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**The Breakdown Sports Tip Off Classic presented by Eastbay is
THE premier girls' high school basketball event in the state**

Twenty-four top girls' teams and dozens of college prospects hit the courts at Hopkins' Lindbergh Center for a one-day showdown, Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011

HOPKINS, Minn. (Nov. 18, 2011) – Anxious to see a showdown between Braham's preseason No. 1 squad led by high-scoring Rebekah Dahlman and the No. 1 team in Class A, Maranatha Christian, a battle between powerhouses trying to defend their state titles? How about a first look at No. 1 Hopkins and the Coffey sisters against Tessa Cichy and Hill-Murray? Or the second-ranked team in Class AAAA (Eden Prairie) against the No. 2 team in Class AAA (Benilde-St. Margaret's)? Well, don't wait until March to get your basketball fix. Those games are among a dozen terrific matchups between the elite in Minnesota girls' high school basketball at the **BREAKDOWN SPORTS** Tip Off Classic presented by Eastbay.

Many of the top players and teams in the state of Minnesota will be on the courts at Hopkins' Lindbergh Center for the annual Tip Off Classic, Dec. 3, 2011. Games begin at 11:15 a.m. Saturday morning with a showdown between defending state champion DeLaSalle and St. Paul Central and conclude later Saturday night on games on three courts, all of which feature teams ranked among the top-15 in their respective classes.

Saturday, Dec. 3 – Lindbergh main court

11:15 a.m. – DeLaSalle (No. 1 AAA) vs. St. Paul Central

1:00 p.m. – Sartell-St. Stephen (No. 7 AAA) vs. Osseo (No. 4 AAAA)

2:45 p.m. – Braham (No. 1 AA) vs. Maranatha Christian (No. 1 A)

4:30 p.m. – Braham vs. Hopkins (boys game)

6:15 p.m. – Hill-Murray (No. 3 AAA) vs. Hopkins (No. 1 AAAA)

Saturday, Dec. 3 – Lindbergh east court

11:45 a.m. – Bloomington Kennedy (No. 3 AAAA) vs. St. Michael-Albertville (No. 7 AAAA)

1:30 p.m. – Providence Academy (No. 2 AA) vs. Fergus Falls (No. 8 AAA)

3:15 p.m. – Woodbury (No. 10 AAAA) vs. Chanhassen (No. 6 AAAA)

5:00 p.m. – Eden Prairie (No. 2 AAAA) vs. Benilde-St. Margaret's (No. 2 AAA)

Saturday, Dec. 3 – Lindbergh old court

11:30 a.m. – Parkers Prairie (No. 4 A) vs. Isle (No. 8 A)

1:15 p.m. – Roseville vs. Bloomington Jefferson (No. 13 AAAA)

3:00 p.m. – Cambridge-Isanti vs. Wayzata (No. 12 AAAA)

4:45 p.m. – Minnetonka vs. Richfield (No. 4 AAA)

6:30 p.m. – Minnetonka vs. Rogers (boys game)



The Tip Off Classic features more than 125 college prospects, including several who have already committed to D1 programs. Twenty teams are ranked among the top-15 in the state in our preseason polls and all four No. 1 teams (Hopkins, DeLaSalle, Braham and Maranatha Christian) are at the Tip Off Classic as a start to their title defenses.

Check out these stats:

- Many potential Division I players, including Miss Basketball candidates such as Sydney Coffey (Hopkins), Britney Scherber (Bloomington Jefferson), Khadijah Shumpert (Benilde-St. Margaret's), Kayla Timmerman (Wayzata), Mariah Monke (Fergus Falls), Tessa Cichy (Hill-Murray) and Eden Prairie teammates Shayne Mullaney and Jackie Johnson (Minnesota) as well as superstar youngsters such as Rebekah Dahlman (Braham), Tyseanna Johnson (DeLaSalle), Phillis Webb (Osseo), Jessica January (Richfield) and Kenisha Bell (Bloomington Kennedy).
- At least 125 players with college basketball possibilities
- Eighteen of the Breakdown's Super 50 seniors
- Sixteen of the Breakdown's Top 40 juniors
- Six of the Breakdown's Elite 20 underclassmen
- Eight teams who qualified for state last year, including all four defending state champions (Hopkins, DeLaSalle, Braham and Maranatha Christian)
- A great mix of big and small schools, with three top-ten teams from Class A, the top two teams in Class AA, each of the top four clubs in Class and six of the top seven ranked teams from Class AAAA.

The Tip Off Classic began back in January 2004. The **BREAKDOWN** staff wanted to showcase teams from across the state and provide unique, competitive match-ups that might not otherwise be seen, including top-rated teams with state tournament aspiration squaring off. The experiment worked out so well that now The **BREAKDOWN** now hosts the No. 1 single-day classic in Minnesota.

BREAKDOWN SPORTS USA and our annual publications are Minnesota's No. 1 resource for players, coaches, fans and sports enthusiasts. We are a full-service high school sports company, offering season preview publications, in-season premier events, off-season leagues, great photography and an extensive website with news and notes.

BREAKDOWN SPORTS USA is growing in many different areas, starting with our volleyball coverage and new events. We've also recently introduced our link for high school players to college coaches looking to recruit great student-athletes with our **PLAYER PROFILES**. We're starting with boys' and girls' basketball and planning to expand in to other sports.

We're in our tenth year of covering boys' and girls' basketball and fourth in girls' volleyball and boys' hockey. The goal of the **BREAKDOWN** is simple: We want to offer players, coaches and fans a complete sports resource and experience that they will never forget.

Please visit our website at www.BreakdownSportsUSA.com. We welcome all suggestions and comments for upcoming editions by email at tim@BreakdownSportsUSA.com.

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