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# Hills-Beaver Creek, Totino, Minnehaha, Chaska!



**Clockwise from top left: Chaska hoists the Class 4A trophy, Kellen Traup dunks for 2A champ Minnehaha Academy, Hills-Beaver Creek players leap for joy after a Class 1A finals rout; and Totino-Grace celebrates after a last-second title game win in Class 3A. (MSHSL/Smug Mug photos)**

# Letter to Minnesota Head Basketball Coaches

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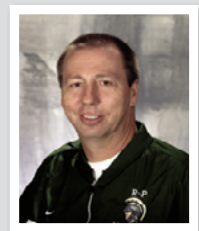


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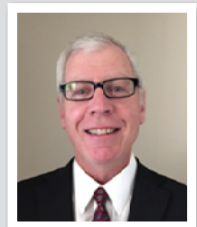
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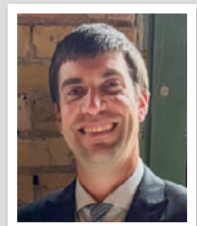
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# Chaska golden after upsets

By Bruce Strand

Chaska emerged as Class 4A champion after a dizzying array of upsets led to a shocking finals matchup with No. 5 seed Chaska facing No. 7 Apple Valley and prevailing 63-55.

The Hawks didn't look much like underdogs, though, as they won three state games without having to sweat one out in the final minute and finished the season on a 25-game win streak after a 3-4 start.

## CLASS 4A Chaska 63, Apple Valley 55

Seeded second in Section 2, the Hawks edged No. 1 Prior Lake 62-59 in the finals. At state, they pummeled No. 4 Lakeville South 71-53 in the first round, then shocked top-seeded, previously-undefeated Tartan 60-51 in the semifinals. After three straight upsets, they finally faced a lower seed in the finals.

"We knew if we play defense and move the ball around we could win," said Kallin Jochum, one of their all-tournament picks. "We were confident we could beat anybody in the state."

Still, the Hawks amazed themselves a bit.



**Kallin Jochum, one of four double digit scorers for Chaska, drives against Apple Valley's Giovanni Horton.**

"Unbelievable," said Jochum. "The last two years, we had 10 wins and 11 wins. This means the world to us."

After their 3-4 start, coach Nick Hayes said they challenged the team to become a group that "not only played together but made defense a major part of its identity. The kids took that to heart and never lost again."

Apple Valley, meanwhile, had a spectacular state tournament by any measure and especially for a No. 7 seed with 10 losses. The Eagles took out No. 2 seed Wayzata 75-73 and No. 3 Maple Grove 73-63 to reach the finals.

"We had so much untapped potential," said Ryan Christiansen, who had the game-winner against Wayzata. "We knew we that were going to get better as the years went along."

**Evan Atkinson scores for Chaska, guarded closely by Trey Parker.**

Lifting Chaska in the championship game were their scoring balance, shooting accuracy, rugged rebounding and stout defense.

Jochum and Jed Keenean netted 12 points each, Tyler Forrest 11, Case Maetzold 10 and Evan Atkinson eight. The Hawks shot 23-for-42 on field goals and 12-for-16 on free shots. Jochum was 8-for-8 at the line. The Hawks earned a 30-27 rebound edge, led by Matthew Welter with nine.

Trey Parker kept the Eagles in the game pumping in 33 points on 10-for-25 shooting, including six three's and 7-for-9 at the line. Apple Valley tossed up 32 three-pointers, making 10, as they tried to come from behind. After Parker's 33 points, Tyrese Hutton was next with 11.

Chaska led 30-22 at the half, shooting 13-for-25 to Apple Valley's 7-for-27. They expanded their lead to 39-27 before Apple Valley started to chip away. The Eagles pulled within 57-55 after Christiansen sank two free shots and Parker scored off a turnover. Chaska defused the rally with Jochum cashing six straight free shots.

Chaska held its last six opponents to 60 points or less. "We always talk team basketball," said Hayes. "It just shows the guys were brought in playing team ball. Offense is fun, but we talk about defense is winning championships."

This was Chaska's eighth state tournament. They are 2-for-2 in championship games, also winning in 2004. It was Apple Valley's 12th state tournament and fifth time in the finals with three state championships.

## The road to the finals

Chaska upset Tartan 60-51 in the semifinals, going 11-for-30 on three's and 17-for-21 at the line. Jochum and Keenan sank 17 points each and Evan Atkinson 11. Tartan was at 8-for-32 on three's. Jayden Gergen had 14 points, Kevin Wilson 12 points (4-for-18 on three's) and Babatunde Oyesanni 11 points. In Chaska's 71-53 win over Lakeville South, they shot 11-for-26 on three's and out-rebounded South 37-23. Chase Maetzold hit 19 points (5-for-9 on three's) and snagged 10 rebounds, and Tyler Forrest 15 points (3-for-5 on three's).

In Apple Valley's 75-73 win over Wayzata, Christiansen scored on a rebound with :04 left after the Trojans rallied from a 71-64 deficit to tie it 73-73. Apple Val-



**Trey Parker, shooting over Tyler Forrest here, poured in 33 points for Apple Valley in the finals.**

ley was 11-for-27 and Wayzata just 4-for-22 on three's. Parker hit 17 points, Giovanni Horton 15, Camare Young 14, Christiansen 11 and Tylan Ward 10. Christian Wiggins sank 27 points (13-for-14 at the line) and Xany Ivey 16 for Wayzata. In their 73-63 win over Maple Grove, they again had a big three-point edge, 9-for-20 to the Crimson's 4-for-22. Parker tallied 23 points and Young 18. Max Iverson had 24 points and Baboucarr Ann 15 for the Crimson.

**Apple Valley ..... 22 33 — 55**  
**Chaska ..... 30 33 — 63**

**Apple Valley** — 18-59 FG, 10-32 3FG, 9-13 FT, 27 rebounds, 3 turnovers, 13 fouls.... Scoring: Tylan Ward 2 (4r, 2a, 3s), Trey Parker 33 (1r, 1a, 2s), Camare Young 4 (8r, 3a, 2s, 1b), Ryan Christiansen 2 (9r, 1b), Tyrese Hulton 11 (1r, 1s), Giovanni Horton 3 (1r), Quintin Lewis 0 .... 3-pointers: Parker 6-16, Hutton 3-6, Horton 1-3

**Chaska** — 23-42 FG, 5-16 3FG, 12-16 FT, 39 rebounds, 14 turnovers, 12 fouls.... Scoring: Tyler Forrest 11 (4r, 2a), Eli Heron 5 (2r, 1s), Evan Atkinson 8 (5r, 1a, 1b), Chase Maetzold 10 (5r, 2a), Kalin Jochum 12 (3r, raO, Jed Keenan 12 (6r), Matthew Weber 5 (9r, 1a, 1b), Marquin Connell 0 (1r) ... 3-pointers: Maetzold 2-3, Keenan 2-7, Herzog 1-2

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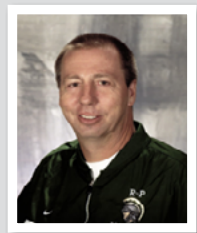
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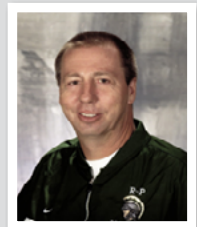
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# T-G back on top in thriller

By Bruce Strand

Totino-Grace and DeLaSalle were the top two seeds in Class 3A, and the two Catholic schools lived up to their billings, turning in a thrilling championship game.

Totino-Grace prevailed 72-70 in a duel that went down to the final seconds with the Eagles forcing a turnover just before time ran out.

“They (DeLaSalle) are a very good team. We knew we had to play hard, play connected and play as one unit,” said Tian Chatman, Eagles guard. “Every day we bring the energy, every single day.”

## **CLASS 3A** **Totino-Grace 72** **DeLaSalle 70**

These are two of the premier programs in the state, Totino-Grace in the last half-dozen years and DeLaSalle for the last 40-some years. The Eagles, making their 10th state appearance, are 4-for-4 in championship games the last five years. It was DeLaSalle’s 22nd state trip and 18th time in the finals. They’ve won a state record 12 crowns, most recently in 2019.

Totino-Grace finished 27-2 and DLS was 28-4. They were ranked 1-2 most of the season.

A year ago, T-G’s dynasty was interrupted by state tournament losses to two senior-led teams, Alexandria (the champion) and Orono. Remembering that, coach Nick Carroll said he texted the message that “seniors run this team” to seniors Dothan Ijadimbola, Chatman, Luther Bunge and DeAngelo Dungey.

“Our biggest advantage in this game was that we had four seniors, and they had one that was playing in the



**Dothan Ojadimbola of Totino-Grace barrels to the hoop against DeLaSalle’s Evan Miller.**

rotation,” Carroll said. “That matters. When it’s the last game of your career and you want to go out on a certain note, that matters a ton.”

Jaylin Hines, Eagles junior guard, came off the bench to pour in 19 points by going 5-for-6 on three’s and 4-for-4 at the line. Ijadimbola delivered 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Chatman 13 points and six rebounds. The Eagles were 14-for-17 on free shots and 10-for-22 on three’s.

DeLaSalle out rebounded T-G 40-32 but didn't shoot quite as well. Ichima Idoko was an exception with 23 points on 6-for-9 accuracy on field goals, 2-for-4 on three's and 9-for-11 on free shots. Deon Wallace-Johnson sank 19 points and snagged 11 rebounds. Kamar Thomas had 12 points and seven rebounds. Jaeden Udean, normally a terrific three-point shooter, was 0-for-7 outside the arc but 7-for-7 at the line and totaled nine points.

Each team had a costly tech foul down the stretch. After Chatman sank a three to make it 55-50, a teammate got teed up for conduct. The Islanders converted that into four points as Udean made both freebies and Evan Miller slashed for a layup, closing the gap to 55-54. Hynes responded with his fifth three-pointer, off a crosscourt pass from Ojadimbola — while DLS defender Evan Miller was called for a “flop” while guarding Ojadimbola. That brought about a tech and Hynes made two free shots for a five-point possession and a 60-54 edge.

With DLS down 71-67 and the last 10 seconds ticking away, Udean was fouled on a 3-point miss with 7.1 on the clock. He swished three free shots to make it 71-70. T-G's Malachi Hill was immediately fouled on the inbounds pass and made the second of two free shots.

Down 72-70 with 5.9 seconds left, DLS had a chance to tie or win but could not get the ball across midcourt. Hill pressured Deon Wallace-Johnson into losing the handle on the ball just before time expired. Chatman snagged the ball and joyfully dunked after the horn, then joined the berserk celebration by the Eagles. Asked what Carroll's instructions were, Chatman said, “He told us to play straight up, no fouls, and that's what we did. We got it done.”



**Kamar Thomas slams one for DeLaSalle.**

## The road to the finals

Totino-Grace coasted into the finals, beating Minneapolis South 90-49 and Northfield 89-61. Against South, Ijadimbola logged 22 points and 11 rebounds, Dungey 15 points, Hill 11 and Chatman 10. Jumar Wright sank 21 for South. Against Northfield, Hynes had 15 points (5-for-8 on three's). Ijadimbola and Chatman added 12 points each, Dungey 11 and Hill 10.

DLS, in the semifinals, trailed Richfield 52-43, surged ahead 69-61 and held 73-70, led by Thomas with 24 points and nine rebounds. Udean had 19 points. For Richfield, Dre Collins hit 22 points, and Waleed Muhammad and Nathaniel Clifford 15 each. DLS opened

with an 87-37 rout of Grand Rapids as Udean netted 26 points, leading 12 players in the scoring column.

**DeLaSalle ..... 27 43 — 70**  
**Totino-Grace .... 37 35 — 72**

**DeLaSalle** — 23-55 FG, 6-21 3FG, 18-27 FT, 40 rebounds, 11 turnovers, 15 fouls .... Scoring: Taaj Whitlock 2 (1r, 1a), Evan Miller 5 (4r, 1s), Ichima Idoko 23 (9r, 1a, 2s, 1b), Jaeden Udean 9 (2r, 1a), Deon Wallace-Johnson 19 (11r, 3a, 2s), Kamar Thomas 12 (7r), Omar Ali 0 (1r) .... 3-pointers: Idoko 2-4, Wallace-Johnson 25, Miller 1-1, Thomas 1-3

**Totino-Grace** — 24-58 FG, 10-22 3FG, 14-17 FT, 32 rebounds 10 turnovers, 20 fouls .... Scoring: Dothan Ijadimbola 13 (10r, 4a, 2s, 1b), Tian Chatman 13 (6r, 1a, 1s), Malachi Hill 7 (3r, 3a, 2s), DeAngelo Dungey 6 (2r, 4a, 2s, 1b), Daniel Zoa 6 (4r, 1a), Jaylan Hynes 19 (1r), Shay Jackson 2 (2r, 3a), AJ Taban 6 (3r, 1b) ... 3-pointers: Hynes 5-6, Dungey 2-5, Chatman 3-6

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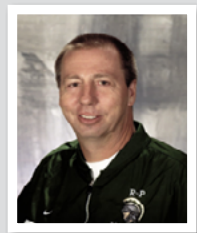
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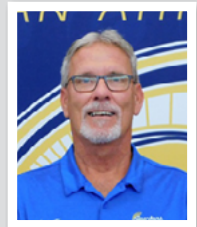
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**Camp Director: Dave Cresap**

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- 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



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**Camp Director: Jeff Wall**

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# Big finish lifts Minnehaha

By Bruce Strand

Minnehaha Academy might not have any future NBA players this season but the Redhawks earned one distinction their esteemed predecessors did — a state championship. And with a good chance to repeat, like they did.

A blistering 53-point second half in the finals capped their drive to the Class 2A crown with an 81-69 conquest of top-seeded Goodhue. They trailed 30-28 after a lackluster first half.

“We just continued to do what we’ve been doing all year. The shots just weren’t falling (in the first half,” coach Jadee Jones said.

The Redhawks got back on top for the first time since a run of four crowns from 2017 to 2021 powered by current NBA players Jalen Suggs (Orlando Magic) and Chet Holmgren (Oklahoma City Thunder).

## CLASS 2A Minnehaha Academy 81, Goodhue 69

The No. 3 seeded Redhawks (26-5) beat Waseca 77-69 and No. 2 seed Pequot Lakes 40-56 before pummeling Goodhue (31-2).

They were led by Kellen Troup and Ayden Green with 58 and 57 points, respectively, in the tournament. Both are juniors; in fact, there’s only one senior on the roster. Those two and an eighth-grader, Carter Cupito, made the all-tournament team.

Next year’s pre-season No. 1 team will be an easy



**Kellen Troup soared for two of his 24 points for Minnehaha Academy.**

choice for the voters.

Jones knows a little about state championships and NBA players, too, being the older brother of Tyus Jones (Denver Nuggets) and Tre Jones (Chicago Bulls), who both won titles with Apple Valley. Jadee played for a state runner-up team with DeLaSalle in 2003. As Redhawks coach he succeeded Lance Johnson, who coached five state champion teams.

This was Minnehaha Academy’s 14th time in state and seventh championship game, of which they’ve won six. It was Goodhue’s seventh state tournament and second time in the finals. They were also runners-up in 2016.

Troup tallied 24 points and nine rebounds, shooting 10-for-15, including 4-for-6 on three’s. Green meshed 21 points, sinking 10 straight free shots down the stretch

and finishing 13-for-16. Cupito added 12 points and five assists and Masen Thou 10 points and seven assists.

The Redhawks had a 40-29 rebound edge and shot 48 percent at 30-for-62.

Alex Loos sank 25 points for Goodhue (31-2), shooting 9-for-18. Luke Roschen added 22 points shooting 8-for-18. They were a combined 1-for-13, though, on three's as Goodhue did not have that weapon in this game, going 2-for-17, but went 24-for-36 on two-pointers. Owen Roschen notched 12 points and seven rebounds.

Minnehaha trailed 30-28 at the half but outscored the Wildcats 53-41 in freewheeling second half, shooting 17-for-26 in overall and 5-for-7 on three's, outscoring the Wildcats 17-6 on fast breaks. Green and Troup each had 20 points in the half, with Troup 4-for-4 on three's and Green 12-for-14 at the line.

Troup, who had no three's in the first 2 1/2 games at state, got the Redhawks going with a pair of them along with an electrifying dunk and a soaring rebound.



**Alex Loos of Goodhue splits the defense to score.**

“When that three went in, I knew I had it back,” said Troup. Thao seconded that: “I knew he was back after that dunk. It’s a great feeling when he does that, not just for us but for the people in the stands, too.”

About Green’s batch of free shots that clinched the win, coach Jones said the junior guard “grew up” a lot in the last two games. “On the biggest stage, when we needed him the most, he came through.”

## The road to the finals

Goodhue won a classic state tourney thriller over Albany 76-74 in the semifinals. Luke Roschen sank three of four free shots in the 12 seconds for the margin of victory and totaled 23 points, Loos scored 21 and Owen Roschen 16. Goodhue 8-for-17 on three's and Albany 10-for-24. Jaxson Austin and Braeden Justin had 17 points and Ashton Olson 16 for Albany. In the first round, Goodhue beat Perham 70-49, led by Loos with 20 points and Luke Roschen with 17.

Minnehaha Academy also won a close semifinal, 50-46 over Pequot Lakes. After a 3-pointer by Samuel Af-

agwu pulled Pequot within 48-46, Green sank two free shots with :05 left to clinch. Green and Troup hit 14 points each. Afagwu had 15 for Pequot. The Redhawks had some drama in the first round also as Waseca’s Mr. Basketball finalist Deron Russell lit them up for 51 points but they won anyway 77-69. Green had 22 points, Cupito 20 and Troup 19 with 14 rebounds.

**Minnehaha Acad ... 28 53 — 81**  
**Goodhue ..... 30 39 — 69**

**Minnehaha Academy** — 30-62 FG, 6-16 3FG, 15-22 FT, 40 rebounds, 10 turnovers, 18 fouls ... Scoring: Malachi Snell 4 (3, 2a, 1s), Ayden Green 21 (3r, 4a, 2s, 1b), Carter Cupito 12 (3r, 5a, 3s), Kellen Troup 24 (9r, 1a, 1b), Mekhi Abner 8 (14r, 1a), Masen Thao 10 (4r, 7a, 2s), Kamar Sandifer Howze 2 ((2r) ... 3-pointers: Troup 4-6, Cupido 2-6

**Goodhue** — 26-53 FG, 2-17 3FG, 15-22 F, 29 rebounds, 11 turnovers, 19 fouls ... Scoring: Luke Roschen 22 (6r, 4a, 2s), Alex Loos 25 (4r, 2s), Owen Roschen 12 (7r, 3a), Michael Roschen 5 (5r, 1a), Cody Ryan 2 (5r, 2a), Garrett Boldt 3 ... 3-pointers: Loos 1-6, Boldt 1-1

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

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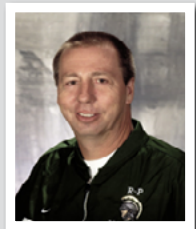
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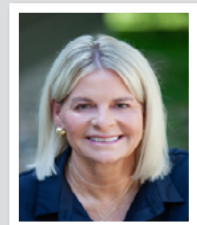
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# H-BC tackles another title

By Bruce Strand

Hills-Beaver Creek captured the Class 1A basketball championship last weekend and we must say, that was quite an accomplishment for a bunch of football players.

With a roster composed entirely of members of their state Nine-Man championship team, and two leaders set for college football, HBC came into their first-ever state hoops tournament as the No. 5 seed.

## **CLASS 1A Hills-Beaver Creek 64, Janesville-Waldorf- Pemberton 33**

The Patriots pulled off a huge, harrowing upset of Henning, the Hornets' lone loss of the season, in the semifinals, then crushed a very good Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton team 64-33 in the championship game, reminiscent of their Prep Bowl rout of Hillcrest Lutheran by 46-22.

Jamin Metzger, who led the Prep Bowl victory by completing 14 of 16 passes, quarterbacked the basketball team to victory also. The University of Sioux Falls football recruit delivered 22 points, 13 rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots.

Looking ahead to their second state championship celebration this school year, Metzger noted, "I think basketball will be bigger. Basketball is the first time ever. We've had a lot of great teams come through HBC, but it feels good that we're the ones to finally do it after all these years."

HBC finished 30-3, while No. 2 seed JWP finished 30-4, and Henning finished 32-1 in third place. Ranked No. 6 after the regular season, the Patriots took aim at the top four teams in the rankings and toppled them all



**Micah Bush, South Dakota State football recruit, powers up for a layup in the championship game.**

like bottles from a fence — No. 2 Central MN Christian 77-70 in the section finals, then No. 3 Southland, No. 1 Henning and No. 4 JWP at state.

Chad Rauk, HBC coach, was confident no opponent would be physically tougher or more competitive: "It doesn't matter what they're doing, if they're playing football or basketball, they're just competitors ... they're going to give you everything they have."

JWP (30-4) had averaged 80 points in seven section and state games before the finals when they got worn down by HBC's brawn.

"You can tell they're football players," JWP coach Nick James said. "Very athletic. Very strong. What do we do? We have one guy over 6-foot in our rotation." He added, "But these guys have battled all year."

Metzger, 6-foot-5 and 210 pounds, was both agile and overpowering as he tallied 56 points and 33 rebounds in the tournament. The football experience, he said, definitely helped their basketball quest: “We know how to win in those intense environments and those intense games.”

The players said it all started with the final game last season when the same group went wire to wire with Dawson-Boyd, losing 59-52 in the section finals, then watched the Blackjacks win the state tournament. An attitude of “why not us” set in.

In the championship game, their big edges included rebounding, a 47-22, and free throw shooting, 16-for-20. Metzger shot 8-for-10 on field goals and 6-for-7 at the line. His sophomore brother Brodie Metzger delivered 13 points and eight rebounds. Micah Bush, signed by South Dakota State as a safety, added 10 points and seven rebounds.

“For me, it (basketball) was my favorite sport growing up for a long time,” Bush said. “It’s just so much fun playing with all these guys.”

JWP had Gavin Bauer with 11 points, and Daulton Bauer and Caleb Quast with eight each. The Bulldogs couldn’t find the hoop in this game, going 12-for-50 from the field and 5-for-25 outside the arc. They did play Bulldog basketball for a stretch early in the second half for a 17-4 run that brought them within 11 points.

HBC dominated the first half 32-9 with six players scoring between three and eight points and a 22-11 rebound edge. JWP was just 3-for-24 on field goals.

Hills is the last town in the southwest corner of the state, four miles from South Dakota and two miles from Iowa, population 656. And no, the terrain is not hilly down there; Hills was named after a railroad guy. As for Beaver Creek (pop. 280), the beaver trapping was great in the 19th century, hence the name.



**JWP's Gavin Bauer passed off after he was hemmed in by HBC defenders.**

## The road to the finals

In the semifinals, HBC toppled Henning 71-67 in overtime. They had four double-digit scorers — Bush with 20, Riggins Rheault 15, and the Metzger brothers with 13 each — to overcome Kale Misegades brilliant 32-point, 12-rebound, six-assist performance for Henning. Jamin Metzger had six of HBC’s 10 points in the OT on two muscle-up layups and two free shots. HBC also won a first-round thriller, 72-69 over Southland with Brodie and Jamin sinking 24 and 21 points. Tate Gergen and Henry Wiste hit 21 each for Southland.

JWP, making its fourth state trip and first time in the finals, rolled past Cherry 81-72 and Red Lake County 67-58. Daulton Bauer poured in 39 points and Gavin Bauer 32 against Cherry. The Bulldogs were 30-for-38 at the line with each Bauer sinking 12. Cherry was carried by cousins Isaiah Asmus and Noah Asmus with 33 and 28 points. JWP’s win over RLC was powered by Daulton Bauer with 29 points.

**Hills-Beaver Creek ..... 32 32 — 64**  
**Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton .... 9 24 — 33**

**Hills-Beaver Creek** — 22-51 FG, 4-17 3FG, 16-20 FT, 47 rebounds, 14 turnovers 10 fouls ... Scoring: Micah Bush 10 (7r, 3a, 1b), Jamin Metzger 22 (13r, 4a, 1s, 2b), Brodie Metzger 13 (8r, 3a, 3s, 1b), Eduardo Wegener 5 (1r, 2a, 1s), Riggins Rheault 7 (9r, 1a), Karson Metzger 3 (4r, 2a), Jacob Wallin 2 (1r), Quantice Suste 2 (2r, 1s), Christian Gasca 0 (2r), Max Sammons 0 (1r) ... 3-pointers: B.Metzger 2-4, Bush 1-3, Wegener 1-3

**Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton** — 12-50 FG, 5-25 3FG, 4-10 FT, 22 rebounds, 12 turnovers, 13 fouls ... Scoring: Daulton Bauer 8 (9r, 2a, 1s), Parker Gearity 3 (1r, 2a), Gavin Bauer 11 (3r, 1a, 1s, 2b), Caleb Quast 8 (1r), Gavin Weedman 3 (2a, 4s), Jason Wolff 0 (r, 1a, 2s), Tyson Kronbach 0 (1r), Michael Walker 0 (1r), Zander TerBeest 0 (1r), Seth Dahlberg 0 (1r) ... 3-pointers: Gearity 1-1, G.Bauer 1-2, Quast 2-5, Weedman 1-8

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

# March Madness Moments

By Jeff McCarron

My 2026 “March Madness” experience began when I took my daughter to the girls’ Class A semi-final games at Williams Arena. It is always exciting to walk into that special place. The raised floor is virtually unique in the world of basketball – where the action just seems to be closer to the fans and more exciting. There’s something about the raised actors on the stage under the lights that makes it electric and more dramatic. A small crowd can still make the place roar!

Mountain Iron-Buhl with their legendary coach, Jeff Buffetta, made a strong comeback to launch themselves into another state championship final. Sleepy Eye St. Mary’s and their legendary coach, Bruce Waitas, also held off a strong Central Minnesota Christian team to advance to the championship. My daughter loved it. These two programs have put hundreds of teams into Pacesetter state playoffs through the years, so I was especially happy to see their success. St. Mary’s also battled Minnesota’s best in the Pacesetter Sweet 16 last summer to hone their skills, and they surprised the field to win their first state championship.



I wasn’t surprised that Rosemount won Class 4A. What a finish that was against Minnesota’s perennial #1 team, the Hopkins Royals! Great basketball. Gopher recruit, Amiah Ramlall, of Rosemount – with a 1-point lead – made the most important play in the game when she reached low with her left hand to deflect the ball from the left-handed Hopkins ballhandler racing to the basket with seven seconds to go. That extra-effort deflection won the game! That maneuver at that crucial moment of the game speaks highly for Amiah’s chances to excel for the Gophers.

I confess to crossing the border to Brookings, SD, on the night of the snowstorm to watch “my Buffalo girls” from Harding Co. in Buffalo, SD, play in the SD Class B state tournament. They advanced to the state championship and finished runner-up. We’ve held a camp there (almost in Montana) the past three years, and they’ve played in the Target Center in the Pacesetter Great Five-State the past two years, so I’ve gotten to know and respect Coach Jay Wammen well.

My boys’ state tournament began at the Target Center on Tuesday – earliest ever – where Albany put on a great display of teamwork to upset Jackson Co. Central, a team I’ve watched develop since they were in 4th grade.

Countless games followed the next four days with boys’

state and NCAA games for both men and women. At one time, we watched 4 games on 4 TV’s at The Graduate Hotel near Williams Arena with the Gopher women on the left, two NCAA men’s games in the middle, and the boys’ 2A semis on the right. We even started arguing about a call, then laughed when we realized we were watching different games! *Madness....*

There were some incredible comebacks. I probably drive my friends crazy with this, but I see it so often, it drives me crazy. A team gets a lead – and then what do they do? SLOW IT DOWN. And the majority of coaches – and fans – still believe it’s the best thing to do. It’s the best all right – the best way to lose the lead! Playing hard got you the lead. Why do you believe slowing it down will help you keep it? I call it “Handing the Mantle of Aggression” to the other team. *Here ya go! We’re tired of leading.* Then instead of attacking the basket, the leading team starts playing catch and throwing cross-court passes and running the clock down – if they haven’t lost the ball yet – before taking an off-balance last-second shot. *Clang!* And away the aggressor goes and the crowd cheers their fastbreak, and the leads narrows, as do the throat passages of the leaders. *Careful, careful, don’t throw it away,* and so goes the lead. Aggressor wins. You can either stay the aggressor or hand it over to the other team and hope the clocks runs out.

We did it too. We played in three state tournament games. In the first two, we had leads of 22 and 21 points that each ended up 11. In the final, we led by 13 at the half...and saw it dwindle to 3. Our coach was even talking to our dribbling point guard about slowing it down more. Our guard glanced at the coach, and the ball was gone! One-point game. Williams Arena *madness* – there were 18,000 fans at that game. Our guard, Johnny T, had never slowed the ball down in his life! We missed our next shot, and they got the ball and the chance to take the lead. We finally woke up and quit trying to protect our lead – and became the aggressor. Now or never. Johnny T “deflected” a pass that went into the hands of our teammate, and we were off and running. Basket. 3-point lead. And it ended at 16 points...with none of those protected. Fast breaking to the end. *Whew!* Close call.

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OK...sorry...I needed to say that one last time. *Whew!* It’s April now. Relaxing.... But you know what? I can’t wait until March!

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- 18-time state coach MCC  
- 2-time HS state champion  
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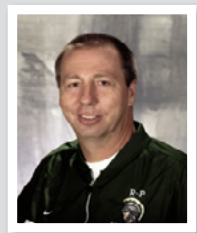
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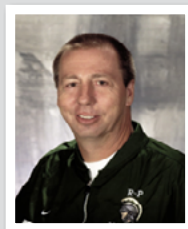
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# Wiggins is Mr. Basketball

*Other finalists are Anderson, Misegades, Russell, Moore*

By Bruce Strand

Christian Wiggins, Wayzata guard, has been named Mr. Basketball for 2026 after a prolific career in which he helped the Trojans place second, first and fifth in the last three seasons.

The 6-foot-5 guard, committed to Iowa State, averaged 21.4 points, eight rebounds and 4.4 assists this season, shooting 40 percent on three's. He's Wayzata's all-time scoring leader with 1,799 points, and his team's best defender as well. Wiggins was also the Star-Tribune's pick for Player of the Year.

The five finalists include Wiggins' teammate Nolan Anderson, a fluid 6-foot-7 perimeter forward who averaged 22.5 points and shot 45 percentage on three-pointers, finishing with 1,839 points. The top-ranked senior prospect in the state, Anderson will play for the Gophers.

The other finalists chosen by the Mr. Basketball Committee were:



**Wayzata guard Christian Wiggins, Iowa State recruit, gets the Mr. Basketball award.**

Iowa State website photo

Kale Misegades, Henning 6-foot-3 guard, who led the state with 36.2 points per game, also averaged 11 rebounds and seven assists. The Southwest Minnesota State recruit, a brilliant shooter and passer, scored 2,853 career points. He led Henning to a 32-1 record and third-place finish.

Deron Russell, Waseca's explosive 6-foot-2 guard, averaged 30.4 points, 6.5 rebounds, and 3.8 assists, shooting 50 percent on field goals and 83 percent at the line. He had a pair of 51-point games at the section and state. He tallied 2,337 career points. The two-sport star will play football at North Dakota State.

Jayden Moore, Hopkins' 6-foot point guard, is the state's all-time assists leader with 1,321, also holding the renowned Hopkins program's career records for points (2,417) and rebounds (1,103). Moore averaged 18.2 points in his sixth varsity season. He will play at North Dakota.

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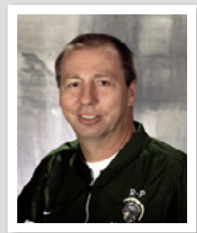
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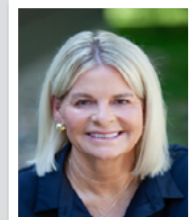
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# MBBN super five all-tourney picks

Minnesota Basketball News endeavors to pick an All-Tournament Super Five from all classes after every state tournament. This year's quintet:

Kale Misegades, Henning senior guard, had the most points, 108, and most rebounds, 40, in the tournament along with 15 assists. He averaged 36 points and 13.3 rebounds.

Christian Wiggins, Wayzata senior guard, the Star-Tribune's player of the year and Mr. Basketball recipient, tallied 72 points with efficient shooting, 21-for-39 on field goals and 21-for-23 at the line.

Trey Parker, Apple Valley senior guard, helped the Eagles pull off two huge upsets and finish runner-up in 4A, racking up 73 points with 14-for-32 accuracy on three's and 24-for-49 overall.

Kellen Troup, junior forward for 2A champion Minnehaha Academy, racked up 58 points and 31 rebounds, shooting 23-for-47, and dazzled with soaring dunks and long 3-pointers.

Deron Russell, Waseca senior guard who'll play college football, had a 51-point game (against 2A champ Minnehaha Academy) and totaled 85 points, always battling double or triple teams, shooting 30-for-62 on field goals, 19-for-23 at the line.

--- *Bruce Strand*

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# 3rd place at state: Tartan, Richfield, Pequot, Henning

Third-place game winners at the Minnesota state boys basketball tournament were:

**Tartan (30-1) in Class 4A** — The No. 1 ranked Titans won a shootout with No. 3 Maple Grove 92-85 with Duke King hitting 28 points, Kevin Wilson 22 and Babatunde Oyesanmi 21. They were 14-for-31 on three's with King 5-for-6. For Maple Grove, Baboucar Ann and Max Iverson netted 28 points each. The Crimson were 23-for-27 at the line with Ann 13-for-13. Tartan's lone loss was against Chaska 60-51 in the semifinals after beating Blaine 72-44.

**Richfield (29-3) in Class 3A** — The Spartans outlasted Northfield 76-70 as Waleed Mohammad netted 20 points, Gideon Macintosh-Home 15, Tyrese Hagler 15, Tyler Huston 12 and Nathaniel Clifford 10. For Northfield (making its first state appearance since 1932) Kauden Oakland had 17 and Liam Oakland 15. Richfield beat Sartell 72-62 and lost to DeLaSalle 73-70.

**Pequot Lakes (30-2) in Class 2A** — The Patriots edged Albany 55-50, led by Gus McKenna with 15 points and Jaxson Austin with 10. Their edge was 16-for-23 free throw shooting. Ashton Olson had 25 for Albany. Pequot lost a close semifinal to champion Minnehaha Academy 50-46 after defeating Blake 69-60.

**Henning (32-1) in Class 1A** — No. 1 ranked Henning, unbeaten until the state semifinals, salvaged third with a 79-47 win over Red Lake County Central. Kale Misegades, a Mr. Basketball finalist, poured in 41 points and Zach Wiederich added 17. Henning beat Upsala 61-45 before falling to No. 5 seeded (and eventual champion) Hills-Beaver Creek 71-67 in overtime.

## Wayzata places 5th after upset

Wayzata had played in five consecutive Class 4A championship games with a good chance to make it six as they were seeded No. 2. However, No. 7 seed Apple Valley knocked off the Trojans 75-73 in the first round. Wayzata took home the consolation trophy with wins over Alexandria 89-60 and Lakeville South 79-44. Christian Wiggins scored 72 points and Nolan Anderson 52 points for the Trojans, who finished 27-4.

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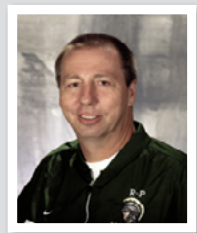
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### Camp Director: Dave Cresap

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- MBCA & Valley City State HOF (2022)
- 2011 National Coach of the Year, 700+ wins



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### Camp Director: Jeff Wall

- Former head coach - Anoka & Maranatha Academy
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- MN Class A Coach of the Year - 2001
- State Appearances: 5 times
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### QUARTERFINALS

Tartan 72, Blaine 44  
Chaska 71, Lakeville South 53  
Apple Valley 75, Wayzata 73  
Maple Grove 82, Alexandria 65

### SEMIFINALS

Chaska 60, Tartan 51  
Apple Valley 73, Maple Grove 63

### CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS

Lakeville South 82, Blaine 57  
Wayzata 89, Alexandria 50

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Chaska 63, Apple Valley 55

### THIRD PLACE

Tartan 92, Maple Grove 85

### FIFTH PLACE

Wayzata 79, Lakeville South 64

## CLASS 3A

### QUARTERFINALS

Totino-Grace 90, Minneapolis South 56  
Northfield 56, Mankato East 49  
DeLaSalle 87, Grand Rapids 37  
Richfield 72, Sartell 62

### SEMIFINALS

Totino-Grace 89, Northland 61  
DeLaSalle 73, Richfield 70

### CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS

Mankato East 69, Minneapolis South 60  
Sartell 72, Grand Rapids 64

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Totino-Grace 72, DeLaSalle 70

### THIRD PLACE

Richfield 78, Northfield 70

### FIFTH PLACE

Mankato East 54, Sartell 51

## CLASS 2A

### QUARTERFINALS

Goodhue 70, Perham 49  
Albany 85, Jackson County Central 49  
Pequot Lakes 69, Blake 60  
Minnehaha Academy 77, Waseca 59

### SEMIFINALS

Goodhue 76, Albany 74  
Minnehaha Academy 50, Pequot Lakes 46

### CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS

Jackson County Central 69, Perham 55  
Waseca 52, Blake 50

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Minnehaha Academy 81, Goodhue 69

### THIRD PLACE

Pequot Lakes 55, Albany 50

### FIFTH PLACE

Jackson County Central 66, Waseca 65

## CLASS 1A

### QUARTERFINALS

Henning 61, Upsala 45  
Hills-Beaver Creek 72, Southland 69  
Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton 81, Cherry 72  
Red Lake County Central 85, Liberty Classical 63

### SEMIFINALS

Hills-Beaver Creek 71, Henning 67, OT  
Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton 67,  
Red Lake County Central 58

### CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS

Southland 74, Upsala 67  
Liberty Classical Academy 79, Cherry 63

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Hills-Beaver Creek 64, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton 33

### THIRD PLACE

Henning 79, Red Lake County Central 67

### FIFTH PLACE

Liberty Classical 56, Southland 53

# All-state tournament teams



## CLASS 4A

Nolen Anderson and Christian Wiggins, Wayzata; Max Iverson, Maple Grove; Kevin Wilson Jr. and Duke King, Tartan; Trey Parker and Camara Young, Apple Valley; Jed Keenan, Tyler Forrest and Kalin Jochum, Chaska

## CLASS 3A

Lewis Maddox, Sartell; Briggs Meyer, Mankato East; Kayden Oakland, Northfield; Waleed Muhammad, Richfield; Jaeden Udean, Ichima Idoko, and Deon Wallace-Johnson, DeLaSalle; Dothan Ijadimbola, Jaylan Hynes and DeAngelo Dungey, Totino-Grace



## CLASS 2A

Roman Voss, Jackson County Central; Ashton Olson, Albany; Gus McKenna and Samuel Afagwu, Pequot Lakes; Luke Roschen, Alex Loos, and Owen Roschen, Goodhue; Ayden Green, Kellen Troup and Carter Cupito, Minnehaha Academy



## CLASS 1A

Tate Gergen, Southland; Sam Rupnow, Liberty Classical; Will Gieseke, Red Lake County Central; Kale Misegades, Henning; Daulton Bauer and Gavin Bauer, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton; Riggins Rheault, Brodie Metzger, Jamin Metzger, and Micah Bush, Hills-Beaver Creek.



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- ND - Grand Forks Jr Grand Am April 10-12
- WI - Badgerland State Championships March 7-8 & 14-15



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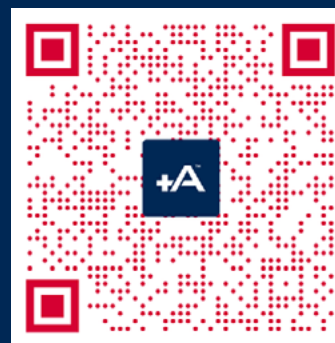
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