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It was commonly assumed that Shelby Hembera's scoring average would dip a little this season now that Cedar Valley Christian has a much stronger basketball team, but that has not been the case so far.

Hembera's scoring average has actually climbed from 33.2 points last year to 34.0 this season through eight games.

Hembera's rebounding average has dropped from 16.4 per game last season to 14.6, but she still leads the state in scoring and rebounding by comfortable margins in both departments. She led the state in scoring and rebounding as a junior last year as well.

The big change at Cedar Valley Christian this season has been in the won/loss column. The Huskies have a 6-2 record heading into the new year after finishing with a 1-21 mark last season.

Hembera obviously leads all Metro players in scoring with her 34.0 average. Amanda Ollinger, who is the process of transferring from Jefferson to Linn-Mar, ranks second among Metro players at 17.8 points per game. Ollinger also ranks second in Metro rebounding at 11.8 per game.

Olivia Usher of Prairie leads Metro girls basketball players in assists (37) and Sydney Hayden of Kennedy is tops in 3-pointers (20).

In Metro boys basketball, there is a tight race in the scoring derby among four players heading into the new year. Nic Uhlir of Linn-Mar has a slight lead at 17.3 points per game, followed by Craig Engle of Marion (17.0), Adam McDermott of Xavier (17.0) and Jordan Bohannon of Linn-Mar (16.7).

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Keegan Moore of Washington has the Metro rebounding lead at 9.2 per game. Engle leads in assists (26) and 3-pointers (18).

GIRLS SCORING

G-Pts-Avg

Shelby Hembera, CV Christian	8-272-34.0
Amanda Ollinger, Jefferson	8-142-17.8
Lela Sellers, Kennedy	9-136-15.1
Stephanie Botkin, Kennedy	9-127-14.1
Chloe Rice, Marion	9-110-12.2
Lizzy Bailey, Xavier	8-97-12.1
Morgan Breitbach, Xavier	8-96-12.0
Kennedy Dighton, Jefferson	9-96-10.7
Amanda Sahm, Marion	9-96-10.7
Kandis O'Donnell, Washington	8-83-10.4

REBOUNDING

G-Reb-Avg

Shelby Hembera, CV Christian	8-117-14.6
Amanda Ollinger, Jefferson	8-94-11.8
Stephanie Botkin, Kennedy	9-612-6.8
Nikita Sharma, Linn-Mar	7-45-6.4
Michalyn Mohr, Marion	9-56-6.2
Megahan Joens, Xavier	8-43-5.4

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Kamryn Finley, Linn-Mar	7-37-5.3
Amanda Sahm, Marion	9-47-5.2
Kennedy Dighton, Jefferson	9-45-5.0
Maggie Cach, CV Christian	8-40-5.0

ASSISTS

Olivia Usher, Prairie	37
Lela Sellers, Kennedy	27
Avery Guy, Jefferson	26
Morgan Breitbach, Xavier	25
Maggie Cach, CV Christian	24
Shelby Hembera, CV Christian	23
Sydney Hayden, Kennedy	23
Courtney Squires, Washington	22
Kennedy Dighton, Jefferson	20
Chloe Rice, Marion	18

3-POINT GOALS

Sydney Hayden, Kennedy	20
Kylie Wise, Jefferson	15
Amanda Ollinger, Jefferson	14
Olivia Montague, Linn-Mar	14
Megan Murphy, Linn-Mar	13
Avery Guy, Jefferson	12
Lizzy Bailey, Xavier	12
Emma Slagle, CV Christian	11
Lela Sellers, Kennedy	10

BOYS SCORING

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Nic Uhlir, Linn-Mar	6-104-17.3
Craig Engle, Marion	8-136-17.0
Adam McDermott, Xavier	4-68-17.0
Jordan Bohannon, Linn-Mar	6-100-16.7
Brendon Manning, Kennedy	6-84-14.0
Calvin Winker, Xavier	5-57-11.4
Bryton Heisler, Kennedy	5-54-10.8
Travis Geels, CV Christian	6-64-10.7
Cole Murdock, Kennedy	6-63-10.5
Drake Brewster, Kennedy	6-59-9.8

REBOUNDING

G-Reb-Avg

Keegan Moore, Washington	5-46-9.2
Maurice Arrington, Washington	5-37-7.4
Devin Quinn, Marion	8-55-6.9
Tom Scroggs, CV Christian	6-40-6.7
Brendon Manning, Kennedy	6-40-6.7
Adam McDermott, Xavier	4-25-6.3
Ben Boldt, Prairie	6-36-6.0
Laveechie Williams, Washington	5-25-5.0
Trevor Noble, Linn-Mar	6-29-4.8
Mike Scroggs, CV Christian	6-29-4.8

ASSISTS

Craig Engle, Marion	26
Zach Daniels, Kennedy	24
Jordan Bohannon, Linn-Mar	20
Cole Murdock, Kennedy	20
Max Drahos, Prairie	6
Terrence Williams, Marion	16

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Cal Clark, Prairie	15
Jacob Manderscheid, Marion	14
Keion Wills, Washington	14
Nic Uhlir, Linn-Mar	12
Hunter Strait, Washington	12
Travis Geels, CV Christian	12

3-POINT GOALS

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