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LADY RAMS MAKE IT FIVE STRAIGHT TO STATE

by Jeff Olsen

How sweet it is!

The Roseau Rams girls basketball team won the Section 8AA team championship on Friday night, defeating Crookston, 73-58.

Coach Kelsey Didrikson was delighted after her girls swept the playoffs, defeating Bagley (93-20), Barnesville (77-57), Breckenridge (83-71), and Crookston (73-58).

With just two early season losses to Grand Forks Red River and Alexandria, it's been a memorable season for the 28-2 Lady Rams.

Mention her players, and she provides a thumbnail scouting report.

"Hanna Mooney is a competitor. She's a Mooney and has the instinct to compete and win."

Who's your center?

"We don't have one," she laughed. "We really don't start a center."

It figures.

The tallest starter is Kacie Borowicz, who's five foot eight.

"There's a reason our slogan this year is 'Never play small!'" said Coach D, delighted that the Lady Rams earned the number one seed.

"We play Wednesday night at 6 p.m. against Redwood Valley (19-8) at Williams Arena," she said.

What's different about this team?

"You know like they say, 'They're all different.' This year was the most gratifying because we graduated six seniors last year, and so we really had to rebuild and get the next group of girls ready and plugged in," she said.

"It's fun to see the hard work pay off, and it was probably the toughest grind because you have to work hard every day in order to be ready."

They're ready!

Meet the Players

For Coach Didrikson and her assistants, Isaac Erickson and Katie Laugen, it's all about team effort.

Take Shavonda Bender, a ninth grader.

"She hustles, and her job is to go in there and bang around and make things happen. We look for her to be a presence on defense and fight for the 50/50 balls," said Kelsey.

Next is sophomore Morgan Boroos.

"She's in and out of the starting lineup depending how we go. She's just really focused, wants to do so well, is hard working, and does whatever she can to contribute," said Didrikson.

Hanna Mooney is a 9th grade starter.

"She had the best game of her career on Tuesday night in the semifinal with 13 points. More than the points, she was flying around making things happen, play-

ing bigger than she actually is."

Next, Julia Braaten, a sophomore, was a member of the 2017 state championship team.

"She's experienced, knows what's going on, and is skilled at making things happen."

Emma Waling is one of the two seniors on the team.

"She was a gym rat, especially growing up. She shoots the ball really well and plays really good defense. Emma's our defensive leader."

Of course, there are the Borowicz sisters, senior Kacie and sophomore Katie - the scoring magicians.

Asked if the sisters get along, Kelsey Didrikson laughed.

"It depends on the day. It'll even vary minute to minute in practice. They make each other better."

Everyone contributes in a successful program.

"Faith Berger and Masynn Janicke don't see much playing time, but they practice hard so we are prepared," said Coach D.

"The whole bench knows their job is to make us better in practice and be prepared for the games."

Five straight to state hasn't lost its appeal.

"It never gets old going to state," said Didrikson. "It's awesome that the com-

munity, the fans, the kids, and the parents are enjoying this."

This season was no fluke.

"Hopefully, you're playing your best basketball in March, and the kids feel confident and are comfortable in their roles," said Didrikson. "Honestly, I'm really proud of this team because this is our second best record (28-2) of the five-year run. Who'd have imagined that after graduating six seniors last year?"

Confidence Man

Assistant Coach Isaac "Ike" Erickson knows what makes this team extremely special.

"We have two first-team, all-staters in the Borowicz sisters. That's what helps make us tick. Along with that, our next two best players are Emma Waling and Julia Braaten," he said.

There's more credit to go around.

"We have a nice supporting cast. There isn't a lot of height, but we dictate the pace of the game with our speed and aggressiveness. We play bigger than what we are. I always say, 'Speed Kills!'"

Coach Ike has a motto that he preaches often to the Lady Rams: "One possession, one half, one game!"

It worked to perfection.

It's another state tournament appearance for these talented Lady Rams.

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Kacie Borowicz
Grade 12

Position – A little bit of everything

Parents – David & Tracy Borowicz

What were your thoughts during the last game?

I don't think, I just send.

How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?

Best way to end my HS basketball career & I feel lucky to have been a part of all 5 section championships.

What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?

Very excited to have another chance at a state championship.



Emma Waling
Grade 12

Position – Forward

Parents – Betsy Hanson & Travis Waling

What were your thoughts during the last game?

The Crookston cheer squad was really quiet at the end...

How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?

Ugh, Good I suppose

What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?

Senior Year BABY!



Danielle Sibilleau
Grade 11

Position – Manager

Parents – Christine & Guy Sibilleau

What were your thoughts during the last game?

The start was crazy exciting and fun to watch.

How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?

Great!!!

What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?

Just happy to be with such a hard working team.



Lexi Jacobson
Grade 11

Position – Manager

Parents – Gail Wojciehowski & Chad Jacobson

What were your thoughts during the last game?

Anxious, but excited.

How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?

It feels really awesome.

What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?

I'm excited and I can't wait to be back to watch.



Faith Berger
Grade 10

Position – Guard

Parents – Michelle Franek & Chris Berger

What were your thoughts during the last game?

Are the waters filled?

How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?

Thankful, Grateful, & Blessed

What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?

Pretty awesome. I feel very honored to be a part of an amazing team.

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Masynn Janicke
Grade 10
Position – Center
Parents – Lisa & Keith Janicke
What were your thoughts during the last game?
Are the waters full?
How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?
Thankful, Grateful, & Blessed
What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?
Supa Supa excited to giber at the Tourney.



Morgan Boroos
Grade 10
Position – Forward
Parents – Dale and Louise Boroos
What were your thoughts during the last game?
Many different things went through my head. I was mainly just making sure I was focused.
How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?
Incredible, it's a great experience.
What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?
I am so lucky to be able to play with my team at the tournament.



Katie Borowicz
Grade 10
Position – PG
Parents – Tracy and David Borowicz
What were your thoughts during the last game?
Make it a 5 peat!! Do it for the Seniors.
How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?
Amazing, every year it gets better.
What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?
Excited to be back and put Roseau on the map # not a hockey town.



Jazmine Dokken
Grade 10
Position – Guard
Parents – Bette and Kieth Post
What were your thoughts during the last game?
Honestly I was extremely nervous, scared that we might not win; but then we got ahead and we were winning the last minute and I couldn't believe we were going to state for the 5th year in a row.
How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?
Amazing, so excited to be a part of this team and make memories.
What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?
Horried, every game is a new experience and we've got to take it one game at a time and hopefully make it to the championship game!!!



Julia Braaten
Grade 10
Position – Little bit of everything
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Parents – Jason & Ruth Braaten
What were your thoughts during the last game?
I was feeling super happy to be there and was feeling # 5 peat.
How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?
Thankful, Grateful, & Blessed. It feels absolutely amazing
What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?
I'm super excited to go back down to the Cities and play in the tourney. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I'm SUPER pumped!

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Madison Verbout
Grade 9
Position – Manager
Parents – Dale and Sherry Verbout
What were your thoughts during the last game?
Nervous but also excited.
How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?
Amazing. I'm so blessed I can be a part of such a good team.
What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?
I'm a little nervous but mostly excited.



Shavonda Bender
Grade 9
Position – Center
Parents – Matt and Althea Curfman
What were your thoughts during the last game?
I was so nervous but so excited too.
How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?
I am very excited to have an opportunity to play with such an amazing team to get the 5th section Champs.
What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?
I am very excited and still can't believe it, going to state as a 9th grader!



Emma Bassingthwaite
Grade 9
Position – Forward
Parents – Brad and Amy Bassingthwaite
What were your thoughts during the last game?
I was very excited and knew that we could do it and I'm very proud of the team.
How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?
It's awesome to be a part of this and I'm so grateful.
What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?
Very excited that I get to experience a State Tournament as a 9th grader.



Hanna Mooney
9th grade
Position – Guard
Parents – Scott & Beth Mooney
What were your thoughts during the last game?
I really wanted to win for the seniors and I didn't want our season to be over.
How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?
Good – We've worked really hard for it!
What are your feelings about playing at the State Tournament?
I'm really excited and nervous.



Kayla Bachleitner
Grade 8
Position – Guard
Parents – Ron and Dawn Bachleitner
What were your thoughts during the last game?
To do this for the Seniors.
How does it feel to be a 5-peat Champ?
It's a privilege to be part of this one.
What were your thoughts during the last game?
I'm very excited and nervous to be there, in eighth grade.

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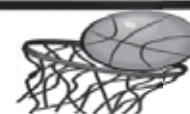


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