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The **BREAKDOWN** staff would like to wish everyone good luck in the 2016-17 boys' high school basketball season as we look forward to our 15th year of providing statewide coverage. Make sure you stay informed at [www.BreakdownSportsUSA.com](http://www.BreakdownSportsUSA.com) throughout the season.

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# THE CRYSTAL BALL... PREDICTIONS

**KEY BOYS' BASKETBALL EXPERTS TAKE THEIR BEST GUESSES AS TO WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE 2016-17 MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL SEASON -- FROM CHAMPIONS TO SURPRISES AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN**

## 1 Who will win the Class AAAA title this season?

► **Cretin-Derham Hall.** I'm going to go out on a limb on this one, as the traditional heavyweights in Class AAAA all have great returning teams that could easily be considered the favorites (i.e. Hopkins with Simon Wright and Ishmael El-Amin, Champlin Park's D1 duo of McKinley Wright and Theo John, Lakeville North with Nate Reuvers, etc.). But look at what's building at Cretin. Junior power forward Daniel Oturu is already a force inside and led the state in rebounding as a sophomore. Both Deland Phillips and Jacob Prince — also juniors — scored in double figures last year. And now the Raiders added junior point guard Ryan Larson as a transfer after he won a state title with Braham last year. Did I mention these guys are all just juniors? Cretin-Derham Hall could be in for quite a two-year run.

— TIM KOLEHMAINEN

► **Champlin Park.** This is a very tough question to answer this year as I believe five schools have a solid to strong shot at winning the title and there are another four who are contenders for the title. My gut feeling though is that Champlin Park will win the championship because they have the right PG (McKinley Wright), they have talented size (Theo John and Chris Davis), there is shooting

(Brian Smith, Bennett Otto, and Josiah Strong), athletes to defend top athletes (Marcus Hill and Wright), and workers (DJ Hunter, Chad Costello), plus they are experienced and showed very well this summer in the Breakdown State Tournament and Sweet 16 beating other top Class AAAA teams despite several players missing. The Rebels just have more pieces across the board than others so they are my favorite to win it.

— RYAN JAMES

► **Hopkins.** The Royals have two senior stars in Ishmael El-Amin and Simon Wright plus a deep junior class. They have star players to score when needed, plenty of depth in a talented junior class, a couple of talented underclassmen and a great coach to go with their tradition. It's a deep season in Class AAAA so the road will be very difficult.

— KEVIN ALSTEENS

## 2 Who will win the Class AAA title this season?

► **DeLaSalle.** With five consecutive state titles residing on "The Island," it's pretty tough to go against DeLaSalle. But will the Islanders have to raise both hands to signify their titles won this winter? Yes. The Islanders have experience (Goanar Mar and Gabe Kalscheur seem to have been starting forever), depth (there are All-

Breakdown-level players not even assured of starting), and the most rugged defense in the state. The entire state will be treated to more images of an intense, fiery Dave Thorson down in his defensive stance encouraging his team to do the same.

— TIM KOLEHMAINEN

► **DeLaSalle.** One of the biggest no-brainer answers in Breakdown history is DeLaSalle winning a sixth straight state title. There just isn't anybody in Class AAA good enough to beat them. Heck, there wasn't anybody good enough last year and the Islanders only had two seniors in their rotation. With 20 point per game scorers Goanar Mar and Gabe Kalscheur back plus CJ Dickson, Dominic Bledsoe, Tyrell Terry, and Sage Booker all back plus having young talent around them and coach Dave Thorson leading there just is no way they falter this year.

— RYAN JAMES

► **DeLaSalle.** Until the Islanders lose the title why pick anyone else? They're still as talented as anybody in AAA with Goanar Mar and Gabe Kalscheur leading the way. Plus they still defend at a level that is totally different than anyone else.

— KEVIN ALSTEENS



### 3 Who will win the Class AA title this season?

► **Minnehaha Academy.** Since winning the state title in 2013, the Redhawks have entered a youthful phase that is going to pay off big time this winter. It's hard to believe that forward JaVonni Bickham, who was the IMAC player of the year as a sophomore, is still just a junior and that explosive back court phenom Jalen Suggs is a freshman. They combined for 37 points per game last year and will be even bigger forces this year. There's even more youth in the pipeline, as Breakdown Elite 50 underclassmen Kaden Johnson and Terry Lockett could play big roles, as well. Could the Redhawks be about to embark on a DeLaSalle-like run in Class AA? Maybe.

— TIM KOLEHMAINEN

► **Minnehaha Academy.** Also a very difficult answer. My heart says Minnehaha Academy although Perham is going to be right there with them as will be Caledonia and I think Jordan is a sleeper to grab the crown. I would list about eight different teams being potential contenders but the Redhawks will have the most talent, depth, and athletic ability. Jalen Suggs is entering his ninth grade year and already has three high major offers (UNLV, Baylor, and Georgia tech), JaVonni Bickham is a big that few teams can stop, the squad has athletic workers, and a plethora of young guards as depth. Perham should be the toughest challenger and we think Owen King will have a great year for Caledonia but right now Minnehaha Academy is the favorite based on talent and depth.

— RYAN JAMES

► **Minnehaha Academy.** The Redhawks return most of the roster from a 22-win team last year. They have three freshmen who are now a year older after seeing time last year including star PG Jalen Suggs. Plus they have one the top post players in Class AA in junior JaVonni Bickham. That Suggs/Bickham duo made the Redhawks go last year and this season should be no different.

— KEVIN ALSTEENS

### 4 Who will win the Class A title this season?

► **Minneapolis North.** It's impossible for the rest of Class A to match the depth of talent at North, even with graduation losses from last year. The Polars may be slightly vulnerable as they adjust to playing without those key players, but by the playoffs, I fully expect North to be flying high again — quite literally.

— TIM KOLEHMAINEN

► **Minneapolis North.** The answer was a no-brainer Minneapolis North at one point when you consider they have Isaac Johnson, Odell Wilson, JaQuan Sanders-Smith, and Tayler Johnson returning but then Spring Grove beat the Polars at the Breakdown State Tournament in convincing fashion. The Lions were simply tougher in all ways in that game led by Chase Grinde, who has committed to play for Sioux Falls. That said, I still believe that the Polars will come together and are the favorite to win Class A for the second straight year no just because of the talent they have back but also because of the youth in their program that can play. I pick North but this isn't a shoo-in like last year's team was.

— RYAN JAMES

► **Minneapolis North.** Despite losing three senior standouts, the Polars are still at a talent level that the rest of Class A just can't prepare for. Winning the title last year shows the returning players how to get it done.

— KEVIN ALSTEENS

### 5 Who is your favorite sleeper team?

► **Robbinsdale Armstrong.** It might not be proper to call the Falcons a sleeper, not with a returning group that includes seniors Isaiah Rollins and DaVonte Said-El and junior Race Thompson, widely considered one of the best juniors in the state and the son of former Gophers' football great Darrell Thompson. But this same group was just 15-13 (11-8 in the Northwest Suburban) so the team's success hasn't yet caught up to the individual talent. It will this winter.

— TIM KOLEHMAINEN

► **Chaska.** I have to go back to Class AAAA and I think Chaska is a monster sleeper. This 2016-17 was the year everyone always pointed to as their big season but I don't think anybody expected them to go 21-6 a year ago led by 24 points a game from Myles Hanson. When you add in what Andrew Kallman has become (double digit division two scholarship offers), what Hanson could be, that Alex Strazzanti will be back and fully healthy, and that they have good coaching and depth, Chaska is my sleeper. Plus they are hungry after an early playoff exit a year ago.

— RYAN JAMES

► **Prairie Seeds Academy.** The Lycans finished 23-6 last year and reached the section 4A championship game against eventual state champion Minneapolis North. They defeated Cristo Rey and Texas recruit Jericho Sims twice last season. They also defeated talented teams from St. Paul Academy and Heritage Christian Academy. They return three guards who averaged double-figures last season. Senior guard Brian Robinson is one of the top metro players that few people know about. Expect a similar season in 2016-17.

— KEVIN ALSTEENS

### 6 Who will win the Mr. Basketball award?

► **Jericho Sims, Cristo Rey Jesuit.** Is it time for a small-school guy to win the Mr. Basketball award? Sims doesn't have the exposure of the other candidates, but he certainly has the attention of the college basketball coaching community, which was hot on his heels as Minnesota's next high-DI player. Sims chose Texas over the offseason, then spent much of the rest of the time off the radar. His coach, Stanley Clay, described Sims as a very humble kid who doesn't mind staying out of the spotlight — but with his talent, that spotlight shines on him nonetheless.

— TIM KOLEHMAINEN

► **McKinley Wright, Champlin Park.** This will be the toughest Mr. Basketball award to predict in many, many years because there is so many good players and because Gary Trent Jr left the state for prep school. The top candidates are Brad Davison, McKinley Wright, Theo John, Jericho Sims, Nathan Reuvers, and Goanar Mar but regardless what

Mar and Sims do I think it will go to a Class AAAA guy as it has the last six seasons and 14 of the last 18 seasons. That leaves Davison, Wright, John, and Reuvers but usually the award goes to a non-post player so I will take out John and likely Reuvers although Reuvers could stay in it because he is a high volume shot taker/scorer. But I will stick with the guard theme as they usually win the awards and since I picked Champlin Park to win it, I will predict that McKinley Wright wins the Mr. Basketball award.

— RYAN JAMES

► **Brad Davison, Maple Grove.** This season's Mr. Basketball field is wide open with Gary Trent moving to California. My pick is Brad Davison of Maple Grove. The combination of team success, individual statistics and his importance to Maple Grove's team meet all the criteria for the award.

— KEVIN ALSTEENS

### 7 Your best go-out-on-a-limb prediction is...

► **DeLaSalle won't win its sixth straight state title.** Say what? I'm thinking either Marshall or Fergus Falls has a shot at upsetting the Islanders. Eventually even the mighty fall. The hat trick of go-out-on-a limb predictions might make me look foolish in March (following my above predictions of Cretin-Derham Hall to win Class AAAA and Jericho Sims to win Mr. Basketball), but it should be a fun season full of twists and turns — like always.

— TIM KOLEHMAINEN

► **There will be three more years of section play in big school Class AAAA basketball.** Finally the state will listen to the masses and put together a seeded 64 team Class AAAA State Tournament that will pump even more life into Minnesota high school basketball and finally get rid of the extremely unbalanced sections that annoy many and keep some of the state's best talent at home when a team from just 10 miles away was able to get to state playing much weaker competition than the teams across the highway in a different section.

— RYAN JAMES

► **Simon Wright of Hopkins will be in the Mr. Basketball final five.**

— KEVIN ALSTEENS

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## 2016-17 WATCH LIST

## MR. BASKETBALL



## PAST MR. BASKETBALL WINNERS

1975 Gene Glynn, Waseca  
 1976 Kevin McHale, Hibbing  
 1977 Brian Pederson, Prior Lake  
 1978 Jim Jensen, Bemidji  
 1979 Randy Breuer, Lake City  
 1979 Greg Downing, Duluth Central  
 1980 Jim Petersen, St. Louis Park  
 1981 Redd Overton, Mpls North  
 1982 Rob Shelquist, Irondale  
 1983 Tom Copa, Coon Rapids  
 1984 Tim Hanson, Prior Lake  
 1985 Brett McNeal, Mpls North  
 1986 Steve Schlotthauer, Mounds View  
 1987 Kevin Lynch, Bloom. Jefferson  
 1988 Derek Reuben, Mpls North

1989 Tom Conroy, DeLaSalle  
 1990 Chad Kolander, Owatonna  
 1991 Joel McDonald, Chisholm  
 1992 Brett Yonke, Eagan  
 1993 Skipp Schaeffbauer, Elk River  
 1994 Sam Jacobson, Park  
 1995 Robert Mestas, Mpls Roosevelt  
 1996 Mitch Ohnstad, Faribault  
 1997 Khalid El-Amin, Mpls North  
 1998 Darius Lane, Totino-Grace  
 1998 Joel Przybilla, Monticello  
 1999 Nick Horvath, Mounds View  
 2000 Adam Boone, Minnetonka  
 2001 Rick Rickert, Duluth East  
 2002 Stephen King, Holy Angels

2003 Kris Humphries, Hopkins  
 2004 Spencer Tollackson, Chaska  
 2005 Travis Busch, Mounds View  
 2006 Isaiah Dahlman, Braham  
 2007 Blake Hofferbar, Hopkis  
 2008 Jordan Taylor, Benilde-St. M's  
 2009 Royce White, Hopkins  
 2010 Kevin Noreen, MN Transitions  
 2011 Joe Coleman, Hopkins  
 2012 Siyani Chambers, Hopkins  
 2013 Quinton Hooker, Park Center  
 2014 Tyus Jones, Apple Valley  
 2015 JT Gibson, Champlin Park  
 2016 Amir Coffey, Hopkins







# SEASON PREVIEW

# CLASS AAA

## FAB 15 RANKINGS

1. DeLaSalle
2. Marshall
3. Orono
4. Delano
5. Fergus Falls
6. Austin
7. Minneapolis Patrick Henry
8. Mahtomedi
9. Monticello
10. Rocori
11. Waseca
12. Alexandria
13. Grand Rapids
14. Totino-Grace
15. Benilde-St. Margaret's

## ALL-BREAKDOWN



**Goanar Mar**  
DeLaSalle



**Weston Baker Magrath**  
Marshall



**Rocky Kreuser**  
Totino-Grace



**Matt Todd**  
Monticello



**Gabe Kalscheur**  
DeLaSalle

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# DELASALLE CRANKS OUT DEFENSE OF CHAMPIONS

INTENSITY ON DEFENSE HAS LED DAVE THORSON'S CREW TO FIVE STRAIGHT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

RYAN JAMES | BREAKDOWN SPORTS MEDIA

**N**icollet Island. Black and gold Uniforms. The Catholic logo. Defense. State titles. Tradition. **Dave Thorson**. More defense.

Those are some of the words that come to mind when a conversation about the DeLaSalle Islanders begins. That and the 10 state championships they've earned, including a run of five straight that started in 2012.

There is much more to being an Islander than just the victories on the basketball court and on other athletic fields. The pride and tradition that comes with being a DeLaSalle Islander is rare in the metro area.

"DeLaSalle High School has a culture that has been established for the entire school student body over 116 years," said head coach Dave Thorson, who has been at the school since 1994.

"The school has a rich tradition built by the Christian brothers on Catholic values in a Lasallian tradition — meaning a sense of care and service to others is integrated into a college prep education. Islanders strive for excellence in everything they do, with a concern for others, their community, with a sense for greater good," continued Thorson.

"DeLaSalle's culture, formed over a century, is evident to Islander students on a daily basis. Whether it's prayer at the beginning of every class, in the same manner as was in 1900, or the 116 class pictures that line the hallways throughout the school, one can not escape the feel that you are part of such a rich history."

Islanders alumni definitely value the school's tradition of excellence. Many game nights on "The Island" include school alums lining the baseline rubbing shoulders as they catch up while others bring their families to celebrate another DeLaSalle win.

"DeLaSalle has a culture of 'togetherness' that exists first in the student body and alumni in general, which in turn ignites the support you see at our games," Thorson explained. "Our alumni have valued their DeLaSalle experience over a century, and understand that they are a part of something far bigger than any one individual. It motivates an engagement to our school in all activities, not just basketball.

"From a purely basketball perspective, I believe in building core values in a program through the role modeling and positive examples of former players in the storied history of DeLaSalle Basketball. We make it a point to bring in alumni cagers as speakers to discuss what their experience was like (cagers refers to the early days of basketball when games were actually played in a cage with a 12-foot high fence)," Thorson added.

"A great example is Al Reger, captain of the 1938 Islanders team, who is one of our favorites. In recent years, those who I have coached make it point to stop at summer workouts, like **Cameron Rundles** and **Jamar Diggs** (2006 graduates who then played together at Wofford), or **Jonah Travis** and **Reid Travis** (Jonah is a 2010 graduate who played at Harvard, Reid is currently at Stanford), and countless others that have built the championship culture. The championship culture of DeLaSalle is defined by the people who created it."

For many Islanders, it's a generational thing. Family members get a sense of what it's like to go to school "On the Island" and they want to pass that down to the next generation.

"The pride of being an Islander is something I will carry with me all of my life," said current junior **Gabriel Kalscheur**. "My mom my dad and my sister are all Islanders because they know the sacrifices they bring to the table day in and day out and I can't appreciate that more. Wearing a jersey that says champion comes from all of the previous alumni that have helped me get to where I am now. They've shown me the ropes of how to be a champion."

What has also been created at DeLaSalle is a home court advantage that is fit for a champion. The one of a kind Islanders gym has a feel that is all to its own.

"The DeLaSalle fan support over the years has been exceptional," Thorson said. "Minnesota basketball fans will recognize the rhythm and sound of the 'DeLaSalle clap' which again is rooted in the history of the program.

"Our venue also is unique, with fans almost on top of the floor, and our school made an

institutional decision long ago to keep the size of our gym appropriate to our smaller school size. Thus, our gym rocks with a crowd of 1,000, which for most game nights is perfect."

## BUILDING THE ISLAND

DeLaSalle has many factors that make it what it is today. That said, coach Thorson is the figurehead. He's earned the respect of all in the coaching community with his teachings of intensity, effort, and discipline on the defensive end.

Since Thorson took over the head basketball job at DeLaSalle the team has advanced to the state tournament 14 times in 22 seasons. The program has won eight of its 10 championships with Thorson as head coach.



The pride of being an Islander is something I will carry with me all of my life...they've shown me the ropes of how to be a champion.

— GABE KALSCHOUR

Dressed in all black, coach Thorson is one of the more vocal coaches on the sidelines and that is by design. The goal is for his team to play with energy and he leads that energy with each word. It's a style of coaching that has been molded by many.

"I've been blessed to have had incredible coaches that shaped my life," Thorson said. "When I was a kid, a number of coaches propelled my own journey, and my high school coach **Mark Askerooth** is still the person I call 'coach' to this day.

"Minnesota Basketball fans will recognize my college coach **Tim Mieure**, from Hamline, who sits on my bench as an assistant now. He's

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had an enormous impact on me as person and educator. I worked for **Clem Haskins** for five years and he was a huge influence on me as well,” continued Thorson.

“If I were to list the number of coaches who have opened up their practice or spent time with me we would have a long list. I don’t have a lot of hobbies — and thus, I’ve spent a lot of time watching film and asking questions of those who know far more than I.”

DeLaSalle’s state championship trophies prove that the saying “defense wins championships” is more fact than theory. Islanders defense has been built by several.

“DeLaSalle’s basketball culture traces its roots to two giants in the basketball world in Minnesota, **John Kundla** and **Dick Reinhart**, arguably the greatest prep basketball coaches ever in this state,” Thorson said.

“Both were proponents of man-to-man defense, and thus that has been a core principle of our program since the 1940’s. My enhancement of that strategy has been influenced by **Dick Bennett** and his ‘Push’ style dating back to his UW-Stevens Point tenure — and the adaptations that **Jim Dimmick**, my friend and former assistant developed over the years (Dimmick most recently coached at Richfield),” explained Thorson.

“I’m also blessed with an incredible staff like **Todd Anderson**, **Dan Rubischko**, and **Nicholas Grue** who have built a continuity in approach and teaching that have made our defensive approach formidable.”

Then of course there is coach Clem Haskins. Thorson spent half a decade with the former Gophers coach and Thorson’s time at Minnesota is where many local basketball fans learned about the Islander leader.

“Coach Haskins saw something in me when I was a young coach. He told me when I actually was a college player to treat every task I had at camp as it was the most important one, and encouraged my enthusiasm for the game and teaching,” said Thorson.



DeLaSalle coach Dave Thorson

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“When I left for my first job at University of South Dakota after college, I met with him, and told him my sole focus was to do a great job there, building my skills to work for him one day. We had a unique relationship. He hired me one year later, promoted me, and is still a friend today. I wish his legacy was different here in the state, as he was someone who cared about young people, believed in this state and the University of Minnesota, and had a huge influence on my life.

“I am indebted to coach Haskins as his decisions set a path for me in my basketball

journey that has been something I never could have imagined growing up in Fargo, North Dakota.”

## SURVIVING THE ISLAND

Now coach Thorson is the veteran, a leader helping guide young men.

“Thorson has improved me as a person on and off the court,” said Kalscheur. “He’s helped me make the right decision and he has helped me be a leader and better all around player on the court. Coach Thorson just brings a grinder’s mentality.”



DeLaSalle's Dominic Bledsoe

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DeLaSalle's Gabe Kalscheur

Tim Kolehmainen / Breakdown.zenfolio.com



And not just a leader of the many players that have moved on to Division I basketball (or will eventually be at that level), but a leader of all the talent on his roster.

"We have had eight decades of players represented at games over the past few years, and that sends such a strong message to EVERY player," Thorson explained. "There are lots of names that basketball fans recognize like **Jarvis Johnson, Allen Anderson**, Cameron Rundles, Jonah and Reid Travis, etc. But I think the names of players you don't hear as much, like **Austin McGerhan** last year, who didn't play much until his senior year, and then simply made every big three we needed in the playoffs, is the true magic of our program.

"There is a dedication and focus from EVERY team member and that's what drives the success of the program. Every person has a role, and performs that to their full potential, with the team in mind. That magic creates championships," said Thorson.

And a sixth straight championship is what DeLaSalle is after this winter. Odds are heavily in their favor as the team returns 20-point per game scorers **Goanar Mar** and Kalscheur plus four other players from last year's rotation that won 24 of 28 games a year ago.

"We have a great core returning from last year's state championship team which created state history with a fifth consecutive title, and this year's group has the incredible opportunity to extend that streak to six," Thorson said. "I really like the focus our seniors and veterans have had since the end of last season, and they have a keen understanding of the effort, commitment, and focus it takes to win a championship.

"Goanar Mar and Gabe Kalscheur will lead us, yet I love the effort and leadership that **Dominic Bledsoe** and **Will Irvin** have consistently added as senior leaders. **Tyrell Terry** and **Malik Lamin** will add to our formula as underclassmen this season," continued Thorson. "Our philosophy of an incredibly challenging non-conference schedule will hopefully test us for the rigor of the post season. Our whole focus as a team aims towards an apex performance in the state playoffs. That is the time when teams are truly measured."

Coach Thorson and the Islanders have measured above the Class AAA competition for several years now. The trophies are in the case, banners are in the gym, and players are all over the country.

**Sacar Anim** is at Marquette, Reid Travis at Stanford, **Josh Collins** and **Geno Crandall** at North Dakota, **Samm Jones** at Northwestern in the Big Ten, and Jarvis Johnson is on the Minnesota Gophers roster coached by another former Islander, Ben Johnson.

All of them once wore the black and gold. All of them have been through the 6 a.m. workouts and practices. All of them wore the Islander Gold and Black that represents more than just a basketball team. For Coach Thorson and his players it's been a big part of life.

"DeLaSalle on someone's chest for me stands for striving for excellence, care for others and community, and a symbol of tradition that I am extremely proud of," said Thorson. "There are so many people that represent DeLaSalle to me that form the fabric and culture of the institution, that have changed my life in such a wonderful way." ♦

## TALKING ISLANDERS

GOANAR MAR,  
DELASALLE

**Q: Can you describe for the readers what it's like to have Dave Thorson as a coach and how has he influenced you as a player?**

**A:** Playing for Thorson is exciting every day. You never have to question whether he's ready or not. He brings energy and passion every day. He's definitely influenced me as a player — he's taught me so much about basketball and life. He's taught me how to apply basketball skills in the real world to be successful.

**Q: Goanar, you came from the Mankato area to DeLaSalle as a freshman. Explain how the Islanders education has helped you in life on and off the floor?**

**A:** The Islander education has shown me if you want to get stuff down you must be consistent and comfortable being uncomfortable. Everything I learn at DeLaSalle I can apply on and off the court!

**Q: You have a chance to be four-time state champ. Explain the best you can what that feels like?**

**A:** It definitely feels great! People think there is a lot of pressure that comes with it but I don't really feel the pressure because we've worked for this and we have experience, but at state championship is always something special, especially getting it down with these groups of guys like Tyrell (Terry), Gabe (Kalscheur), Malik (Lamin), and Rayquan (Moore). I think some of these younger guys will surprise people this year.



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# SECTION PREVIEW

## 4AA



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### PREDICTION

1. Minnehaha Academy (No. 1)
2. St. Croix Lutheran (No. 15)
3. New Life Academy
4. Minneapolis Roosevelt
5. St. Paul Washington

### DETAILS

- **COACHING CHANGES:** Louis Wiggen (Great River), Nathan Carlson (Hmong Academy), Chris Hopkins (St. Agnes)
- **CONFERENCE CHANGES:** Academy for Sci & Ag, Great River Academy, Hmong Academy, and Math & Science Academy all joined the new Twin Cities Athletic Conference.
- **PAST SECTION CHAMPIONS:**
  - 2012 — St. Croix Lutheran
  - 2013 — MINNEHAHA ACADEMY
  - 2014 — St. Paul Academy
  - 2015 — St. Croix Lutheran
  - 2016 — St. Croix Lutheran

**M**innehaha Academy is the overwhelming favorite to win the section this year with returning Division I talents in Jalen Suggs and JaVonni Bickham, plus youth like Kaden Johnson, Terry Lockett, and Siegel Howard and upperclassmen Lorenzo Smith and Jose Williamson. This group has all the depth, size, and guard play that a team needs to win the title.

**St. Croix Lutheran, Minneapolis Roosevelt**, and **St. Paul Academy** all lost a lot of talent and it will be tough to match what they've done in recent years. That said these teams still have talent. The Crusaders will win a lot of games with Garrett Maag now healthy and Jamaris Johnson ready for his senior year. Roosevelt still has Devon Hannah and Emerson Egly has one more year at St. Paul Academy.

Who is on their way up? Curtis Bell of **St. Paul Washington** is one of the state's best players that is flying under the radar. He could get his team to that 20-win mark. **New Life Academy** should be good enough to make a run at the section title game with all it has coming back and watch for Jayton Metcalf leading **St. Croix Prep**.

— RYAN JAMES

► **TOP MATCH-UP TO SEE:** Curtis Bell vs. Jalen Suggs. Bell is the under-the-radar senior point guard with a terrific well-rounded game, while Suggs is the rising superstar freshman who has already earned national notice. It'll be a great chance to see Bell showcase his game against the young gunner from Minnehaha.

### ALL-SECTION



● **JAVONNI BICKHAM**, Minnehaha Academy



● **CURTIS BELL**, St. Paul Washington



● **GARETT MAAG**, St. Croix Lutheran



● **JAYTON METCALF**, St. Croix Prep



● **JALEN SUGGS**, Minnehaha Academy



## ACADEMY FOR SCI &amp; AG

**NICKNAME:** Eagles  
**TWITTER:** afsa\_hoops  
**CONFERENCE:** Twin Cities Athletic  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 6-18  
**STATE TRIPS:** none

**COACH:** Bjorn Hanson  
**PHONE:** 651-209-3910  
**EMAIL:** bhanson@afsaighschool.com

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** G Kevin Barnes; F Zachary Olson (All-EMAC HM); G Alex Pinkney

| RETURNING STATS |    |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Name            | Gr | Pos | Ht   | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
| Kyle Cantwell   | 12 | G   | 5'11 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jack Coenen     | 11 | G   | 5'8  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jacob Colestock | 9  | G   |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jon Ewalt       | 10 | G   |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| Kenny Ewalt     |    | G   |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| Daniel Leahy    | 12 | G   | 5'8  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Luke Mickelsen  | 12 | G   | 5'10 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jesse Rodriguez | 12 | G   | 5'6  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jack Rude       | 10 | G   |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| Sammy Russ      | 9  | G   |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| Cole Walker     | 10 | F   |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| James Willifong | 11 | F   |      |     |     |     |     |     |

## CONCORDIA ACADEMY

**NICKNAME:** Beacons  
**TWITTER:** Eric\_Schutte  
**CONFERENCE:** Tri-Metro East  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**CONFERENCE RECORD:** 1-10  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 3-24  
**STATE TRIPS:** 2004

**COACH:** Eric Schutte  
**PHONE:** 651-983-3505  
**EMAIL:** schuttee\_98@yahoo.com  
**YEARS COACHING/RECORD:** 13/207-160

**COACH'S COMMENTS:** Last year was a rebuilding year we hope to build off. Our strengths will be our senior leadership and that will lead by example for the younger players.

► **DID YOU KNOW:** Roger Moore Jr. (2015) finished as the No. 3 all-time scorer in school history with 1,387 points.

► **LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST:** 6/4

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** G Joe Dahl; F Andrew Erath; G Grant Harbo (All-Tri-Metro, Northwestern-St. Paul); G Morgan Peng; G Robie Tensaie (All-Tri-Metro HM, Bethel)

| RETURNING STATS   |    |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------|----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Name              | Gr | Pos | Ht   | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
| Josh Carlson      | 12 | F   | 6'5  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Casey Hackett     | 11 | F   | 6'0  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Gavin Harbo       | 11 | G   | 5'8  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Nolan Harre       | 12 | F   | 6'1  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Brandon Lively    | 12 | F   | 6'4  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Adam Maser        | 12 | G   | 5'11 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Nick Oelschlaeger | 12 | G   | 6'0  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jordan Osby       | 12 | F   | 6'1  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Barnabas Preble   | 10 | F   | 6'2  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Karl Vallin       | 12 | G   | 5'10 |     |     |     |     |     |

## GREAT RIVER

**NICKNAME:** Charter Stars  
**CONFERENCE:** Twin Cities Athletic  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**STATE TRIPS:** none

**COACH:** Louis Wiggen  
**EMAIL:** lwiggen@exploretwincities.com

## HMONG ACADEMY

**NICKNAME:** Warriors  
**CONFERENCE:** Twin Cities Athletic  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 2-15  
**STATE TRIPS:** none

**COACH:** Nathan Carlson  
**PHONE:** 651-209-8002  
**EMAIL:** nathan.carlson@hcapak12.org

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** C Xeng Lor (All-EMAC HM); G Na Moua; C Jetaime Vang

## RETURNING STATS

| Name          | Gr | Pos | Ht  | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|---------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Jason Cheng   | 12 | F   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Ler Kpaw Moo  | 12 | G   | 5'6 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Siab Lee      | 11 | F   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Bee Lor       | 12 | G   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Touphen Lor   | 12 | G   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Phillip Moua  | 11 | C   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| David Thao    | 12 | G   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Chinou Vang   | 12 | G   | 5'7 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Muachine Vang | 11 | F   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Joey Xiong    | 11 | G   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Alex Yang     | 11 | G   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Kenneth Yang  | 11 | C   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Tidley Yang   | 11 | C   |     |     |     |     |     |     |

## MATH &amp; SCIENCE ACADEMY

**NICKNAME:** Dragons  
**CONFERENCE:** Twin Cities Athletic  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**CONFERENCE RECORD:** 10-4  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 17-7  
**STATE TRIPS:** none

**COACH:** Nathaniel Schroeder  
**PHONE:** 651-403-3623  
**EMAIL:** natschroeder34@gmail.com  
**YEARS COACHING/RECORD:** 3/33-20

**COACH'S COMMENTS:** The expectations for the Dragons are high with their new conference. As a team that is trying to make a name for themselves, they are looking to be one of the top teams in their division in the Twin Cities Athletic Conference. A real strength of the team is their defense. Although undersized on average, they play a fast, aggressive defence with two talented guards. On the other side of the ball the Dragons lost their top scorer from the year before, but the scoring should not slow down. This should be the first year in the school's history that they will have a 1,000-point scorer, and in fact they have two that are on pace to achieve the goal. The Dragons have a tougher nonconference schedule than they have had in the past. So look for them to start off slow but, be battle tested when it comes to conference play.

► **LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST:** 3/2

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** F Avery Ellis; G Ty Kroells; F Ryan Roeker

## RETURNING STATS

| Name              | Gr | Pos | Ht | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------------------|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Ishan Chakravarty | 12 | G   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Sid Godavarti     | 12 | F   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Andrew            | 12 | F   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jeyachandran      |    |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Eric Johnson      | 12 | C   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Seryozha Mzenga   | 12 | G   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Brian Smith       | 12 | G   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Yashwin Suri      |    | F   |    |     |     |     |     |     |

## MINNEAPOLIS ROOSEVELT

**NICKNAME:** Teddies  
**CONFERENCE:** Mpls City  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**CONFERENCE RECORD:** 5-7  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 17-12  
**STATE TRIPS:** 1956 Champs, 57 Champs, 91, 97

**COACH:** Robert Mestas  
**PHONE:** 952-200-1585  
**EMAIL:** robmestas@hotmail.com

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** F TaRay Graves; F Elijah Hannah (St. Thomas); G Martez Rodgers

| RETURNING STATS      |    |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------------------|----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Name                 | Gr | Pos | Ht   | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
| Devon Hannah         | 12 | G   | 6'3  | 9.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 0.4 |
| Luke Barnes          | 10 | F   | 6'3  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Oscar Booth          | 11 | F   | 6'3  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Leo Buchwald         | 11 | G   | 6'1  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Quendale Gundy       | 11 | G   | 5'11 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jordan Johnston      | 12 | F   | 5'11 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Dustin Nguyen        | 12 | G   | 5'6  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Reginald Rogers      | 12 | G   | 6'1  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Devin Wade-Henderson | 11 | G   | 6'2  |     |     |     |     |     |

## DEVON HANNAH, Sr. G

| Stats | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|       | 9.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 0.4 |

\* **HEIGHT:** 6'3

**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** I'm a good shooter off the catch and I have quick first steps with the ability to finish at the rim.



Minnehaha Academy coach Lance Johnson

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** One hobby of mine that isn't too unusual would just have to be spending time with my family at our cabin.

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** Best part of playing HS basketball for me would have to be the people I have met through this sport.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** We're a team that is really good in the 2-4 positions, some good shooters and strong finishers who can also D up.

**Q: What type of offseason training do you do for basketball?** Work out at Lifetime Fitness year round. Play summer league, fall league, and spring AAU.

## MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

**NICKNAME:** Redhawks  
**TWITTER:** RedhawkBBB  
**CONFERENCE:** Independent Metro Athletic  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**CONFERENCE RECORD:** 10-0  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 22-7  
**STATE TRIPS:** 1996, 2010, 11, 13 Champs

**COACH:** Lance Johnson  
**PHONE:** 612-618-1861  
**EMAIL:** johnson-lance@minnehahaacademy.net

**COACH'S COMMENTS:** This is what you call a guard surplus and it doesn't matter that they are young. Jalen Suggs already has seven high major offers and he's been in high school for two months. Terry Lockett, St. Paul Johnson transfer Lorenzo Smith, Siegel Howard, and Kaden Johnson have all played with Suggs their whole life. Up front? Very good too with JaVonni Bickham and worker Jose Williamson.

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** G Benny Larry (All-IMAC, Northland CC); C Sam Pickering; F Dawson Rademacher; F Jake Richardson (All-IMAC)

| RETURNING STATS |    |     |      |      |      |     |     |     |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Name            | Gr | Pos | Ht   | PPG  | RPG  | APG | SPG | BPG |
| JaVonni Bickham | 11 | F   | 6'6  | 20.0 | 10.0 |     |     |     |
| Jalen Suggs     | 9  | G   | 6'1  | 17.0 |      |     |     |     |
| Luke Burnham    | 11 | F   | 6'4  |      |      |     |     |     |
| Kobe Gourneau   | 12 | G   | 5'10 |      |      |     |     |     |
| Nick Hernandez  | 12 | G   | 5'10 |      |      |     |     |     |
| Siegel Howard   | 10 | G   | 5'8  |      |      |     |     |     |
| Kaden Johnson   | 9  | F   | 6'1  |      |      |     |     |     |
| Terry Lockett   | 9  | G   | 5'10 |      |      |     |     |     |
| Donovan Taylor  | 12 | G   | 5'11 |      |      |     |     |     |
| Jose Williamson | 12 | F   | 6'4  |      |      |     |     |     |

## JAVONNI BICKHAM, Jr. F

| Stats | PPG  | RPG  | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
|       | 20.0 | 10.0 |     |     |     |

\* **HEIGHT:** 6'6

\* **TOP 75 JUNIORS**  
 \* **ALL-IMAC POY**

**\*SCOUTING REPORT:** One of the more physical and strong 2018 posts in the Midwest, and maybe the country, Bickham is a load on the block who is tough to stop from getting a look. Also very comfortable handling the ball and the range is improving. "One of the top rated sophomores in state; was featured last season in Breakdown." — Minnehaha Academy coach Lance Johnson

**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** Shooting, ball handling, defense, attacking and rebounding.

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** Its fun to compete for something you have a passion for.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** We have a lot of talent and we play together well. WIN STATE.

**Q: What type of college would you like to attend?** D1.





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## WHO HAS MINNESOTA'S QUICKEST FIRST STEP?

As part of our preseason coverage, we searched far and wide across the state to come up with great players in certain skill categories. The above five nominees are presented in no particular order. Certainly, it's just opinion, but we asked one of the top players what it takes to make this list.

MCKINLEY WRIGHT, CHAMPLIN PARK  
LOSINI KAMARA, PARK CENTER  
RYAN LARSON, CRETIN-DERHAM HALL  
JAQUAN SANDERS-SMITH, MPLS NORTH  
JALEN SUGGS, MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

**Q: Is a quick first step all about explosiveness? Or are there other elements to it?**

**A:** It's mostly about explosiveness, but also it's about seeing which foot is up and attacking it.

**Q: How have you developed that quick first step? What kind of training do you do?**

**A:** Just practice in the gym, learning counter moves out of it, and getting my legs stronger by doing squats and other workouts.

**Q: How does that quickness change the way opponents play you and how do you take advantage?**

**A:** It affects how the defenders play me because they have to respect my first step. So I can take a jab step, and the defender will back off and give me space for my jump shot.

**Q: Do you have a favorite moment when your quickness really changed the outcome of a game?**

**A:** I don't really have a favorite moment when it changed the game, but it is definitely one of my favorite moves to do when our team needs a bucket.

**Q: Is there anybody you try to pattern your game after and why?**

**A:** I would say I try to play like Russell Westbrook because he loves pushing the ball and he is always attacking.



### KADEN JOHNSON, Fr. F

\*HEIGHT: 6'1  
 \*ELITE 50 UNDERCLASSMEN  
 \*ALL-IMAC HM

#### \*SCOUTING REPORT:

Physical and aggressive young player with the frame to match-up with older players at a young age. Has the look of a shorter and younger Race Thompson and like Thompson, Johnson has the skills to play on the arc but the physical abilities to do things around the cup.



### TERRY LOCKETT, Fr. G

\*HEIGHT: 5'10  
 \*ELITE 50 UNDERCLASSMEN

#### \*SCOUTING REPORT:

Terry is a controlled lead guard that sees the floor open up and instantly makes the right read. Fantastic ball handler and a very clear young player that is trusted.



### JALEN SUGGS, Fr. G

| Stats | PPG  | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|       | 17.0 |     |     |     |     |

\*HEIGHT: 6'1  
 \*ELITE 50 UNDERCLASSMEN  
 \*ALL-BREAKDOWN CLASS AA  
 \*ALL-IMAC

#### \*SCOUTING REPORT:

Explosive scorer already, Jalen has the ball handling skills that many guards four or five years his age only dream of. Also a deadly shooter, the young Minnehaha talent doesn't change expressions as he picks apart defenses in several ways. "Considered top eighth grader in state, has all ready been recognized by Rivals Scouting as a top player in his class; was featured last season." — Minnehaha Academy coach Lance Johnson



**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** Shooting, slashing, defense, passing.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** "J-sizzles" is my nickname.

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** Sections and state, because of the atmosphere.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** Winning state. All around good team.

**Q: What other activities are you involved in?** Football and track.

**Q: What type of college would you like to attend?** Any college for free.

### JOSE' WILLIAMSON, Sr. F

\*HEIGHT: 6'4  
 \*ALL-IMAC HM

**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** Quick, forward with good finishing capabilities and exceptional mid-range defender.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** Primarily a tennis player.

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** The competition and the atmosphere at every game.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** Definitely state-bound, great team chemistry.

**Q: What other activities are you involved in?** Varsity tennis, basketball.

**Q: What type of college would you like to attend?** D1.



### MOUNDS PARK ACADEMY

**NICKNAME:** Panthers  
**CONFERENCE:** Independent Metro Athletic  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**CONFERENCE RECORD:** 0-10  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 5-21  
**STATE TRIPS:** none

**COACH:** Dan Haase  
**PHONE:** 651-748-5642  
**EMAIL:** dhaase@moundsparkacademy.org

**GRADUATION LOSSES:** F Zaki Aden; G Dima Aunan; G Eli Grabanski; G Jacqui Gray; C Amin Mahmoud (All-IMAC HM); G Dylan Merchant; F Cole Montour; G Amir Nadimi; G Cooper Olson (All-IMAC HM); C Charlie Peterson; F Rees Winga

#### RETURNING STATS

| Name             | Gr | Pos | Ht   | PPG  | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|------------------|----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Brendan Connolly | 12 | G   | 6'2  | 11.9 | 3.6 | 2.0 | 1.0 |     |
| Tom Fitzgerald   | 11 | C   | 6'2  |      |     |     |     |     |
| Nick Guliang     | 11 | G   | 5'10 |      |     |     |     |     |
| Will Hamer       | 12 | F   | 6'2  |      |     |     |     |     |

### BRENDAN CONNOLLY, Sr. G

| Stats | PPG  | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|       | 11.9 | 3.6 | 2.0 | 1.0 |     |

\*HEIGHT: 6'2  
 \*ALL-IMAC HM

**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** I am a strong three-point shooter who can spot up or shoot off the dribble. I can drive and find an open teammate or finish at the rim with contact. I take care of the ball and have strong handles. I love finding the open man for assists almost as much as I love scoring myself.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** I am a three-sport captain for the soccer, basketball, and baseball teams.

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** The best part of playing high school basketball is the lessons you learn. I have played on the varsity team since freshman year and I have grown and matured as a player and a person in this program. My coaches and teammates have taught me how to be a better leader on and off the court. I have learned to deal with adversity. But the most important lesson I have learned is that no matter how the game is going: there is always something positive you can take away from it and I think that really applies to life.



### Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year.

**What are the strengths of your team?** We have four returning varsity players but what we lack in experience, we make up for in enthusiasm. I don't know how we will do in the wins and losses column this year but if we end the year being better than when we started, I will be happy. My hope is that by the time I graduate, I am confident the program will be in good hands with the young guys.

**Q: What other activities are you involved in?** Soccer, debate, choir, basketball, and baseball.

**Q: What type of offseason training do you do for basketball?** I play AAU, work with a trainer focusing on weight training, plyometrics, and basketball skills, go to open gyms, and run captain's practices.

### NEW LIFE ACADEMY

**NICKNAME:** Eagles  
**TWITTER:** NLABasketball  
**CONFERENCE:** MCAA  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**CONFERENCE RECORD:** 14-1  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 24-5  
**STATE TRIPS:** 2003, 04

**COACH:** Doug Linton  
**PHONE:** 651-210-3732  
**EMAIL:** douglas.linton@isd197.org  
**YEARS COACHING/RECORD:** 17/267-199

**COACH'S COMMENTS:** We should be a deep and talented team with many experienced players returning and several top JV players stepping up to fill in spots left by graduation. We will be an improved team inside and have outstanding guard play. We should be able to challenge for another conference title and be in the top three of our section.

**DID YOU KNOW:** Conrad Engstrom (2015) surpassed the 1,000-point career barrier as a senior.

**LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST:** 7/3

**GRADUATION LOSSES:** G Brad Goulet (All-MCAA 1st, DCTC); F Thomas Gunderson; F Ebenezer Ketema (All-MCAA 1st)

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Sr. F Grant Dodds — athletic and a good defender; Jr. F Eli Gorter — lanky forward who can score multiple ways; Sr. G Sam LeVoire — sharp shooting guard who will give us instant offense; Sr. PG Zach Miller — solid point guard who can shoot and a good defender; Jr. F Matt Teigland — can defend and rebound;

#### RETURNING STATS

| Name             | Gr | Pos | Ht   | PPG  | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|------------------|----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Adam Busch       | 12 | PG  | 6'2  | 10.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 |
| Chris Ketema     | 12 | SF  | 6'0  | 8.0  | 4.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |     |
| Grant Dodds      | 12 | F   | 6'1  |      |     |     |     |     |
| Henry George     | 12 | G   | 5'9  |      |     |     |     |     |
| Eli Gorter       | 11 | F   | 6'4  |      |     |     |     |     |
| Kyle Kaemingk    | 12 | F   | 6'3  |      |     |     |     |     |
| Jackson Kavanagh | 12 | G   | 5'10 |      |     |     |     |     |
| Zach Nelson      | 12 | F   | 6'1  |      |     |     |     |     |
| Zach Thor        | 11 | F   | 6'5  |      |     |     |     |     |
| Drew Wynia       | 11 | F   | 6'6  |      |     |     |     |     |

### ADAM BUSCH, Sr. PG

| Stats | PPG  | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|       | 10.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 |

\*HEIGHT: 6'2  
 \*ALL-MCAA 2ND

**\*SCOUTING REPORT:** "Tough competitor who is a good playmaker and scorer and a solid team defender." — New Life Academy coach Doug Linton

**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** Good court vision. Good passer. Defensive playmaker.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** When I was 15, I went to Haiti on a mission trip to teach kids at an orphanage how to play basketball.

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** Because our school is smaller, each of our teammates knows each other well and we are good friends.



Minnehaha Academy's JaVonni Bickham

Tim Kolehmainen / Breakdown.zenfolio.com



**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** Our starting five guys all have AAU experience and have been playing together for several years.

**Q: What other activities are you involved in?** Varsity baseball, varsity football.

**Q: What type of offseason training do you do for basketball?** Offseason, I play AAU basketball. I also play basketball and work out at Lifetime Fitness.

**CHRIS KETEMA, Sr. SF**

| Stats | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|       | 8.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |     |

**\*HEIGHT:** 6'0  
**\*ALL-MCAA 2ND**

**\*SCOUTING REPORT:** "Good athlete who can defend and is able to attack the basket and score." — New Life Academy coach Doug Linton



**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** My strengths as a player are attacking the basket/driving and being a good on-ball defender.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** I like to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children.

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** Competitive games when we beat teams that are our rivals.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** We have chemistry and a core five that will score most of the points.

**Q: What other activities are you involved in?** Football and golf.

**Q: What type of offseason training do you do for basketball?** AAU basketball, Lifetime Fitness training.

## ST. AGNES

**NICKNAME:** Aggies  
**CONFERENCE:** Tri-Metro East  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**CONFERENCE RECORD:** 1-5  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 11-16  
**STATE TRIPS:** 1994 Champs, 95, 2005

**COACH:** Chris Hopkins  
**PHONE:** 651-925-8714  
**EMAIL:** chopkins@saintagnesschool.org

**COACH'S COMMENTS:** We will be young but have quite a few players with varsity experience. Hoping our difficult non-conference schedule with help us prepare for one of the toughest AA sections in the state.

► **LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST:** 6/3

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** F Dominic Maslow; G Liam Skulley (All-Tri-Metro); F Alula Tesfay (All-Tri-Metro HM)

► **VETERANS NOT RETURNING:** Jr. G Cahil Golden

### RETURNING STATS

| Name            | Gr | Pos   | Ht  | PPG  | RPG  | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-----------------|----|-------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Gary Smith III  | 11 | SF/PF | 6'3 | 15.5 | 11.4 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 0.7 |
| Justin Bennett  | 12 | G     | 5'9 |      |      |     |     |     |
| Greg Dobihal    | 12 | G     | 5'9 |      |      |     |     |     |
| Marcus Johnson  | 11 | G     | 5'7 |      |      |     |     |     |
| Terrell Jones   | 10 | G     | 5'7 |      |      |     |     |     |
| Jack Nugent     | 11 | G     | 5'9 |      |      |     |     |     |
| Brandon Plasch  | 12 | F     | 6'2 |      |      |     |     |     |
| Jonathan Prokop | 10 | F     | 6'0 |      |      |     |     |     |

**GARY SMITH III, Jr. SF/PF**

| Stats | PPG  | RPG  | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
|       | 15.5 | 11.4 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 0.7 |

**\*HEIGHT:** 6'3  
**\*TOP 75 JUNIORS**  
**\*ALL-TRI-METRO HM**

**\*SCOUTING REPORT:** "Gary is a very athlete player that can get to the rim against players at any level. His defensive intensity will be a key to this year's team's success." — St. Agnes coach Chris Hopkins



**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** I'm a great slasher and finish around the rim with strength. I can also defend any position.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** One of my favorite songs is Thousands Miles. I have a lot of nicknames like "GS3," "Gmoney," "G3" and "Big G." I also coach football for St. Paul Parks and Recreation.

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** Making new friends and the experience of playing high school basketball.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** An athletic team that will work hard.

**Q: What other activities are you involved in?** Football.

**Q: What type of offseason training do you do for basketball?** Play AAU.

## ST. CROIX LUTHERAN

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**NICKNAME:** Crusaders  
**CONFERENCE:** Tri-Metro East  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**CONFERENCE RECORD:** 11-0  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 29-3  
**STATE TRIPS:** 2012, 15, 16

**COACH:** Jay Wendland  
**PHONE:** 612-559-6692  
**EMAIL:** jwendland@stcroixlutheran.org  
**YEARS COACHING/RECORD:** 2/59-6

**COACH'S COMMENTS:** We graduated four of our five starters from last season. We will need players to step up and become scorers this season. Our key is to be tough on the defensive end.

► **LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST:** 6/6

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** F Trenton Krueger (All-Tri-Metro, UM-Duluth); F Gunnar Maki; G Ade Murkey (AP 3rd team All-State, All-Tri-Metro, Denver); G Aage Rovney (All-Tri-Metro, Bemidji State); G Jason Rupprecht; G Venkat Valluri (All-Tri-Metro HM)

### RETURNING STATS

| Name              | Gr | Pos | Ht   | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------------------|----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Stephen Kletscher | 11 | PF  | 6'4  | 2.7 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| Adam Arroyo       | 11 | F   | 6'3  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Tanner Berwald    | 12 | G   | 6'2  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Ezra Blumer       | 10 | G   | 5'10 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Ryan Eckl         | 12 | G   | 6'1  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Deven Friese      | 12 | G   | 6'2  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Grant Goplen      | 12 | G   | 5'10 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Aaron Jennings    | 11 | G   | 5'8  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jamaris Johnson   | 12 | SF  | 6'5  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jack Kuckahn      | 11 | G   | 6'1  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Garrett Maag      | 11 | SG  | 6'4  |     |     |     |     |     |

**JAMARIS JOHNSON, Sr. SF**

**\*HEIGHT:** 6'5  
**\*ALL-TRI-METRO HM**

**\*SCOUTING REPORT:** "Jamaris is very athletic player that earned his way to our starting lineup last year. He attacks the basket and finishes well at the rim." — St. Croix Lutheran coach Jay Wendland



**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** My strengths are attacking the basket from the perimeter and also perimeter defense.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** I am artistic.

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** The best part about playing high school basketball is playing on a big stage like the target center and the camaraderie you build with your teammates.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** The strengths of our team is our chemistry and hunger to get back and contend for a state championship.

**Q: What type of offseason training do you do for basketball?** In the offseason I do a lot of conditioning, ball handling, and shooting drills.

**STEPHEN KLETSCHER, Jr. PF**

| Stats | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|       | 2.7 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.5 |

**\*HEIGHT:** 6'4

**\*SCOUTING REPORT:** "Stephen simply outworks many of his opponents. His physical strength and skills found him time on varsity as a sophomore."

— St. Croix Lutheran coach Jay Wendland



**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player.**

**What are your strengths?** All-around team player. Make the hustle plays. Shut down defender.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** My nickname is "Stove."

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** I love working together as a team to achieve a common goal. There is no feeling like being successful as a team after all the hard work you put in.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** We have one starter and two other players back who played significant minutes on a team that finished 3rd in state. We are very optimistic about our team. We are a very close group. One of our strengths is our experience in intense games.

**Q: What other activities are you involved in?** I play defensive end and tight end in football, and I throw the shot put and discus in track.

**Q: What type of offseason training do you do for basketball?** I attend basketball camps, play in basketball leagues, lift weights, and do speed and strength training.

**GARETT MAAG, Jr. SG**

**\*HEIGHT:** 6'4  
**\*TOP 75 JUNIORS**

**\*SCOUTING REPORT:** "Garrett has an improved outside shot and the ability to elevate over the defense when attacking the rim." — St. Croix Lutheran coach Jay Wendland



**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** My strengths are pull-up jumpers and shooting the 3 ball. Solid jumper/rebounder, see the court well for distributing the ball.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** I love cooking and making meals for my family. Lots of people call me "G," "G-man," "Maager," or "MaagDog."

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** The best part of playing high school sports is being with your friends and teammates.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** A solid core of returning players, with the addition of some new role players. We will be a hungry and aggressive team this year.

**Q: What other activities are you involved in?** I play football and do track and field. I'm also on Student Council.

**Q: What type of offseason training do you do for basketball?** I go early in the morning before school and get a lot of shots up, with the Dr. Dish. During the summer I workout every other day. In between those days I go to the gym or in my driveway and practice on my weaknesses. Always trying to get better.

## ST. CROIX PREP

**NICKNAME:** Lions  
**TWITTER:** LionsHoops  
**CONFERENCE:** Independent  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 16-12  
**STATE TRIPS:** none

**COACH:** Kevin Siem  
**PHONE:** 651-395-5944  
**EMAIL:** kseim@stcroixprep.org

► **DID YOU KNOW:** Michael Gutierrez (2015) is the school's all-time leading scorer and points per game average leader.

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** G Quinn Fisher; G Peter Flynn; G Joseph Gebauer; G Trevor Maule; G Sam Richardson; G Isaiah Watkins

### RETURNING STATS

| Name           | Gr | Pos | Ht  | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|----------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Austin Have    | 12 | F   | 6'2 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Matt Kaul      | 12 | G   | 6'0 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jayton Metcalf | 11 | G   | 6'1 |     |     |     |     |     |

**AUSTIN HAVE, Sr. F**

**\*HEIGHT:** 6'2



**JAYTON METCALF, Jr. G**

**\*HEIGHT:** 6'1

**\*SCOUTING REPORT:** "Athletic wing that can create his own shot and score on all three levels. Takes pride in the defensive end of the floor." — St. Croix Prep coach Kevin Siem

**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** Versatile guard that can play 1, 2 or 3.

Sees the floor well and shoots the ball at a high percentage. Takes pride in the defensive end of the floor.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** Unbeatable at 2K16. Food: Rib eye steak. Love ESPN First Take.

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** Playing in front of the SPA fans. Our student section is great.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** Our team strength will be a balanced attack which will make it tough to focus on one player. We will be competitive and look to improve on this post season's success.

**Q: What other activities are you involved in?** I will be a Peer Mentor. I also help coach at our youth camps.

**Q: What type of college would you like to attend?** I look to attend college and play basketball at a high level.





## ST. PAUL ACADEMY

**NICKNAME:** Spartans  
**CONFERENCE:** Independent Metro Athletic  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**CONFERENCE RECORD:** 6-4  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 18-10  
**STATE TRIPS:** 2014

**COACH:** Isaiah Wallfred  
**PHONE:** 612-559-2395  
**EMAIL:** iwallfred@spa.edu

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** F Rafael Buettner-Salido; F Kent Hanson (All-IMAC, Carleton); G Charlie Hooley; F Shaymus O'Brien; G Ryan Peacock; G Dalante Peyton (All-IMAC, Winona State); G Angel Smaller (All-IMAC HM)

## RETURNING STATS

| Name              | Gr | Pos | Ht   | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------------------|----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Mark Ademite      | 12 | F   | 6'3  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Will Christakos   | 10 | C   | 5'8  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Tommy Dicke       | 12 | G   | 6'2  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Emerson Egly      | 12 | G   | 6'2  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Nick Elsaesser    | 11 | F   | 6'1  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Matt Jaeger       | 12 | C   | 6'5  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Andrew Johnson    | 10 | C   | 5'10 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Ryan Kuntz        | 11 | G   | 6'2  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Ethan Less        | 10 | C   | 5'7  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Ryan Moore        | 10 | C   | 6'2  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Hunter von Tersch | 11 | F   | 6'1  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Pohrer            |    |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |

## ► TOMMY DICKE, Sr. G

\*HEIGHT: 6'2  
 \*ALL-IMAC HM



## ► EMERSON EGLY, Sr. G

\*HEIGHT: 6'2  
 \*ALL-IMAC

\*SCOUTING REPORT: "An amazing rebounder for his size, great feel for the game, competitor, good defender. Helps the team to win in all ways." — St. Paul Academy coach Isaiah Wallfred



## ST. PAUL HUMBOLDT

**NICKNAME:** Hawks  
**CONFERENCE:** St. Paul City  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**CONFERENCE RECORD:** 0-12  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 6-19  
**STATE TRIPS:** 1914, 18, 19, 35, 49 Champs

**COACH:** Augie Garcia  
**PHONE:** 651-434-5891  
**EMAIL:** augie.garcia@ci.stpaul.mn.us

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** F Jacob Andrews (All-St. Paul City HM); G Kionta Franklin (All-St. Paul City)

## RETURNING STATS

| Name              | Gr | Pos | Ht  | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| La'Vonta Bryant   | 12 | F   | 6'1 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Cyrus Frye-Dixon  | 12 | C   | 6'2 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Lyle Jones        | 10 | G   | 5'7 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Darnell King      | 10 | G   | 5'9 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Michael King      | 11 | F   | 6'1 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Abinadab          | 12 | G   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Tesfahunene       | 12 | G   | 5'9 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Guadalupe Iovalin | 12 | G   | 5'6 |     |     |     |     |     |
| Patricio Webster  | 12 | G   | 5'6 |     |     |     |     |     |

## ST. PAUL WASHINGTON

**NICKNAME:** Eagles  
**CONFERENCE:** St. Paul City  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**CONFERENCE RECORD:** 5-7  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 13-13  
**STATE TRIPS:** none

**COACH:** Anthony Harris  
**PHONE:** 651-276-7331  
**EMAIL:** adhchis@gmail.com  
**YEARS COACHING/RECORD:** 22/

**COACH'S COMMENTS:** Head coach Anthony Harris enters his fourth season at St. Paul Washington Technology Magnet, with a team that hopes to continue the steady climb of improvement since taking over the program. Led by seniors Curtis Bell, Maurice Carter, and James Boua-Taylor, and a nice blend of experienced returners and talented newcomers, the Eagles look forward to the challenge of competing for a conference title and improving in the always tough Section 4AA.

► **LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST:** 7/3

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** G Devin Christian (All-St. Paul City); C Xavier Walden (All-St. Paul City HM); C Keenen Williams

## RETURNING STATS

| Name              | Gr | Pos | Ht  | PPG  | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Curtis Bell       | 12 | PG  | 6'3 | 18.0 | 8.0 | 6.0 |     |     |
| James Boua-Taylor | 12 | SG  | 5'7 | 12.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 |     |
| Maurice Carter    | 12 | SG  | 5'9 | 12.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Deontre Anderson  | 12 | G   |     |      |     |     |     |     |
| Jackson Carver    | 11 | G   | 6'2 |      |     |     |     |     |
| Da'Quan Grimes    | 10 | C   | 6'5 |      |     |     |     |     |
| Keveon Magee      | 11 | F   | 6'1 |      |     |     |     |     |
| Tufeng Mua        | 11 | G   |     |      |     |     |     |     |

## ► CURTIS BELL, Sr. PG

| Stats | PPG  | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|       | 18.0 | 8.0 | 6.0 |     |     |

\*HEIGHT: 6'3  
 \*ALL-ST. PAUL CITY

\*SCOUTING REPORT: "Senior point guard Curtis Bell is entering his fourth year as a varsity player and is as valuable as a leader as he is a player. What makes him special is the ability to make everyone on his team better, and possess the ability to impact the game in so many facets. He's going to reach 1000 point plateau very early in the upcoming season but the team oriented approach is what stands out. His impact has been a major factor in helping build the program and seeing improvement each year and also helps reinforce our goal of being a team first program." — St. Paul Washington coach Anthony D Harris



**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** I'm a 6-foot-3 all-around player. I can play the PG, SG, SF. I have a very good court vision, I see everything. Also, I'm a very good defender with my length I create a lot of turnovers.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** I just turned 17 so I'm one of the youngest in my class but I like to cook also people call me "CB."

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** You get to compete in front of college coaches and you also build a relationship with your team and school, your teammates become your brothers and also you get to have fun.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** We will have a lot of height this year and we've all been playing with each other for years now and we have chemistry. Also we have players coming in from other schools that can help us so this year should be fun.

**Q: What type of college would you like to attend?** I would like to go to an HBCU or a DI/D2 university or DI JUCO.

## ► JAMES BOUA-TAYLOR, Sr. SG

| Stats | PPG  | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|       | 12.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 |     |

\*HEIGHT: 5'7  
 \*ALL-ST. PAUL CITY

\*SCOUTING REPORT: "Senior guard James Boua-Taylor is a tremendous shooter. He can impact the game by not just hitting shots but also spacing the floor to help his teammates get open. To shoot 40% from 3pt line and make 80 3pt shots speaks to his shooting, but he's also a very good rebounder, and has a great feel for the game. James also earned All Conference honors last year and it was his first year playing significant role for our team and he's worked hard to improve on entire game this offseason." — St. Paul Washington coach Anthony D Harris



**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** I'm a three-point shooter. I love to shoot.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** I'm a sneaker head. I love shoes.

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** The best part about high school basketball is that it's competitive.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** Our team is fast, we can score in transition and if we don't we can also control the tempo.

**Q: What other activities are you involved in?** Our school doesn't have a lot of activities I'm interested in so I just play basketball.

**Q: What type of offseason training do you do for basketball?** I do weight lifting, ball handling, and shooting drills.

## ► MAURICE CARTER, Sr. SG

| Stats | PPG  | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|       | 12.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |

\*HEIGHT: 5'9  
 \*ALL-ST. PAUL CITY HM

\*SCOUTING REPORT: "Senior guard Maurice Carter is one of the hardest workers on the team and really has been a great asset on and off the court. He's extremely fast but also knows how to use his speed which makes him a talented two end player. Having not had much varsity experience prior to last year, Maurice received All Conference recognition and really has had a great Summer which should carry over to better things for him and our team." — St. Paul Washington coach Anthony D Harris



**Q: Give me a short scouting report on yourself as a player. What are your strengths?** I am fast, I can jump, and my energy level is through the roof.

**Q: Can you tell us one unusual thing about yourself that others may not know?** My hobbies are playing basketball and I also like to draw, I am very artistic. Family wise my dad's side calls me "Dooda." I don't know why, it just stuck, and everyone else calls me "Reece."

**Q: What is the best part of playing high school basketball and why?** Just playing basketball is the best I love to play, of course I like to win but I love to play, just basketball is the best.

**Q: Tell me about the outlook for your team this year. What are the strengths of your team?** I am the road runner of the team, I am the shooting guard but my speed is my biggest strength. Getting to the rack is simple for me because of my speed, I'm not saying I'm the go-to guy, but that's just what I believe my strength is on our team.

**Q: What other activities are you involved in?** I try track, and thought about cross country.

**Q: What type of offseason training do you do for basketball?** I work with trainers at the YMCA or LA Fitness.

## TRINITY SCHOOL

**NICKNAME:** Tri Hawks  
**CONFERENCE:** MCAA  
**SECTION:** 4AA  
**CONFERENCE RECORD:** 3-10  
**OVERALL RECORD:** 8-19  
**STATE TRIPS:** 1997, 2003

**COACH:** Nick Buri  
**PHONE:** 651-269-5945  
**EMAIL:** nick.buri14@gmail.com

► **GRADUATION LOSSES:** G Eddie Maruggi (All-MCAA 1st); F Eamon Naughton (All-MCAA 2nd); G Josiah Sommer; C Patrick Votel

## RETURNING STATS

| Name             | Gr | Pos | Ht | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|------------------|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Mason Calcutt    | 11 | G   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Haakon Deach     | 12 | F   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Charlie Druffner | 11 | G   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Michael Ennis    | 10 | G   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Nick Erickson    | 12 | G   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Matt Hirabek     | 11 | F   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Cade Jorgenson   | 11 | G   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Luke Loden       | 12 | F   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jacob Masek      | 11 | G   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Ben Maslow       | 10 | F   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Danny O'Connell  | 12 | F   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Anthony Rumpza   | 10 | G   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Oliver Waldron   | 11 | G   |    |     |     |     |     |     |
| Aaron Wessel     | 11 | G   |    |     |     |     |     |     |



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