

# SPORTS



Jake Schultz / Tribune  
BBE's Jacqueline Gossen drives to the lane in a Feb. 19 game against KMS in Kerkhoven.

## A STATE TOURNEY TRIFECTA?

Three area girls basketball teams still harbor championship hopes

Every prep basketball team dreams of ending their season in Minneapolis with a trophy raised high. But, at least in West Central Minnesota, those hopes still exist for three girls basketball teams.

Before they get there, though, they'll have to clear one more big hurdle before big city dreams can become a reality: the section championship.

Willmar and BBE will face familiar foes in their battle to be one of the last eight teams alive while BOLD



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Jake's Takes

will take on a new face as they hope to return to the big dance. History is on the line for all three teams, so let's take a look at the storylines heading into the big games.

### Willmar vs. Becker

The Cardinals are looking to make their third straight trip to the Class AAA state tournament but they'll have to go through Becker first.

That game is slated for a 7 p.m. start Thursday at Buffalo High School for the Section 5AAA title.

These two teams met to start the year with the Cardinals walking

away the 69-63 winners. That, however, was back in November when I hadn't yet spouted my first gray hair and we were all blissfully unaware of what a polar vortex is.

Suffice to say, a lot has changed since then.

Willmar went on to post another strong season, going 21-4, to this point with a pair of wins against then-top-ranked Alexandria and nabbed the Central Lakes Conference title. The bad news, though, is they are without one of their star players after senior guard Hannah Johnson injured her knee.

The upshot is this: Willmar still won big games despite missing

Johnson. Both Alexandria wins came with Johnson looking on and Willmar won their opening playoff game against St. Cloud Apollo 54-44 with her sidelined. On the other side of that same coin, two of the Cardinals' four losses came without Johnson on the court against St. Cloud Apollo and Fergus Falls.

In the meantime, Carly Wedel has become one of the best post players in the entire state and her team will need a big time performance if they want to go dancing again. Fellow senior guard Abby Berskow has also played well, picking up some slack

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## Glacial Ridge hosts 11th annual novice bonspiel

Three-day event begins Friday at the Willmar Civic Center

### Tribune Sports

The public is invited to watch more than 30 teams compete in this weekend's Glacial Ridge Curling 11th Annual Novice Bonspiel at the Willmar Civic Center.

The co-ed teams of four individuals must have at least two novice players, which is defined as a player who has been curling for less than one year.

The bonspiel begins Friday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m. and ends Sunday, March 10. Admission is free.

The 10th Annual Harley Raffle drawing is Saturday

starting at 8 p.m. Limited raffle

tickets are still available for a chance to win a 2019 Heritage Softail Classic or one of 125 cash prizes of \$125.

Tickets can be purchased at Print Masters, Sound Image, The Oaks at Eagle Creek, Dunn Bros or through a Glacial Ridge Curling member.



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Members of Glacial Ridge Curling watch the action in a Tribune file photo from a January 2017 bonspiel at the Willmar Civic Center.



Minnesota Timberwolves center Karl-Anthony Towns (32) dribbles the ball against Detroit Pistons guard Bruce Brown (6) during the second quarter Wednesday, March 6, at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit. Raj Mehta / USA TODAY Sports

## Drummond drops 31 as Pistons top Timberwolves

### Field Level Media

DETROIT — Andre Drummond erupted for 31 points and 15 rebounds and the Detroit Pistons won for the 10th time in 12 games by downing the visiting Minnesota Timberwolves 131-114, on Wednesday, March 6.

Drummond's point total was two shy of his career best.

Detroit's bench also played a major hand in the victory, which put it over the .500 mark for the first time since Dec. 19. Luke Kennard had 21 points and Ish Smith supplied 19 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Langston Galloway and Wayne

Ellington added 11 points apiece.

Karl-Anthony Towns led Minnesota with 24 points before fouling out. Andrew Wiggins had 18 points and Jeff Teague contributed 15 points and eight assists.

Timberwolves forward Taj Gibson was ejected with 10:07 remaining for elbowing Drummond in the face.

Minnesota raced to a 16-point lead late in the first quarter, then gave it back before emerging with a 64-60 halftime advantage.

Towns and Wiggins scored 13 points

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#WeAreWillmar  
Friday, March 8th  
7:30 pm puck drop  
gates opening at 6:45  
Fan Appreciation Night  
as the WarHawks  
take on the Alexandria Blizzard

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH & SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

WAR HAWKS WILLMAR  
VS.  
ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD

WAR HAWKS WILLMAR  
VS.  
NEW ULM STEEL

Saturday, March 9th  
7:30 pm puck drop  
gates opening at 6:45  
Cub Food Pack the Arena Night  
as the WarHawks  
take on the New Ulm Steel

**TICKETS:**  
General: \$10 online  
or \$11 at the gate  
Senior: \$7 online  
or \$8 at the gate  
Student: \$5 online  
or \$6 at the gate

Season Tickets and VIP seating available. Contact Mike Bowman for more information, 1-814-330-3523 or mbowman@willmarwarhawks.com www.willmarwarhawks.com



# Top-seeded Mahtomedi cruises in Class A opener

**By Pat Borzi**  
Special To Forum News Service

ST. PAUL — In 10 previous trips to the Class A state high school boys hockey tournament, Mahtomedi reached the semifinals without advancing any farther. Thursday night, March 6, the Zephers guaranteed themselves getting at least that far again, routing New Ulm 6-0 in a state quarterfinal at Xcel Energy Center.

Whether this trip ends any differently for the top-seeded Zephers (22-6-1) depends on replicating the speed and grit they showed Thursday.

Mahtomedi peppered New Ulm goalie with Jack Raymond with 19 shots before finally breaking through late in the first period, scoring three times in the final 3:47. JD Metz (twice) and Tom Paradise all pounced on rebounds as the Zephers dominated the shots on goal, 27-3. For the night, New Ulm (17-9-1) managed only ten shots to Mahtomedi's 55.

"One of our strengths is our speed," said Mahtomedi Coach Jeff Poeschl. "Trying to beat them to the puck and and possess the puck is critical for us. Most of our goals tonight were scored within a five-foot radius of the crease."

Paradise and his twin brother Joe, grandsons of the late Herb Brooks, combined for three goals. Joe Paradise made it 4-0

late in the second period, skating around defenseman Shane Esser in the right circle and beating Raymond over the shoulder on the short side. Tom Paradise added his second of the game about two minutes later, finishing off a 2-on-1 with Adam Johnson. Kory Pilarski's unassisted backhand nine seconds into the third period, after winning a faceoff in the left circle, triggered running time the rest of the way.

Raymond, a senior, finished with 49 saves, well short of the tournament record of 58 in regulation set by Marshall's Mason Campion in 2013.

"One thing you can't control is winning the race to the puck," said New Ulm Coach Ryan Neuman. "I felt like they were beating us the whole first period. They're fast, but we can contain them better than we did. I think our nerves got to us a little bit."

In the other Class A quarterfinals:

**St. Cloud Cathedral 7, North Branch 0:** Nate Warner, a junior forward who missed part of the season with an upper body injury, scored a natural hat trick — three consecutive goals in the second period — as the Crusaders (25-4) routed the Vikings (19-8-2). Cathedral out-shot North Branch 24-2 in a five-goal second period, with Warner scoring once shorthanded and twice at even strength.

"We started moving pucks, started getting pucks up ice a lot faster," said Warner, a University of Minnesota recruit. "I just had the luxury of scoring goals, because everybody was working hard."

Crusaders goaltender Noah Amundson had the shutout, making 10 of his 15 saves in the first period.

North Branch, in its first trip to state, got to sleep in, even with the 11 a.m. puck drop. The Vikings generally practice at 5:15 a.m. in Chisago Lakes because North Branch lacks an ice arena.

"I thought in the first period we controlled our emotions, our nerves," said Vikings Coach Matt Cottingham. "The second period wasn't our best."

**East Grand Forks 5, Minnesota River 2:** Two goals by sophomore Landon Parker in the first 2:09 of the third period secured the victory for the Green Wave (21-8), which saw a 3-0 second-period lead reduced to 3-2 on a pair of goals by Jade Reicks. Parker scored shorthanded first, then on a breakaway when the Bulldogs (20-5) mishandled a line change.

"We knew after the first two periods we were playing a little soft," Parker said. "The third period, we had to come out fast and hard."

East Grand Forks Coach Tyler Palmiscno, who coached the Green Wave to



Mahtomedi forward Tom Paradise (24), left, celebrates his goal against New Ulm with teammate defender Wyatt Begley (18) in the first period of a state boys' hockey tournament Class A quarterfinal game at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul on Wednesday, March 6. Mahtomedi beat New Ulm, 6-0.

back-to-back state titles in 2014 & 2015, wished Parker took that initiative more often. "Landon, when he's on, he attacks the net with some jam," he said.

Tanner Mack scored two early goals for East Grand Forks. Reicks banged in his second goal from behind the goal line, off the back of Green Wave goalie Tucker Brown's right arm, after driving the net and fanning on his initial attempt. Minnesota River, a co-op comprising five high schools in the St. Peter area, was making its first trip to state.



St. Cloud Cathedral defender CJ Zins (15) skates away from North Branch forward Tucker Sachs (38) in the second period of a state boys' hockey tournament Class A quarterfinal game.

# Gophers' Burke sidelined 3-6 weeks with injury

**By Jess Myers**  
Forum News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — A week ago, Minnesota Gophers freshman forward Nathan Burke admitted that he had the Arizona State series circled on his calendar all season, and expected it to be the most memorable two games of his rookie year.

The Gophers swept the Sun Devils, and Burke, an Arizona native who had trained with several of last weekend's opponents, will surely remember the weekend for a long time, but for all the wrong reasons.

Burke went down in Saturday's 5-2 Gophers win over ASU late in the second period after a knee-on-knee collision with Sun Devils center Anthony Croston. While Croston headed to the penalty box with a kneeling penalty, Burke went to the training room with a lower body injury and is not expected back in the lineup in the near future.

On Wednesday, Gophers coach Bob Motzko said he expects Burke to be out between 3-6 weeks, meaning the Gophers would have to win the Big Ten playoffs and qualify for the

NCAA tournament in order to have a chance of getting Burke back this season. Burke has six goals and nine assists in 26 games.

Originally committed to play for Motzko at St. Cloud State, Burke followed the coach to Minnesota and has been a fixture on the team's successful "BMW Line" with fellow freshmen Blake McLaughlin and Sammy Walker this season. With Burke out of the lineup, freshman Ben Brinkman joked that he would volunteer to be a part of that line to fulfill the need for a "B" to go with the M and W of McLaughlin and Walker.

## Happy for the Hornets

The bad news for Michigan is that last weekend's pair of overtime losses at Wisconsin means the Wolverines have to go on the road to Minnesota for the opening round of the playoffs. The silver lining — or in this case, a green and gold lining — for Michigan coach Mel Pearson is that it's a trip to the Twin Cities during state tournament weekend, and a chance to see some familiar faces.

The Wolverines skate in Minneapolis on Thurs-



Minnesota Gophers forward Nathan Burke (left) got up close and personal with Arizona State goalie Joey Daccord in the first period of their game Friday night in Minneapolis.

day afternoon, and Pearson said he plans to hustle over to Xcel Energy Center afterwards to see his alma mater, Edina, take on Moorhead in the first round of the Class AA tournament. And he does not have low expectations for the Hornets.

"It's great to see Edina back in the state tourna-

ment. (Coach) Curt Giles and his staff have done a great job with a lot of really great players on that team, so I expect them to win the state tournament," Pearson said on Tuesday during the Big Ten's pre-playoff teleconference. "Lots of excitement and buzz around Minnesota. It's a great hockey state and I

guess the one positive is we'll be around that and hopefully get to take in some of those games."

Pearson is a 1977 graduate of what was then Edina East, and skated for the Hornets in the tournament as a senior. They blanked Roseau 2-0 in the opener, then out-scored Don Lucia's Grand Rapids team

6-5 in the semifinals.

In the 1977 title game the Hornets were upset 4-2, as Rochester John Marshall became the first southern Minnesota team to win a state championship.

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# Vikings' Thomas charged with felony marijuana possession

**By Nick Ferraro**  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings running back Roc Thomas has been charged with felony possession of marijuana after police found more than 143 grams of the drug in his Mendota Heights apartment.

Thomas, 23, was arrested Jan. 16 when officers executed a search warrant at his apartment in the 700 block of South Plaza Way. Thomas was booked into the Dakota County jail in Hastings and charged by summons Feb. 28 in Dakota County District Court.

"We are aware of the charges filed against Roc Thomas and have expressed our disappointment directly to Roc for his actions," the Vikings said in a Wednesday, March 6, statement. "We will respect both the legal process and the NFL's disciplinary process."

Thomas, whose given name is Racean, finished last season on the Vikings' practice squad after appearing in five games early in the season. He signed as a free agent last May after being undrafted out of Jacksonville (Ala.) State.

Thomas' agent, Zac Hiller, did not immediately return a message Wednesday for comment.

According to the criminal complaint:

Officers went to the apartment with a search warrant and could smell marijuana as they approached the door. After entering, Thomas and another man were inside.

In the master bedroom, officers found multiple glass jars with marijuana and marijuana wax, as well as a vape pen, which are used to smoke the wax. Just over \$15,800 was in nightstands next to the bed.

The living room also

had containers with marijuana and marijuana wax and drug paraphernalia, including glass pipes.

In all, 143.28 grams of marijuana were found. In Minnesota, possession of more than 42.5 grams of marijuana is considered a felony.

The marijuana wax totaled 6.69 grams.

Thomas admitted to officers that he smokes marijuana and that what was found was for his personal use, according to the complaint.

Thomas denied selling the drug.

He told officers that he was aware that the apartment building management had been receiving complaints about the smell of marijuana coming from his apartment.

He has a Monday, March 18, court date.

If convicted, Thomas could face up to five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.



Minnesota Vikings running back Roc Thomas (32) dives for extra yardage in a 2018 game in Minneapolis. Thomas has been charged with felony possession of marijuana after police found more than 143 grams of the drug in his Mendota Heights, Minn., apartment.



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at the point of the defense while Madi Linbo, Katelyn Murphy and Mackenzie Jones have all stepped up to shoulder the scoring and playmaking load.

Nevertheless, Johnson's ability to command the floor and intercept passes will be sorely missed Thursday. Becker's offense is the best in the section, averaging 73.4 points per game. Much of that comes in transition, so limiting turnovers and getting back on defense will be important.

This game could come down to strength vs. strength. While Becker's offense is the envy of most teams in Class AAA, Willmar's defense is elite. The Cardinals allow just 41.6 points per game on average and they'll be tested Thursday.

Willmar's run to the state tournament last year went through Becker in the section semifinal. Will history repeat or will Becker get revenge?

## BOLD vs. St. Clair

BOLD is seeking its state tournament appearance since 2013 and, well, if they could have drawn the tournament up anyway this is probably how it would have gone.

The Warriors enter the tournament with a 21-5 record while St. Clair will enter the Section 2A final with a 10-12 mark, ranked No. 69 based on QRF rankings by Minnesota-Scores.net.

The Section 2A championship is set for a 6 p.m. start Friday at Minnesota State-Mankato.

The Cyclones earned a spot in the section final for the second year in a row after earning an upset against Springfield a week ago in the sub-section semifinals followed by a win against Nicollet/Mankato Loyola Tuesday night to the tune of 46-25. St. Clair's record is a far cry from last year's 18-11 but they graduated just three players from that team and have shown flashes

again this year. In the playoffs, the Cyclones improved each game defensively, allowing just 43 points to Springfield and are clearly peaking at the right time. They allow 54.7 points per game on average, just a bit more than BOLD's mark of 53.1.

The difference, however, comes on the offensive ends for both teams. BOLD averages 66.9 points per game, the highest mark in Section 2A and tied for the ninth-most in Class A with Pine River-Backus. St. Clair, meanwhile, manages 54.2 points per game.

The key to BOLD's offense is balance. Makenna Steffel leads the charge most nights but she missed time due to injury this year and the Warriors continued to dominate without her, thanks to the likes of Makayla Snow and Brenna Weis, as well as a cast of characters who can score in the double figures any given night.

Not only do the Warriors have a nice scoring balance, they also have a good blend of experience. BOLD features three seniors in Steffel, a Northern State commit for volleyball, Morgan Schmitz and Morgan Schmitz, while also relying heavily on juniors like Weis, Snow, Ashley Trongard and Lanie Mages.

It's easy to think BOLD should cruise right past St. Clair, but experience could become a factor. Though St. Clair ended last year on the outside of the tournament, the Cyclones do have experience at the Mavericks' arena before crashing out to Sleepy Eye in the final by a 59-41 scoreline. With all that in mind, things are set up well for the Warriors to make it back to the tournament and go for their first ever state tournament win.

## BBE vs. Menahga

So, we meet again. That's probably what the coaches of BBE and Menahga are saying as they head into Friday's Section 5A championship at Fergus Falls. Both

coaches seem nice, though, so they probably are saying so cordially and not menacingly. Anyways, this is the second year in a row BBE matches up with Menahga in the section championship and the third-straight year the Jaguars are fighting for a spot in the state tournament. Third time's a charm is a cliché for a reason, right?

Yet again, though, stiff competition stands in BBE's way of their first state tournament appearance. Menahga, who will enter Friday's game with a 28-1 record, won last year's installment 56-52 and won the regular season rematch this year 58-51. That's one of BBE's five losses, including a pair to potential state competitor Eden Valley-Watkins.

Menahga has BBE's number lately but this could be the Jaguars' best team in recent years. BBE has 24 wins to this point averaging 58.1 points per game with only 39.4 points against. They have a pair of post players in Macie Kirckof and Allisa Knight who can ruin anybody's night plus playmakers in Cassandra Tensen and Grace Illies. Add in Jacqueline Gossen, Brittany Berge and Jenna Dingmann who can knock down shots and the Jaguars have an all-around team that can sting you in a number of ways.

BBE's defense is stifling but Menahga's defense may be even better. The Braves' defense is the best in the section, allowing just 37.2 points per game, the second-lowest mark in all of Class A.

In last year's section final, fouls and turnovers proved to be the big deciding factors and will likely decide Friday's edition, too.

BBE led at halftime in this year's regular season battle and led throughout the second half of last year's section championship so they've proven they can keep up with the Braves. The question is whether this year's ending can be different than years past.

# Fiala shows Wild – and his former team – what he can do

By Brian Murphy  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kevin Fiala walked out of the visitors' dressing room at Bridgestone Arena on Tuesday night, March 5, turned left through the double doors separating the clubs and greeted former Nashville teammate Filip Forsberg with a smile and bear hug.

The scene was a far cry from the scrum that erupted between the new combatants shortly before Fiala scored the tying goal with 2:18 left in the third period to ensure Minnesota would earn at least one point in the Predators' second straight shootout victory over the Wild. Sticks were swung. Punches were thrown. Laughs ensued. Bygones were bygones.

"It was just emotion," Fiala told reporters afterward. "Really wanted to win that game, especially when we lost in Minnesota. I got mad somehow. There were three or four minutes to go. I really wanted to win that game. That's all. That's it."

"I love that guy." Two games against the Predators brought out the best in Fiala, whom the Wild acquired Feb. 25 from Nashville in exchange for Mikael Granlund. Fiala bagged a pair of goals Tuesday and came within an eyelash of his first career hat trick — this after he fired four shots on goal during the Predators' shootout victory Sunday at Xcel Energy Center.

Playing top-six minutes and on the power play, Fiala betrayed the scorer's instincts that made him a 2014 first-round draft choice who went on to post 23 goals and 48 points during his first full season in Nashville.

In the first period, he deked all-star defenseman P.K. Subban wide down the left wing and sniped a short-side goal on Pekka Rinne.

Late in the third, with goaltender Devan Dubnyk pulled for the extra attacker, Eric Staal won an offensive-zone faceoff right to Fiala, whose quick release beat Rinne cleanly to tie the score 4-4.

Then, in overtime, Fiala coiled around the blue line, slipped into the slot and let go a wrist shot that was labeled for the far corner before Rinne flashed his glove to rob his former mate of a hat trick.

"I shot it through (Ryan) Ellis' legs and I didn't think (Rinne) saw it," Fiala said. "Obviously he saved it."



Christopher Hanewinckel / USA TODAY Sports  
Minnesota Wild left wing Kevin Fiala (22) skates with the puck against Nashville Predators defenseman Roman Josi (59) during the second period of their game Tuesday, March 5, in Nashville.

## SCOREBOARD

LOCAL CALENDAR	
Thursday, March 7	
<b>Boys Basketball</b> <b>Section 2A</b> 1-BOLD vs. 4-New Ulm Cathedral, 6 p.m. (at St. Peter)	
<b>Section 3A-North</b> 1-Minnetta vs. 5-Dawson-Boyd, 6 p.m. (at SMSU) 2-LQPV vs. 3-RCW, 7:30 p.m. (at SMSU)	
<b>Section 5A</b> 7-Onamia vs. 2-BBE, 7 p.m.	
<b>Section 6A</b> 6-Brandon-Evansville at 3-Hancock, 7 p.m.	
<b>Section 3AA-North</b> 1-New London-Spicer vs. 4-Redwood Valley, 6 p.m. (at Willmar) 2-Minnewaska vs. 3-Morris/CA, 7:30 p.m. (at Willmar)	
<b>Section 5AA</b> 13-PACT Charter at 4-Litchfield, 7 p.m.	
<b>Section 5AAA championship</b> 1-Willmar vs. 2-Becker, 7 p.m. (at Buffalo)	
<b>College Softball</b> Ridgewater vs. Lincoln Trail/Macomb, noon/2:30 p.m. (at Chain of Lakes, Fla.)	
Friday, March 8	
<b>Boys Basketball</b> <b>Section 5AAA</b> 2-Willmar vs. 3-Monticello, 6 p.m. (at STMA)	
<b>Girls Basketball</b> <b>Section 2A championship</b> 1N-BOLD vs. 3S-St. Clair, 6 p.m. (at MSU-Mankato)	
<b>Section 5A championship</b> 1S-BBE vs. 1N-Menahga, 7 p.m. (at Fergus Falls)	
<b>College Softball</b> Ridgewater vs. Anoka-Ramsey/Iatasca, 9 a.m./2 p.m. (at Chain of Lakes, Fla.)	
Saturday, March 9	
<b>Boys Basketball</b> <b>Sub-section finals</b> , 8 p.m. (at SMSU)	
<b>Section 5A</b> Quarterfinals, TBD	
<b>Section 6A</b> Quarterfinals, TBD	
<b>Section 3AA-North</b> Sub-section finals, 12:30 p.m. (at SMSU)	
<b>Section 5AA</b> 1, 1 p.m./2:30 p.m./4:30 p.m./6 p.m. (at STMA)	
<b>College Softball</b> Ridgewater vs. Owens College/Bay College, 2 p.m./4 p.m. (at Chain of Lakes, Fla.)	
SPORTS ON TV	
Thursday, March 7	
<b>College Basketball:</b> Women's: Tournament Game TBA, 11 a.m., BTN	

Women's: Tournament Game TBA, 1:30 p.m., BTN	Women's: Tournament Game TBA, 5:30 p.m., BTN
Teams TBA, 6 p.m., ESPN	Teams TBA, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Indiana at Illinois, 7 p.m., FS1	Temple at UConn, 7 p.m., CBSN
Teams TBA, 8 p.m., ESPN2	Women's: Tournament Game TBA, 8 p.m., BTN
High-School Basketball:	NDHSAA Super A, 2 p.m., WDAY's Xtra
<b>MLB:</b>	Spring Training: Minnesota at Boston, noon, ESPN
<b>NBA:</b>	Indiana at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., TNT
Oklahoma City at Portland, 9:30 p.m., TNT	<b>NHL:</b>
Columbus at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., NBCSN	Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m., FSN
Friday, March 8	
<b>Bobsledding:</b>	IBSF World Championships, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN
<b>College Basketball:</b>	Women's: Tournament Game TBA, 11 a.m., BTN
Women's: Tournament Game TBA, 1:30 p.m., BTN	Women's: Tournament Game TBA, 5:30 p.m., BTN
Minnesota at Maryland, 6 p.m., FS1	Akron at Kent State, 6:30 p.m., CBSN
Women's: Tournament Game TBA, 8 p.m., BTN	Miami at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Minnesota at Maryland, 6 p.m., FS1	St. Joseph's at VCU, 8 p.m., ESPN2
<b>College Hockey:</b>	Omaha at North Dakota, 7:30 p.m., MidoCSN
Minnesota Duluth at St. Cloud, 7:30 p.m., CBSN	<b>Golf:</b>
European Tour: Qatar Masters, 1:30 a.m., GOLF	European Tour: Qatar Masters, 5 a.m., GOLF
PGA Tour: Arnold Palmer Invitational, 1 p.m., GOLF	PGA Tour Champions: Hoag Classic, 5 p.m., GOLF
<b>NBA:</b>	Philadelphia at Houston, 7 p.m., ESPN
Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN	<b>NHL:</b>
Minnesota at Florida, 6 p.m., FSN	<b>Rugby:</b>
Premiership: Saracens at Bath Rugby, 1:30 p.m., NBCSN	<b>Swimming:</b>
TYR Pro Swim Series, 7 p.m., NBCSN	

HOCKEY

Professional

NHL

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

GP W L OT SOTptsGF GA

Tampa Bay 67 51 12 3 11062631

Boston 66 40 17 6 3 891988

Toronto 66 41 21 4 0 862391

Montreal 66 36 24 7 0 792041

Buffalo 66 30 28 6 2 681902

Florida 66 28 26 6 6 682092

Detroit 66 23 33 5 5 561822

Ottawa 67 23 38 5 1 521992

Metropolitan Division

GP W L OT SOTptsGF GA

Washington 67 39 21 6 1 852311

NY Islanders 66 38 21 2 5 831921

Carolina 66 36 23 5 2 791991

Pittsburgh 66 35 22 7 2 782292

Columbus 66 37 26 2 1 772051

Philadelphia 67 32 27 3 1 722041

NY Rangers 66 27 28 8 3 651902

New Jersey 67 25 33 5 4 591892

Western Conference

Central Division

GP W L OT SOTptsGF GA

Nashville 69 39 25 4 1 832071

Winnipeg 66 39 23 3 1 822141

St. Louis 65 34 25 5 1 741871

Dallas 66 34 27 5 0 731711

Minnesota 67 32 27 4 4 721961

Colorado 67 29 26 11 1 702021

Chicago 66 27 30 8 1 632021

Pacific Division

GP W L OT SOTptsGF GA

Calgary 66 41 18 3 4 892341

San Jose 66 39 19 5 3 862381

Vegas 67 36 26 3 2 772101

Arizona 66 32 29 4 1 691771

Edmonton 66 29 30 5 2 651871

Vancouver 66 27 30 5 4 631801

Anaheim 67 26 32 7 2 611472

Los Angeles 66 24 34 5 3 561592

Monday's Games

Edmonton 4, Buffalo 3

Toronto 6, Calgary 2

Tuesday's Games

Boston 4, Carolina 3, OT

Columbus 2, New Jersey 1, SO

NY Islanders 5, Ottawa 4, SO

Pittsburgh 3, Florida 2, OT

Tampa Bay 5, Winnipeg 2

Nashville 5, Minnesota 4, SO

Dallas 1, NY Rangers 0

Colorado 4, Detroit 3, OT

Anaheim 3, Arizona 1

Montreal 3, Los Angeles 1

Wednesday's Games

Washington 5, Philadelphia 3

Toronto at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

St. Louis at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

Calgary at Vegas, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Florida at Boston, 6 p.m.

Columbus at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.

NY Islanders at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.

NY Rangers at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.  
 Buffalo at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
 Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.  
 Vancouver at Edmonton, 8 p.m.  
 Calgary at Arizona, 8 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.  
 Montreal at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

# BASKETBALL

## Professional

### National Basketball Association

#### Eastern Conference

##### Atlantic

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	46	19	.708	—
Philadelphia	41	24	.631	5.0
Boston	39	26	.600	7.0
Brooklyn	34	33	.507	13.0
New York	13	51	.203	32.5

##### Central

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	48	16	.750	—
Indiana	42	23	.646	6.5
Detroit	32	31	.508	15.5
Chicago	19	47	.288	30.0
Cleveland	16	49	.246	32.5

##### Southeast

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	30	34	.469	—
Orlando	30	36	.455	1.0
Charlotte	29	35	.453	1.0
Washington	27	37	.422	3.0
Atlanta	22	44	.333	9.0

#### Western Conference

##### Northwest

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	42	21	.667	—
Oklahoma City	39	25	.609	3.5
Portland	39	26	.598	3.5
Utah	37	27	.578	5.5
Minnesota	30	35	.462	13.0

##### Pacific

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	44	20	.688	—
L.A. Clippers	37	29	.561	8.0
Sacramento	32	31	.508	11.5
L.A. Lakers	30	34	.469	14.0
Phoenix	14	51	.215	30.5

##### Southwest

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	39	25	.609	—
San Antonio	37	29	.561	3.0
New Orleans	30	37	.448	10.5
Dallas	27	37	.422	12.0
Memphis	26	40	.394	14.0

##### Central

### Wednesday's Games

Miami 91, Charlotte 84  
 Detroit 131, Minnesota 114  
 Washington 132, Dallas 123  
 San Antonio 111, Atlanta 104  
 Brooklyn 113, Cleveland 107  
 Chicago 108, Philadelphia 107  
 Utah 114, New Orleans 104

New York at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
Boston at Sacramento, 9 p.m.  
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Indiana at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

**Friday's Games**  
Washington at Charlotte, 6 p.m.  
Dallas at Orlando, 6 p.m.  
Cleveland at Miami, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Houston, 7 p.m.  
Utah at Memphis, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at New Orleans, 7 p.m.  
Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
Sacramento at New York, 11 a.m.  
Brooklyn at Atlanta, 6 p.m.  
Washington at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.  
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
Phoenix at Portland, 9 p.m.

**Wednesday's result**  
**Detroit 131, Minnesota 114**  
**Minnesota 35 29 24 26 — 114**  
**Detroit 22 38 30 41 — 131**  
**MINNESOTA (114)**  
Wiggins 8-15 0-0 18, Teague 5-10 3-3 15, Towns 7-14 7-24, Saric 3-0 0-0 8, Okogie 2-2 1-6 6, Ty-Jones 1-4 3-3 5, Tolliver 4-8 0-0 10, Rose 4-9 0-0 8, Bates-Diop 0-1 3-4 3, Gibson 5-8 0-0 10, Dieng 2-5 1-1 5, Reynolds 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 41-84 20-21 114.

**DETROIT (131)**  
Drummond 11-18 8-10 31, Griffin 4-13 1-2 9, Ellington 4-11 0-0 11, R.Jackson 2-5 1-2 6, B.Brown 2-2 0-0 4, Kennard 8-16 2-2 21, I.Smith 8-10 2-2 19, Galloway 3-4 2-2 11, Maker 4-6 1-2 10, Robinson III 3-5 0-0 7, K.Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Calderon 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 50-93 17-22 131.

**3-Point Goals**—Minnesota 12-27 (Towns 3-6, Saric 2-3, Teague 2-3, Wiggins 2-5, Tolliver 2-6, Okogie 1-1, Bates-Diop 0-1, Reynolds 0-1, Rose 0-1), Detroit 14-33 (Galloway 3-3, Kennard 3-7, Ellington 3-9, Drummond 0-1-1, R.Jackson 1-2, Maker 1-2, Robinson III 1-2, I.Smith 1-2, K.Thomas 0-1, Griffin 0-1-1). Fouled out: Towns. Rebounds—Minnesota 43 (Saric 7), Detroit 49 (Drummond 15). Assists—Minnesota 25 (Teague 8), Detroit 29 (Griffin 7). Total Fouls—Minnesota 22 (Towns 6), Detroit 19 (Drummond 5). A—15,240.

**MEN'S BIG TEN CONFERENCE**

	Conference	AllGames			
	W	L	Pct	W	L
Michigan	15	4	.789	26	4
Michigan St	15	4	.789	24	6
Purdue	15	4	.789	22	8
Wisconsin	12	6	.667	20	9
Maryland	12	7	.632	21	9
Iowa	10	8	.556	21	8
Minnesota	9	10	.476	19	11
Ohio St.	8	11	.421	18	12
Illinois	7	11	.389	11	18
Rutgers	7	12	.368	14	15
Indiana	6	13	.303	15	14
Penn St.	6	13	.316	13	17

Nebraska

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Northwestern

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Wednesday's Games

Penn St. 66, Rutgers 65

Northwestern 68, Ohio St. 50

Thursday's Games

Iowa at Wisconsin, 6 p.m.

Indiana at Illinois, 7 p.m.

Friday's Games

Minnesota at Maryland, 6 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Purdue at Northwestern, 1:30 p.m.

Michigan at Michigan St, 7 p.m.

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Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

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Western Conference

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NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for draw.

Saturday's Games

Orlando City SC at Chicago Fire, 12 p.m.

Columbus Crew SC at New England Revolution, 1 p.m.

LA Galaxy at FC Dallas, 2:30 p.m.

Montreal Impact at Houston Dynamo, 4 p.m.

Vancouver Whitecaps FC at Real Salt Lake, 5 p.m.

Minnesota United FC at San Jose Earthquakes, 7 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Colorado Rapids at Seattle Sounders FC, 11 p.m.

D.C. United at New York City FC, 2 p.m.

Philadelphia Union at Sporting Kansas City, 2 p.m.

FC Cincinnati at Atlanta United FC, 4 p.m.

Portland Timbers at Los Angeles FC, 6:30 p.m.