

CLASS 4A SECTION 3
EASTVIEW 82,
BURNSVILLE 64



Eastview's Jackson Powell looked to pass as Burnsville defenders closed in Thursday.

Eastview breaks away late

The Lightning clinched its first state berth since '12.

After splitting two close regular-season games, Burnsville and Eastview had one last matchup in the Class 4A, Section 3 championship.

Though the score was within six points at halftime, Burnsville couldn't hit the outside shots it needed. A solid second half by Eastview propelled the Lightning to an 82-64 victory Thursday at Farmington High School.

Eastview (21-11) held a 32-27 lead at halftime with nine points from junior forward Tate MacEachron and seven from junior guard Ryan Trinius.

Burnsville junior forward Daniel Rosenthal hit two three-pointers on his team's first two shots to get the Blues an early lead. He finished with a team-leading nine points in the first half. Burnsville (23-7) made five three-pointers in the first half.

"We just started locking them up," Lightning forward Steven Crowl said. "The first half we were allowing [them] to shoot a little too much, uncorrected, and then we started locking them up."

Eastview outscored Burnsville 49-37 in the second half to earn its fourth state tournament appearance and first since 2002. Junior guard Jaylen James led the Lightning with 21 points, including 4-for-11 free-throw shooting. Rosenthal led the Blues with 17 total points, including five three-pointers.

"We didn't shoot the ball very well. We're not aggressive and-shut team. We rely a lot on our shooters," Blue coach Rob Metten said. "When it came down to it, we just didn't make enough shots."

JACK WAREK

Also in Class 4A:
Lakewood North 84, Rockester John Marshall 50
National recruit Matthew Hart's bid to play in a state tournament before the senior graduates ended with John Marshall's seventh consecutive loss to the Panthers in the Section 1 title game. Hart had 30 points and 10 rebounds.
Cambridge Island 61, Blaine 53
The No. 3 seeded Bluejackets upset the top-seeded Bengals in the Section 7 championship. Henry Ahabian led Cambridge Island with 25 points. The Bluejackets' last state tournament appearance was in 2008.
Maple Grove 77, Buffalo 54
Jared Ratney scored 23 points to lead the Crimson in the Section 8 championship game. Nate Adams and Kyle Dwyer added 15 and 14 points, respectively. Matthew Willett led the Blues with 14. This will be Maple Grove's fourth consecutive trip to the tournament.

CLASS 4A SECTION 4 EAST RIDGE 71, CRETIN-DERHAM HALL 45

Up-tempo East Ridge makes state

The Raptors got running after halftime to top the defending Class 4A champs.

By NATE GOTTLIEB
Special to the Star Tribune

Cretin-Derham Hall kept within six points of East Ridge in the first half of the Class 4A, Section 4 boys' basketball championship game Thursday by taking 45 seconds on some offensive possessions. Even a miss. Almost two minutes. Early in the second half, East Ridge hit its first lead of confidence to break away from the Raiders and earn its first appearance in the state tournament.

The Raptors (27-3) used a series of quality offensive possessions to produce a 15-4 run, led by junior forward Ben Carlson. It helped them build a 20-point lead en route to a 71-45 victory over the defending state champion Raiders at Hastings High School.

"It's not the first time we've had to play against that style, and we've learned our lessons through the regular season," East Ridge coach Bryce Truesdell said. "We stayed patient, we picked our spots, and our guys just overcame that. We were very sharp and we were able to win this game. Ben Carlson scored 22 second half points and 26 overall, while Brown added 11. The second half, we kind of opened it up," Carlson said. "We got up and down a lot more, which is good. That's the way we like to play."



East Ridge's Ben Carlson scored 22 of his game-high 26 points in the second half as the Raptors beat Cretin-Derham Hall.

Sophomore guard Kendall Brown scored 11 second-half points, mostly on layups, and had 15 for the game. Senior point guard Zach Zehrowski added 21, including eight in the second half.

The victory also means a loss to Cretin-Derham Hall in last year's section championship. "It's really satisfying to know that our hard work pays off, 'cause we haven't stopped working since that point," Courtney Brown said. Freshman guard The Holman led Cretin-Derham Hall (22-7) with 17 points, and junior guard Curtis Jones scored 13 for the Raiders.

CLASS 3A SECTION 6 NO. 1 DELASALLE 78, WACONIA 53

DeLaSalle has the right answer against Waconia

Three Islanders scored 20 or more points in victory.

DelSalle 6-7 junior James Trinius completed a layup under the basket, and it worked to his advantage.

"He settled us in," second-year Islanders coach Travis Klodick said. "When we started getting the ball in to him, taking advantage of the defense, I think it calmed us down. It helped us build the lead, and then we had to grind one out."

Trinius helped No. 1 ranked DeLaSalle to a 78-53 victory over Waconia for the Class 3A, Section 6 title Thursday at Chubbushen High School. Having Trinius down low has been the game plan all season, and he provided a "big-time double-double" in a big spot, his coach said.

"I like to play a physical, inside game," Trinius said. "That's just what I do, keep going at them physically."

Trinius had 11 rebounds by halftime and finished with a season-high 20 points, doubling his average points per game mark.

He was aided by Mr. Basketball finalist Tyrell Terry's team-high 25 points, with 18 coming in the second half.



DelSalle's Tyrell Terry (18) down on Waconia's Ryan Babin late in the second half Thursday. Terry was fouled on the play and made two free throws in the Islanders' 78-53 victory in a Class 3A, Section 6 final at Chubbushen High School. Terry scored a team-high 25 points.

Senior Jamison Bastie added 22 points, including 10 of the first 12 Islanders points to start the game. Waconia junior PJ Hayes scored a game-high 27 points. The Wildcats (12-12) mostly kept the deficit to single dig-

ing. Waconia coach Pat Hayes said. "The Islanders have won 15 of their past 16 games. They will look to win seven state titles in the past eight years. They lost in the state semifinals last year, ending their

run of six consecutive Class 3A state titles.

HEATHER PERLE

Also in Class 3A:
Mahomet 58, Toluca Grace 46
For the first time since 2003, the Zephyrs are returning to the state tournament after defeating the Eagles in the Section 4 title game. Mahomet had four scorers in double figures, led by Sam Bell with 13. Riley Burger had 20 points for Toluca Grace.
Holy Angels 85, St. Thomas Academy 78
The Stars ended the Cadet's four-year reign as Section 3 champions. They were led by freshman Emmett Johnson, who had 29 points. Thor Holten added 23. Jack Thompson scored 21 for St. Thomas Academy. This will be Holy Angels' third state tournament appearance. Its first two were in 2002 and 2004.

Austin 17, Northfield 16
Agnes Nyrook scored 16, including three three-pointers to lead the Panthers in the Section 1 championship. Medi Olmg added 14. Kip Schottman scored 19 for the Panthers. The game marked the third consecutive year that Austin had defeated Northfield for the section title.

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