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Game Preview

Eastview vs. Prior Lake

For the 2007-2008 home opener, the Lightning (0-0, 0-0) would like to welcome the Lakers from Prior Lake High School (1-0, 0-0) to the Storm Center tonight. Both teams are excited about the young season and the maturing teams. Tonight promises an extra level of intensity and hustle. The Lightning are hoping to gain its first win of the season while the Lakers are building on a season opening win over Burnsville on Thursday night. Eastview is looking to avenge the loss from last season when the Lakers stole victory 57-56 in the closing seconds of the game one year ago at Prior Lake. Key players to keep an eye for the Lakers tonight include sophomore guard, Tor Anderson (#23), Junior post 6'9" Deryck Ludwig (#31), and senior captain Anthony Kemper (#21). Look for Prior Lake to play a strong defensive game with an up tempo offensive game. Anderson scored 16 points on Thursday night at Burnsville and has a strong offensive game that gets him to the FT line quite often. Eastview will need to play a tough defensive game in holding this high powered team below 60 points while trying to control the glass on that same end of the floor.

Fortunately for the Lightning, they return a strong core of players from last seasons 19-9 team that lost in the section championship game last season in overtime. Back are captains Ethan Thomforde, Michael Grinnell, and Spencer Pratt. All three earned all-conference honors last season and look to build on their off season work for this season. Also returning is all-conference forward Johnie Sanders, junior guard Drew Johnson, and senior reserves Tim Hufford and Kevin Osgar. Also seeing action tonight will be Junior post Tim Massie and newcomer, sophomore point guard, Vinard Birch. The Lightning will look to use a strong defensive effort, a deep bench, and team play to hopefully slow down the strong Laker team tonight. Thank you for joining us tonight and supporting the boys' basketball team in the season opener for the 2007-2008 season.

Upcoming Games

Tuesday, Dec. 11th, Chaska High School (home) 7:15 p.m.

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

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

J.V. Update

Overall: 0-0
Conference: 0-0

JV Schedule & Results

| <u>Date</u> | <u>opponent</u> | <u>result</u> | <u>record</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 12/8 | Prior Lake | | |
| 12/11 | Chaska | | |
| 12/14 | Park Center | | |
| 12/18 | Apple Valley | | |
| 12/21 | @ Eden Prairie | | |

Upcoming Season

This year's JV team is coming off very strong season. As with most JV teams, the players move on after one season. Now, Coach Wagner is grooming a new crop of young players who are coming off a very strong season with Coach Olson last year. A couple new faces added to the mix this year are Junior guard Chris Hall, and sophomore guard Vinard Birch.

Impact Players

The JV squad boasts a number of strong players this season. The team will be very deep at the guard position and will look to use tough pressure defense along with an uptempo style of offense. Players tonight include Andrew McLean, Drew Bjordal, Collin Reidlinger, Andrew Christensen, Chris Hall, and Vinard Birch.

Coach Wagner

Coach Jon Wagner enters his second season on the Lightning staff. Last year as the JV coach he compiled a 20-5 record. Jon works as a mortgage consultant outside of basketball and is engaged to be married in April of 2008. Coach Wagner also holds the school's all-time scoring record at 1,486.

Soph Update

Overall: 0-0
Conference: 0-0

Soph Schedule & Results

| <u>Date</u> | <u>opponent</u> | <u>result</u> | <u>record</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 12/8 | Prior Lake | | |
| 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 10th graders is coming off a very impressive 9th 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 pursue their first full Lake Conference schedule.

Impact Players

The 10th 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 10th 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 7th season on the Lightning staff.

9th Grade Update

Overall: 1-0
Conference: 0-0

9th Grade Schedule & Results

| <u>Date</u> | <u>opponent</u> | <u>result</u> | <u>record</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 12/6 | Farmington | | |
| 12/8 | @ Jefferson | | |
| 12/12 | Nicollet | | |
| 12/15 | @ Cretin DH | | |
| 12/19 | Lakeville South | | |

Opening Night vs. Farmington

The 9th grade A & B teams opened their seasons on Thursday night by hosting Farmington. Both the A & B teams won in convincing fashion. Both teams were able to put up 80 points while holding the opponent to less than 50. Both marks are quality benchmarks on each end of the floor. They play in the Eastview Tourney this weekend.

Coach Thomforde

Coach "T" is starting his 4th year as the 9th grade coach. He is coming off the first 30 win season in Eastview history and looks to challenge once again for conference and state titles.

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.

Coach Silk

Coach Silk is beginning his 1st year at Eastview. He comes from NDSU and is currently a 5th grade teacher at Shannon Park.

Parent Night Ceremony

Tonight is our annual parent night ceremony and we would like to celebrate all of the wonderful parents on our Varsity team for the 2007-2008 Season. Parent night is a great opportunity for all of the parents to have a chance to meet and celebrate with one another. With all of the great kids in our program, it is with great honor that we recognize our parents tonight. Please show your recognition and appreciation for all of their work, encouragement, and support for the players and the program over the years.

The list at the right is the roster of our players with the names of their parents. Please give them all a strong Lightning applause as they are introduced tonight. They have made our program strong and continue to work to make it even stronger. Thank you parents.

-Lightning players and coaching staff.

| # | Yr. | Player | Parents |
|----|-----|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 | 11 | Drew Johnson | Mike & Debbie |
| 10 | 12 | Pat Coyne | Tom & Laurie |
| 11 | 12 | Spencer Pratt | Greg & Joanne |
| 12 | 12 | Taylor Spanton | Mark Spanton & Dana Lien |
| 13 | 11 | Drew Bjordal | Kelly & Sharon |
| 20 | 12 | Tim Hufford | Doug & Janie |
| 21 | 12 | Kevin Osgar | Mike & Coleen |
| 22 | 12 | Ethan Thomforde | Dave & Cheri |
| 23 | 12 | Johnie Sanders | Iretta Sanders |
| 30 | 11 | Andrew McLean | Warren & Norma |
| 31 | 11 | Andrew Christensen | Bruce & Julie |
| 32 | 11 | Chris Hall | Renee & Manuel |
| 33 | 11 | Carlos Emory | Renee & Manuel |
| 41 | 11 | Collin Reidlinger | Craig & Janice |
| 42 | 12 | Michael Grinnell | Diane Grinnell |
| 43 | 10 | Vinard Birch | Jay Weefur |
| 50 | 11 | Tim Massie | Jerry & Eileen |

Player Spotlight

#22 Ethan Thomforde, 6-0, Sr.



Ethan Thomforde is beginning his fourth and final season in a Lightning basketball uniform. Ethan is the last player left from the 2005 roster that made it to the State Championship. As a result, he has the opportunity to become the only four-year letter winner to wear an Eastview jersey. He is coming off a strong junior season in which he played in all 28 games, starting 25 of them. He averaged 9.8 ppg last season while earning all-conference honors and the coveted Lightning Defensive Award at the year end banquet. Ethan is regarded as one of the best defenders in the state as he can guard point guards, scoring guards, and even post players. His rare combination of speed, strength, and explosiveness for his size make him an ideal defender. Add these physical strengths to his intangibles of knowledge and experience and you can see how lucky the

Lightning Basketball program is to have such a special player. Ethan is also highly regarded as one of our hardest workers in the offseason. His commitments to weightroom, conditioning, and playing have earned him the honor of captain for his senior season. Over his career Ethan has compiled a record of 60-27. We look forward to another great season from Ethan as he puts his desire and focus on returning the state tournament where his high school career began.

Scores & Standings

Varsity Schedule & Results

| <i>Date</i> | <i>opponent</i> | <i>result</i> | <i>record</i> |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 12/8 | Prior Lake | | |
| 12/11 | Chaska | | |
| 12/14 | Park Center | | |
| 12/18 | Apple Valley | | |
| 12/21 | Eden Prairie | | |
| 12/26 | Duluth East | | |
| 1/4 | Centennial | | |
| 1/8 | Lakeville South | | |
| 1/11 | Lakeville North | | |
| 1/15 | Kennedy | | |
| 1/17 | Burnsville | | |
| 1/22 | Jefferson | | |
| 1/25 | Eagan | | |
| 1/26 | Lacrosse Aquinas | | |
| 1/29 | Rosemount | | |
| 2/1 | Chaska | | |
| 2/8 | Apple Valley | | |
| 2/12 | Eden Prairie | | |
| 2/15 | Lakeville South | | |
| 2/19 | Lakeville North | | |
| 2/21 | Kennedy | | |
| 2/26 | Burnsville | | |
| 2/29 | Jefferson | | |
| 3/3 | Eagan | | |
| 3/7 | Rosemount | | |

Lake Conference Standings

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

Section 6AAAA Standings

| | <i>Team</i> | <i>Conference</i> | <i>Overall</i> |
|----|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Eastview | | |
| 2. | Eagan | | |
| 3. | Apple Valley | | |
| 4. | Lakeville North | | |
| 5. | Lakeville South | | |
| 6. | Burnsville | | |
| 7. | Rosemount | | |
| 8. | Park Cottage Grove | | |

Games of Interest (12/7/07)

Owatonna @ Rosemount
 Eagan (84) @ Simley (76)
 Cretin Derham Hall (71) @ Eden Prairie (55)
 Apple Valley (74) @ Henry Sibley (79)