North Tartan

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Respect the Legacy, Invent the Future



First EYBL Stop Boo Williams!

Over the first viewing period a total of six North Tartan teams traveled to Hampton Virginia to play their first tournament. Director Bill Larson admits he was a little nervous for success being that most teams did not have the opportunity to play prior to the event. All 32 Nike teams attended which set up a great tournament for both North Tartan EYBL teams. Coach Starks had the 10th grade EYBL team off to a fast start and completed bracket play at 3-0. Coach Coury 11th grade EYBL, had a tough early match-up with All-Ohio and came away with a "huge" Win. North Tartan Nike 11th EYBL finished their pool play as well at 3-0. This meant both teams went directly to the Elite 8 Platinum bracket. Director Bill Larson quickly realized the 2018 season is going to be special. By Sunday morning Coach Starks would lead her team to a 16U Nike Championship!



Great picture! 16U Champions! Way to REP!

Love the background, all athletes who played at Boo in the past! Nike Athletes!

AAU QUALIFIER and AAU STATE

The upcoming weekends are always a fan favorite as teams battle in an attempt to be titled AAU STATE CHAMPIONS! Last year's Nike team (2017) ran the table all 7 years. Our current 10th EYBL team is on pace to do the same. Who's next? It is no secret North Tartan flourishes on Championship Sunday! Each year at the Division 1 level, titles are presented to the 10U-16U age groups. A total of 7 State Championships. Here is the breakdown and all other clubs who have the right to name themselves State Champs:

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2017... Nike 11th (Coury), Nike 10th (Guebert), 9th (Starks)
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2016... Nike 11th (Coury), Nike 10th (Stueber), 8th (Starks), 6th West (Contreras)

2015... 9th (Hedstrom), 7th (Starks), 6th (Coley), 5th (Scalia)

2014... Nike (Dietel), 13U (Hedstrom), 11U (Starks), 10U (Coley)

2013... Nike (Coury), 15U (Herbie), 13U (Kuppe), 12U (Thiesen), 10U (Starks)

2012... Nike (Coury), 14U (Herbie), 12U (Kuppe), 11West (Thiesen)

2011... Nike (Coury), 14U (Alexander), 13U (Kuppe), 11U (Kuppe), 10West (Thiesen)

2010... Nike (Coury), 15U (Hedstrom), 13U (Alexander), 12U (Kuppe)

Total 33 AAU State Championships since 2010!

| All other state titles | |
|------------------------|---|
| Taylor Hill Elite | 3 |
| MN Elite | 1 |
| MN Stars | 8 |
| Metro Stars | 2 |
| Crossfire | 3 |
| MN Fury | 3 |
| Monarchs | 1 |
| Suns | 1 |
| Thunder | 1 |

Championships Never Graduate!

ISPN - Live

ISPN will be providing high definition video streaming for an unlimited number of client's during the Summer Jam tournament. ISPN live will be streaming 15 courts at Bloomington Kennedy and Bloomington Jefferson. Viewers will be able to purchase an all-access event pass for a minimal charge. Yes, family members will be able to watch athletes compete even if they are not in the gym. ISPN live will also archive all games for a later purchase.

Live streaming is new to a lot of us. It has gained more traction in the basketball community over the last two years. As mentioned previously, ISPN will be video streaming the Summer Jam tournament. We are asking everyone to consider being a video / camera worker and volunteer for a game or two throughout the weekend. Once the Summer Jam schedule comes out, there will be an opportunity to sign up. Since this is very new to our club, we are being cautious of hidden costs. Please, consider volunteering!

Director Bill Larson's Upcoming Schedule...

- May 1 attend NT Coach Starks practice at Bloomington Kennedy
- May 3 meeting with Nike rep downtown MSP
- May 4 AAU Qualifier Bloomington Kennedy / Jefferson
- May 5 AAU Qualifier Bloomington Kennedy / Jefferson
- May 12 attend practices Park Cottage Grove
- May 13 attend practices Park Cottage Grove
- May 14 North Tartan Board Meeting
- May 18 AAU State Bloomington Kennedy / Jefferson
- May 19 AAU State Bloomington Kennedy / Jefferson
- May 20 AAU State Bloomington Kennedy / Jefferson