



Section skiing



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Benilde-St. Margaret's Davis Fortney qualified for the state Alpine meet by finishing 12th overall at the Section 5 meet at Afton Alps Feb. 6. He had a two-run combined time of 1:06.32 to advance to the Feb. 12 state meet at Giant's Ridge in Biwabik.

Nordic teams ski to section success

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Competing in one of the toughest Nordic ski sections in the state, St. Louis Park and Benilde-St. Margaret's were among some favorites to challenge for a state title this week at the Section 6 meet Feb. 6 at Wirth Park.

St. Louis Park junior Danny Walsh qualified for state with a seventh-place finish in the pursuit (classic plus freestyle total time) of 26 minutes, 44.6 seconds, as did Benilde-St. Margaret's senior Frankie Lynch, who was sixth in 26:25. Hopkins also had a trio of seniors qualify including Caleb Dunnewind who was fourth overall in 25:48.6, Tim Sandford who was eighth overall in 26:54.5 and Colby Branch who was 12th in 27:21.2.

Armstrong held off Wayzata to secure the section title at both teams move on to state with 380 and 372 points, respectively. Hopkins was third with 362 points, Park was fourth with 328 points and Benilde-St. Margaret's was seventh with 274 points.

Adding to the Park team total was sophomore Dan Shope who was 20th overall in 28:21.2, sophomore Tait Myers was 22nd in 28:29.5, senior Rakesh Plantz was 27th in 28:44.2, junior Max



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Park's Jersey Miller, right, stays ahead of Hopkins' Ellie Munger during the Section 6 meet at Wirth Park Feb. 6.

Gohman was 29th 29:17.2 and junior Josh Krueger was 30th in 29:28.3.

The Oriole girls placed fifth with 316 points and BSM was 10th with 159 points among the 12-team field.

Wayzata and Hopkins garnered the two state-qualifying team spots followed by Armstrong and Orono.

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Notebook: Park hoops, puck extend winning streaks

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St. Louis Park girls basketball improved to 10-11 overall after holding on for an 80-75 win over Chanhassen Friday, Feb. 7.

The win was the fourth straight for the Orioles, who are 7-1 since Jan. 7 and are second in the Metro West Conference with a 7-2 record. Chaska is 8-0 and 18-4 overall at the top of the conference standings.

Junior Kendall Coley had a game-high 28 points with 11 rebounds while Raegan Alexander had 13 points and 18 rebounds.

Park opened the week with an 80-39 win at Kennedy on Feb. 4 thanks to a 52-20 halftime lead. Coley and Alexander had 16 and 15 points, respectively. Shayla Miller had 10 points and Sadie Yarosh had nine points.

Park is at Minnehaha Academy 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14 and the Orioles host Benilde-St. Margaret's at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, for senior night.

Boys basketball

Park couldn't complete the season sweep against Chanhassen with a 65-57 loss Feb. 7. The Orioles won the Jan. 10 meeting in Park 74-64 before returning to Chanhassen to begin the second time through the Metro West Conference. Paris Johnson led the Orioles with 28 points and 12 points from Jacob Holm. Chanhassen countered with 19 points from Luke Gitzen and 16 points each from Ben Giles and Austin Boll to win a third consecutive game.

Girls hockey

Play is well underway in Section 6AA with the top seeds winning the first round games including No. 7 Hopkins/Park losing to No. 2 Blake 9-0 on Saturday. Royals sophomore goaltender Leah Bosch made 41 saves to give her 892 saves on the season.

Benilde-St. Margaret's received the fourth-seed and skated past No. 5 Cretin-Derham Hall 4-1 Saturday.

Sophomore Mary Zavoral played a role in all four goals including a pair of BSM goals. Her second goal coming 4:27 into the second period on the power play. Only 44 seconds later junior Anna Podein made it 3-0 with a power-play goal. Assists to Zavoral and Lily Mortenson.

Lucy Hanson picked up the fourth goal coming late in the third period.

Rose Beeman made 15 saves to move the Red Knights into the semifinals against No. 1 Edina, played Wednesday after this edition went to press.

The Section 6AA final will be played at 7 p.m. Friday at Parade Stadium in Minneapolis.

Boys hockey

St. Louis Park put a 6-0 loss to Chaska on Feb. 1 behind them with three huge victories over Apple Valley, Chanhassen and Bloomington Kennedy by a combined score of 22-7. Avery Pittman picked up four points including a hat trick in a 7-4 win over Apple Valley Feb. 4. Jack Wandmacher had three assists and McCabe Dvorak had two goals and one assist.

Park scored three times in the third period of a 6-2 win over Chanhassen Feb. 6.

Dvorak had two goals and two assists. Wandmacher had three assists while Pittman and Sam Berry finished with one goal and two assists, a piece.

Park led Kennedy 8-1 after two periods Saturday and

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