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Three reigning champs among boys' No. 1's

By Bruce Strand

Park Center captured the school's first boys basketball state championship last March, with an all-senior starting lineup. So, the Pirates are looking at a rebuilding year, right?

Hardly. Coach James Ware's backups and JV's from the gold medal team were so impressive over the summer — winning our Pacesetter Sweet Sixteen, for instance — that they were the consensus No. 1 pick in our informal poll of metro coaches. So it's Park Center again atop the Class 4A rankings in MBBN's pre-season list.

We've installed two other defending champions — Totino-Grace in Class 3A and Hayfield in Class 1A — as number one teams, along with Minnehaha Academy, which has five titles in the last nine tournaments, but not last year, in Class 2A. But these are just pre-season rankings; we'll start finding out for real next week.

CLASS 4A -- Park Center's stalwarts include Casmir Chavis (replacing Mr. Basketball Braeden Carrington



Taison Chatman, the state's top-ranked senior recruit, leads 3A champion Totino-Grace. He has committed to Ohio State.

as floor leader), Kaden Cook, Jack Burgess, Jackson Fowlkes, CJ O'Hara and Chiang Ring. Chavis transferred from DeLaSalle early last season. O'Hara played for the Pirates in junior high, transferred to Totino-Grace and then Hopkins, and returned to PC this year. Ring transferred from Minneapolis South, where he averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Also seen as prime contenders are Lakeville North, with four starters back from a 19-9 team, led by 6-foot-10 Nolan Winter, a Wisconsin Badgers recruit; Wayzata, state runner-up last year and champ the year before, with another solid lineup led by all-tourney pick Hayden Tibbits; and Minnetonka, with four players back who combined for 67

ppg on a 18-9 team.

CLASS 3A -- Totino-Grace could be difficult to dislodge from the top spot in 3A after snagging their school's first championship. Last winter, the T-G could have stood for Towering and Gritty. It will be more of the same this year with all-tourney picks Taison Chatman and Patrick Bath returning along with Tommy Humphries and

Pirates, T-G, Minnehaha, Hayfield top lists

Zy'Lerre Stewart. Chatman, 6-foot-4 point guard, is ranked first among state prospects, and the 6-foot-9 Bath fourth, by 24/7. Chatman has committed to Ohio State. The Eagles added Isaiah Johnson-Arigo, who transferred from Osseo where he averaged 12.7 points.

DeLaSalle, 12-time state champion and last year's runner-up, will again have a lot to say about who's the best in 3A, returning six guys from their regular lineup, led by 23-points-per game guard Nasir Whitlock. They added Jaden Morgan, a 15-ppg scorer at Two Rivers last year. Orono, led by an excellent guard combo of Isaiah Hagen and Kyle Kallenbach, is another strong challenger. In Totino-Grace's own section, Mahtomedi could be a handful, with five starters back, all seniors, from an 18-8 team, led by 23-ppg guard Owen Carlson, not to mention getting their best player back, guard Will Underwood, who drilled 24 ppg as a sophomore and missed last season with a football injury.

CLASS 2A -- After Annandale nabbed its first state championship last year but graduated everybody, the consensus Class 2A top three are Minnehaha Academy, Holy Family Catholic and Plainview-Elgin-Millville.

MBBN is tabbing Minnehaha Academy number one, boasting four of our top 50 picks in 3A. Rolyns Aligbe and Leroy Barnes will take on bigger roles this year, and the Redhawks added two high-scoring junior transfers, Lorenzo Levy (from Concordia) and Jerome Williams (from Minneapolis South).

Holy Family Catholic, 14-14 last year, is attracting attention as a top contender with their 6-foot-11 senior star



Holy Family's Boden Kapke posed with Butler coach Thad Matta after committing.

Boden Kapke (27 points, 14.7 rebounds per game last year) getting some new help. HFC brought back its former coach, Joe Burger, who spent the last nine years coaching Edina, and a talented, versatile guard, Kole Hanson, came with him, transferring from Edina. The Fire also added a 6-foot-11 Canadian, Colin Mullholland. Kapke, No. 3 ranked state recruit, has committed to Butler University.

Plainview-Elgin-Millville went 28-2 last year, losing only to state runner-up Caledonia (triple OT in section finals). The Bulldogs should make another strong run, led by seniors Kaden Peters (17 ppg) and Aeron Stevens (16.7 ppg).

CLASS 1A -- Hayfield, two years ago, came out of nowhere to win a wide-open Class 1A field for the school's first state championship. They were ranked first last year and came

through with another state title. The Vikings are the logical No. 1 pick again in preseason, returning three starters from the 2022 state champs. Senior guard Isaac Matti has 1,546 points as a starter since eighth grade and the Vikings are 101-17 so far during his tenure. Matti and Ethan Pack were all-tourney picks last year; also back is post Zander Jacobson.

Three more 2022 state tourney teams are top challengers — Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa, which lost a close title game to Hayfield and returns all-tourney picks Kaden Pieper and Luke Dingman; New Life Academy, returning five starters from the state third-place team; and Cherry, fourth place last year, powered by brilliant junior guard Isaac Asuma and his younger brother and cousin.

Traditional powers top girls pre-season lists

By Kevin Anderson

Tradition rules up and down the first poll. Teams that had success last year return to the top of the list in three of the four classes ready to defend their titles from 2022. Three of the four teams were number one to begin the 2021-22 season last year.

CLASS 4A -- The top four teams in AAAA all live in the Lake Conference, the premier girls basketball conference in the state. Every night will be a battle in that league. The Hopkins Royals are perennial favorites out of the gate. They have held on to the No.1 spot in the poll for 56 weeks. The last team not named Hopkins to lead the poll was Eastview in the last poll of the 2017-18 season on February 28. With BCS type recruits in Nunu Agara (Stanford), Taylor Woodson (Michigan), and Liv McGill the Royals have royalty.

Moving from the eastside of Minnetonka (where Hopkins high school is situated) to the westside we find the No. 2 team Minnetonka. Former Hopkins coach Brian Cosgriff has changed blues to become the skipper of the Skippers. STMA has Tessa Johnson, who has signed with the defending national champs South Carolina. The Knights were state runners-up last year. Eden Prairie won the Sweet 16 tournament in August beating powers Providence, Minnetonka and then Hopkins. They return experience and depth. The Eagles live in the most wicked section of the state, Section 2, and that won't change this year with Tonka, and Chaska in the mix.

CLASS 3A -- The killer Bs rule in AAA with Becker and Benilde expected to fight it out for supremacy in the class. The Bulldogs have been in every state title game going back to 2019 and they would like to cap the senior careers of Dani Nuest and Maren Westin with a

title that eluded them in last year's title game. Becker can make it rain from behind the arc and they like to run the floor. That makes it difficult to defend for opponents. Benilde-St. Margaret's went to the state tournament last year. The Knights lost in the quarters and are expected to last until Saturday this year with Olivia Olsen, a future Michigan Wolverine, leading the way. BSM is now under the direction of Tim Ellefson, formerly of Hutchinson.



Taylor Woodson seeks another title before moving on to Michigan.

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CLASS 2A -- The top three spots belong to metro private schools in AA. If we slide down to the six spot, then five belong to the privates. The only public school to crash that list is Goodhue. The Providence Academy Lions have youthful experience and size, a potent combination in AA. Two Counts sisters remain while Maddyn Greenway directs the offense. St. Croix Lutheran has a pair of players headed to St. Thomas --- Laura Hauge a bomber, and Zoey Washington. The Redhawks of Minnehaha also are in the hunt with the Hill sisters and Addie Mack.

CLASS 1A -- Last year's champion Hancock has the Rohloff twins (Karleigh & Kaitlyn) along with Misti Zempel and Kaitlyn Staples to help lead the Owls. Mountain Iron-Buhl is another of the perennial powers. The Rangers last year were the No. 1 seed only to lose in a heartbreaking overtime quarterfinal to eventual runner up Minneota. MIB has a long distance threat with Jordan Zubich plus the work ethic that makes the Rangers no strangers to the state tournament. Hayfield has an inside-outside combination of juniors Kristen Watson and Natalie Beaver. They fell also to Minneota--in the semis.

No doubt the 2022-23 season will provide drama, thrills, surprises, and legendary performances. Grab your popcorn. The season awaits.

BOYS PRESEASON TOP 20

CLASS 4A

1. Park Center
2. Lakeville North
3. Wayzata
4. Minnetonka
5. Eastview
6. East Ridge
7. Osseo
8. Lakeville South
9. Eden Prairie
10. Bloomington
Jefferson
11. Shakopee
12. Andover
13. White Bear Lake
14. Stillwater
15. Rosemount
16. Hopkins
17. Moorhead
18. Robbinsdale
Armstrong
19. Elk River
20. Northfield

CLASS 3A

1. Totino-Grace
2. DeLaSalle
3. Orono
4. Mahtomedi
5. Benilde-
St. Margaret's
6. Stewartville
7. Columbia
Heights
8. Austin
9. Mankato East
10. St. Cloud Tech
11. St. Thomas
Academy
12. Princeton
13. New Ulm
14. Hermantown
15. Delano
16. Richfield
17. Kasson-
Mantorville
18. Mankato West
19. Simley
20. Becker

CLASS 2A

1. Minnehaha
Academy
2. Holy Family
Catholic
3. Plainview-
Elgin-Millville
4. Lake City
5. Perham
6. Minneapolis
North
7. Maple River
8. Pequot Lakes
9. Watertown-
Mayer
10. Mora
11. Albany
12. Sauk Centre
13. Esko
14. Maranatha
Christian
15. West Central
Area
16. Hiawatha
Collegiate
17. Concordia
Academy
18. New London-
Spicer
19. Thief River
Falls
20. Milaca

CLASS 1A

1. Hayfield
2. Belgrade-
Brooten-Elrosa
3. New Life
Academy
4. Cherry
5. Cass Lake-
Bena
6. Henning
7. Mountain
Iron-Buhl
8. Goodhue
9. Martin
County West
10. Russell-
Tyler-Ruthton
11. Mankato
Loyola
12. Spring Grove
13. Deer River
14. Fertile-
Beltrami
15. Legacy
Christian
16. Lakeview
17. Lyle-Pacelli
18. Border West
19. Nevis
20. Browerville

GIRLS PRESEASON TOP 20

CLASS 4A

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

CLASS 3A

1. Becker
2. Benilde-St. Margaret's
3. Grand Rapids
4. Alexandria
5. Holy Angels
6. Detroit Lakes
7. Marshall
8. St. Peter
9. Stewartville
10. DeLaSalle
11. Orono
12. New Ulm
13. Jordan
14. Hill-Murray
15. Red Wing
16. Mahtomedi
17. Visitation
18. Kasson-Mantorville
19. Monticello
20. Mankato West

CLASS 2A

1. Providence Academy
2. St. Croix Lutheran
3. Minnehaha Academy
4. Goodhue
5. Holy Family Catholic
6. Rochester Lourdes
7. Sauk Centre
8. Albany
9. Montevideo
10. Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial
11. New London-Spicer
12. Glencoe-Silver Lake
13. Perham
14. Luverne
15. Pine City
16. Caledonia
17. Minnewaska Area
18. Maple River
19. Minneapolis Roosevelt
20. Plainview-Elgin-Millville

CLASS 1A

1. Hancock
2. Mountain Iron-Buhl
3. Hayfield
4. Underwood
5. Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart
6. Minneota
7. Sleepy Eye
8. Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa
9. Mayer Lutheran
10. United Christian
11. Lac qui Parle Valley
12. Wheaton-Herman-Norcross
13. Fosston
14. Grand Meadow
15. Chisholm
16. Henning
17. Fertile-Beltrami
18. South Ridge
19. Braham
20. New York Mills

Notable coaching changes

Larry McKenzie

Larry McKenzie was named to the Minnesota High School Basketball Hall of Fame this past spring, then resigned as Minneapolis North coach shortly after the season. He was replaced by a 12-year NBA veteran, Ricky Davis, who spent two years with the Timberwolves. McKenzie collected four state championships at Minneapolis Patrick Henry and two more at North in his 24-year career, with a career record of 481-166. His final team was Class 2A runner-up to Annandale. McKenzie told the Star-Tribune that the game had changed a little too much for him. "It is moving from what for me was a team sport to more of an individual sport pretending to be a team sport," McKenzie said. "Especially now with name, image and likeness — and it's coming to high school — it's really more about building your social media brand, getting likes, trying to get paid and those kind of things." However, McKenzie resurfaced this fall as an assistant coach for Park Center, the defending Class 4A champions,

Brian Cosgriff

Brian Cosgriff, who ended a wildly successful career with the Hopkins girls by resigning after the 2020 season, is back as head coach at another metro power, Minnetonka. Cosgriff's Hopkins teams won seven state titles in his 21 years and compiled a 569-67 record, including 35-6 in state tournament games. Last year, Cosgriff served as an assistant coach for the Providence Academy girls, who won the Class 2A championship. He told the Star-Tribune, "It felt good to be back in [Williams Arena]. When the job opened up, a few people reached out to [me] and wondered if I'd be interested. I talked it over with my family. It felt good to be wanted again."

Todd Anderson

DeLaSalle, the school with the most state championships in boys basketball, has a new head coach -- Todd Anderson, an assistant in the program for 24 years. He succeeds Todd Bledsoe, who had coached five seasons, with five section titles and one state title, left to become head coach at Anoka-Ramsey Community College. When Anderson was named coach in late July, he stated, "Today I've had a bunch of calls and texts from

former players, friends, family, other coaches. It's really humbling, number one. It's emotional. I bleed black and gold because I've been here so long. Lucky to be a part of it." DeLaSalle has collected 12 state championships, seven of them since 2012. Six of those were under Dave Thorson, now a member of the Gophers staff.

Khalid El-Amin

Khalid El-Amin, one of the greatest prep players in state history, is the new coach at St. Thomas Academy. El-Amin was the dynamic 5-foot-10 point guard for Minneapolis North's run of three consecutive state championships in 1995-96-97 and was Mr. Basketball as a senior. He led UConn to NCAA championship in 1999, then had a brief NBA career followed by a lengthy career overseas. One of his high school highlights was beating St. Thomas Academy 67-65 in the 1996 state semifinals with his ninth three-pointer of the game, at the buzzer, a shot that went viral on ESPN's highlights. El-Amin has led camps for 12 years, both El-Amin Training and Minneapolis Nike Basketball Camps.

Joel McDonald

Joel McDonald, a former prep legend and member of one of the state's most prominent coaching families, ended his 24-year tenure as Hibbing boys basketball coach, turning in his resignation in June. Thomas Aune, a Hibbing alum who has coached the JV since 1999, is the new head coach. McDonald led nearby Chisholm to a state championship in 1991 and graduated as the state all-time scoring leader (at the time), then starred at St Cloud State. He played for his father, Bob, the only Minnesota coach with more than 1,000 wins. Coaching has been pretty much the family business. His late father coached for 53 years. His brothers Mike and Tom are longtime coaches at Cambridge-Isanti and Ely, respectively. His brother Paul coached at Vermillion Community College for 29 years. "It's just not a very McDonald family thing to do, to consider quitting before you need to quit or should quit," he acknowledged to a local radio station. He also commented, "I don't remember a winter without basketball. I don't think there's ever been one, and I'm going on 50 in October."

-- Bruce Strand

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Back to Normal?

By Jeff McCarron

Are we back to normal yet? Let's hope so.

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This year should be another exciting season. Here are a few thoughts that come to mind for me:

Gopher Coaches

It doesn't get any better than having Lindsey Whalen and Ben Johnson as coaches. I LOVE that the U of M has finally selected two head coaches who are Gopher player alums and Minnesota natives. After the revolving doors in both basketball offices over the last 50 years, we now have two young head coaches who are set to build strong, reputable programs – if given the time and support.

Katie B

I also love seeing Katie Borowicz, "Katie B", back on the



Jeff McCarron

- tune in, or better yet, go to Williams and cheer them on! They could be something special.

court for the maroon and gold – especially after her neck surgery last year. I met this little tike from Roseau when she was about ten years old. She had a MN Lynx painted on her cheek as she sat in the Target Center, watching her two older sisters win our Pacesetter Great Five-State championships. If you haven't seen Katie B and the young Gopher women play – most are freshmen

Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins girls

Oh my, is this going to be a season! You have Brian Cosgriff, legendary Hopkins coach, now coaching for main rival, Minnetonka. They are rated 1-2. Then you have Eden Prairie, who I saw beat both Hopkins and Minnetonka in our Sweet 16 in August. Eden Prairie is one of those special "teams" that are dangerous – they are all complete players and play together. Check the schedules of these teams and get out to see Minnesota basketball at its best.

Players jumping teams

I don't like it and I hope something can be done about it. We had the Minneapolis South boys team set to play in our Sweet 16 in August. After some of their key players played in an AAU tournament in Las Vegas, they told their South coach they would no longer be playing for him.

Dew's back on the bench!

Pat Dewey from Sandstone, another Minnesota legend, will be back on the bench at age 75, assisting his son, Dr. Paul Dewey, who is stepping from an assistant role into the head job for the Moose Lake-Willow River boys. Paul's son, Luke, is a junior. Go Deweys! Go Rebels!

GIRLS TOP 50 IN EACH CLASS

CLASS 4A

Andover: Morgan Miller (jr G)
Anoka: Madlin Freking (so G)
Armstrong: Savannah McGowan (sr F)
Blaine: Molly Garber (sr G)
Chaska: Anna Lenzen (sr G), Kennedy Sanders (sr G)
Centennial: Marisa Frost (jr G)
Champlin Park: Ava Holman (jr G)
East Ridge: Emily Christenson (jr G), Grace Knupp (sr G), Sidney Klauer (jr G)
Eastview: Savannah Gardner (jr F), Kaitlyn Schaefer (jr G)
Eden Prairie: Molly Lenz (sr G), Tori Schlagel (so G)
Elk River: Ella Johnson (sr F)
Hopkins: Nunu Agara (sr F), Liv McGill (jr G), Taylor Woodson (sr F)
Lakeville North: Gabby Betton (jr G), Trinity Wilson (jr C)
Lakeville South: Finley Ohnstad (jr F)
Maple Grove: Kennedy Klick (sr G), Jordan Ode (so G), Claire Stern (jr F)
Minnetonka: Aaliyah Crump (so F), Tori McKinney jr G)
Osseo: Aalayah Wilson (sr G)
Park-Cottage Grove: Sydney Nelson (sr G)
Prior Lake: Bree Bowman (so F), Lauren Pawlyshyn (sr G)
Rochester Century: Taylor Clarey (jr G)
Rochester Mayo: Hannah Hanson (sr G), Ava Miller (jr F)
Rogers: Clara Glad (sr F), Katelyn Maciej (sr F)
Roseville Area: Drew Johnston (sr G)
Sartell: Avery Templin (sr G)
Shakopee: Olivia Pawlicki (jr F)
Spring Lake Park: Mikayla Thomas (jr F)
St. Louis Park: Shantell Harden (sr G)
St. Michael-Albertville: Ja'Kahla Craft (jr F), Tessa Johnson (sr G)
Stillwater: Lexi Karlen (sr G), Amy Thompson (jr G)
Tartan: Vienna Murray (fr G)
Wayzata: Shannon Fornshell (sr F), Sophie Hawkinson (so G), Abby Krzewsinski (sr F), Brynn Senden (sr G)

CLASS 3A

Alexandria: Chloe Scholl (so G), Hadley Thul (so G)
Austin: Olivia Walsh (sr F)
Becker: Ayla Brown (sr G), Dani Nuest (sr G), Maren Westin (sr G)
Benilde-St. Margaret's: Kendall McGee (so G), Olivia Olsen (jr G)
Byron: Kendra Harvey (so G)
Chisago Lakes: Emily Erickson (sr G)
Delano: Abbie Pietila (fr G)
Detroit Lakes: Jaycee Hauser (sr G) Abby Larson (sr G), Grace Gunderson (sr G)
Fridley: Brandi Washington (So. G)
Grand Rapids: Taryn Hamling (sr G), Jessika Lofstrom (sr F)
Hill-Murray: Hailey Wolgamot (jr G)
Holy Angels: Ella Pritchard (sr F)
Hutchinson: Brynn Beffert (sr F), Savannah Schlueter (sr G)
Jordan: Savi Borowicz (so G), Jenna Kluxdal (so G)
Kasson-Mantorville: Abby Shubert (sr G)
Mahtomedi: Anna Greene (so F), Sonya Potthoff (sr G), Mya Wilson (8th grade G)
Mankato East: Peyton Stevermer (sr G)
Mankato West: Teresa Kieweit (sr F)
Marshall: Leah Jones (sr G), Bri Simpson (sr G)
Monticello: Samantha Voll (fr G)
New Ulm: Daviney Dreckman (jr G), Brooklyn Lewis (fr G)
North St. Paul: Lakesha Thomas (sr G)
Orono: Lauren Knudson (sr G), Mya Moore (fr G)
Red Wing: Sammi Chandler (sr G), Sophia Rahn (sr G)
Rocori: Jada Bierschbach (sr G)
Sauk Rapids-Rice: Grace Roesch (Sr. G)
St. Anthony: Stella Timmins (So. G)
St. Paul Como Park: Shania Van Nett (Sr. G)
St. Peter: Rhyan Holmgren (jr G), Annika Southworth (so G)
Stewartville: Audrey Shindelar (fr G), Haley Strum (st G)
Visitation: Sam Wills (so G)
Worthington: Ellie Weg (sr G)
Zimmerman: Payton McEachern (sr G)

GIRLS TOP 50 IN EACH CLASS

CLASS 2A

Albany: Kylan Gerads (jr G), Alyssa Sand (jr C)
Belle Plaine: Josie Schmidt (jr G)
Caledonia: Ava Privet (sr G)
Cannon Falls: Taylor Johnson (sr C)
Crookston: Halle Winjum (jr G)
Crosby-Ironton: Tori Oehrlein (fr G)
Duluth Marshall: Regan Juenemann (so G)
Eden Valley-Watkins: Whitney Jansen (sr G)
Esko: Avery Kuklinski (sr G)
Goodhue: Elisabeth Gadiant (jr G), Tori Miller (sr F)
Holdingford: Maddy Mitchell (jr G)
Holy Family: Sophi Hall (sr G), Jocelyn Land (jr G)
International Falls: Olivia Thostenson (jr F)
Jackson County Central: Maci Farmer (sr F)
Kimball: Ellie Kuechle (sr G), Kristen Hilbert (sr G)
Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial: Olivia Harazin (sr G)
Litchfield: Greta Hansen (sr F)
Luverne: Elizabeth Wagner (sr G)
Maranatha Christian: Chloe Jarnot (sr G)
Milaca: Maggie Westling (sr G)
Minneapolis Roosevelt: Olivia Wren (jr G)
Minnehaha Academy: Angel Hill (jr G), Addison Mack (so G)
Montevideo: Avery Koenen (sr F)
New London-Spicer: Avery Rich (sr G)
NRHEG: Sidney Schultz (sr G)
Pelican Rapids: Morgan Korf (fr G)
Perham: Mya Morris (sr G)
Pequot Lakes: Isabel Larson (jr G), Maci Martini (sr G)
Pierz: Ashley Kimman (sr G)
Pine City: Sophie Lahti (sr F)
Plainview-Elgin-Millville: Abigail O'Reilly (sr F)
Providence Academy: Grace Counts (sr F), Hope Counts (so F), Maddyn Greenway (fr G)
Rochester Lourdes: Vivica Bretton (sr F), Ella Hopkins (sr C)
Royalton: Kylie Waytashek (jr G)
Sauk Centre: Jenna Gapinski-Vogt (sr F)
St. Croix Lutheran: Laura Hauge (jr G), Zoey Washington (sr G)
Triton: Brylee Iverson (sr F)
Waseca: Kloe Wadd (sr C)
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown: Alayna Atheron (jr F)
Winona Cotter: Allyssa Williams (sr G)

CLASS 1A

Barnum: Rayna Klejeski (sr F)
Belgrade-Brooklyn-Elrosa: Abby Berge (sr G)
BOLD: Mari Ryberg (sr G)
Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart: Kristi Kottke (jr G), Rachel Kottke (jr G), Allison Milbrandt (sr F)
Cass Lake-Bena: Gabby Fineday (so G)
Chisholm: Tresa Baumgard (sr F)
Cromwell-Wright: Sascha Korpela (sr F)
GHECTL: McKenna Benck (jr G)
Goodridge-Grygla-Gatzke: Caitlyn Jacobson (sr G)
Grand Meadow: Kendyl Queensland (sr G)
Hancock: Kaitlyn Rohloff (so G), Karleigh Rohloff (so G), Misti Zempel (jr F)
Hayfield: Natalie Beaver (jr F), Betsy Gillette (sr G), Kristen Watson (jr G)
Houston: Sydney Torgerson (sr G)
Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg: Madelynn Luft (so F)
Lac qui Parle Valley: Camryn Lee (sr F), Taylor Shelstad (sr G)
Legacy Christian: Hannah Compton (sr G)
Lester Prairie: Addison Hoof (sr G)
Mahnomen-Waubun: Kendra Syverson (sr G)
Martin County West: Emily Anderson (so G)
Mayer Lutheran: Madeline Guetzkow (sr G)
Minneota: Ireland Stassen (sr G)
MN Valley Lutheran: Ella Mullenbach (so G)
Mountain Iron-Buhl: Sage Ganyo (sr G), Hali Savelle (jr G), Jordan Zubich (jr G)
Ogilvie: Kadence Pearce (fr G)
Pine River-Backus: Ramsey Tulenchik (sr G)
Randolph: Paige Ford (sr G)
Rushford-Peterson: Kaylee Ruberg (sr F)
Sleepy Eye: Kadence Hesse (jr G), Brea Mertz (jr F)
South Ridge: Adella Olesiak (sr G), Svea Snickers (jr G)
Springfield: Brooklyn Sturm (jr G)
Southwest MN Christian: Ana Veldkamp (jr G)
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton: Jordan Munson (sr G)
Underwood: Elizabeth Lukken (jr G)
United Christian: Elizabeth Corley (jr G), Allie Vinar (jr G), Avery Vinar (jr G)
Walker-Hackensack-Akeley: Aubrey Morrison (so G)
Wheaton-Herman-Norcross: Brylie Schultz (sr C)

BOYS TOP 50 IN EACH CLASS

CLASS 4A

Andover: Ben Kopetzki (sr G), Samuel Musing (sr G)
Bloomington Jefferson: Daniel Freitag (jr G)
Bemidji: Isaac Severts (sr G)
Brainerd: John Pecarich (sr G)
Buffalo: Nate Dahl (sr G)
Burnsville: Khalif Bettis (sr F)
Chanhassen: Max Woods (jr G)
Coon Rapids: Khi-John Cummings-Coleman (jr G)
Duluth East: Jobe Juenemann (sr G)
Eagan: Emmanuel Schmitter (sr G)
East Ridge: Alex Mattes (sr G)
Elk River: Cade Osterman (sr G)
Eastview: Chet Kloss (sr F), Dylan Omweno (sr G)
Eden Prairie: Chiddi Obiazor (sr W)
Farmington: Baiden Bean (sr G)
Forest Lake: Owen Waldoch (jr F)
Hopkins: Jayden Moore (fr G)
Lakeville North: Nolan Winter (sr F), Jack Robison (jr F/G), Hudson Vaith (sr G)
Lakeville South: Jackson Ressler (sr G)
Maple Grove: Lincoln Palbicki (sr P), Raoul Vaidya (sr G)
Minnetonka: Ibrahim El-Amin (sr G), Jalen Cain (sr G/F), Jordan Cain (jr G/F), Andy Stefonowicz (jr G)
Moorhead: Adam Jenkins (sr C/F)
Northfield: Soren Richardson (sr G)
Osseo: Treyton Smith (sr G), De'Mari Larkins (jr G)
Park Center — CJ O'Hara (sr G), Chiang Ring (jr F), JJ Ware (sr F), Casimir Chavis (jr G)
Prior Lake: Gavin Pierce (sr G), Joshua Ofori (sr F)
Rochester Mayo: Isaiah Hanson (sr G/F)
Robbinsdale Armstrong: Seth Newbern (sr G), Owen Skram (sr F)
Robbinsdale Cooper: Sam Massaquoi (sr G)
Rosemount: Anish Ramiall (sr G)
Stillwater: Max Shikenjanski (sr G)
Wayzata: Hayden Tibbets (sr G), Spencer Hall (sr G), Jackson McAndrew (jr F)
White Bear Lake: Jack Janicki (sr G), Wyatt Hawks (sr F)

CLASS 3A

Albert Lea: Pal Wal (sr G)
Alexandria: Grayson Grove (jr F)
Austin: Ater Manyon (sr G)
Benilde-St. Margaret's: Jaylen Wilson (so F)
Becker: Brady Paulin (sr F)
Byron: Isaac Dearborn (sr G)
Cambridge-Isanti: Kobe Karels (sr G)
Chisago Lakes: Patrick Rowe (jr G/F)
Columbia Heights: Jency Davis (jr G), Randy McClendon (jr G)
Delano: Will Strandemo (jr G), Jackson Stewart (sr F)
DeLaSalle: Nasir Whitlock (sr G), Isreal Moses (sr F), Jaden Morgan (jr F)
Hermantown: Keaton Christianson (sr G), Blake Schmitz (sr G)
Mankato East: Brogan Madson (so G), Carson Schweim (jr F)
Mankato West: Landon Dimler (jr G)
Mahtomedi: Will Underwood (sr F), Owen Carlson (sr G), Cole Armitage (sr G), AJ McCleery (sr G)
New Ulm: Colton Benson (jr F), James Osborne (jr F)
North Branch: Carlson Klein (sr G)
Orono: Isaiah Hagen (sr G), Kyle Kallenbach (sr G)
Princeton: Cooper Drews (sr G/F)
Richfield: CJ Armstrong (so G), Jalen Hayes (sr G/F)
Sauk Rapids-Rice: Hudson Omoke (so G)
Stewartville: Henry Tschetter (jr G), Teagan Malone (jr G)
Rocori: Jack Spanier (sr G/F)
St. Cloud Tech: Tameron Ferguson (jr G), Dontae Horshaw (sr G)
St. Francis: Mathew Bothun (sr F)
St. Thomas Academy: Michael Kirchner (sr F)
Simley: Kaiden Reid-Aaron (sr G)
South St. Paul: DeVaun Simmons (sr G-F)
Totino-Grace: Taison Chatman (sr G), Tommy Humphries (sr F), Patrick Bath (sr F)
Willmar: Blake Schoolmeester (sr C/F)
Winona: Bryan Cassellius (sr G)
Worthington: Kaleb Knothe (jr G)
Zimmerman: Caden Spence (sr G) Isaiah Johnson-Arigo (jr F), Zy'Lerre Stewart (jr G)
Willmar: Blake Schoolmeester (sr C/F)
Winona: Bryan Cassellius (sr G)
Worthington: Kaleb Knothe (jr G)
Zimmerman: Caden Spence (sr G)

BOYS TOP 50 IN EACH CLASS

CLASS 2A

Albany: Tyson Gerads (sr G)
Blake: Grayson Okoronwko (jr G)
Brooklyn Center: Quayavant Douglas (sr G)
Chatfield: Drew Schindler (sr G)
Concordia Academy: AJ Greene (sr G)
Fairmont: Sawyer Tordsen (sr F)
Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton: Owen Leach (sr F)
Esko: Makoi Perich (jr F), Cuinn Berger (sr G)
Glencoe-Silver Lake: Eli Ehrke (jr G)
Hawley: Sam Senske (sr F)
Hiawatha Collegiate: Jessye Lewis (sr G), Romelle Bell (sr F)
Holy Family Catholic: Boden Kapke (sr C-F), Kole Hanson (jr G)
Maple River: Mason Schirmer (sr G)
LaCrescent-Hokah: Carter Todd (sr F-G)
Lake City: Ryan Heise (sr F), Hunter Lorenson (jr G)
Lake Crystal-Wellc. Mem.: Zack Wells (sr G)
Luverne: Gannon Ahrendt (sr F)
Melrose: Connor Engelmeyer (jr G)
Milaca: Peyton Hunt (sr G), Lewis Wolbert (sr G)
Minneapolis Edison: Micah Young (sr G)
Minneapolis North: Max Wilson (sr G), Zashon Rich (jr G)
Minnehaha Academy: Rolyns Aligbe (sr P), Leroy Barnes (sr F), Lorenzo Levy (jr G), Jerome Williams Jr. (jr G)
Mora: Max Sampson (sr G)
New London-Spicer: Brycen Christensen (sr G/F/C)
NRHEG: Dexter Lee (jr G)
Norwood-Yng. America: Braeden O'Neill (sr F)
Pequot Lakes: Eli Loposky (sr G)
Perham: Soren Anderson (sr F-G), Micah Thompson (sr G-F)
Pine City: Luke Wilson (sr G)
Plainview-Elgin-Millville: Kaiden Peters (sr F), Aeron Stevens (sr F)
Rush City: Anthony Daas (sr G)
Rock Ridge: Grant Hansen (sr G), Carter Mavec (jr G)
Sauk Centre: Jay Neubert (jr G)
Thief River Falls: Jack Manning (sr C), Jack Rosendahl (sr G)
Two Harbors: Trent Gomez (sr G)
Watertown-Mayer: John Mueller (sr F)
Windom Area: Henry Erickson (sr G)

CLASS 1A

Ada-Borup: Cameron Spaeth (jr G)
Badger-Grnbsh-Mid. River: Zach Blawat (sr C)
Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa: Kaden Pieper (sr G), Luke Dingman (jr F)
BOLD: Ryan King (sr F)
Border West: Cliff Determan (sr G-F), Dylan Bainbridge (sr G)
Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stew.: Chase Hubin (sr G)
Cass Lake-Bena: Dominic Fairbanks (jr G), Kaydin Lee (jr G)
Cherry: Isaac Asuma (jr G)
Dawson-Boyd: Keegon Wicht (sr G)
Deer River: Ethan Williams (sr G-F)
Duluth Marshall: Brooks Johnson (so F/G)
Ely: Joey Bianco (sr G)
Fertile-Beltrami: Caiden Swenby (jr G)
Fillmore Central: Jayce Keihne (jr G-F)
Goodhue: Will Opsdahl (sr G)
Goodridge-Grygla-Gatzke: Lewis Jones (jr G-F)
Hayfield: Isaac Matte (sr G), Ethan Pack (sr G), Zander Jacobson (jr C)
Henning: Mason Hammer (sr F), Tyson Misegades (sr G)
Kaleidoscope Charter: Michael Jude (sr G)
Lakeview: Nathan Fenske (sr G/F)
Legacy Christian: Aiden Johnson (sr F), Micah Strand (jr G)
Lyle-Pacelli: Buay Koak (sr C-F), Jake Truckenmiller (sr G)
MACCRAY: Isaac Post (jr G)
Mankato Loyola: Lawson Godfrey (sr G)
Martin County West: Zach Anderson (sr F)
Mountain Lake/Comfrey: Carter Olson (jr G)
Mountain Iron-Buhl: Asher Zubich (sr G), Nicholas Jesch (sr G)
New Life Academy: Erick Reader (sr F), Max Briggs (sr G)
Nevis: John Paul Benson (jr F)
New Ulm Cathedral: Jevan Wilfahrt (jr G)
Russell-Tyler-Ruthton: Aiden Wichmann (sr G), Drew Werkman (jr F)
South Ridge: Austin Josephson (sr C)
Southwest MN Christian: Dawson Rieck (sr G)
Spring Grove: Elijah Solum (jr G), Tyson Grinde (sr G)
Sleepy Eye St. Mary's: Kaleb Wait (sr G)
West Lutheran: Isaiah Ronning (jr G)
Win-E-Mac: Justin Courneya (jr G)

2023 **PACESSETTER**

Minnesota YOUTH BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Region Playoffs

Boys & Girls Grades 4-9

ALL GRADES REFER TO THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

4B = 4th grade boys, 4G = 4th grade girls, etc. Teams may register for more than one region.

Region 1 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Rochester-RCTC	March 25	4G, 6G, 8G, 5B, 7B, 9B
Rochester-RCTC	March 26	5G, 7G, 9G, 4B, 6B, 8B
Region 2 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Lake Crystal	April 22	4G, 6G, 8G, 5B, 7B, 9B
Lake Crystal	April 23	5G, 7G, 9G, 4B, 6B, 8B
Region 3 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Redwood Falls	March 25	5G, 7G, 9G, 4B, 6B, 8B
Redwood Falls	March 26	4G, 6G, 8G, 5B, 7B, 9B
Region 4 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Moose Lake/Willow River	April 15	4G, 6G, 8G, 5B, 7B, 9B
Moose Lake/Willow River	April 16	5G, 7G, 9G, 4B, 6B, 8B
Region 5 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Paynesville	April 1	5G, 7G, 9G, 4B, 6B, 8B
Paynesville	April 2	4G, 6G, 8G, 5B, 7B, 9B
Region 6 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Alexandria	April 15	5G, 7G, 9G, 4B, 6B, 8B
Alexandria	April 16	4G, 6G, 8G, 5B, 7B, 9B
Region 7 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Grand Rapids	April 1	8G, 5B, 7B
Grand Rapids	April 2	7G, 9G, 4B
Mt. Iron-Buhl	April 1	4G, 6G, 9B
Mt. Iron-Buhl	April 2	5G, 6B, 8B
Region 8 Site	Date	Grade/Gender
Bemidji	April 22	5G, 7G, 9G, 4B, 6B, 8B
Bemidji	April 23	4G, 6G, 8G, 5B, 7B, 9B

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MN State Championships	Location	Date	Grades
MIT - MN Invitational	College of St. Benedict	June 10	B & G 4-6-8
State Championship	College of St. Benedict	June 11	B & G 4-6-8
MIT - MN Invitational	College of St. Benedict	June 17	B & G 5-7-9
State Championship	College of St. Benedict	June 18	B & G 5-7-9



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