Cosgriff was at the helm of the girls’ program - were invited to the Sweet 16 every year — and won it more than any other teams. That confidence of being “The Best of the Best” in the summer often led to winning the 4A Class state titles in March.

“I learned a long time ago,” said Cosgriff recently, “that the Sweet 16 is a good indication of who’s going to be good. Example, Rosemount, Minnetonka, Hopkins... when I was there. I will always endorse that event.”

The Rosemount girls won last year’s Sweet 16 with a 72-69 win over Lakeville South. The Hopkins’ girls didn’t play in it last year. There have been incredible finals for the girls in recent years between Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Providence Academy. After seeing Rosemount play four games last year, I wrote last week: “Look for Rosemount to upset in 4A.” They defeated Rochester Mayo 65-64, then rallied to beat Hopkins 63-62 in the championship.

Providence Academy has played in the Sweet 16 almost every year and won it one year over Minnetonka in a memorable final. When almost every player on the floor is headed to a Division I school, that’s great basketball on a summer weekend – with games on four floors at the same time.

The Sweet 16 is traditionally held on the first weekend in August, so players are finished with AAU – yet high school coaches can’t coach their teams. Coach Cos said, “I love watching my team from the sidelines. I see things I wouldn’t see from the bench.” He also likely watched what other teams do as well.

Some years it’s difficult to get the small-school girls’ teams to jump into the star-studded battle. But last summer there were more Class A teams interested than any other class, and a few made it to state: Sleepy Eye St. Mary’s won the Class A title, Mayer Lutheran took 5th Place, and New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva played well — after playing within 12 points of 3A powerhouse Orono in August.

The Pacesetter “Sweet 16” has annually featured the best teams in Minnesota since 1991, combining the top four teams from each class into one 16-team bracket. Ideally, each 4-team bracket within the main bracket has one team from each class.

Minnesota’s largest schools win the “Battle of the Classes” most often, but there have been a few small school champions: The New London-Spicer boys won it one year, and the Braham boys won it three straight years.

Last summer for the boys, Alexandria followed up their 3A high school state championship by defending their 2024 Sweet 16 title in a commanding title game effort over Hopkins. Now in 4A, Alexandria fought their way through the section with a title win over Elk River 64-58. They are a dark horse in 4A and will be a tough out. Wayzata comes in off a 105-70 crushing of Hopkins, while undefeated Tartan needed overtime to beat their nemesis, Cretin-Derham Hall.

I’ll be following Class AA closely. Jackson Co. Central made it back to state with an upset of undefeated No. 1 Morris-Chokio-Alberta. JCC won our Pacesetter Great Five-State Championship as 6th graders. I knew they played much of the season without their leader, Roman Voss, who led them to the Class AA state football championship over Goodhue — who also made it to the state basketball tournament. They could face each other in the semi-finals. With Roman back and wanting it, look out for JCC! Pequot Lakes is my dark horse in 2A.

Sweet 16 teams that made it to state are Mankato East, Red Lake Co. Central, Totino-Grace, Waseca, Sartell, Pequot Lakes, and Alexandria.

Teams will be invited to the Pacesetter Sweet 16 the week after the boys’ tournament. This year, all top teams from this season will be contacted and asked to “indicate interest” in playing. So if your team will be good in 2026-2027, and you want to hone your “state” skills August 1-2, email me at jmac8144@yahoo.com.

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FOUR CLASSES... ONE CHAMPION

Benilde-SM nabs 4th in row

By Bruce Strand

Benilde-St. Margaret captured its fourth consecutive state crown and did so in underdog fashion this time, as the No. 3 ranked Red Knights had lost to No. 1 Orono (twice) and to No. 2 Stewartville in the regular season.

BSM made their latest march to the championship a Revenge Tour, tumbling Stewartville 75-63 in the Class 3A championship game and, a week earlier, Orono 77-66 in the Section 6AAA finals. The Red Knights were 26-6 overall.

“This was one tough road,” acknowledged BSM coach Tim Ellefson. About extending the dynasty, he said, “It’s incredible to win four. I go back to the first year and the seniors we had. We talked about this is a start of something special. You look at our future success, whatever that looks like, you’ll be a big part of it.”

CLASS 3A: Benilde-St. Margaret’s 75 Stewartville 63

Michigan standout Olivia Olson was part of the first two state titles. So was Zahara Bishop, now at Seton Hall. Kendall McGee, a BSM star last year now at Creighton, was in the crowd Saturday.

In the conquest of Stewartville, Sydney Friedly, junior guard, led with 24 points, mostly from 3-point range where she was 5-for-11. “This was my last game with this starting five,” said a beaming Friedly, “and I love them so much and wanted to leave everything on the court.”



Audrey Shindelar of Stewartville draws a trio of Benilde-St. Margaret’s defenders: Zaida Jenkins (2), Aliva Bell and Jayda Nobles.

Zaida Jenkins, sophomore wing, tallied 16 points (3-for-5 on three’s), junior guard Alivia Bell 12 and senior wing Mirabel Wismer 11. Wismer ruled the lanes with 14 rebounds and three blocked shots. The Red Knights’ advantages were 44-34 in rebounds, 8-12 in turnovers and 17-10 on free shots.

Stewartville got 47 of its 63 points from the Shindelar sisters as senior guard Audrey was game high with 29 and sophomore guard Danika had 18. Leah Hebl, soph guard, was next with eight points.

“Our defensive intensity was much better than the last time we played Stewartville,” Ellefson said. “And they’re sick of me talking about rebounding, but I think they probably rebounded harder than they ever have in this tournament.”

This was BSM’s eighth state tournament, seventh time

in the finals, and sixth state title. The program's state championship game record of 6-1 is exceeded only by Rochester Lourdes' perfect 8-0 slate between 1987 and 2005. Providence Academy is also 6-1 in finals.

"As amazing as it is, it's expected," junior guard Pressley Watkins said. "We have such a family here. Everyone who has graduated, we all keep in touch. That just speaks volumes." Can they do it again? "We always have younger girls coming up ready to step up. So we're just as good in a position to win a five-peat as we were this year to win."

Benilde-St. Margaret's reached the finals beating Rock Ridge 88-53 with freshman guard Kiera Willis sinking 19 points and Friedly 15, and Marshall 71-59 with Watkins netting 21 points, and Jenkins and Friedly 13 each.



Stewartville's Danika Shindelar drives BSM's Jayda Nobles.

Since losing to Lakeville South in the second game of the season, Stewartville had won 28 straight, including 85-76 over BSM and 80-70 over Marshall, which placed third in the state. At state, the Tigers advanced to finals beating Willmar 73-54 with Audrey Shindelar, senior forward, hitting 26 points and Jayci Rath 15, and Cretin-Derham Hall 65-51, led by Rath with 20, Audrey Shindelar 16, and Danika Shindelar 12.

"I'm going to miss everything about this program," said Audrey Shindelar, who'll play at South Dakota State. "It's been a great place to have my high school career, from the coaches, to the players, to the community. But it was a tough, hard loss. And to lose to them again — they've ended our season in the state tournament four years in a row — is hard. This team just means so much to all of us."

"You go into the season wanting to win, but no matter, there is no team I'd rather lose with," said Rath, who'll play at St. Thomas.

Benilde-St. Margaret's 33 45 — 75
Stewartville 25 38 — 63

Benilde-St. Margaret's — 25-62 FG (8-25 3FG), 17-26 FT, 44 rebounds, 8 turnovers, 13 fouls ... Scoring: Zaida Jenkins 16 (3r, 1a, 1s), Sydney Friedly 24 (5r, 5a, 1s), Pressley Watkins 7 (4r, 2a, 1s), Mirabel Wismer 11 (14r, 2a, 1s, 3b), Alivia Bell 12 (5r, 4a, 2s), Kiera Wills 5 (6r, 1s), Jayda Nobles 0 (2r) ... 3-pointers: Friedly 5-11, Jenkins 3-5

Stewartville — 23-59 FG (7-19 3FG) 10-13 FT, 34 rebounds, 12 turnovers 17 fouls ... Scoring: Leah Hebl 8 (3r, 2a, 1s), Danika Shindelar 18 (4r, 4a), Audrey Shindelar 29 (3r, 3a, 1b), Jacie Rath 5 (8r, 3a, 1s, 1b), Addison Ruffridge 2 (7r, 1a), Sadie Romans 0 (7r, 1a), Clara Theobald 1 ... 3-pointers: A. Shindelar 3-7, Hebl 2-4, D. Shindelar 1-2, Rath 1-6

(Key: r, rebounds; a, assists; s, steals; b, blocks)

This was Stewartville's fourth consecutive state appearance, after never going before, and second runner-up finish. Each time they've been stopped by BSM.

Sydney Friedly, sinking a layup here, had 24 points for the Red Knights in the finals.



Players – You have so much more to learn!

By Jeff McCarron

Have you ever noticed how many foreign-born players are playing now in the NBA?

There was a time in the 1960's that very few countries were playing basketball. A man named Jim McGregor was making his living being an agent for American players looking to play in Europe and even other countries around the world. He even wrote a book, *Called for Traveling!*

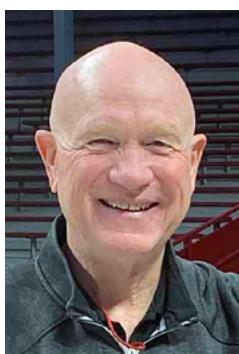
At that time, it was common that club teams could afford to pay one player – who was usually an American. They almost exclusively hired a big post player who could score because they had plenty of small guys living in their city to fill out the other spots on the team.

It was not unusual for McGregor to recruit a team of 8-10 post players to take “on tour”. He also arranged games for American teams to play the foreign teams. Americans were thought to be superior in basketball, so when a US team came to town, it was an attraction.

McGregor would “sell” players along the way to teams looking to hire one of his post players. He would get a cut of their signing contract as his commission. Then he'd bring another big player over to join the team.

American coaches were also in high demand – if they were willing to coach and live “overseas”. The pay was often decent, plus the coach or player would usually get a car and an apartment thrown in. Teams often played only one game a week and practiced 2-3 times a week. All local players had other jobs, so they had limited time to commit to the team.

Club teams in a country are often organized by division – Division I, Division II, and often junior teams of various ages. I'm not aware of schools or colleges offering basketball competitively anywhere other than the USA – except some of the international schools with an American influence. That's another column.



For the club divisions, it is often common for the bottom two teams in a division to drop down a division and the top two teams in a lower division to move up. There are many countries playing basketball, so this is a generalization.

Over the past 60 years, the basketball “world” has changed drastically. American coaches in the 1950's and 1960's were trained in fundamentals – ballhandling, passing, defense, rebounding, and shooting. The jump shot was something new in the 1950's, and hook shots were much more common then than they are now. The American coaches “spread the word” around the world, and basketball players developed with solid “Fundamentals for Champions”.

As the leagues and divisions became more competitive, they were able to hire more players – though they had limits on the number who could be foreign-born. Usually two players. As the players improved, the team management also got smarter and started hiring point guards and shooters instead of post players! The lane got wider and the 3-point shot and shot clock became more common. But it was still more common to practice than play games – so the players that rose to the top had a wide range of skills they had spent hours developing.

More of their best players seem to be playing each year in the NBA: Nikola Jokic, Luka Doncic, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, Giannis Antetokounmpo, Joel Embiid, Jamal Murray, and Victor Wembanyama. Did I just name the best players in the NBA? And from the past – Hakeem Olajuwon, Dirk Nowitski, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili.

I'm finally getting to the message of my column: Time practicing skills. As the game has developed in the USA, teams are now playing almost as many days as they are practicing – and even more so at the youngest ages. I just received an email from a youth coach whose 4th grade team has played 52 games this season. I wonder how many hours have been spent training individual skills and learning new skills.

There is so much to learn and so many hours that could be spent honing each skill. I see hundreds of baskets

on driveways as I drive across the Midwest. Near my sister's home in Sioux Falls there is a stretch of seven homes with a basket in the same position on each driveway. At the right angle driving along the street they all line up in a row – quite a sight to see. Yet, I have never seen a player shooting alone. In fact, I can't recall anyone shooting or playing at any of the baskets in any driveway – ever. Occasionally, on a park court, playing a game. But never anyone practicing alone.

Take a guess what the Guinness world record is for the most consecutive free throws made. I ask kids in camp that question. The answers are always a kick. "Thirty" "Eighty" Then someone gets brave: "A hundred!" The real answer is "Five thousand two hundred and twenty-one". Ted St. Martin, age 53, made 5,221 in 1996. Tom Embury, age 71, made 2,750 in a row in 1993.

Most 3-pointers in a row? 209 by Fred Newman, 60 years old, in 1993. Possibly more amazing – he rebounded every shot! When he missed his 210th shot, he said he had to get to work in ten minutes, so he may have rushed it. You can watch it on You Tube.

One of my teammates on the 1972 Gophers was Greg Troland, who played for Moorhead against Edina in two Minnesota one-class state championship games in 1967 and 1968. He worked with me in a couple camps last summer. He told me that their high school coach had them finish practice every day by shooting 25 free throws. If any player ever made all 25, the whole team would sit down and watch until he missed. Greg said, "I kept them there quite a while one night. Three hundred ninety-three." Wow.

I remember hearing that Kobe Bryant used to MAKE 1,000 jump shots before leaving the court after a practice. I remember hearing Elvin Hayes would practice for EIGHT hours a day. No one was ever any better at ballhandling and shooting than Pistol Pete Maravich. His dad, Press, left young Pete in the gym when he took his college team on a road trip. Pete would try weird shots and ballhandling tricks to keep from getting bored. Dribbling the length of the floor and shooting an ordinary jump shot was too boring. He lit the New York Knicks up for 68 points without the 3-pointer in effect in 1977. In 83 college games at LSU, he averaged 44.2 points per game – for his career. He was skinny and 6-foot-5.

One of our coaches this summer averaged 37.3 points per game his senior year in high school – Joel McDonald from Chisholm. Another one of our coaches started for the Minnesota Gophers when she was 17 years old – Katie Borowicz of Roseau.

I'm wandering a bit through this column, but I'll get

back to my point: There is much to learn and much improvement to make – if a player takes the time to learn and improve.

I teach 10 post moves in camp. If a player does the "mirror image", that's 20 different moves! I teach 5 facing one-on-one moves – the same 5 moves Michael Jordan taught at his camp. He was unstoppable. Kids in camp that learn his moves become unstoppable, too.

I'm going to go back to Katie. I wrote a column about her as "My Favorite Player", when she was only a sophomore. I recommended that Lindsay Whalen recruit her, even though she was only 5-5 and who knows what weight at that time. A hundred pounds? Here's why she was my favorite player – and I meant favorite in high school, college, pros, male and female!

Defense – her specialty. She bodied people and stripped them of any ball near her. Steals were her specialty. Ball handling – her specialty. She could handle it with both hands and never lose it. How does a 17-year-old start in the Big Ten at point guard without great "handles"? Shooting – her specialty. She shot over 90% on free throws and over 40% on 3's. Passing – her specialty. She had 21 assists in a high school game. I saw her try a behind the back bounce pass on a fastbreak. All players on the court had to be ready for the ball whenever Katie had it. Fans loved to watch her pass! That's right, it was her specialty. She also rebounded and encouraged her teammates – another specialty. Unfortunately, she suffered an upper spine injury and couldn't complete her Gopher career. We're happy to have her teaching a few camps for us.

How many players are that COMPLETE in their game? It takes time and practice. How many players are putting in the time? Can you imagine if practice time by players matched their time on their phone?

Players like to think they are good by doing a few things well. But MOST players have so much MORE to learn and could become exceptional by putting in more time.

I tell kids in camp one of my favorite stories – and have a hard time telling it without choking up. I saw a little old man in Tijuana sitting on the ground weaving grass baskets. He did great work, cutting the grass with a razor blade, then weaving each strand of grass perfectly into place. Then I looked closer – and saw that the little old man didn't have arms. That's right. He was doing it all with his toes....

If you think you can or think you can't do something, you are right. Then you see a little old man weave a basket with only his toes, and suddenly you feel a bit ashamed and think – "Maybe I can."



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Five-peat for Providence

By Bruce Strand

Providence Academy's Maddyn Greenway era has finally ended, and the staggering totals include a 169-16 record (162-12 In-state), 17-1 in state tournaments, a batch of team and individual state records, six consecutive championship games and, capped by their 95-60 win over Duluth Marshall in the Class 2A finals on March 14, five state championships in a row.

CLASS 2A: Providence Academy 95 Duluth Marshall 60

With Greenway and the rest of a stellar lineup competing in a smaller-school division, championships have become as inevitable as a big March snowstorm. Coached by Connor Goetz, they were so powerful the last two seasons that they beat Class 4A champions Hopkins last year and Rosemount this year.

In her final prep game before moving on to Kentucky, Greenway was 0-for-9 on three's, but still dominated as always with 33 points, 13 assists, nine rebounds and four steals. Emma Millerbernd, junior guard, laid in 21 points, junior forward Alexa Nicolai 19 while snagging 13 rebounds, and freshman guard Beckett Greenway 10 while making five steals.

"Maddyn was already on a historic pace," Goetz said. "But for her to put a cap on it like this it's the perfect



Maddyn Greenway lays in two of her 116 points in the state tournament.

ending to maybe the most legendary career ever. For us to be able to send her off this way is something I never imagined."

Duluth Marshall's superstar Chloe Johnson, the top-rated sophomore prospect in the state, had 22 points, nine below her average. Cairin Berger, senior guard, hit 14 points, going 4-for-6 on three's.

The fleet-footed Lions outscored the Hilltoppers 25-6 on fast breaks, 27-3 off turnovers and 54-24 in the paint.

The Lions are the only team in state history, boys or girls, to play in six straight state finals and the first with five straight titles. They lost to Albany in the 2021 finals — after seventh-grader Greenway led her young squad to a semifinal upset of a veteran, unbeaten New London-Spicer team — then beat Fergus Falls, Albany twice, Crosby-Ironton and now Duluth Marshall in the last five title games.

The Lions finished 28-4, losing to 4A runner-up Hopkins (78-74) and fourth-place Maple Grove, along with Wauwatosa East and Arrowhead, who clashed for the Wisconsin Division I championship. The Lions were 6-2 against Minnesota state tournament teams, including 97-90 over Rosemount.

"The way we do it is super fun to watch," said Greenway. "I've had a lot of little girls come up to me and say they've been inspired by our team — and me specifically. That's the kind of legacy you want to leave."

Greenway averaged 36.5 points this year. With 116 points in the tournament she raised her career record to 5,621 and her career state tournament record to 555 in 18 games. Her last basket also gave her the single-season record of 1,167 points, two more than Rebekah Dahlman had for Braham in 2013. (It was Dahlman's career record of 5,060 points that both Greenway and Crosby-Ironton's Tori Oehrlein passed this year.) Also, with a state tournament record 34 assists, Greenway raised her state career record total to 1,339.

She played her final prep game against the player who might threaten that lofty record as Johnson has 3,191 points with two years to go.

In the first round, Greenway had 53 points in a 103-68 win over Norwood Young America Central. Beckett Greenway added 25. Josie Kamps had 25 for NYAC. In the semifinals, Perham stuck with Providence for a half (31-33), but the Lions pulled away 72-49 with Greenway hitting 30 points and Lily Sabers 14. Perham senior guard Kaia Anderson swished 26 points (6-for-12 on three's).

Duluth Marshall finished 24-8 with five losses to strong 3A and 4A teams along with Wisconsin power Rice Lake and a memorable shootout with Class 1A state team, Kelliher-Northome 105-94. At state, the Hilltoppers rolled past Sauk Centre 65-38 with Johnson scoring 35 points and junior guard Candice Ndomb 13, then drilled a cold-shooting New London-Spicer team 71-56 with Johnson scoring 36 and junior guard Morgan Lucero 12.



Chloe Johnson, who might threaten Maddyn Greenway's record in a couple years, was guarded here by the scoring queen herself.

**Duluth Marshall 27 33 — 60
Providence Academy 40 55 — 95**

Duluth Marshall — 22-60 FG, 8-21 3FG, 8-14 FT, 39 rebounds, 22 turnovers, 19 fouls Scoring: Candice Ndomb 9 (7r, 2a, 1b), Cairin Berger 14 (6r, 1a), Chloe Johnson 22 (6r, 4a), Morgan Lucero 9 (3r, 1a), Angel Adu-Bobi 1 (4r), Annabelle Saari 4 (5r, 1a, 2s), Melanie Carlson 1 (1r) ... 3-pointers: Berger 4-6, Lucero 3-6, Saari 1-4

Providence Academy — 37-74 FG, 7-31 3FG, 14-17 FT, 40 rebounds, 8 turnovers, 12 fouls Scoring: Beckett Greenway 10 (5r, 4, 5s, 1b), Emma Millerbernd 21 (6a, 4s), Shannon Healy 2 (2r), Alexa Nicolai 19 (13r, 1a, 3s), Maddyn Greenway 33 (9r, 13a, 4s, 1b), Stella Serie 8 (2r, 1a), Caroline Derberer 2 (5r), Malory Grande 0 (1r) 3-pointers: Millerbernd 3-9, B. Greenway 2-9, Serie 2-2

(Key: r, rebounds; a, assists; s, steals; b, blocks)

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By Jeff McCarron

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Sleepy Eye SM nabs 1st title

By Bruce Strand

Sleepy Eye St. Mary's scored the first 14 points of the game — a stunning feat against the No. 1 ranked team — and cruised to an 80-63 win over Mountain Iron-Buhl for the Class 1A state championship Saturday.

The Knights were led by junior guard Morgan Mathiowetz with 27 points in the finals — including two three-pointers in the opening 14-0 run — and 99 in the tournament as they captured their school's first state title.

CLASS 1A: Sleepy Eye St. Mary's 80 Mountain Iron-Buhl 63

Olivia Schieffert, senior guard, was right behind with 25 points, mostly from the inside, shooting 10-for-15. Audra Hoffman was next with seven points.

The Knights led 42-16 at the half and were up by as many as 26.

"We've had a lot of strong first halves all year," said coach Bruce Woitas, who savored his first state title his 37th year at the helm. "So I think once that gets going, it's a benefit to us. But in a state championship game, I would say, no, we didn't expect that. Credit to the way we played defense in the first half."

Lamented MIB coach Jeff Buffetta: "I don't think things could have gone any more south in the first half if we tried. We just couldn't get anything to go right. We were trying. I think sometimes you start to try too hard to get things to go right when it doesn't start right."

Rebounds and turnovers were even. SESM's big edge was their shooting accuracy, 29-for-54 for 54 percent,



Olivia Schieffert, who hit 26 points for Sleepy Eye St. Mary's, works against Mountain Iron-Buhl's Zoey Zubich.

5-for-15 on three's, and 17-for-23 at the line.

"We emptied the tank. Left it all out on the court," said Mathiowetz, whose 27 points were actually her lowest total in six state tournament games, but she had plenty of help. She had 90 points in last year's tournament, when the Knights placed fourth.

MIB finally showed its No. 1 form with a 47-point second half and got as close as 10 points but SESM kept its cool and widened their lead again. Freshman guard Farrah Thomas led the Rangers with 16 points and seven rebounds. Junior guard Anna Neyens had 11 points and junior forward Paige Norman 10. The Rangers were off the mark on three-pointers at 5-for-24 but made 14 of 17 free shots.

SESM finished 32-1, losing only to Central Minnesota

Christian 74-70 on Jan. 31, which they avenged in the state semifinals, beating the Bluejays 53-47.

The Knights barely got through the Section 2A finals, edging BOLD 62-60. They had a close game against Mayer Lutheran, 52-49, in the regular season, then beat the same team 72-57 at state, with Mathiowetz pumping in 41 points. In the win over CMCS at state, Mathiowetz sank 31 points and Schieffert 10.

It was Sleepy Eye St. Mary's fourth trip to state and first time in the finals.

"It just means absolutely everything," said Mathiowetz, who surpassed 3,000 points and 1,000 rebounds this season. She hearkened to the hard work at practice for years. "It's so rewarding at the end, knowing that you get to take home the title ... So many other people here are challenging for the same goal, and we did it."

Woitas credited "their dedication and their passion" that never wavered. "They come to practice to get better. They're diving on the floor for balls in practice. You don't see that a lot in other programs."

MIB finished 30-2, their only other loss to Rock Ridge, a Class 3A state qualifier, 79-67. The Rangers crushed four section opponents and rolled through the first two rounds at state. It was MIB's 15th state trip and fourth time in the finals; their lone title was in 2023.

The Rangers defeated Braham 75-62 with Aniyah Thomas sinking 22 points, Paige Norman 15, soph guard Izzy Wiita 13 and Neyens 12. Morgan Rysdam had 32 for Braham. They won their semifinal 78-56 over Hillcrest Lutheran with Neyens, 8-for-11 on three's, scoring 30 points. Eighth-grader Elin Retzlaff hit 29 points for Hillcrest and went over 1,000 points.

Sleepy Eye St. Mary's 42 38 — 80
Mountain Iron-Buhl 16 47 — 63

Sleepy Eye St. Mary's — 29-54 FG (5-15 3FG), 17-23 FT, 34 rebounds, 8 turnovers, 15 fouls Scoring: Olivia Schieffert 25 (5r, 4a, 1s, 2b), Morgan Mathiowetz 27 (9r, 4a, 1s), Brynne Ibberson 6 (4r, 2a, 1s), Natalie Fisher 6 (1r, 1a), Sidney Tauer 4 (3r, 1b), Kylie Pelzel 5 (6r), Audra Hoffman 7 (3r, 2s, 1b) 3-pointers: Mathiowetz 3-9, Fischer 1-3, Pelzel 1-1

Mountain Iron-Buhl — 22-59 FG (5-24 3FG), 14-17 FT, 32 rebounds, 9 turnovers, 23 fouls Scoring: Aniyah Thomas 9 (1r), Farrah Thomas 16 (7r, 2a, 1s), Sami Warsaw 7 (4r, 2a, 1b), Anna Neyens 11 (6r, 2a), Paige Norman 10 (5r, 1a), Lindsay Olin (3r, 1a), Ava Luukkonen 2, Anna Holmstron 3 (1r, 1a), Maddy Johnson 2, Mazie Buffetta 3 ... 3-pointers: A. Thomas 2-7, Neyens 1-5, Holmstron 1-1, Buffetta 1-1

(Key: r, rebounds; a, assists; s, steals; b, blocks)



SESM's Morgan Mathiowetz goes up for two of 27 points against Mountain Iron-Buhl.

Pacesetter STATE teams to represent Minnesota at Target Center in “Great State”

By Jeff McCarron

Top Minnesota Teams to play Top Teams from Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and North Dakota

Minnesota teams in grades 4-7 played off in five statewide regions to earn a “Trip to State” on Sunday, March 29, in St. Cloud. Here are the teams that “Made it to State” on “The Road to the Target Center”.

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Jeff McCarron is the owner/founder and director of Pacesetter Sports. He was a member of the Minnesota Gopher Big Ten Championship team in 1972 and a player on the last single-class Minnesota state championship team with Sherburn in 1970. He was also a founder of the International Basketball Association in 1995 that eventually evolved into the NBA Developmental League. He has directed over 300 camps since 1976.

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32 boys teams set for state

Including dynastic Wayzata, unbeatens Tartan, Henning

By Bruce Strand

Thirty-two boys' teams have punched their tickets to the MSHSL boys state tournament with section championship games March 12-13. The complete list of finals results appears on the next page. There will be a week off before the state tournament March 24-28.

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Tartan has gone 56-1 the last two seasons and finally has a state tournament berth to show for it. No. 1-ranked Tartan beat long-time nemesis Cretin-Derham 69-61 in overtime for the Section 4AAAA title, led by sophomores Kevin Wilson with 25 points and Emmanuel Oyesanmi with 18. CDH had ended the last four Tartan seasons — including last year in the finals, Tartan's lone loss in two seasons. This is Tartan's first state trip since 2014. The Titans are 29-0. For No. 6 CDH, JoJo Mitchell had 20 points (and fouled out in OT) and Ty Schlagel 14 for CDH.

Wayzata, state 4A champ in three of the past five seasons and runner-up in the other two, rolled back into state with a 105-70 romp over arch rival Hopkins in 6AAAA. Christian Wiggins, Iowa State recruit, scored 30 points and broke Jacob Beening's career points record of 1,549. Gophers recruit Nolen Anderson added 23 points. Trey Moore had 18 for Hopkins.

Henning will take a 30-0 record into state after turning back Park Christian 72-61 in the 6A finals. Kale Misegades tallied 39 points, going 16-for-16 on free shots, and Ryan Despard 16 points. Henning and Tartan are the only unbeaten teams left in the state.

Two of the top four teams in the Class 3A rankings clashed in the Section 4AAA finals, and the one going to state is No. 2 DeLaSalle (26-3) with a 67-46 conquest of No. 4 Mahtomedi (25-4). The swift, swarming, soaring Islanders had Deon Wallace-Johnson with 14 points; Kamar Thomas, Ichima Idoko and Evan Miller with 12 each and Jaeden Udean with eight. Mahtomedi was within 35-31 before Thomas made two resounding dunks that got the Islanders going. Mark Graff had 15 points for the Zephyrs. This marked the second time in four years that a No. 4 ranked Mahtomedi team finished 25-4 without a state trip; in 2023 they lost to state champion Totino-Grace in the section finals.



DeLaSalle players celebrate after the No. 2-ranked Islanders beat No. 4 Mahtomedi to advance to the Class 3A state tournament.

Bruce Strand, MN BB News

Not bad for “a bunch of football players,” as Riggins Rheault described his Hills-Beaver Creek basketball squad. The Patriots earned the school's first-ever state trip in boys basketball, upsetting Central Minnesota Christian 77-70 for the Section 3A title. Their rugged lineup is staffed by leaders of the state nine-man football champion team, including college recruits Micah Bush (South Dakota State) and Jamin Metzger (Sioux Falls). Jamin Metzger had 21 points, Rheault (their tight end) 19 points and another gridder, Karson Metzger, 15 points for No. 6-ranked HBC. Asher Wieberdink tallied

30 points for No. 2-ranked CMCS.

Another state football championship team going to state in basketball is Jackson County Central, also with an upset of the top-seed — Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta, No. 1 ranked and previously undefeated — for the Section 3AA crown, 59-54. Gopher football prize recruit Roman Voss led with 27 points. The Huskies raced to a 17-7 lead and never trailed. The Tigers tried to catch

up with 3-pointers but made only four of 30. Unranked Jackson CC (25-7) also took out No. 4 Montevideo the game before, 77-63.

Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton got 37 points from sophomore Gavin Bauer and defeated Springfield 80-65 for the Section 2A title.

Goodhue makes its third consecutive trip to state after edging Caledonia 76-71 in Section 1AA, led by Luke Roschen with 30 points and Alex Loos with 23. Caledonia soph Grant King sank 23 points, including his 1,000th.

Alexandria, last year's Class 3A champion, moved up to Class 4A this year and got back to state with a 64-58 win over Elk River in the 8AAAA finals. Mason Witt pumped in 28 points, including a string of four straight 3-pointers that got the Cards going. Talan Witt added 13. Levi Harris had 21 for the Elks.

Northfield's last trip to the state boys basketball tournament was 1932. The Raiders ended their 94-year absence by fending off Austin 60-51 in the 1AAA finals, with stout defense and a 21-point performance by sophomore Liam Oakland. The No. 5-ranked Raiders are 25-3.

Waseca vanquished Belle Plaine in the 2AA finals for the third straight season, 75-64, after losing twice to the Tigers in conference play. Deron Russell led with 31 points and Owen Honstad added 19 points.

Mankato East, state 3A runner-up the past two seasons, earned its fifth straight trip to state beating St. Peter 72-53 in 2AAA, with Jamair Wright netting 31 points and Ramadan Ibrahim 21.

Blaine trailed Andover by 16 points in the first half but scrambled back to beat the Huskies 81-74 in overtime in 7AAAA. Henry Semans hit 21 points, Shiloh Amity 16, Owen Clark 14, Tuulia Gemta 13 and Gavin Olson 13. Caden Roessler led Andover with 22.



Karson Thomas dunks for DeLaSalle.

Bruce Strand, MN BB News

SECTION FINALS

1A — Southland 87, Lewiston-Altura 59
 2A — Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton 80, Springfield 65
 3A — Hills-Beaver Creek 77, Central Minnesota Christian 70
 4A — Liberty Classical 73, Heritage Christian 58
 5A — Upsala 58, Nevis 56
 6A — Henning 72, Park Christian 61
 7A — Cherry 75, Mt. Iron-Buhl 65
 8A — Red Lake County 68, Stephen-Argyle Central 52

1AA — Goodhue 76, Caledonia 71
 2AA — Waseca 75, Belle Plaine 64
 3AA — Jackson County Central 59, Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta 54
 4AA — Minnehaha Academy 86, St. Croix Lutheran 66
 5AA — Blake 59, Maranatha Christian 54
 6AA — Albany 55, Melrose Area 35
 7AA — Pequot Lakes 73, Pierz 35
 8AA — Perham 66, Staples-Motley 61

1AAA — Northfield 60, Austin 51
 2AAA — Mankato East 72, St. Peter 53
 3AAA — Minneapolis South 72, So. St. Paul 65
 4AAA — DeLaSalle 67, Mahtomedi 46
 5AAA — Totino-Grace 79, Becker 44
 6AAA — Richfield 87, Orono 58
 7AAA — Grand Rapids 60, Hibbing 53
 8AAA — Sartell 72, Fergus Falls 48

1AAAA — Lakeville South 76, Farmington 71
 2AAAA — Chaska 62, Prior Lake 59
 3AAAA — Apple Valley 67, Eagan 62
 4AAAA — Tartan 69, Cretin-Derham Hall 61, OT
 5AAAA — Maple Grove 73, Osseo 61
 6AAAA — Wayzata 105, Hopkins 70
 7AAAA — Blaine 81, Andover 74, OT
 8AAAA — Alexandria 64, Elk River 58

Seeking Players for Top 50 Player Honors, Top 100 Expo Showcase Invitations & 2026-2027 Player Watch List

By Jeff McCarron

Top 50 Players – by class

Pacesetter Sports and Minnesota Basketball News are seeking player nominations from head coaches in each class to name a Top 50 Players honor roll for the 2025-2026 season – 50 boys and 50 girls. An individual email will be sent soon to each head coach. Coaches will be asked to nominate deserving players on any opposing team during the season – from any class.

Top 100 Expo Showcase Invitations & Player “Watch List”

Head coaches will also be asked in the email to nominate any of their players that have potential to make the Top 50 Player List in 2026-2027 and have potential to play basketball in college.

- Pacesetter/MBBN will send each nominated player an invitation to the Top 100 Expo.
- A Pacesetter/MBBN Player Watch List will be sent to a 6-state college coaches’ list.

The Top 100 Expo Showcase will be held on Thursday, July 2 with a College Prep Camp on Wednesday, July 1, conducted by the college coaches staffing the Expo.

College coaches from a 6-state area are being invited to attend the Top 100 Expo Showcase, which provides exposure to all college coaches in attendance and those receiving Player Profiles. Players that attend the Expo will also be asked to provide any player or team highlights during the following season.

2026 Minnesota Basketball News • An Invitation-only Event

Top 100

Expo Showcase

Thursday, July 2



College of St. Benedict • St. Joseph, MN

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



College Prep Camp • Wednesday, July 1

The Pacesetter “College Prep Camp” 4-hour program is presented to all players seeking to play college basketball – from 9th graders through college freshmen in 2026-2027. No invitation required. All players invited to the Top 100 Expo Showcase are encouraged to attend the College Prep Camp. Players will be taught the most important skills for on and off the court success. The coaching staff will be comprised of current or former college coaches or players.

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MBBN super five all-tourney picks

Minnesota Basketball News endeavors to pick an All-Tournament Super Five from all classes after every state tournament.

Maddyn Greenway, senior guard for 2A champion Providence Academy, heads this year's elite list. An annual super-five pick, she led the tournament with 116 points and 34 assists, shot 46-for-90 and notched 28 rebounds and 14 steals.

Amisha Ramlall, Rosemount junior guard, propelled the 4A champion Irish with 61 points, shooting 23-for-40 overall and 5-for-12 on three's, along with 16 assists and six steals.

Erma Walker, Hopkins' powerful junior forward, notched 49 points, shooting 21-for-32, and 29 rebounds, and was a key cog in their stellar defense.

Morgan Mathiowetz, junior guard for 1A champion Sleepy Eye St. Mary's, rolling up 99 points, shooting 14-for-29 on three's, along with 23 rebounds and 10 steals.

Chloe Johnson, Duluth Marshall sophomore guard, amassed 93 points and 34 rebounds, shooting 35-for-64 on field goals, 20-for-26 on free shots.

--- *Bruce Strand*

Miss Basketball finalists named

Six finalists for the 2026 Miss Basketball Award were announced Sunday by the coaches association committee. The winner will be unveiled Friday, April 10, at the All-Star Series banquet in Northfield. The all-star games will be played the next day. The finalists are as follows, in alphabetical order, with their college choice:

Kate Amelotte, Wayzata, 6-0 forward (Creighton). **Maddyn Greenway**, Providence Academy, 5-8 guard (Kentucky). **Kate Holmquist**, Maple Grove, 6-0 forward (Montana). **Mya Moore**, Orono, 5-11 guard (Creighton). **Tori Oehrlein**, Crosby-Ironton, 5-11 guard (Minnesota). **Audrey Shindelar**, Stewartville, 5-10 guard (South Dakota State)

3rd place: Mayo, Marshall, Perham, Central MN Christian

Third-place game winners at state were:

Rochester Mayo (30-2) in Class 4A, over Maple Grove 69-60 with Maggie Dyer scoring 21 points, Amelia Mills 13, Madalynn McLaughlin 11 and Mia Banks 10. Sophia Anderson had 23 for Maple Grove (25-7). Mayo edged Lakeville North 50-48 in the section and Monticello 73-71 at state and lost to Rosemount 65-64.

Marshall (27-5) in Class 3A, over Cretin-Derham Hall 68-51, sinking 13 three-pointers, with Avery Fahl netting 19 points (5-for-8 on three's), Reese Drake 15, Avery Schneekloth 15, and Taleigha Bigler 14. Madeleine Hamel netted 22 points for the Raiders (22-10).

Perham (26-5) in Class 2A, over New London-Spicer 66-52, shooting 11-for-29 on three's to NLS's 4-for-23. Regan Hemburger had 21 points on seven three's, Lauren Gird 16, and Kaia Anderson and Ashlyn Kunza 12 each. Taylor Munsch led NLS (30-3) with 12.

Central Minnesota Christian (28-4) in Class 1A over Hillcrest Lutheran 64-55, led by Sienna Duinck with 23 points and five steals, Emmi Braem with 16 points and five steals, and Addie Tattles with 12 points. For Hillcrest (20-4), Elsa Retzlaff had 19 points, Ella Knutson 17 and Elin Retzlaff 14 (giving the eighth-grader 74 in the tournament).

STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL SCORES

CLASS 4A

QUARTERFINALS

Hopkins 65, Blaine 28
Maple Grove 65, East Ridge 53
Rosemount 71, Chanhassen 56
Rochester Mayo 73, Monticello 71

SEMIFINALS

Hopkins 60, Maple Grove 45
Rosemount 65, Rochester Mayo 64

CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS

Monticello 83, Chanhassen 63
Blaine 58, East Ridge 54

CHAMPIONSHIP

Rosemount 63, Hopkins 62

THIRD PLACE

Rochester Mayo 69, Maple Grove 60

FIFTH PLACE

Monticello 70, Blaine 52

CLASS 3A

QUARTERFINALS

Stewartville 73, Willmar 54
Cretin-Derham Hall 84, Hill-Murray 65
Benilde-St. Margaret's 88, Rock Ridge 53
Marshall 70, Totino-Grace 44

SEMIFINALS

Stewartville 65, Cretin-Derham Hall 51
Benilde-St. Margaret's 71, Marshall 59

CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS

Totino-Grace 57, Rock Ridge 55
Hill-Murray 86, Willmar 76

CHAMPIONSHIP

Benilde-St. Margaret's 75, Stewartville 63

THIRD PLACE

Marshall 68, Cretin-Derham Hall 51

FIFTH PLACE

Hill-Murray 81, Totino-Grace 41

CLASS 2A

QUARTERFINALS

Providence Academy 103, Norwood-YA 68
Perham 66, Rochester Lourdes 63
New London-Spicer 55, Minnehaha Academy 48
Duluth Marshall 65, Sauk Centre 38

SEMIFINALS FRIDAY

Providence Academy 72, Perham 49
Duluth Marshall 71, New London-Spicer 56

CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS

Minnehaha Academy 44, Sauk Centre 36
Rochester Lourdes 79, Norwood Young Amer. 61

CHAMPIONSHIP

Providence Academy 95, Duluth Marshall 60

THIRD PLACE

Perham 66, New London-Spicer 52

FIFTH PLACE

Rochester Lourdes 71, Minnehaha Academy 40

CLASS 1A

QUARTERFINALS THURSDAY

Mountain Iron-Buhl 75, Braham 62
Hillcrest Lutheran 83, New Richland-H-E-G 55
Sleepy Eye St Mary's 72, Mayer Lutheran 57
Central MN Christian 82, Kelliher/Northome 69

SEMIFINALS

Mountain Iron-Buhl 78, Hillcrest Lutheran 56
Sleepy Eye St. Mary's 53, Cent. MN Christian 47

CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS

Braham 80, New Richland-H-E-G 65
Mayer Lutheran 70, Kelliher/Northome 67

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sleepy Eye-St. Mary's 80, Mountain Iron-Buhl 63

THIRD PLACE

Central MN Christian 64, Hillcrest Lutheran 55

FIFTH PLACE

Mayer Lutheran 47, Braham 42



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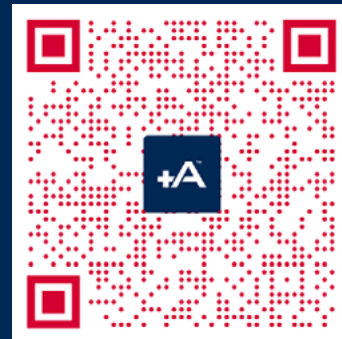
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All-state tournament teams



CLASS 4A

Samantha Voll, Monticello; Sophie Anderson, Maple Grove; Amelia Mills and Maggie Dyer, Rochester Lourdes; Gianna Carpentier, Amish Ramlall and Ashna Ramlall, Rosemount; Marianna Davis, Erma Walker and Jaliyah Diggs, Hopkins

CLASS 3A

Ashlee Wilson, Hill-Murray; Ashlee Wilson, Hill-Murray; Madeleine Hamill, Cretin-Derham Hall; Reese Drake and Taleigha Bigler, Marshall; Audrey Shindelar and Danika Shindelar, Stewartville; Zaida Jenkins, Sydney Friedly and Pressley Watkins, Benilde-St. Margaret's



CLASS 2A

Lauren Hust, Rochester Lourdes; Korbin Tanner, New London-Spicer; Kaia Anderson and Regan Hemburger, Perham; Chloe Johnson and Candice Ndomb, Duluth Marshall; Alexa Nicolai, Emma Millerbernd, Maddyn Greenway, Beckett Greenway, Providence Academy.

CLASS 1A

Kate Thayer, Kelliher/Northome; Morgan Rysdam, Braham; Izabelle Keaveny, Mayer Lutheran; Elin Retzlaff, Hillcrest Lutheran; Sienna Duinick and Emmi Braem, Central Minnesota Christian; Anna Neyens and Paige Norman, Mountain Iron-Buhl; Olivia Schieffert and Morgan Mathiowetz, Sleepy Eye St. Mary's



STATE BOYS TOURNNEY PAIRINGS

CLASS 4A

QUARTERFINALS

Tuesday, March 24 at Target Center

8-Blaine (22-6) vs. 1-Tartan (29-0), 10 a.m.

5-Chaska (25-4) vs. 4-Lakeville South (23-6), noon

7-Apple Valley (19-10) vs. 2-Wayzata (25-3), 2 p.m.

6-Alexandria (21-7) vs. 3-Maple Grove (23-6), 4 p.m.

SEMIFINALS

Thursday, March 26, at Williams Arena

Upper bracket, 6 p.m.

Lower bracket, 8 p.m.

FINALS

Saturday, March 28

Third place at Concordia-St. Paul

Semifinal losers, 4 p.m.

Championship at Williams Arena

Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS

Thursday, March 26 at Concordia-St. Paul

Upper bracket, 10 a.m.

Lower bracket, noon

CONSOLATION FINALS

Friday, March 27 at Concordia-St. Paul

Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

CLASS 3A

QUARTERFINALS

Wednesday, March 25 at Williams Arena

8-Minneapolis South (21-8) vs. 1-Totino-

Grace (24-2), 10 a.m.

5-Mankato East (21-7) vs. 4-Northfield (25-3), noon

7-Grand Rapids (24-5) vs. 2-DeLaSalle (26-3), 2 p.m.

6-Sartell (21-8) vs. 3-Richfield (27-2), 4 p.m.

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Upper bracket, noon

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7-Blake (19-12) vs. 2-Pequot Lakes (28-1), 6 p.m.

6-Waseca (23-7) vs. 3-Minnehaha Acad. (23-5), 8 p.m.

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CLASS 1A

QUARTERFINALS

Thursday March 26 at Target Center

8-Upsala (24-6) vs. 1-Henning (30-0), 11 a.m.

5-Hills-Beaver Creek (27-3) vs. 4-Southland (28-1), 1 p.m.

7-Cherry (25-5) vs. 2-Janesville-Waldorf-

Pemberton (28-3), 3 p.m.

6-Liberty Classical (27-2) vs. 3-Red Lake County (28-3), 5 p.m.

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Session 1:

Girls Entering Grades 3-5
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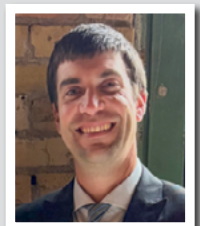
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- State champions - assistant 1993 and 2021
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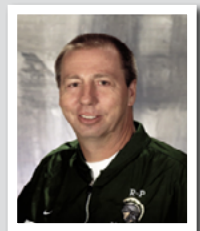


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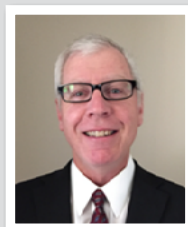
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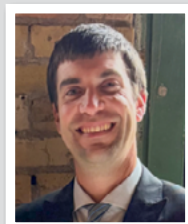
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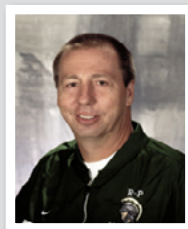
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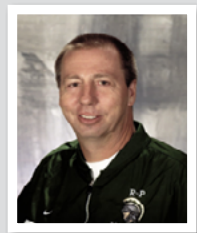
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Grand Rapids High School - MN

Shooting Camp! - Monday, June 15

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Session 2:

Boys & Girls Entering Grades 3-6
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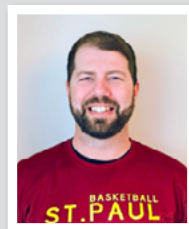
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Camp Director: David Iverson

- 30+ Years – Pacesetter: Player, coach, camp/tournament director.
- 140+ Varsity Wins: Bigfork (JV), Northome/Kelliher, Deer River; now HC at St. Paul Harding-20+ 1,000-pt scorers; built youth programs
- State Coach (2021): Deer River's first state trip; Northern Lakes Conference Coach of the Year
- 2023 NAIG Silver Medalist Head Coach - Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Drug & Alcohol Prevention Specialist: Serving MN youth



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Camp Director: Dave Cresap

- Head Coach, M State-Fergus Falls (former Perham HS)
- 30-4 record, 4th at Nationals (2024-25)
- Perham HS State Champ (2011), 5 state appearances
- MBCA & Valley City State HOF (2022)
- 2011 National Coach of the Year, 700+ wins



"Known as a great teacher of the game, Dave is one of the top college coaches in the Midwest" -Jeff McCarron, Pacesetter founder

Camp Director: Jeff Wall

- Former head coach - Anoka & Maranatha Academy
- MBCA Hall of Fame - 2022
- MN Class A Coach of the Year - 2001
- State Appearances: 5 times
- 500+ wins



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Grand Rapids High School - MN

All Skills Camp! Tues-Thurs, June 16-18

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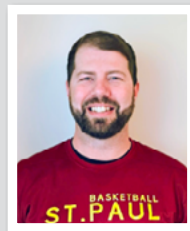
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Camp Director: David Iverson

- 30+ Years – Pacesetter: Player, coach, camp/tournament director.
- 140+ Varsity Wins: Bigfork (JV), Northome/Kelliher, Deer River; now HC at St. Paul Harding-20+ 1,000-pt scorers; built youth programs
- State Coach (2021): Deer River's first state trip; Northern Lakes Conference Coach of the Year
- 2023 NAIG Silver Medalist Head Coach - Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Drug & Alcohol Prevention Specialist: Serving MN youth



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Riverland Comm College - Austin, MN

Wednesday-Thursday, June 17-18

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ONE group - Two 3-hour sessions
12-hour program - \$15/hour

Boys & Girls Entering Grades 4-8

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Players need to bring a lunch

Limit of 36 players per session



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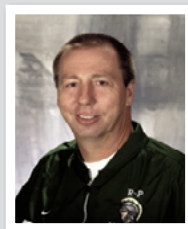
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Rochester Community & Technical College - MN

Monday-Tuesday, June 22-23

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Boys & Girls Entering Grades 7-12

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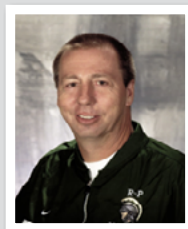
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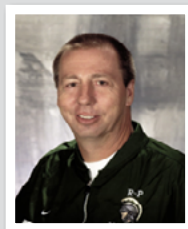
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Willow River High School - MN

Wednesday-Thursday, June 24-25

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Camp Director: Gary Thomas

- Former Augustana head men's coach
- HS Class AA state champions - Watertown, SD
- Led Class AA team to state 5 of 6 years
- Camp director since 1978
- Former elementary principal - Brookings, SD



"Gary is a passionate teacher of basketball and reached the top at each level - HS and college."

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Monday-Tuesday, July 20-21

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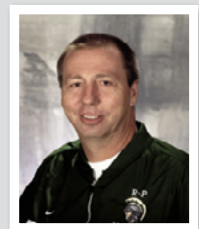
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Grand Rapids High School - MN

Shooting Camp! - Friday, July 24

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Camp Director: Paul McDonald

- Former head men's coach Vermilion CC
- 23 state tournaments – 15 All-Americans
- Record: 538-248
- Director of MN BB News Top 100 Expo Showcase
- 2-time HS state champion as player



"Few coaches understand shooting like Paul. He's a great teacher...and FUN!"
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Wednesday-Thursday, July 29-30

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Camp Director: Dave Cresap

- Head Coach, M State-Fergus Falls (former Perham HS)
- 30-4 record, 4th at Nationals (2024-25)
- Perham HS State Champ (2011), 5 state appearances
- MBCA & Valley City State HOF (2022)
- 2011 National Coach of the Year, 700+ wins



"Known as a great teacher of the game, Dave is one of the top college coaches in the Midwest" -Jeff McCarron, Pacesetter founder

Camp Director: Jeff Wall

- Former head coach - Anoka & Maranatha Academy
- MBCA Hall of Fame - 2022
- MN Class A Coach of the Year - 2001
- State Appearances: 5 times
- 500+ wins



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BOYS & GIRLS

APRIL
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