

DARK HORSE RECRUITING REPORT



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Boys Basketball



Updates (12/12/17)



**2018 6'5 F Ryan Barker
(Lyons Township HS, IL)**

Recently visited: Elmhurst College (D3), Loras College (D3), Wartburg College (D3)
Scheduling visits to: TBD



**2018 6'4 G Jack Hood
(Geneva HS, IL)**

Recently visited: Benedictine University (D3), Monmouth College (D3)
Scheduling visits to: Loras College (D3), TBD



**2018 6'5 F Jared Crutcher
(West Aurora HS, IL)**

Recently visited: Loras College (D3)
Scheduling visits to: Rockford University (D3), Wartburg College (D3), Monmouth College (D3), Rock Valley CC (NJCAA)



**2018 6'2 PG Angelo Martucci
(York HS, IL)**

Recently visited: St. Norbert College (D3), Carroll University (D3)
Scheduling visits to: Cornell College (D3)



**2018 6'5 G JD Gunn
(Wheaton Academy, IL)**

Recently visited: Biola University (NAIA), Wheaton College (D3), North Central College (D3)
Scheduling visits to: TBD



**2018 6'4 G Eric Peterson
(Batavia HS, IL)**

Recently visited: Augustana College (D3), University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh (D3), St. Norbert College (D3), Hillsdale College (D2), University of Chicago (D3), University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse (D3)
Scheduling visits to: TBD



**2018 6'2 Gs Keegan & Kyle
Graebner (Minooka HS, IL)**

Recently visited: Benedictine University (D3), Aurora University (D3), Cornell College (D3), St. Ambrose (NAIA), Rockford University (D3), North Central College (D3), North Park (D3)
Scheduling visits to: Elmhurst College (D3), Blackburn College (D3)



**2018 6'5 G Kyle LeFevre
(Batavia HS, IL)**

Recently visited: Washington University in St. Louis (D3), Augustana College (D3)
Scheduling visits to: TBD



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Commitments



2018 6' G Kevin Cheng (Immaculate Conception, IL)

Commitment: Denison University (D3)
Story: Last week, Cheng ended his recruitment early by selecting Denison University. He chose Denison over several other high-academic options.



2018 6'4 G Ryan Cicenias (Riverside-Brookfield HS, IL)

Commitment: St. Xavier University (NAIA)
Story: After visiting several local options, Cicenias accepted a scholarship offer to play college basketball for HC Tom O'Malley at St. Xavier University. He signed at the time of his verbal commitment.



2018 6'4 F Ben Young (West Aurora HS, IL)

Commitment: Ripon College (D3)
Story: After narrowing his list to Wartburg College (D3), Loras College (D3), and Ripon, Young made his final decision post-game Saturday night. Young scored 15 points in the game and committed to Ripon HC Ryan Kane, who attended to the game in-person, post-game.



Alumni Spotlight



2015 6'2 G Josh Ruggles (Wheaton-Warrenville South HS, IL)

Current School: Loras College (D3)
Update: Eight games into his junior season, Ruggles is averaging 22 PPG, 5 RPG, and 5 APG for 5-3 Loras College. Two weeks ago, he was named IAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week after scoring a career-high 37 points in a win over Ripon College.



2015 6'7 F Jake Heggeland (Wheaton North HS, IL)

Current School: Taylor University (NAIA)
Update: In the annual Taylor University "Silent Night" game this past weekend, Heggeland scored the tenth point of the game, triggering a crowd explosion that landed on ESPN. Heggeland is having an excellent junior year at Taylor, averaging 15 PPG and 7 RPG.



2017 6'6 G Rowan McGowen (Wheaton North HS, IL)

Current School: Loras College (D3)
Update: The freshman McGowen has already become an essential part of his Loras team, earning a starting spot in six of eight games thus far. In a game against Augsburg this past weekend, McGowen posted his best performance of the season with 21 points (5-8 3FG), 5 assists, and 4 rebounds.

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2016 6'6 F Eric Grygo (Addison Trail HS, IL)

Current School: Benedictine University (D3)
Update: This week, the sophomore Eric Grygo earned NACC Player of the Week honors after averaging 22 PPG and 11 RPG throughout the week. Grygo has started all seven games for Benedictine this season, and he's averaging 14 PPG and 8 RPG thus far.



Football

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**2019 WR Harper Cole
(Waubonsie Valley HS, IL)**

Update: This week, the Waubonsie Valley junior landed his first scholarship offer courtesy of Seton Hill University (D2). He'll be out with the Midwest Boom on the 7-on-7 circuit this spring.



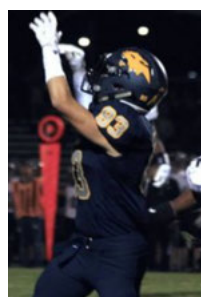
**2018 OL Kevin Skonning
(Lyons Township HS, IL)**

Update: A few weeks ago, Skonning landed his first offer courtesy of Drake University. Drake then visited Skonning this past weekend before he began an official visit to Wayne State University, who offered him Monday.



**2018 QB Jack Crouch
(Glenbard South HS, IL)**

Update: The high-academic all-area senior QB totaled over 2,500 yards and 28 touchdowns this fall. He's currently choosing between several options, including Washington University in St. Louis (D3), MIT (D3), and preferred walk-on opportunities at Tulane (D1) and others.



**2019 WR Brandt Stare
(Neuqua Valley HS, IL)**

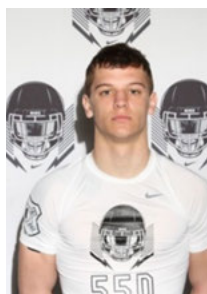
Update: Stare received his first scholarship offer this week courtesy of Seton Hill University (D2). Along with his friend and current Dark Horse athlete Harper Cole, Stare will play with the Midwest Boom 7-on-7 team this spring and summer.



**2018 OL Aidan Kendall
(Riley HS, IN)**

Update: The all-state lineman landed his first scholarship offer this week courtesy of St. Xavier University (NAIA). He has also received interest from the likes of DePauw University (D3) and Millikin University (D3).

Commitments



**2018 WR Caleb Price
(Arlington HS, OH)**

Update: The Arlington HS senior has received scholarship offers from the likes of the University of St. Francis (NAIA) and Concordia University – Ann Arbor (NAIA). He has also taken visits to Youngstown State (D1) and Akron (D1)



**2018 WR Alec Pierce
(Glenbard West HS, IL)**

Commitment: University of Cincinnati (D1)
Story: Pierce, who received 20+ scholarship offers throughout two consecutive all-state campaigns, ended his recruitment Monday night when he committed to Cincinnati. This verbal commitment came after Pierce took an official visit to Cincinnati this past weekend.



Girls Basketball

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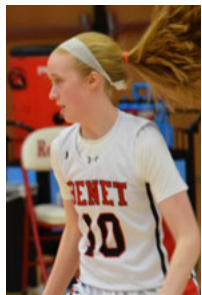
2019 6'3 F Maggie Bair (Glenbard South HS, IL)

Update: After receiving a scholarship offer from Drake University (D1) on a visit a few weeks back, Bucknell University (D1) was in to see the double-double machine Maggie Bair this past week.

2019 5'8 PG Kylie Ruggles (Wheaton-Warrenville South HS, IL)



Update: The junior point guard is off to a strong start this season, and her defense (one of the area's leader in steals per game) has caught the eye of several coaches. Loras College (D3) and Olivet-Nazarene University (NAIA) are among her most active recent suitors.



2019 5'8 G Quin Earley (Benet Academy, IL)

Update: Earley visited several schools throughout the fall, including Washington University in St. Louis (D3), Tufts University (D3), and the University of Chicago (D3) to name a few. Youngstown State (D1) has also expressed interest in the sharp-shooter.



2018 5'11 F Kelle Knopp (Plainfield North HS, IL)

Update: Knopp dropped a 15 point, 14 rebound double-double in a win last Friday before visiting Illinois Wesleyan (D3) on Saturday. Barton College (D2) and California State University – Chico (D2) are the latest schools to express interest, and she is in the process of scheduling a visit to Barton.



2018 5'7 PG Sofia Radice (West Chicago HS, IL)

Update: Radice, who was named West Chicago's Female Athlete of the Year as a junior, has received significant small-school interest over the past several weeks from schools such as Loras College (D3), Clarke University (NAIA), University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh (D3), and Upper Iowa University (D2). Her recruitment is expected to remain extremely active as more scholarship-level schools enter the mix.



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