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CLASS 2A QUARTERFINALS

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Sophomore Addi Mack drove the lane in the first half Wednesday night in the Redhawks' 82-59 win.

Top seeds in Class 2A show mettle in quarterfinal wins

By HEATHER RULE and NATE GOTLIEB
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Top-seeded Providence Academy withstood an 8-0 second-half run by unseeded Montevideo to defeat the Thunder Hawks 68-55 in the Class 2A quarterfinals of the girls' basketball state tournament Wednesday in Williams Arena.

The Lions (27-4) led by 11 before the run and extended their lead back to double digits with a subsequent 7-0 run of their own.

All seven points during the run came from sisters Hope, Maria and Grace Counts.

"It was a lot of talking to each other and lifting each other up," Hope Counts, a freshman, said of the run.

Eighth-grader Maddyn Greenway led Providence Academy with 21 points, and Grace Counts, a junior, finished with 17. Hope Counts finished with 12 points while guarding Montevideo standout forward Avery Koenen, who has committed to North Dakota State.

"This was a big defensive night for Hope," Providence Academy coach Conner Goetz said.

Koenen led Montevideo (25-4), who were making their first state-tournament appearance in school history, with 25 points and 14 rebounds.

NATE GOTLIEB

Fergus Falls 71, Pequot Lakes 55: Fergus Falls couldn't hit its shots early and found itself down seven points to Pequot Lakes.

But the No. 2-seed Otters (25-5) responded quickly as a trio of three-pointers helped them take an 11-7 lead. They didn't give up the lead again, defeating unseeded Pequot Lakes 71-55 Wednesday at Maturi Pavilion in the Class 2A girls' basketball quarterfinals.

"I was hoping that our girls would weather the storm," said Fergus Falls coach Josh Steer. "I thought they did a great job of responding to some adversity early."

Senior Tori Ratz drained two of those shots from beyond the arc and added a layup to help her team settle in. "I think it really gets us going, if I knock down a few," Ratz said. "We get hyped, and we really pick up our defense."

Ratz finished the game with 22 points, making 5 of 11 three-pointers. Her teammate, senior Ellie Colebeck, had a game-high 25 points and eight assists.

For the Patriots (29-2), Isabel Larson, Kelsi Martini and Maci Martini each finished with 14 points. The loss snapped their 24-game winning streak.

HEATHER RULE

Minnehaha Academy 82, Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial 29: The Minnehaha Academy Redhawks are fast. Maybe that's an understatement. See their 16-2 start less than five minutes into their Class 2A quarterfinal game as evidence.

Thanks to a speedy and balanced scoring attack — in transition, from three-point range, in the paint — that lead ballooned to 23-3, then 51-18 at the half and eventually an 82-29 victory over Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial on Wednesday at Maturi Pavilion. The No. 5-seeded Redhawks will face No. 2-seed Fergus Falls in Friday's semifinals at Williams Arena.

"We like to play fast, we like to push the ball," said freshman Addi Mack, who scored 12 points, six of them in the first few minutes.

Five of the nine Redhawks (25-5) scorers finished in double-digits, with senior Charita Lewis leading the way with 16 points.

"This is a very complete team," said Redhawks coach Matt Pryor.

Lauren Cooper led the Knights (26-5) with 11 points.

HEATHER RULE

Albany 57, Rochester Lourdes 41: Fourth-seeded Albany limited Rochester Lourdes with a stingy zone defense and utilized a patient offensive attack to defeat the fifth-seeded Eagles 57-41 in the Class 2A quarterfinals of the girls' basketball state tournament Wednesday.

Sophomore Kylan Gerads led the defending-state-champion Huskies (24-3) with 24 points. The team mixed the slow-paced attack with well-timed transition baskets to build its lead before a Madi Herkenhoff layup with 4:54 to go put the Huskies up by double digits for good.

Junior Ella Hopkins scored 17 points to lead Rochester Lourdes, and Caroline Adamson, a senior, added 16.

For Albany, the win means it'll face top-seeded Providence Academy in the semifinals after beating them in last year's title game. Despite a 23-point loss to the Lions in December, Albany players said they're confident.

NATE GOTLIEB

NOTES

Becker, Austin coaches lament seeding process

By STAR TRIBUNE STAFF

Victorious Becker players bounced around with one another at midcourt after rallying to defeat Austin 53-48 in Wednesday's first Class 3A girls' basketball state tournament quarterfinal, emotion not typically displayed in the opening round.

But then, both coaches believed this matchup deserved better. They took aim at the seeding process and suggested an overhaul.

How it works: Each head coach casts electronic votes for the other seven qualifying teams. The highest and lowest votes for each team were excluded and the top five teams were awarded seeds. The remaining three teams were placed by blind draw.

That's how No. 1 seed Becker ended up playing Austin.

"If we vote 1-7, then why don't we just use that seeding system?" Packers coach **Eric Zoske** said. "If we're not seeded 1-5, I feel we should have been a six seed. It's just a system that needs to be looked at."

Becker coach **Dan Baird** said, "For them to be our first-round matchup, I don't know how that happened or what's wrong with the process, but they are one of the best teams in Class 3A."

Zoske added, "The whole system is frustrating. This was not an eight vs. one in the first round; this was a state championship game. There's no way this should have happened in the first round."

Run it back

Lakeville North coach **Shelly Clemons** wasn't at all resentful that her team was matched up against No. 1-seeded Hopkins in the Class 4A quarterfinals. In fact, she hopes to use the Royals to better her team next season.

"If we got anybody but Hopkins in the first round, I really felt we could make it to the second round. Our goal this year was just to get to state. Next, with these two," she said, pointing to sophomores **Trinity Wilson** and **Gabby Betton**, "we want to get to the dance and win it all. I decided today, I'm going to see if Hopkins wants to play the next two years. As long as I've got these two, we're going to go at it."

Route to state

Centennial's season was teetering on the edge of disappointment in late December after losing six games in a row.

"It seemed like it was the **Camille Cummings** show. Everybody just wanted to be a part of the Camille show," coach **Jamie Sohlik** said. "They'd have an open shot and pass it up and say 'I'm giving it to Camille.'"

Centennial's savvy guard was averaging around 24 points per game, but the team success wasn't there.

So the players had a series of meetings designed to make sure everyone was contributing to their team success and their season turned around. They lost just two games after that, both to Maple Grove.

"We had a sleepover at my house, just playing games all night, and it really helped a lot," Cummings said.

Stopping the star

A big part of Roseville's ability to shut down **Kate Cordes** and Shakopee's long-range shooting was the play of Raiders' sophomore guard **Kendall Barnes**.

"We knew [Cordes] was one of their best players so we wanted to keep the ball out of her hands as much as possible," Roseville coach **Tanysha Scott** said. "So we had Kendall on her."

Barnes is also Scott's daughter. Scott, a former standout at Minnesota Duluth, was asked if that makes Barnes the Raiders' defensive stopper?

"We're trying to make her one," Scott said with a broad smile.

Barnes admitted that she hears that at home all the time: "Yeah. She wants me to be."

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Becker's Ayla Brown (on ground) hit a driving layup with just over one minute to give the Bulldogs a one-point lead.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

BASKETBALL • BOYS

CLASS 1A
Section 7 • Semifinals
• Cherry 38, Mountain Iron-Buhl 30
• Deer River 65, North Hennepin 62

TUESDAY

BASKETBALL • BOYS

CLASS 2A
Section 5 • Semifinals
• Menahga 79, Rockford 71, 2 OT

STATE TOURNEYS

ADAPTED FLOOR HOCKEY

At Bloomington Jefferson H.S.
D DIVISION
Friday • Quarterfinals
• Maple Grove vs. South Suburban, 1 pm
• Burnsville/Farmington/Lakeville vs. Owatonna, 6:30 pm
• Dakota United vs. North Suburban, 8 pm
• New Prague vs. South Washington, 10 pm
Saturday • Semifinals
• Quarterfinal winners, noon
Consolation semifinals
• Quarterfinal losers, 3 & 10:30 am
5th place
• Consolation semifinal winners, 1:45 pm
Third Place
• Semifinal losers, 3:30 pm
Championship
• Semifinal winners, 4 pm

M DIVISION
Friday • Quarterfinals
• Anoka-Hennepin vs. Minneapolis South, 7 pm
• Chaska United vs. South Suburban, 3 pm
• Dakota United vs. Maple Grove, 5:30 pm
• Rochester/Hopkins/Mound Westonka vs. Rochester, 8:30 pm
Saturday • Semifinals
• Quarterfinal winners, 10:30 am
Consolation semifinals
• Quarterfinal losers, 9 am
Fifth place
• Consolation semifinal winners, 12:15 pm
Third Place
• Semifinal losers, 2:15 pm
Championship
• Semifinal winners, 3:30 pm

BASKETBALL • GIRLS

At Williams Arena, unless noted
CLASS 4A
Wednesday • Quarterfinals
• Hopkins 61, Lakeville North 41
• Roseville 19, Shakopee 32
• St. Michael-Alb. 49, Centennial 18
• White Bear Lake 35, Rosemount 34
Thursday • Semifinals
• Hopkins (24-1) vs. White Bear Lake (21-6), 6 pm
• Roseville (22-8) vs. St. Michael-Albertville (22-3), 8 pm
Consolation semifinals
At Concordia University
• Centennial (19-8) vs. Rosemount (20-6), 10 am
• Centennial (19-11) vs. Shakopee (25-4), noon
Friday • Fifth place
At Concordia University
• Consolation semifinal winners, 6 pm
Saturday • Third place
At Concordia University
• Semifinal losers, 5 pm
Championship
• Semifinal winners, 8 pm

CLASS 3A
Wednesday • Quarterfinals
• Becker 53, Austin 48
• Mankato East 62, Benilde-St. Margaret's 57
• St. Paul Como Park 70, Grand Rapids 57
• Totino-Grace 64, Detroit Lakes 43
Thursday • Semifinals
• Becker (24-4) vs. Mankato East (25-4), 1 pm
• St. Paul Como Park (23-6) vs. Totino-Grace 64, Detroit Lakes 43
Consolation semifinals
At Concordia University
• Austin (24-5) vs. Benilde-St. Margaret's (23-7), 2 pm
• Detroit Lakes (14-13) vs. Grand Rapids (25-4), 4 pm

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Taryn Hamling one to sink a three-pointer for Grand Rapids in its loss to Wednesday to St. Paul-Como Park.

Friday • Fifth place
At Concordia University
• Consolation semifinal winners, 4 pm
Saturday • Third place
At Concordia University
• Semifinal losers, 1 pm
Championship
• Semifinal winners, 6 pm

Thursday • Consolation semifinals
At Concordia University
• Rochester Lourdes (22-8) vs. Mankato East (21-6), 6 pm
• Pequot Lakes (29-2) vs. Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial (28-5), 8 pm
Friday • Semifinals
• Albany (28-3) vs. Providence Academy (27-4), 6 pm
• Fergus Falls (25-5) vs. Minnehaha Academy (25-5), 8 pm
Friday • Fifth place
At Concordia University
• Consolation semifinal winners, 2 pm
Saturday • Third place
At Concordia University
• Semifinal losers, 1 pm
Championship
• Semifinal winners, 3 pm

CLASS 1A
Thursday • Quarterfinals
• Deer River 65, Cherry 38
• Minnesota Zion 45 vs. Mountain Iron-Buhl (27-3), 12 am
• Cass Lake-Bena (28-2) vs. Kingsford (26-6), 1 pm
• Lake Benton (26-4) vs. United Christian (22-4), 2 pm
• Kenyon (27-1) vs. Nevis (19-6), 3 pm
Friday • Semifinals
• Quarterfinal winners, noon & 2 pm
Consolation semifinals
At Concordia University
• Quarterfinal losers, 10 am & noon
Saturday • Fifth place
At Concordia University
• Consolation semifinal winners, 9 am
Third place
At Concordia University
• Semifinal losers, 11 am
Championship
• Semifinal winners, noon

SUMMARIES

BASKETBALL • GIRLS

CLASS 4A • QUARTERFINALS
Hopkins 61, Lakeville North 41

Lakeville North	14 21-41
Hopkins	18 43-61

Lakeville North: Ava S. Wilson 7, Bolton 6, Burkland 6, Laabs 3, Bryant 2, Kim 2, Nicolai-Haas 2, Wallace 2. **Hopkins:** Miller 20, Moscman 14, Sattler 11, Dayton 6, Agra 2, J. Wright 2, M. Smith 2, Wildt 2.

Roseville 19, Shakopee 32

Roseville	13 6-19
Shakopee	19 13-32

Roseville: Barnes 15, Johnston 3, Kopp 1, Bartram 0, Heffernan 0. **Shakopee:** Pace 12, Mitchell 8, Cordes 5, Pawlenty 5, Maenke 2.

St. Michael-Alb. 49, Centennial 18

Centennial	8 10-18
St. Michael-Albertville	21 28-49

Centennial: Kalen 14, Cummings 10, Frost 12, McCall 7, Paterson 5, Eberhardt 4, Mahoney 4, St. Michael-Albertville: Johnson 24, Craft 20, Miller 10, Carlson 6, Foutsch 4, Kraus 4.

White Bear Lake 35, Rosemount 34

White Bear Lake	19 16
Rosemount	16 18-34

White Bear Lake: O'Brien 9, Schneider 8, Ryan 7, Sagstuen 6, Schaeve 5, Rosemount: Lowenberg 10, O'Neil 7, Kuzdzal 5, Thompson 4.

CLASS 3A • QUARTERFINALS
Becker 53, Austin 48

Austin	20 28-48
Becker	18 35-53

Becker: K. Bunjevcic 12, Walsh 12, E. Zoske 9, Schmitz 8, Stute 5. **Austin:** Westin 15, Kent 13, Kuest 8, Rose 6, Brown 7, Wachtmeister 2.

Mankato East 62, Benilde-St. Marg. 57

Mankato East	28 34-62
Benilde-St. Margaret's	25 36-57

Mankato East: Schneider 17, Stevens 17, Johnson 10, Blakely 10, Harge 5, Pelzer 4. **Benilde-St. Margaret's:** Olson 21, McGee 11, Lampson 9, Wells 8, Kanver 2, Miller 2.

St. Paul Como Park 70, Grand Rapids 57

Grand Rapids	14 43-57
St. Paul Como Park	37 33-70

Grand Rapids: Hamling 20, Lehdorn 13, Jantzgard 8, LaPlant 8, Gifter 4, Bribe 1, Prostrollo 1. **St. Paul Como Park:** Pryor 22, Rainey 17, James 14, Nichols, Voelkel 10, Brostrak 5, Singer 4, Vermont 2.

Totino-Grace 64, Detroit Lakes 43

Detroit Lakes	19 24-43
Totino-Grace	19 29-64

Detroit Lakes: Fauser 15, Bottcher 10, Gunderson 5, Lassen 4, Maier 4, Olson 4, Doggett 1.
Totino-Grace: Herzog 17, Lord 16, Dongstad 14, Kluno 6, Schlueter 7, Nuis 2.

CLASS 2A • QUARTERFINALS
Albany 57, Rochester Lourdes 41

Rochester Lourdes	16 25-41
Albany	22 35-57

Rochester Lourdes: Hopkins 17, Adamson 16, Brown 6, Brethen 2.
Albany: Gerads 24, Sand 10, Kohler 8, Voigt 6, O. Finsley 5, E. Finsley 2, Hertzenhoff 2, Carlson 1.

Fergus Falls 71, Pequot Lakes 55

Pequot Lakes	28 30-55
Fergus Falls	32 39-71

Pequot Lakes: Larson 14, K. Martini 14, M. Martini 14, Schultz 8, Kratochwil 5.
Fergus Falls: Colebeck 25, Ratz 22, Kramer 7, Stromberg 6, Lockert 5, Peterson 4, Bunger 2.

Minnehaha Acad. 82, LC-WM 29

Lake Crystal-WM	18 11-29
Minnehaha Academy	51 31-82

Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial: Cooper 11, Finch 6, Hanisch 4, Reisner 2, Steiner 2, Graupman 2.
Minnehaha Academy: Lewis 16, Hill 13, Mack 12, Cupits 11, Al Hamed 11, Mowbray 8, Schooner 4, Graham 4, Allen 3.

Providence Acad. 68, Montevideo 55

Montevideo	31 24-55
Providence Academy	40 28-68

Montevideo: Koenen 25, Rau, Eynne 10, Dobson 8, Ten Eyneck 6, Foley 4.
Providence Academy: Greenway 21, St. Clouds 19, H. Counts 12, Fortmeier 9, M. Counts 7.

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