

State Tournament Scoring Records

Nobody thought much about the state tournament career record for individual scoring until, oh, about 2006. The record at the time, though nobody seemed to be much aware of it, was the 238 points scored by Khalid El-Amin in 1995, 1996 and 1997. So, here we were, with the Class AA final game winding down to its final minutes. Isaiah Dahlman had led the Braham Bombers to the 2004 and 2005 Class AA titles, becoming the fifth boy to lead all tournament scorers in two tournaments for a total of 163 points, or about 27 points per game. He needed 73 points to tie El-Amin's record, and 74 to break it. He scored 36 points in the first round, then just 20 in the semis. Now, he needed 17 more points to tie El-Amin, 18 for the record. Late in the final game against Breck, Dahlman had scored a hard-earned 15 points and Braham was up by eight points as the clock ticked down toward one minute. And, Braham coach Bob Vaughan took Dahlman out of the game to a great ovation by the crowd at the Target Center, having no idea that three more points would have made him the tournament's all-time leading scorer.

Well, shame on me. I knew that Dahlman was two points short of El-Amin's record. But, nobody had ever cared about that particular record, and so I hadn't really said anything. Until now. Now, I mentioned Dahlman's close call to my basketball geek friends, one of whom, Matt Pederson, runs a Web site devoted to Minnesota high school basketball records. He posted my list, which at the time included El-Amin, then Dahlman, then Mark Olberding, and others. Two years later, Cody Schilling broke El-Amin's record and thanks to Matt and his Web site, everybody knew about it.

Matt also publishes a little booklet that he distributes to media and friends each year at the state tournament. His most recent version includes his list of the state tournament's 14 top career scorers, each of whom has scored 180 points or more. At the bottom of the list, he says, "The scoring record progressed from McIntyre to Ron Johnson to Olberding to El-Amin to Schilling."

But, wait! Who held the record before Jim McIntyre? I'm glad you asked!

Year	Player	Points	Points Per Game
1913	Peter Guenther, Mountain Lake	71	17.75
<p>Guenther, a forward, scored a record 27 points in the first state tournament game ever played, a 42-9 Mountain Lake win over Blue Earth, a record that stood until Jim McIntyre scored 29 in his first game in 1944. We know that he scored 71 points in the tournament because the MSHSL says so. We don't know how they know that because, as far as we know, no box scores are in existence for two of the Lakers four games. All that aside, his 71 points and his 17.75 ppg both stood for 10 years. His career scoring record of 71 points, well, it only stood for two years when it was broken by a teammate on that 1913 Mountain Lake team.</p>			
1915	Gerhard "Shorty" Hiebert, Mountain Lake	88 (and almost surely a few more)	12.6
<p>Hiebert is best known for being the only boy in the history of the state tournament to have scored all of his team's points in a game. That came in the 1915 state final, in which Red Wing defeated Mountain Lake 30-18 as Heibert scored all 18 points. He scored 66 points in 4 games that year, and he also scored 10 points in the Laker's only state tournament game of 1914, a 19-18 loss to Fosston, who also had beaten Mountain Lake in the 1913 final.</p> <p>Then, there was also a forward identified in box scores as Herbert on that 1913 Mountain Lake team. But, in a photo of the 1913 Mountain Lake team, there is no Herbert but there is a George Hiebert, who scored 4 and 8 points in the two games for which box scores exist. And, now, thanks to the Cottonwood County Historical Society, we know that George Hiebert in 1913 and Gerhard "Shorty" Hiebert in 1915 are in fact the same person. Why the name change? Well, why Herbert? Probably because the name Hiebert was unfamiliar to whomever put together the box scores, though it is in fact not an uncommon name among Russian Mennonite immigrants to the upper Midwest (mostly Minnesota and Manitoba). And, the same Anglo-Saxon scorekeeper probably didn't know anybody named Gerhard, but knew plenty of fellows named George. And, so, the rest is history.</p> <p>In any event, we are pretty sure that Shorty Hiebert scored 88 points in 7 games, and he almost surely scored a few more points in those other two 1913 games. In fact, if he matched his average in the two games for which box scores exist, he would have finished his career with exactly 100 points.</p>			
1919	Gordy Malmer, Albert Lea	83 (but maybe 95)	13.8 (13.6)
<p>OK, now it gets even more complicated. We're pretty sure that Malmer scored 65 points for the state champs from Albert Lea in 1919. The MSHSL says 54, but we've seen the box scores that show Malmer scoring 13, 16, 13 and 23 points in four Albert Lea victories. On the other hand, the <i>Albert Lea Tribune</i>, at the close of the tournament, said he scored 64, but it didn't clarify how it got to that number. There is also a possibility that none of these numbers is correct due to confusion as to whether Gordy or his brother Clarence, who was actually the captain of the team, shot Albert Lea's free throws. This was the era of the "designated free throw shooter," and at least one source—the Carleton campus newspaper, <i>The Carletonia</i>—reported that Clarence shot the free throws in the Fosston game. If that is correct, then Gordy scored 56 or 57 points (still not 54). But all of the sources agree that Gordy shot all of Albert Lea's free throws in the other three games, so it seems most likely that he shot them against Fosston, too. We think he scored 65 points in 1919.</p> <p>To add to the fun, <i>The Carletonia</i> also shows that Clarence shot Albert Lea's free throws in two of three games the previous year—while no box scores exist for the third game. A total of 14 free throws are up for grabs. But, the <i>Tribune</i> again gives those free throws to Gordy. In short, Gordy may have scored anywhere from a high of 30 points to a low of just 4 points in 1918. For his career, then, the total could be anywhere from 58 to 95. If we attribute zero points in games where there are no boxscores, which is what we did with Hiebert, his most likely documented number is 83. If he shot Albert Lea's free throws in all three games in 1918, and if he matched his average for the other two games in the game with the missing box score, then his career total would be 95. We may never know for sure, and we also may never know for sure whether he scored more or less than Hiebert did. The possibility that they ended up tied is well within the margin of error, so they are both more than deserving of recognition.</p>			

Gordie Malmer was born in 1901 and died in 1928. Older brother Clarence was born in 1899 and outlived his younger brother by 54 years.			
1945	Jim McIntyre, Minneapolis Patrick Henry	186	31.0
Finally, in 1945, and thanks to Jim McIntyre, we could be sure who held the career scoring record and how many points it was. And, it was very nearly double what it had been in 1919 or (still) in 1944. Big Mac broke Guenther's 31-year-old record for most points in a game in his very first time out, with 29 points against Mankato in the first round. He topped that in the 1944 final against Crosby-Ironton with another single game record of 36. In 1945, he waited until his third game—his second championship final—to break the single-game record again, and his 43 points against Ely, combined with 57 points in his first two games, added up to a nice round 100 points, a figure that has been matched or exceeded only four times in the 74 years since. His 186 career points has been exceeded ten times now (in 2019) but his 31 ppg has been exceeded only four times—by Ron Johnson, Jim Hill, Jimmy Jensen and Mike Johnson.			
1956	Ron Johnson, New Prague	203	33.8
Johnson scored 94 points in 1955 and a new record of 109 in 1956. McIntyre of course played nothing but championship round games and scored 31 ppg in those six games. Johnson played four championship round games and scored 28.8 ppg in those games. He really made hay in a pair of 3 rd -place games, scoring 40 points in a 70-64 loss to Bemidji, then another new record of 48 in a 77-54 win over Winona. Johnson scored 53 percent of his team's points. Only McIntyre and Breuer ever scored a higher percentage.			
1974	Mark Olberding, Melrose	228	22.8
Olberding is the fourth big man on this list to score more than 50 percent of his team's points, which he did in the championship year of 1974 (112 out of 217). He had an extra game that year—the overall championship game between the A and AA champs, in which he scored 30 points. But while he did not score as many points as, say, Cody Schilling or Isaiah Dahlman, Olberding scored 52 percent of his team's points, while they scored just 38 and 40 percent in a faster-paced offense. Olberding scored 25 points in 1972 as backup to center Randy Douvier, who was no slouch (28 points twice), but exploded for 91 and 112 points in his final two years.			
1997	Khalid El-Amin	238	21.6
El-Amin was North's top scorer but he is unique on this list in that that wasn't by design. His role was to get the ball to his teammates. And, so, he had numerous games in which he scored in the teens. But when North needed him to score, as against St. Thomas in 1996, he could explode and did explode in that game for 41 points. In the end, he led his team in scoring in six of eleven games, but that includes the last four games he played with them—the 1996 championship game and all three games in 1997.			
2008	Cody Schilling	267	29.7
Schilling is the only boy ever to lead the tournament in scoring three times. He scored 30 points or more six times in nine games, and led his team in scoring eight times			

Miscellaneous State Tournament Scoring Records

Outscored the Opponent All By Oneself

Year	Player and Points	Game Score	Game
1913		Mountain Lake 42 Blue Earth 9	1 st Round

	Peter Guenther, Mountain Lake 27		
1914	Karst, Stillwater 20	Stillwater 57 Aitkin 11	1 st Round
	Willis Parr, Winona 25	Winona 37 Howard Lake 19	Quarter-Final
	Kleftman, Hibbing 18	Hibbing 34 Madison 12	Quarter-Final
	Ronald Parkhurst, Stillwater 18	Stillwater 30 Winona 4	Final
1915	Tanner, Bemidji 15	Bemidji 32 Rush City 14	Quarter-Final
	Louis Nordly, Red Wing 14	Red Wing 28 Virginia 11	Semi-Final
1917	Schleuder, New Ulm 11	New Ulm 35 Hopkins 6	1 st Round
	Fred Enke, Rochester 18	Rochester 44 Sandstone 15	Quarter-Final
	Peterson, Albert Lea 16	Albert Lea 25 New Ulm 11	Quarter-Final
	Neal Bay, Rochester 16	Rochester 28 Fosston 7	Semi-Final
1918	Lester Juhnke, Waseca 16	Waseca 44 New Ulm 12	1 st Round
	Albert Tousley, St. Paul Humboldt 16	St. Paul Humboldt 37 Pine City 6	1 st Round
1919	Toutillot, Little Falls 10	Little Falls 33 Buffalo 6	1 st Round
	Gordy Malmer, Albert Lea 16	Albert Lea 32 Fosston 12	Quarter-Final
	Wanda, Little Falls 16	Little Falls 39 Barnesville 6	Quarter-Final
	Rahja, Chisholm 17	Chisholm 29 Olivia 14	Quarter-Final
	Malmer 23	Albert Lea 37 New Ulm 8	Final
1920	Carl Lidberg, Red Wing 12	Red Wing 22 Little Falls 10	1 st Round
	Chauncey Fleckenstein, Faribault 12	Faribault 32 Fergus Falls 9	1 st Round
	Lidberg 13	Red Wing 21 Mankato 10	Final
1921	Jovang, Mankato 16	Mankato 26 Morton 15	1 st Round
	Martin Norton, Mpls. Central 25	Mpls. Central 33 St. Cloud 14	Semi-Final
	Doc Hamann, New Ulm 15	New Ulm 21 Mankato 11	Semi-Final
	Norton 17	Mpls. Central 19 New Ulm 15	Final
1923	Paul Danculovic, Aurora 18	Aurora 35 Marshall 16	1 st Round
1925	Fred Kampf, Faribault 14	Faribault 25 Grand Rapids 11	1 st Round
	Swede Nelson, St. P. Mech. Arts 10	St. Paul Mechanic Arts 20 Buffalo 8	Final
1926	Bennie Lichtenegger, Gaylord 16	Gaylord 22 Austin 12	Semi-Final

	Johnny Mestnick, Gilbert 14	Gilbert 22 Buffalo 11	Semi-Final
1927	Lefty Hildebrand, Faribault 17	Faribault 30 Moorhead 16	1 st Round
1928	Cliff Halmrast, Moorhead 22	Moorhead 27 New Prague 17	Semi-Final
1929	Pat Hilde, Moorhead 17	Moorhead 20 Red Wing 16 (OT)	Final
1931	Kennedy, Rochester 19	Rochester 25 Bemidji 12	Consolation SF
	Bud Marquard, Moorhead	Moorhead 35 Rochester 8	Cons. Final
1933	Bill Smith, Brainerd 17	Brainerd 41 Ada 10	Consolation SF
1944	Jim McIntyre, Mpls. Henry 29	Mpls. Henry 48 Mankato 18	1 st Round
1945	McIntyre 43	Mpls. Henry 66 Ely 35	Final
1978	Randy Breuer, Lake City 36	Lake City 49 Butterfield-Odin 32	1 st Round
1979	Breuer 42	Lake City 77 Duluth Morgan Park 39	1 st Round

40 Points in a State Tournament Game *Boldface italic indicates a championship round game*

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1945	<i>Jim McIntyre, Mpls. Henry 43</i>	<i>Mpls. Henry 66 Ely 35</i>	<i>Final</i>
1955	Ron Johnson, New Prague 40	Bemidji 70 New Prague 64	3 rd Place
1956	Johnson 48	New Prague 77 Winona 54	3 rd Place
1960	Bill Davis, Richfield 40	Richfield 70 Granite Falls 50	3 rd Place
1967	Jim Hill, St. Paul Central 41	St. Paul Central 83 Hayfield 79	Cons. SF
1969	Rick Webb, Alexander Ramsey 42	Wells 75 Alexander Ramsey 72	Cons. Final
1978	Jimmy Jensen, Bemidji 50	Bemidji 98 Woodbury 76	Cons. SF
1979	<i>Randy Breuer, Lake City 42</i>	<i>Lake City 77 Duluth Morgan Pk. 39</i>	<i>1st Round</i>
1979	<i>Breuer 41</i>	<i>Lake City 63 Howard Lake-WW 50</i>	<i>Final</i>
1991	<i>Mark Randall, Owatonna 41</i>	<i>Cretin 76 Owatonna 72</i>	<i>1st Round</i>
1996	<i>Khalid El-Amin, Mpls. North 41</i>	<i>Mpls. North 67 St. Thomas 65</i>	<i>Quarter-Final</i>
1997	<i>Aaron Middendorf, Caledonia 45</i>	<i>Caledonia 69 DeLaSalle 47</i>	<i>Final</i>
2000	Mike Johnson, Cloquet 41	Cloquet 88 Mankato East 76	3 rd Place

2008	Jordan Taylor, Benilde-SM 43	Benilde-SM 76 St. P. Como Pk. 62	1st Round
2012	Grant Schafer, Eden Prairie 41	Eden Prairie 75 Eastview 68	1st Round
2013	Graham Woodward, Edina 40	Edina 99 Andover 61	1st Round
2014	Joel Goldschmidt, Maranatha 45	Maranatha 103 FDL Ojibwe 87	3 rd Place
2014	J.P. Macura, Lakeville North 43	Lakeville North 84 Hopkins 82	Final
2017	Oakley Baker, NRHEG 40	NRHEG 77 Lake City 66	Cons. Final
2017	Nate Reuvers, Lakeville North 41	Cretin 71 Lakeville North 61	Cons. Final
2022	Jamal Ambrose, Eastview 43	Cretin 103 Eastview 95 (OT)	3 rd Place
2022	Tre Holloman, Cretin 42	Cretin 103 Eastview 95 (OT)	3 rd Place

Progression of Team Scoring Records

Most Points Game, One Team	Most Points Game, Two Teams	Most Points and Points Per Game, Tournament, Team
1913 Mountain Lake 49 Red Wing 28 SF 1914 Stillwater 57 Aitkin 11 1 st 1937 Mpls. Edison 62 New Ulm 23 1 st 1944 Virginia 79 Brownnton 39 cons. SF 1953 Red Wing 84 Austin 67 cons. SF 1956 Bemidji 91 Aurora 79 cons. SF 1956 Mpls. Roosevelt 101 Blue Earth 56 final 1968 Moorhead 107 St. Paul Highland Park 89 1 st 1997 Wabasso 117 Red Lake 113 (OT) SF	1913 Mountain Lake 49 Red Wing 28 SF 1937 Mpls. Edison 62 New Ulm 23 1 st 1942 Buhl 51 Fairmont 38 1 st 1943 Virginia 47 Austin 45 3 rd 1944 Bemidji 61 Brownnton 55 1 st 1944 Virginia 79 Brownnton 39 cons. SF 1951 Brainerd 66 East Grand Forks 54 1 st 1951 Gilbert 67 Austin 56 1 st 1953 Granite Falls 72 Moorhead 53 1 st 1953 Bemidji 75 Austin 73 1 st 1953 Red Wing 84 Austin 67 cons. SF 1956 Bemidji 91 Aurora 79 cons. SF 1968 Moorhead 107 St. Paul Highland Park 89 1 st 1997 Wabasso 117 Red Lake 113 (OT)	1913 Mountain Lake 147 pts 37 ppg 1934 Chisholm 112 pts 37 ppg 1937 Mpls. Edison 137 pts 46 ppg 1944 Virginia 157 pts 52 ppg 1945 Mpls. Patrick Henry 162 pts 54 ppg 1946 Austin 167 pts 56 ppg 1951 Gilbert 182 pts 61 ppg 1953 Red Wing 208 pts 69 ppg 1956 Mpls. Roosevelt 250 pts 83 ppg 1972 St. James 256 pts 64 ppg 1988 LeSueur 255 pts 85 ppg 1997 Wabasso 284 pts 95 ppg