



## 2024 GOPHER CONFERENCE BOYS BASKETBALL

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The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2024 Boys Basketball award winners.

Team:

### • **Gopher Conference - East Standings**

Team	Conference	Division	Overall
Blooming Prairie	14-1	9-1	28-3
Kenyon-Wanamingo	10-5	7-3	16-12
Triton	8-7	6-4	12-16
Randolph	6-9	5-5	9-18
Bethlehem Academy	4-11	3-7	8-20
Hayfield	1-14	0-10	5-23

Conference Championship  
Game:

Blooming Prairie 61,

JWP 59

### • **Gopher Conference - West Standings**

Team	Conference	Division	Overall
Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton	13-1	8-0	22-7
Maple River	9-5	5-3	14-14
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	8-6	3-5	13-14
United South Central	7-7	4-4	13-14
Medford	0-0	0-0	0-12
New Richland-H-E-G	0-14	0-8	3-24

### **Conference Champion: Blooming Prairie**

The Blooming Prairie Boys Basketball team just completed a 28 and 3 season and won their first Gopher Conference championship since 2003. The Awesome Blossoms lost 44-47 in the section 1A championship game against Goodhue. Blooming Prairie finished the conference season with only 1 loss and won the east division, they advanced to the Conference Championship game. In the Conference Championship game against JWP in Blooming Prairie, the Blossoms defeated the Bulldogs 61-59 after being down 16 points in the second half. A jump shot by Brady Kittelson with 3 seconds left ended up being the game winning shot for BP. Blooming Prairie outscored their conference opponents 71.9 to 51.9. The Blossoms had 3 all conference selections and 1 honorable mention. Blooming Prairie was led by senior twins Gabe Hein and Zack Hein, along with junior Brady Kittelson. BP was ranked in the top 10 of Class A throughout the year, ending the year ranked #5 in the state. The 28 wins for the Blossoms set a school record for wins in a season.



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### 2023 Player of the Year: Gabe Hein

Name	Grade	School
Gabe Hein	12	Blooming Prairie

**Summary:** Gabe led Blooming Prairie to a 14-1 record in the Gopher Conference and the East Division regular season title. Blooming Prairie would also go on to win the Gopher Conference championship game defeating JWP 61-59. The Blossoms finished the season 28-3 overall, losing in the section championship to Goodhue. He led the entire Gopher Conference in points per game at 22.7 during conference games (22.3 overall). He scored a school-record 49 points against Lyle-Pacelli in the season opener, but this record would later be broken by his twin brother Zack. He finished his career with over 1,000 points and during his senior season and broke the school record for most points in a season (690). Gabe is undecided at this time about his college plans.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
Jonathan Stanke	12	USC
Pierce Petersohn	10	Triton
Brady Kittelson	11	BP
Memphis James	12	JWP
Colton Steberg	12	Kenyon Wanamingo

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
Hudson Dillon	12	Bethlehem Academy
Wyatt Birr	11	Maple River
Daxter Lee	12	NRHEG
Zach Mason	12	Kenyon Wanamingo
Zack Hein	12	BP
Jayce Leonardo	12	Triton

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
Daulton Bauer	10	JWP
Gavin Brown	11	WEM
Talen Taylor	10	WEM
Cole Davis	9	Maple River
Colton Ford	10	Randolph
Ryan Kronbach	12	JWP



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### Honorable Mention

Name	Grade	School
Hunter Kriesel	11	Randolph
Huerta, Aaron	12	Bethlehem Academy
Aaron Pawlitschek	12	Maple River
Rylan Nelsen	9	Hayfield
Cole Schlueter	12	JWP
Gabe Staloch	9	Blooming Prairie
Caleb Quast	10	JWP
Redzel Priebe	12	WEM
Kaeden Ellingson	12	Triton

### Sportsmanship Recipients

Name	Grade	School
Willie Potter	12	Bethlehem Academy
Tyler Forystek	12	Blooming Prairie
Isaac Fjerstad	12	Hayfield
Carter Miller	12	JWP
RJ Hodgman	12	Kenyon Wanamingo
Zach Trio	10	Maple River
Cain Johannes	11	Medford
Jared Lee	10	NRHEG
Carson Lorenzen	10	Randolph
Graham Christianson	12	Triton
Brennan Anderson	12	USC
Luke Michaels	12	WEM

Sportsmanship winners were a member of the varsity roster during the season or at the end of the regular season, they did not have to be on postseason roster. They are someone who exemplified good sportsmanship qualities.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARD WINNERS!!!!