

## Bohannon climbs to 3rd as Lions roll

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The top three scorers in the long and storied history of Metro boys basketball have all played for Linn-Mar.

Their names are Marcus Paige, Jason Bohannon and Jordan Bohannon.

Jordan Bohannon joined the prestigious list Thursday night when he scored 15 points to help the 10th-ranked Lions defeat Waterloo West, 91-76, in an entertaining Mississippi Valley Conference game at Linn-Mar.

The potent Lions finished the regular season with a seven-game winning streak and will carry a 16-5 record into the Class 4A substate tournament next week.

Paige poured in 1,701 points at Linn-Mar before taking his talents to North Carolina. Jason Bohannon fired in 1,679 points for the Lions before starring at Wisconsin. Now Jordan Bohannon, the youngest of the four Bohannon brothers, has moved into third with 1,529.

Bohannon nudged one point ahead of Mark Enright, who scored 1,528 points at Kennedy (1970-73).

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Now there are three Lions, all alone at the top.

"I'm honored to be in the same breath as they are," Bohannon said. "They've helped me out so much."

Chris Robertson has coached all three -- Paige, Bohannon and Bohannon -- during his successful career at Linn-Mar. He noted that Jason Bohannon scored all of his points in three seasons, compared to four seasons apiece for Paige and Jordan Bohannon, and marveled at their accomplishments.

"Obviously three fantastic players," Robertson said.

"They're winners," he said. "They work hard, they know how to play the game. It's not just what they do, it's what they do for others, too."

"They just really understand the game and know how to play it. And obviously all three of them can really shoot it. It's neat to see those three guys up there."

Jordan Bohannon broke his brother's Metro record for career 3-pointers several weeks ago and now has 253, compared to 230 for Jason Bohannon.

Bohannon struggled with his shooting Thursday, hitting 4-for-13 overall and 2-for-8 on his patented 3-pointers, but he collected eight assists, five rebounds and two steals.

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Bohannon's hot streak with four points in the first half helped the Lions roll to a 40-20 victory over the Eagles on Thursday night. Bohannon finished with 10 points, four rebounds and two assists. The Lions' defense was also strong, holding the Eagles to just 20 points. The game was played in a gymnasium with red bleachers. The Lions' coach, Jim Ecker, was seen on the sidelines during the game.