

## LIGHTNING BASKETBALL "Building Champions"



## Lightning Hoops Flash

#### Game Preview

Eastview vs. Chaska

Tonight the Eastview Boys' Basketball Team (1-0, 0-0) would like to welcome the Hawks from Chaska High School (0-0,0-0) to the Storm Center. Chaska enters the game tonight playing in their first contest of the season. While the Lightning are coming off a win over Prior Lake (63-46) on Saturday night in the season opener. Chaska and Eastview split two games last season with each team winning at the opponents home floor. Both teams graduated their leading scorers from last season. Chaska alum, Marty Gregor, is now at Northern State in Aberdeen, SD. And, Jonker now plays for Carlton in Northfield. So, the contest tonight will be a matter of establishing new scorers and learning new roles. The Hawks do return a strong core of returning players. Back is Jr. sharpshooting wing Tyler Goetz along with a strong back court mate in Grant Martinson. Joining this junior backcourt is frontline starter Travis Polster (6'6"). Look for the Hawks to use a high powered offensive game along with their traditional strong rebounding to take down the Lightning on their home floor. Eastview will need depth, speed, & team play to succeed in the Lake Conference opener.

## **Upcoming Games**

Friday, Dec. 14th, Park Center High School (home) 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18, Apple Valley High School (home) 7:15 p.m.

#### Recent Scores

#### Eastview 63, Prior Lake 46

The season opener Saturday night was a strong defensive outing for the Lightning. Eastview jumped out to a quick 14-4 lead and never looked back. The Lightning defense forced the Lakers into 32 turnovers accounting for nearly half the Lightning offense. Sr, Johnie Sanders led a balanced attack with 14 points. Spencer Pratt added 13 while Thomforde chipped in 9. Thomforde & Grinnell both had strong overall games with Ethan handing out 9 assists and Michael grabbing 5 rebounds & 4 steals. Tim Hufford, Vinard Birch, and Drew Johnson all added to the defensive intensity on the perimeter while Junior Tim Massie filled in at the post off the bench. It was a great effort in securing the first win of the season at home. The boys look to improve on their effort & intensity in the conference opener tonight.

### J.V. Update

Overall: 1-0 Conference: 0-0

# JV Schedule & Results Date opponent result record 12/8 Prior Lake 75-40 1-0 12/11 Chaska 12/14 Park Center 12/18 Apple Valley 12/21 @ Eden Prairie

#### Eastview 75, Prior Lake 40

The lightning boys JV started off their season with an impressive win over Prior Lake on Saturday night. The boys took a 31-19 lead into the half before turning up the pressure defensively with their full court press to outscore Prior Lake 44-21 in the 2nd half. The final score was 75-40 and leading the way was Chris Hall with a game high 20 Points, Andrew McLean had 19 Points and Collin Riedlinger added 17 off the bench.

#### **Impact Players**

Coach Wagner is enjoying the speed and versatility of his JV team so far this year. He believes, "going against a tough varsity team each day makes our team play even harder on game nights." The speed of McLean, Hall, Birch, & Bjordal added with the inside versatility of Massie, Redlinger, and Christensen give him plenty of options on both ends of the floor. Look for these young and talented players to grow and improve throughout the season as the gel and learn each other even more.

#### Soph Update

Overall: 1-0 Conference: 0-0

Soph Schedule & Results		
Date opponent	result	record
12/8 Prior Lake	75-40	1-0
12/11 Chaska		
12/14 Park Center		
12/18 Apple Valley		
12/21 @ Eden Prairie		

#### **Upcoming Season**

As with most of our sophomore teams, they will focus on sound fundamentals, strong defense, and team execution throughout the season. This group of 10<sup>th</sup> graders is coming off a very impressive 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. They are hoping to build on their 30 win season of a year ago. Good luck sophomores on the season ahead as they purse their first full Lake Conference schedule.

#### **Impact Players**

The 10<sup>th</sup> grade team has strong compliment of inside players in Brad Losee, Isiah Thomas, Corey Styles, & Steven Denzer. The wing players will be Jordan Kuhn, David Pearcill, Scott Burgess, Mike Myslinski, & Michael Radermacher. Handling the ball will be Austin Brown & Karl Otto. Good luck boys.

#### Coach Olson

Coach "O" has a solid group of 10<sup>th</sup> graders with him this season. "Our defense needs to carry us onto the offensive end this season", says the Coach. The effort put forth so far in the preseason is high and is looking forward to beginning the season. Coach Olson is beginning his 7<sup>th</sup> season on the Lightning staff.

## 9th Grade Update

Overall: 3-1, 3-1 Conference: 0-0, 0-0

9th Grade Schedule & Results			
Date opponent	result	record	
12/6 Farmington	79-41	1-0	
12/8 Tartan	45-36	2-0	
12/8 Lakeville North	34-45	2-1	
12/9 Eden Prairie	48-47	3-1	
12/11 @ Kennedy			

#### 9th Grade at Eastview Tourney

The **9A boys basketball** team went 2-1 in the EVAA traveling basketball tournament this past weekend. Finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the first game they defeated Tartan 45-34. The semi final match up was against Lake Conference rival Lakeville North, with Lakeville getting the victory 45-36. Facing another Lake conference opponent, Eden Prairie, in the third place game, the Lightning were victorious 48-47. The boys played with heart, determination, and great team work to improve to 3-1.

#### Coach Thomforde

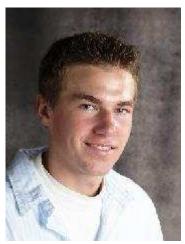
Coach "T" is excited about the progress of the 9A team. The boys are putting forth strong effort on the defensive end of the floor and transferring this to the team play on the defensive end. "The guys are understanding our expectations very well", says Coach Thomforde.

#### Coach Peterson

Coach Peterson returns to the Lightning staff this season after a one year sabbatical for the birth of his daughter and Masters work. He is excited to be back coaching at Eastview.

#### Player Spotlight

#11 Spencer Pratt, 6-0, Sr.



Spencer Pratt is beginning is third year on the Lightning Varsity Basketball team. Spencer is coming off a tremendous junior year in 2006-2007. Last year Spencer shot a team high 47% from 3pt range in connecting on 51 three-pointers in one season. He most certainly will graduate as the school's all-time leader in this category for makes and percentage. Last year Spencer also earned all-conference honors and team's 6th Man Award at the year end banquet for his spark off the bench. Moving on to his senior year, Spencer committed himself this past offseason on his strength, quickness, and individual skills to become an even more improved player on both ends of the floor. Through is leadership and work ethic, Spencer was elected as a captain for the 2007-2008 school year. Spencer is very highly regarded by his

teammates for his positive attitude, work ethic, and leadership. Outside of basketball Spencer also participates in Baseball at EVHS, is a member of the National Honor Society, volunteers his time as youth teacher at his Church, and is a fixture at all summer basketball camps. Next year, Spencer hopes to continue is basketball career in College. Please give Spencer a strong Lightning cheer as he hopes to lead the team to victory tonight in the conference opener.



#### **EVAA Feature Squad**

Tonight's featured squads are the 7th Grade C teams. Currently, one C team 9-3 overall on the young season. In their most recent tournament at Eastview, the team went 3-1 winning 3rd place honors. In their initial tournament of the season they took first place in the Eagan Tourny. Great job to the 7C squad and keep up the good work. The other 7C team played in the Eastview tourney over the weekend. They defeated Rosemount and Eagan in route to claiming second place in our home tournament. Again, congratulations to both teams and good luck the rest of the way on your seasons.

#### 7th Grade C Roster

7 <sup>Th</sup> Grade C	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade C
John Donlon Justin Flescher Michael Marsh Alex Norderhus Jordan Olson Jalen Reynolds Michael Stockton Matthew Wangler	#3 Luke Erickson #4 Matt Huhner #14 Nick Kuehne #15 Austin Mans #22 Ryan McGuire #23 Derek Schiebel #25 Ben Voss
Coaches: Steve Parsons Pat Donlan Erik Stockton  9-3 overall Eagan Tourney Cham	Coaches: Scott Mans Joey Voss Russ Huhner  2 <sup>nd</sup> in Eastview Tourney

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Varsity Schedule & Results			
<u>Date</u>	opponent	result	record
12/8	Prior Lake	63-46	
12/11	Chaska		
12/14	Park Center		
12/18	Apple Valley		
12/21	Eden Prairie		
12/26	<b>Duluth East</b>		
1/4	Centennial		
1/8	Lakeville South		
1/11	Lakeville North		
1/15	Kennedy		
	Burnsville		
	Jefferson		
1/25	Eagan		
1/26	Lacrosse Aquinas		
1/29	Rosemount		
2/1	Chaska		
	Apple Valley		
2/12	<b>Eden Prairie</b>		
2/15	Lakeville South		
2/19	Lakeville North		
2/21	Kennedy		
2/26	Burnsville		
	Jefferson		
	Eagan		
3/7	Rosemount		

Lake Conference Standings			
	<u>Team</u>	Conference	Overall
1.	Eastview	0-0	1-0
2.	Eagan	0-0	1-0
3.	Lakeville North	0-0	1-0
4.	Rosemount	0-0	0-0
5.	Kennedy	0-0	0-0
6.	Jefferson	0-0	0-0
7.	Chaska	0-0	0-0
8.	Lakeville South	0-0	0-0
9.	Apple Valley	0-0	0-1
10.	Eden Prairie	0-0	0-1
11.	Burnsville	0-0	0-1

Section 3AAAA Standings			
	Team	Conference	Overall
1.	Eastview	0-0	1-0
2.	Eagan	0-0	1-0
3.	Lakeville North	0-0	1-0
4.	Cottage Grove	0-0	1-0
5.	Lakeville South	0-0	0-0
6.	Rosemount	0-0	0-0
7.	Apple Valley	0-0	0-1
8.	Burnsville	0-0	0-1

## Games of Interest (12/11/07)

Apple Valley @ Rosemount Eden Prairie @ Eagan Burnsville @ Lakeville North Lakeville South @ Farmington Jefferson @ Harding