

## West Michigan Allstar's Top-10

Kalamazoo Central

East Grand Rapids

Rockford

Zeeland West

Muskegon Heights

Grand Haven

Montague

Benton Harbor

Wayland

Muskegon Western Michigan Christian

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# Boys basketball preview: Top 10 teams

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**1. East Grand Rapids** -- Once the Pioneers get their basketball legs, watch out. At least four potential starters -- Colin Voss, A.J. McEwen, Trent Voss and Deon Jobe -- played on the football team that won the state title 10 days ago.

**2. Rockford** -- Junior guard Ryan Majerle and sophomore point guard Justin Klein are solid for the Rams. Everyone needs to contribute -- and these seniors will -- to go unbeaten again in the tough O-K Red Conference.

**3. Grand Haven** -- After finishing fourth in the O-K Red, the Buccaneers rallied and reached the regional finals, losing 63-60 in overtime to Rockford. They lost talent, but return enough to make a run at the Rams again.

**4. Zeeland West** -- The Dux most likely will not go 20-0 like neighboring Zeeland East did a year ago, but they will play tall behind 6-foot-6 Austin Semple and 6-10 Shane Tiemeyer. They are the team to beat in the O-K Green.

**5. Hudsonville** -- Erase your thinking that the Eagles are an O-K Red mid-pack team. Behind first-year coach Eric Elliott and seniors Austin Elling, a 6-6-power forward, and point guard Austin Allen watch them improve.

**6. Wayland** -- The two-time champs of the O-K Gold shared the crown with Catholic Central a year ago. Those two should duke it out for tops again, with the Wildcats relying on four-year starting point guard Weston Hudson.

**7. Catholic Central** -- The Cougars have two big things going for them: 6-3 senior guard Sultan Muhammad and the return of coach Scott Tompkins. Will it be enough to help them repeat as co-champs of the O-K Gold?

**8. Grand Rapids Christian** -- The Eagles, who tied East Grand Rapids for the O-K White crown a year ago, are playing under first-year coach Mike Spicer. And senior Javin Hardley returns, giving them a big boost.

**9. Calvin Christian** -- Favored to repeat as O-K Silver champs, the Squires are loaded again. Led by 6-8 senior Tyler Kruis, they could even improve on last year's state quarterfinal appearance.

**10. Tri-unity Christian** -- For the past 15 years, the Defenders have won or shared the River Valley Conference title. They've won 10 consecutive district titles, too, and cannot be ignored.