

100 Best Teams

What makes a great team? Getting hot at the right time, like Minneapolis Roosevelt in 1956, maybe? The Teddies lost three times that year but “blue” out Blue Earth 101-54 in the state tournament final. Or, maybe it’s sustained brilliance, like Edina with three straight Single Class titles from ’66 to ’68. Maybe it’s one great player like Khalid El-Amin, or Mark Olberding. Maybe it’s a great coach like Ken Novak or Harvey Roels. In the end, we think it comes down to 1) a solid won-lost record, 2) a good margin of victory in the post-season and, of course, 3) great players and coaches.

Team, Year, Championship Boldface indicates teams that did not win a state title	Description	Key Performers (individual rank)
1. Edina 1967 Single Class	Edina won a repeat title in 1967 at 27-0 with an average winning margin of 74-54; and a 3-peat in 1968 at 26-1 with a margin of 75-52. The Edina winning streak reached a still-record 69 before an 81-75 loss to Richfield which was avenged in the district final. Still, we can split that hair. Edina 1967 was the best ever. Edina 1968 was a fraction behind.	Bob Zender, PF (#4) Kurt Shellhas, PF (#64) Jay Kiedrowski, SF (#80) Jeff Wright, SG (#81) Roger Schelper, PG (#82) Coach Duane Baglien (#20)
2. Hopkins 2009 Class AAAA	They were already favored to win the state title when the state’s best player, Royce White, transferred in after being expelled from DeLaSalle regarded.. They finished 31-0 with a 64-40 average winning margin at	Royce White, PF (#14) Trent Lockett, SG (#23) Raymond Cowles, PG (#23) Mike Broghammer, C (#39) Coach Kenny Novak, Jr. (#2)

	state. They were the 5th best shooting team ever at 55 percent.	
3. Minneapolis North 1996 Sweet 16	North was 26-1 (70-52). It's difficult to say which of North's three-peaters was best. Khalid El-Amin was more mature in 1996 than in 1995. 3 losses in 1997 is too many.	Khalid El-Amin, North, PG (#1) Jabbar Washington, North, SF (#21) Coach Robin Ingram, North (#31)
4. Minneapolis Edison 1937 Single Class	15-1 with a 45-20 average margin at state. Scored a tournament record 62 points in the semis. Regarded at the time as the greatest team yet to play in the tournament.	Swede Carlson, SF (#12) Willie Warhol, PG (#17) Walt Andrews, C (#82) Joe Mernik, SG (#88) Coach Ray Parkins (#21)
5. Edina 1968 Single Class	Completed their 3-peat at 26-1 with a margin of 75-52. The Edina winning streak reached a still-record 69 before an 81-75 loss to Richfield which was avenged in the district final.	Bob Zender, PF (#4) Bill Fiedler, PF (#81) Mark Thole, PG, 1968 (#82) Coach Duane Baglien (#20)
6. (tie). DeLaSalle 1955 and 1956 Catholic tournament, and 1955 mythical national Catholic champion	In 1955, the Islanders were unbeaten, and selected by the <i>Chicago Tribune</i> as the #1 Catholic team in the nation. The following year, the Islanders defeated MSHSL champion Mpls. Roosevelt 64-54 and 81-63.	Paul Lehman, PG (#12) Coach Dick Reinhart (#18)
7. Hopkins 2016 Class AAAA		Amir Coffey, SF (#5)

	31-1 (74-52). The highest scoring team ever among the big school classes (AAAA and AAA) at 93 ppg for the regular season, 91 overall.	Coach Kenny Novak (#2)
8. Hopkins 1953 Single Class	23-0 (63-48). Their 2 nd straight state title, and only a 1-point loss in 1951 kept them from 3. Won 65 straight games from 1951 to 1954, with both the last loss in 1951 and the first loss in 1954 coming in OT.	Dave Tschimperle, SF (#4) Jerry Porter, PG (#76) Coach Butsie Maetzold (#2)
9 (tie), Minneapolis Roosevelt 1956 and 1957 Single Class	Roosevelt lost 3 times in 1956, twice to DeLaSalle (rated #6 all-time), but must have been the most improved team ever within a single season. They avenged a one-point loss to defending state champ Washburn 91-50 in the district, then, after edging Blue Earth 60-58 at mid-season, "blue out" Blue Earth 101-54 in the final. When asked which team was better, 1956 or 1957, Tom Nordland said, "1957. We beat DeLaSalle." Roosevelt won a 2 nd straight title at 27-0-1 and 69-58. They tied Duluth East 46-46 in a Gopher prelim game that is often not included in their record.	Tom Nordland, SF (#9) Jerry Butler, PF (#49) Larry Exel, SF (1956) (#46) Bob Freund, C (1956) (#68) Greg Larson, C (1957) (#68) Coach Wayne Courtney (#32)
		Jim McIntyre, C (#1)

<p>10 (tie). Minneapolis Patrick Henry 1944 and 1945 Single Class</p>	<p>The Patriots went 24-1 in both 1944 and 1945, and won 6 straight state tournament games by an average margin of 50-32. Jim McIntyre broke the single game scoring record 3 times and the tournament record both years with 86, then 100 points. He shot over 50 percent at a time when 25 percent was thought to be pretty good. The ultimate game-changer.</p>	<p>Clayton Kermeen, PG (#69), 1944 Bob Mealey, PG (#69), 1945 Coach Frank Cleve (#14)</p>
<p>11. Hopkins 2011 Class AAAA</p>	<p>31-1 (74-52) for 3rd straight AAAA title.</p>	<p>Siyani Chambers, PG (#11) Joe Coleman, SF (#14) PF Marvin Singleton, PF (63) Coach Kenny Novak (#2)</p>
<p>12. Minneapolis North 1995 Sweet Sixteen</p>	<p>North was 30-0 (59-51) in 1995. It's difficult to say which of North's three-peaters was best. In 1995 they were dominant but they were a very young team.</p>	<p>Khalid El-Amin, North, PG (#1) Jabbar Washington, North, SF (#21) Coach Robin Ingram, North (#31)</p>
<p>13. Duluth Central 1961 Single Class</p>	<p>27-0 and 67-49. They were co-favorites with Roosevelt when the Teddies were DQ.</p>	<p>Terry Kunze, PG (#3) Chet Anderson, PF (#50) Coach Jim Hastings (#3)</p>
<p>14. Bloomington Jefferson 1987 Class AA</p>	<p>26-0 (53-38) in 1987 for a 2nd straight title.</p>	<p>Kevin Lynch, SG, 1987 (#3) Coach Jack Evens (#7)</p>

<p>15 (tie). Apple Valley Class AAAA and DeLaSalle Class AAA both 2013</p>	<p>Apple Valley was 30-1 (72-60). DeLaSalle was 30-1 (69-49). Park Center beat Apple Valley and lost to DLS in the regular season. But, AV beat PC 74-57 in the state final. The next fall Apple Valley beat DLS with many of the same players on both sides.</p>	<p>Tyus Jones, AV, PG (#1) Brock Bertram, AV, C (#61) Coach Zach Goring, AV (#45) Reid Travis, DLS, PF (#9) Saccar Anim, DLS, SG (#24) Jarvis Johnson, DLS, PG (#38) Coach Dave Thorson, DLS (#6)</p>
<p>16 (tie). Litchfield Class AA and Minneapolis Patrick Henry Class AAA, both 2000</p>	<p>Litch 29-0 (62-38), and beat Class AAAA champ Tartan 74-49 in a holiday tournament. Henry 28-1 (74-46), lost only to a VA team.</p>	<p>John Carlson, Litchfield, PF (#47) Alex Carlson, Litchfield, PG (#57) Coach John Carlson, Litchfield (#33) Johnnie Gilbert, Henry, PF (#33) Coach Larry McKenzie, Henry (#11)</p>
<p>17. Eden Prairie 2020 Class AAAA</p>	<p>28-0. Hammered the self-proclaimed "best ever" (Minnehaha) 78-64. Set to play Shakopee for the section title when the coronavirus hit. Boldface means they did not win a state title.</p>	<p>Drake Dobbs, PG (#30) Coach David Flom (#75)</p>
<p>18. Osseo 2001 Class AAAA</p>	<p>30-1 (81-63). Lost only to an out-of-state opponent.</p>	<p>Zach Kiekow, PG (#28)</p>
<p>19. Hopkins 2006 Class AAAA</p>	<p>30-2 (61-44).</p>	<p>Blake Hofferbar, SG, 2006 (#6) Dan Vandervieren, C, 2006 (#40) Tyler Nicolai, PG, 2006 (#44)</p>

		Coach Kenny Novak (#2)
20. Bloomington Jefferson 1976 Class AA	27-0 (63-51) in 1976. Beat Hibbing and Kevin McHale 60-51 in the great matchup of big men.	Steve Lingenfelter, C, 1976 (#10) Coach Jack Evens (#7)
21. St. Paul Johnson 2010 Class AAA	32-0 with a 73-49 average margin at state. Beat Class AAAA champ Hopkins in 87-78 December.	Estan Tyler, PG (#22) Maxie Rosenbloom, SF (#81) Coach Vern Simmons (#35)
22. Braham 2005 Class AA	Braham was 33-0 (68-46). This was the middle and best of 3 straight champions. Won 65 straight in 2004-2005.	Isaiah Dahlman, SF, Braham (#3) Noah Dahlman, C, Braham (#20) Josh Vaughan, G, Braham (#41) Coach Bob Vaughan, Braham (#16)
23 (tie). Melrose 1974 and Lake City 1979, both Class A	2 teams that featured 2 of the best big men ever. Bob McDonald and Dean Verdoes called Mark Olberding the best ever, and they would know. Melrose went 27-0 (54-43), as Olberding scored 112 points in 4 games. Lake City was 26-0 (63-40) as Randy Breuer scored 113 in 3 games including 41 in the final.	Mark Olberding, Melrose, PF (#1) Coach Del Schiffler, Melrose (#17) Randy Breuer, Lake City, C (#3) Pat Kennedy, Lake City, PG (#100) Coach Jerry Snyder, Lake City (#28)
24.. Stillwater 1914 Single Class	The closest thing to a buzz-saw that the tournament saw in its first 100+ years. 14-2, with both losses to	Harold Gillen, SF (#7) Coach Harry Gammons (#96)

	college teams. 40-11 was the widest scoring margin for more than 100 years.	
25. Hopkins 1952 Single Class	25-1 (48-36), winning 1 st of 2 straight titles in 1952. Only a 1-point loss in 1951 prevented them from winning 3 straight. Their only loss was in OT at the U of M prelim game in which the 1 st OT was sudden death because the Gopher game needed to get started.	Dave Tschimperle, SF (#4) Jerry Porter, PF (#76) Bob Wagner, C (#94) Coach Butsie Maetzold (#2)
26 (tie). White Bear Lake Class AA 1984 and 1985	In 1984, the Bears had incredible depth after merger of White Bear and Mariner high schools. They went 26-0 (52-41) in 1984, 26-0 (but just 54-49) in 1985. The Bears beat Mpls. North in both finals, and North was also unbeaten both times.	Joe Regnier, C (#32) Larry Ogden, SF (#53) Coach Jim Galvin (#48)
27. Austin 1946 Single Class	22-3 (57-29). Lost twice to Big 9 champ Mankato, who lost to Mountain Lake in the region. Austin beat the Lakers 38-31 at state, then Lynd 66-31 in the final. Their 28-point average margin was the 2 nd largest until 2017. But despite 3 state titles, Austin never won the Big 9 and the state title in the same season.	Dick Ravenhorst, C (#50) Coach Ove Berven (#8)

<p>28. Edgerton 1960 Single Class</p>	<p>The first of 5 unbeaten Cinderella teams from the southwest in just 13 years at a time when the small towns supposedly couldn't compete. Edgerton was 27-0 and 67-58.`</p>	<p>Dean Veenhof, C (#14) Darrell Kreun, G (#83) Coach Richie Olson (#60)</p>
<p>29. Chaska 2004 Class AAAA</p>	<p>30-2 with a nice big 21-point average winning margin at state.</p>	<p>Spencer Tollackson, C (#23)</p>
<p>30. Cretin-Derham Hall 2018 Class AAAA</p>	<p>Cretin edged defending champion Apple Valley 79-78 in the 2018 final. Cretin finished 30-2 (70-61).</p>	<p>Daniel Oturu, Cretin, C (#8) Ryan Larson, Cretin, PG (#49)</p>
<p>31 (tie). Apple Valley 2014 and 2017 both Class AAAA</p>	<p>In 2014, #1 Apple Valley with Tyus Jones was upset by Cretin in the section. Still, they were the state's best team. They won their 2nd title with brother Tre Jones in 2017 at 30-2 (71-58).</p>	<p>Tyus Jones, PG (2014) (#2) Tre Jones, SG (2017) Brock Bertram, C (2014) (#63) Coach Zach Goring (#45)</p>
<p>32. Minneapolis Washburn 1955 Single Class</p>	<p>22-1 (71-53). Some said they were the best to that time except that DeLaSalle 1955 was clearly better.</p>	
<p>33 (tie). Minneapolis Central 1900 and 1901</p>	<p>Lost to the Minnesota Gophers 8-7 in 1900.</p>	<p>George Tuck, C (#5)</p>
<p>34 (tie). Hopkins 2002 and 2005, both Class AAAA</p>	<p>28-2 (63-52) in 2002. 31-1 (68-57) in 2005. The 2005 champions</p>	<p>Blake Hoffarber, SG (2005) (#6) Kris Humphries, PF (2002) (#5) Dan Coleman, PF (2002) (#22)</p>

	needed Blake Hofferbar famous "butt shot" to win the title.	Darren Clarke, PG (2002) (#64) Dan Vandevieren, C (2005) (#40) Coach Kenny Novak (#2)
35. Litchfield 2003 Class AA	30-2 (58-40). Litch had another signature win this year, beating Mpls. Henry 64-44.	John Carlson, Jr., C (#47) Coach John Carlson, Sr. (#33)
36 (tie). Sherburn 1970 Single Class, and St. James 1972 Class A and Overall	Sherburn 27-0 (71-59), St. James 30-0 (68-60). The 3 rd and 4 th of 4 unbeaten Cinderella champions (1960-1972), all at a time when the small towns supposedly couldn't compete.	Tom Mulso, Sherburn, SF (#38) Jeff Nessler, St. James, PG (#43) Jeff McCarron, Sherburn, F (#79) Jim Chalin, St. James, SG (#85) Coach Judge Veglahn, St. James (#51)
37. Minneapolis Marshall-U 1976 Class A	28-0 (68-60). M-U won 53 straight 1975-1977. This was the 1 st year that there was no overall title game. If there had, it was thought (in error) that M-U and Jefferson would be the 1 st unbeaten to play for the title.	Ronnie Henderson, PG (#7) Rodney Hargest, SF (#85) Coach Ed Prohofsky (#19)
38. St. Thomas 1951 Catholic tournament	This was the Tommies 3 rd straight Catholic title with Johnny Horan. 29-0 including match game victory over Wisconsin Catholic champions.	Johnny Horan, C (#7)
39 (tie). Duluth Central 1950 Single Class, and 1971 Class AA and Overall	In 1950, 24-3 (45-38). In 1971, 23-1 (59-51).	"Buzz" Bennett, PG, 1950 (#32) Como Pontliana, C, 1971 (#17) Coach Jim Hastings, 1971 (#3)

<p>40 (tie). Minneapolis Central 1920 and 1921 Single Class champion</p>	<p>Finished 4th at 1920 national tournament while Norton won all-America honors. Went 13-1 (27-18) in winning the state title in 1921.</p>	<p>Martin Norton, SF (#8) Coach Wes Mitchell (#41) Pud Moore, G</p>
<p>41 (tie). Minneapolis Patrick Henry 2001 and 2002 Class AAA</p>	<p>Won their 3rd and 4th straight titles, with 28-2 and 30-3 W-L records and a 70-52 average margin over four years.</p>	<p>Lawrence McKenzie, PG (#6) Coach Larry McKenzie (#11)</p>
<p>42 (tie). Waseca 1918 and Albert Lea 1919, both Single Class</p>	<p>The first 2 unbeaten champions. Waseca defeated Albert Lea in the 1918 tournament, but Albert Lea beat Waseca in 1919 and then New Ulm 37-8 in the final. Waseca was 13-0 (30-12), Albert Lea 17-0 (30-14).</p>	<p>Lyle Juhnke, Waseca, F (#79) Gordy Malmer, Al. Lea, F (#79) Leonard Thune, Al. Lea, C (#97)</p>
<p>43. DeLaSalle 1931 National Catholic champions</p>	<p>Won the national Catholic tournament (24-3), defeating Jasper, IN, Academy 23-21 for the title.</p>	<p>Ray Buffalo, C (#44) Coach George Roberts (#30)</p>
<p>44. Duluth Cathedral 1922</p>	<p>Cathedral won the Lake Superior Conference title, beating Duluth Central by 12 and 15 points. Red Wing beat Central by 5 in the MSHSL tournament. Cathedral won 2 games in the national tournament.</p>	<p>Clarence Martin, PG (#57) Joe Benda, SF</p>

	The Catholic state tournament was launched the following year.	
45 (tie). Minnehaha 2019 Class AA, 2020 Class AA , and 2021 Class AAA	Wow. How to regard the Minnehaha juggernaut 2019-2021? In 2019, Minnehaha lost to AAAA champion Hopkins twice, but beat AAA champ DeLaSalle. In 2021, they were unbeaten against Minnesota opponents. In between, in 2020, should have been their best team, with Jalen Suggs a senior and Chet Holmgren a junior. They proclaimed themselves the “best ever,” and if the purpose of high school sports is college recruits, well, fine. But they lost to Cretin, Eden Prairie and Hopkins. The coronavirus cancelled an expected matchup with DeLaSalle in Class AAA.	Jalen Suggs, Minnehaha, PG (2020) (#1) Chet Holmgren, Minnehaha, C (2021) (#4) Coach Lance Johnson (#73)
46. Chisholm 1934 Single Class	21-2 (33-18). Their 5 th straight tournament and, finally, a title.	Gordon Burich, PF (#48) Coach Harvey Roels (#1)
47 (tie). Cretin Catholic champion, and St. Paul Washington Single Class, both 1943	Cretin went 7-0 vs. St. Paul City opponents with an average margin of 13 points. Washington was 8-1 (+10). The two did not play one another. According to the MSHSL, Washington finished 22-2. According to the St. Paul City	Dick Kaess, Washington, PG (#40) Coach Harry Nelson, Washington (#83)

	Conference they were 21-4. In any event, they manhandled their state tournament opponents 39-25, including Alexandria and Hal Haskins 55-33 in the final. Cretin beat Winona Cotter 35-28 for the Catholic title.	
48 (tie). Owatonna 1989 and 1990 Class AA	24-1 (45-41) in 1989; 23-2 (59-39) in 1990.	Chad Kolander, C (#13) Mark Randall, PF (#80)
49. Woodbury 1983 Class AA	Woodbury def. Coon Rapids 56-50 in OT to finish 24-0. It was thought to be the first title game ever between 2 unbeaten, though this was later found to be in error.	Bill Schiffler, PG, Woodbury (#72) Coach Del Schiffler, Woodbury (#17)
50. Rochester 1917 Single Class	11-2 (30-13). One of just 2 teams to ever place all 5 starters on the all-tournament team.	Fred Enke, Rochester, PG (#16) Leseter Kitzmann, Rochester, SG (#88) Martin Kruse, Rochester, C (#97)
51. Minneapolis North 1997 Class AAAA	A mid-season slump led North to a 25-3 record, but the Polars were never in danger in the post-season.	Khalid El-Amin, PG, North (#1) Jabbar Washington, PF, North (#21) Coach Robin Ingram, North (#31)
52. Anoka 1973 Class AA and Overall	25-2 (58-48). One of the tallest teams ever at 6-8, 6-8, 6-5.	Loren Erickson, C (#73) Greg Kettler, C (#73) Coach Bill Wanamaker (#61)

53 (tie). Minnetonka 1998 and 2008, both Class AAAA	25-2 (63-55) in 1998, 28-3 (73-56) in 2008. Came back from a 33-11 deficit to win in the 2008 final.	Ryan Keating, PG, 1998 (#20) Anthony Tucker, G, 2008 (#26) Shane Schilling, SF, 1998 (#35) Jake Kuppe, C, 1998 (#63) C.J. Erickson, C, 2008 (#63)
54. Buhl 1942 Single Class	Repeated as champion at 29-0. Won the finals just 30-29 over Marshall.	John Klarich, F Ed Mylund, C
55. Hopkins 2019 Class AAAA	Lost 4 in the regular season but they killed people in the post-season. 27-4 (70-47).	Zeke Nnaji, PF (#8) Kerwin Walton, PG (#20) Coach Kenny Novak (#2)
56. Gaylord 1926 Single Class	20-3 (18-12). Won 7 straight upsets in the post-season.	Bennie Lichtenegger, SF (#22)
57 (tie). Red Wing 1915, 1922 and 1933, all Single Class	Red Wing won the state title in 1915 playing without its best player, Ray Hanson. They were 15-1 (28-17). In 1922 they were 19-0 (36-23), but were not the best team in the state. They defeated Duluth Central 30-25 in the tournament. Duluth Cathedral defeated Central in the regular season 30-15 and 30-18. In 1933, they were 22-3 (22-18). Seebach and Lillyblad both went on to start for the Gophers.	Butsie Maetzold, PG, 1922 (#9) Art Lillyblad, PG, 1933 (#9) Dick Seebach, SG, 1915 (#15) Louis Nordly, SF, 1915 (#34) Oliver Nordly, SF, 1922 (#34) Neal Arntson, PF, 1915 (#44) Raymond Hanson, C and player-coach, 1915 (#64) Chuck Hartupee, C, 1922 (#97)
58. Gilbert 1951 Single Class		Bill Simonovich, C (#7)

	The 6 th and final single class champions from the Iron Range. 26-1 (55-48).	
59. Osseo 2012 Class AAAA	30-2 (65-61), just the #4 seed at 27-2, but beat 3-time defending champs Hopkins 87-86 in 3 OT in the semi.	Ian Theisen, C (#61) Coach Tim Theisen (#46)
60 (tie). Marshall 1963, and Luverne 1964, both Single Class	Marshall 25-1 (67-58). Many thought the 1963 final (Marshall 75 Cloquet 74) was the best ever. Luverne 20-5 (72-58) beat Marshall by 20 in the conference.	Terry Porter, SG, Marshall (#36) John Beyer, SF, Luverne (#44) Greg Thone, PG, Luverne (#68) Del Jessen, PF, Luverne (#68) John Nefstead, PF, Marshall (#96)
61. (tie). Cretin-Derham Hall 1991 and 1993, both Class AA	27-1 (1991) and 28-1 (1993). Also lost to Anoka in 1992 final, but avenged that loss in 1993.	Arvesta Kelly, SF (#55) Coach Len Horyza (#24)
62. Rochester Lourdes 1967 Catholic champions	Lourdes was undefeated in the 2 nd and best of 3 straight Catholic champions.	Steve Fritz, C, Lourdes (#70) Coach Orrie Jirele, Lourdes (#49)
63. Mountain Lake 1939 Single Class	23-1 (35-27). Beat Minneapolis Marshall 37-30 in the final.	Ruben Epp, PG (#34) Henry Epp, C (#60)
64. Bloomington Jefferson 1982 Class AA	23-1 (55-48).	Coach Jack Evens (#7)
65. Austin 1955	Austin won state championships in 1935, 1946 and 1958 but the 1955	Jerry Olson, PF (1955) (#27) Coach Ove Berven (#8)

	<p>team (20-1) was probably better.</p> <p>They lost to Washburn 67-58 in final. Austin never won the Big 9 and state titles in the same year.</p> <p>This team at least did the former.</p>	
<p>66. Minneapolis North 2003 Class AAAA</p>	<p>28-3 (69-57). Defeated defending state champ Hopkins, then 2001 champ Osseo in 2 OT.</p>	<p>Kammron Taylor, PG (2003) (#6)</p> <p>James Davis, C (2003) (#69)</p>
<p>67 (tie). Prior Lake 1977 and 1978 Class AA</p>	<p>Won 2 straight titles, both surprises. Still, 48-4 overall with a tournament winning margin of 50-41.</p>	<p>Brian Pederson, C 1978) (#35)</p> <p>Doug Pederson, C (1977) (#77)</p>
<p>68. Edina 1966 Single Class</p>	<p>Won by one point and then in a combined 5 OT. No other champion has ever cut it so close.</p>	<p>Bob Zender, PF (#4)</p> <p>Kurt Shellhas, PF (#64)</p> <p>Jay Kiedrowski, SF (#80)</p> <p>Jeff Wright, SG (#81)</p> <p>Roger Schelper, PG (#82)</p> <p>Coach Duane Baglien (#20)</p>
<p>69. Minneapolis North 2017 Class A</p>	<p>32-2, and set a state tournament record for the widest margin of victory at 96-50.</p>	<p>Coach Larry McKenzie (#11)</p>
<p>70 (tie). Thief River Falls 1932 and 1938 Single Class</p>	<p>23-0 (23-14) in 1932. This was the best W-L record in state history to that time. Lloyd Aanstad at 6-5½ was the tallest boy to play in the tournament through 1943. Then in 1938 28-0 (32-28) was again the</p>	<p>John Chommie, PG, 1932 (#91)</p> <p>Roy Lee, PG, 1938 (#91)</p>

	best W-L record by a state champ to that time.	
71. Mounds View 1999 Class AAAA	24-3 (67-56); beat defending state champ Minnetonka in the final.	Nick Horvath, C (#14) Coach Ziggy Kauls (#10)
72. Duluth Central 1979 Class AA	22-3 (79-69). Their 4 th title, tying Red Wing and Jefferson for the most titles to that point.	Greg Downing, SF (#11) Coach Jim Hastings (#3)
73 (tie). Minneapolis North 1984 and 1985	Runner-up in Class AA both years, losing only to White Bear in the state final each year.	Brett McNeal, SG (#7) Doug Carter, SF (#72) Coach Tony Queen (#31)
74. Minneapolis Roosevelt 1961	24-0 and co-favorites but DQ. Might have been better than this, but didn't get the chance to prove it.	Dave Nelson, PG (#73) Coach Wayne Courtney (#32)
75. Rocori 1988 Class AA	26-0 (64-55).	Jeff Voit, F, Rocori (#70) Coach Bob Brink, Rocori (#9)
76 (tie). Braham 2004 and 2006 Class AA	31-2 both years, with an average margin of 68-47 and 68-46.	Isaiah Dahlman, SF (#3) Noah Dahlman, C (#20) Josh Vaughan, G (#41) Coach Bob Vaughan (#16)
77. DeLaSalle 1957 Catholic champions	DeLaSalle completed its 4-peat.	Paul Lehman, DLS, PG (#12) Coach Dick Reinhart (#18)
78. Minneapolis Washburn 1994 Class AA	27-1 (69-65). Survived Hopkins 66-65 on last-second shot.	Byron Suttles, PG (#68)

79. Little Falls 1975 Class AA and Overall	23-1 (53-49).	Frank Wachlarowicz, PF (#15) Gary Wolters, PF (#93)
80 (tie). Wayzata 2021; Park Center 2022; Wayzata 2023; all Class AAAA	The first 3 post-COVID champions were Wayzata 19-2 (75-58), Park Center 31-1 (60-50), and Wayzata again at 27-4 (78-70).	Braden Carrington, Park C, PG Jackson McAndrew, Wayzata, PF
81. Red Wing 1953	Came into the tournament unbeaten with a record-setting 92-73 win over Braham in Region 4. Drew defending champion Hopkins and lost 59-47 but won 2 after that and became the first team to score 200 points in the state tournament.	Bernie Raetz, Red Wing, PG (#48) Wayne Deden, Red Wing, PF (#75)
82. Caledonia 1997 Class AA	29-0 (68-52) and trounced DeLaSalle in the final 69-47 as Aaron Middendorf scored 45.	Aaron Middendorf, PF, Caledonia (#45) Coach Kris Fadness, Caledonia (#59)
83 (tie). Moorhead 1928 and 1929 Single Class	19-3 (26-15) in 1928, and 24-3 (25-19) in 1929.	Earl Moran, PG (#31) Cliff Halmrast, PF, 1928 (#70) Shorty Malvey, SF (#99) Coach Glenn Hanna (#15)
84. Anoka 1981 Class AA	21-4 (58-44).	Tryg Johnson, C (#34) Coach Dave Tank (#61)
85. DeLaSalle 2019 Class AAA		Tyrell Terry, PG 2019) (#8)

	Just 27-5 but dominated in the state tournament (77-51). Lost to AA champ Minnehaha but defeated AAAA champ Hopkins.	
86. Austin Pacelli 1965 Catholic champions	Hammered Winona Cotter 86-56 in the 1965 final to finish 25-1.	Dave Lobb, Pacelli, C (#51)
87 (tie). St. Thomas 2007, and Benilde-St. Margaret's 2008, both Class AAA	Tommies went 30-2 (55-39) in 2007, Knights went 29-3 (79-61) in 2008. Each beat the other for their state title.	Jordan Taylor, Benilde, PG (#5) Armond Battle, Benilde, PF (#85)
88 (tie). St. Paul Mechanic Arts Single Class and St. Thomas Catholic champion, both 1925	The 2 teams tied 21-21 in the regular season, then both went on to win their respective post-season state championships. Mechanic Arts finished 17-1-1.	Ray Nelson, Mchanic Arts, C (#49) Coach Edwin McKee, Mechanic Arts (#29)
89. Virginia 1937	Lost to Mpls. Edison, regarded as the best team ever to that point, 37-24 in the final.	John Norlander, C (#17) Tommy Connor, SF (#60) Nick Pepelnjak, PF (#87)
90. Apple Valley 2015 and 2018	Finished 30-2 (67-58) in 2015. Runner-up to Cretin in 2018 in a 79-78 thriller to finish at 27-5 (67-61).	Tre Jones, PG (#5) Gary Trent, SG, 2015 (#30) Brock Bertram, C, 2015 (#63) Coach Zach Goring (#45)
91. Coon Rapids 1983	23-1, lost to Woodbury 56-50 (OT) in the Class AA final.	Tom Copa, C (#216)

<p>92. Minneapolis Edison 1936</p>	<p>Lost to Buhl 41-32 in one of the biggest upsets in tournament history. Won the title the following year.</p>	<p>Willie Warhol, PG (#17) Coach Ray Parkins (#21)</p>
<p>93 (tie). Mountain Lake 1946, 1947 and 1952</p>	<p>Mankato beat the eventual state champion Austin twice to win the Big 9 title in 1946, but Mountain Lake defeated Mankato 31-28 in the Region 2 final. Mountain Lake then lost to Austin 38-31 in the state semis. Austin scored 66 and 63 points in its other 2 state tournament wins. In 1947, Mountain Lake was unbeaten, but lost to the Duluth Denfeld 30-29 in a semi-final. In 1952, Mountain Lake was considered to be the primary challenger to favorite Hopkins. They met in the 1st round, where Hopkins won 46-45 and went on to win the title.</p>	<p>Ray Wall, C, Mountain Lake, 1946-1947 (#42) Maynard Meyers, C, Mountain Lake, 1952 (#72)</p>
<p>94 (tie). Shattuck 1968 and 1969, both MISL champions</p>	<p>Completed a 3-peat in the Independent school tournament in 1970 but they were at their best with Tony Jenkins in 1968 and 1969.</p>	<p>Tony Jenkins, PF (#25)</p>
<p>95 (tie). Richfield 1960 and 1968</p>	<p>The 1960 team lost to Edgerton in one of the most famous state tournament games of the Golden</p>	<p>Bill Davis, PF (#14)</p>

	Age. In 1968, they ended Edina's 69-game win streak 81-75 in the regular season, but lost to the Hornets in the district.	
96 (tie). Willmar 1956 and 1957	Lost to state champion Roosevelt 63-60 in 1956 and 63-59 in 1957 in Region 5. Came back to win the region in 1958.	
97. Hibbing 1976	Lost to Jefferson in the AA final in one of the great big man matchups.	Kevin McHale, PF (#2) John Retica, PG (#42) Coach Mario Retica (#27)
98 (tie). Bemidji 1936 and 1948, both Single Class	In 1936, the Lumberjacks were 21-4 (32-25). In 1948, 28-3 (40-32).	Norm Galloway, C (1936) Chuck Grover, G (1948)
99. Aurora 1923 Single Class	17-2 (26-11).	Matt Turk, G (#93) Peter DanColovic, C Coach Harold "Buff" Taylor
100. Duluth Denfeld 1947 Single Class	22-3 (40-37).	Rudy Monson, C

Above, 17 teams (plus ties) are shown in boldface that did not win a state title. Here, we round out the top 25 teams that did not win a state title...

Team and Year	Description	Key Performers (individual rank)
18 (tie). Minneapolis Marshall 1939 and 1940	Favored both years but victim of 2 of the biggest upsets of an upset-prone era: Marshall lost to Mountain Lake 37-31 in the 1939 final, and to Breckenridge 32-30 in a 1940 semi.	Don "Red" Mattson, C (#25)
19. Edina 1964	26-1 (71-62). Beat Rochester 74-49 in a holiday tournament, but lost to them 76-71 in OT in the semis. Rochester then lost to Luverne.	Bryan Grohnke, SF (#39) Coach Duane Baglien (#20)
20. Cloquet 1963	Yet another great fast breaking teams that couldn't win a state title.	Dave Meisner, Cloquet, PG (#29) Mike Forrest, Cloquet, SF (#58)
21 (tie). Hopkins 2012 and 2014	Hopkins did not win it all, but if you wanted to be the best, you had to go through Hopkins to do it. Osseo defeated the Royals 87-86 in 3OT in a 2012 semi, and Lakeville North shocked the Royals 84-82 in the 2014 final.	
22. Crosby-Ironton 1944	C-I has lost 7 state finals without a win. Their 1944 loss was the 1 st , and it was not the closest (51-42)	

	but it came against the toughest opponent, #16-rated Mpls. Patrick Henry.	
23. Eastview 2005	Eastview lost to Hopkins in 2OT only because of Blake Hoffarber's more than merely miraculous "butt shot."	Darren Kent, C (2005) (#40)
24. Staples-Motley 1995	Lost to Mps. North 54-52 in the 1 st Sweet 16 final.	Blaine Joerger, SG
25. Duluth East 1982	Lost to Jefferson 59-51 after beating the Jaguars 57-38 in a 1981 consolation game.	Brad Dudek, C