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Down the Stretch

As we end 2018, the 1A landscape remains nearly as we expected it to be going into the season. Defending State Champs #1 **Marquette Catholic**, who start five seniors, have made it through the toughest 1A schedule with a 14-1 mark. That includes an 8-1 record against 4A squads, their only defeat was to 4A #5 North Central in their opener by a mere 2 points. The Blazers will see additional test in January from two top ten 2A squads in Hammond Knoll and North Judson, along with 4A South Bend St Joseph and two more Illinois squads.

The State Runner-up #2 **Vincennes Rivet** have ran through their first 15 contest unblemished, which included a 4-0 mark against 4A teams. The Patriots marquee win came against 4A # 13 Castle. The 15 game winning streak is 1A longest and dates back to their state championship game lose to Marquette. Rivet is led by the duo of Indiana All Star candidate Grace Waggoner and Junior All-Star candidate Tia Tolbert. In January, Rivet will face two of the teams that could present a possible road block come tourney time in #4 Tecumseh (12-1) and #5 Loogootee (13-1 & sectional opponent), along with a contest against top ten 2A Linton-Stockton.

Four of the current top five teams are in the South (Rivet, University, Tecumseh, Loogootee). **University** is the current #3 at 13-1 led by Junior All-Star candidate 6'2 forward Lindsey Syrek 17.6 PPG & 10.7RPG. University the state's top scoring team at 71 PPG and have five players averaging at least 9 PPG. **Tecumseh #4**, who were under .500 a year ago, are 12-1 led by senior Dalina Meyer and newcomer frosh Kabree Oxley who has made a big impact on the frontline. **Loogootee** at #4 is 13-1 feature an impressive trio of sophomores in Fleming, Jones, VanHoy, along with senior Tyanna Graber. Vincennes Rivet is still the favorite out of the South as we approach tourney time but any of these teams would not be a surprise to make noise in February.

That leaves preseason and current #1 Marquette and #6 Northfield as the top teams in the North. As mentioned, **Marquette Catholic** hasn't missed a beat since winning their state title and are the favorites to return and defend that state championship. Led by 6'1 twin sisters and Indiana All-Star candidates Emma (24 PPG / 8.8 RPG) & Sophia Nolan (19.5 PPG / 6.3 RPG). The Blazers are 9th among team scoring at 65.5 a contest. **Northfield** currently sets at #6 and 12-2. Led by a pair seniors in Ariel Dale 15.6 PPG and Kelcie Thomson 10.7 PPG. **Morgan Township, Oregon-Davis, South Central, North Vermillion** are a few other teams to keep an eye on in the North.

We expect a Marquette and Rivet matchup come February 23rd but several team are talented and deep enough to upset those expectations. Keeping healthy, yet keeping the momentum and foot on the gas is always the delicate balance in January leading up to tourney time.

1A Scoring leaders (as reported by Maxpreps 12.30)

Emma Nolan	Marquette Catholic	23.9 PPG
Isabella Reed	Greenwood Christian	21.6 PPG
Hannah Puent	Indiana Deaf	20.9 PPG
Maddie Fulks	Bethesda Christian	20.7 PPG
Heather Pautler	Daleville	20.2 PPG

1A Rebounding leaders (as reported by Maxpreps 12.30)

Isabella Reed	Greenwood Christian	15.4 RPG
Hannah Puent	Indiana Deaf	14.9 RPG
Caressa Sloss	Cannelton	14.4 RPG
Alexcia Thorpe	Providence	14.3 RPG
Sahara Bee	Morgan Township	11.7 RPG

1A Assist leaders (as reported by Maxpreps 12.30)

Emmery Joseph	Marquette	5.5 APG
Rachel Shafer	Bethesda	5.3 APG
Hannah Foster	Blue River Valley	5.3 APG
Courtney Skjeveland	Indiana Deaf	5.3 APG
Brooke Andrus	University	4.8 APG

