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WIAA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEK AT CAMP RANDALL

**Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
Football State Championships
Thursday & Friday, Nov. 19-20, 2009
Camp Randall Stadium, Madison, Wis.**

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 33rd Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Football State Championships will be held Thursday and Friday, Nov. 19-20, at Camp Randall Stadium on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices for the event are \$6 for adults per game, \$15 for a day pass and \$25 for a two-day pass. Admission for children 6-years old and under is \$1 per game.

CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE:

Thursday, Nov. 19

10 a.m. Div. 7 McDonell Central (10-3) vs. Catholic Central (12-1)
1 p.m. Div. 6 Edgar (13-0) vs. Regis (12-1)
4 p.m. Div. 5 Arcadia (11-2) vs. St. Mary's Springs (13-0)
7 p.m. Div. 4 Kewaunee (13-0) vs. Big Foot (13-0)

Friday, Nov. 20

10 a.m. Div. 3 West De Pere (12-1) Reedsburg (10-3)
1 p.m. Div. 2 Kimberly (12-1) vs. Waunakee (12-1)
4 p.m. Div. 1 Menomonee Falls (12-1) vs. Marquette (13-0)

ON THE AIR: All the championship games will be televised live on cable by FSN Wisconsin. Check local cable listings for the channel in your area.

LAST YEAR: Homestead defeated defending champion Arrowhead 13-11 in the Division 1 championship game. In Division 2, Kimberly defended its title by beating Verona 28-14, and Waupaca edged Reedsburg in the Division 3 title game, 21-20. Wautoma/Faith Christian was crowned the Division 4 champion with a 20-0 shutout over Big Foot, and Colby won the Division 5 championship with a 42-13 win over Cedar Grove-Belgium. In Division 6, Stratford won its sixth straight title in Division 6 with a 7-3 win over Edgar, and Catholic Central turned back Hilbert in Division 7, 37-14.

DIVISION 1 NOTES: The title game features a pair of conference rivals. Marquette advances to the State championship game for the first time. Prior to joining the WIAA, the Hilltoppers won eight WISAA titles (1975, 1982, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1994, 1997 and 1999). They are the champions of the Greater Metro Conference this season. They defeated perennial power Arrowhead 35-0 at Level 4 to earn the opportunity to play in the final. **Menomonee Falls** will appear in the State final for the second time. In their only other experience in 1985, the Indians finished runner-up. They placed second behind Marquette in the Greater Metro Conference this fall. A 10-0 victory over Appleton North at Level 4 set up the rematch. In the two teams' earlier meeting during the regular season, the Hilltoppers prevailed, 27-7.

DIVISION 2 NOTES: Two-time defending champion **Kimberly** will appear in its third championship final. The Papermakers finished second in the Fox Valley Association this fall and are averaging more than 42 points per game throughout the playoffs. They defeated Merrill 42-14 at Level 4 to earn the opportunity to defend their titles. **Waunakee** advances to the title game for the fifth time. The Warriors have captured the State championship twice. They won the Division 3 crown in 1999 and in 2002. Their runner-up finishes came in Division 3 in 2001 and in Division 2 in 2005. Waunakee was the tri-champions of the Badger Conference this year with DeForest and Reedsburg. The Warriors earned a return trip to the title game by defeating Franklin 42-14 in a Level 4 battle.

DIVISION 3 NOTES: Last year's runner-up **Reedsburg** is making its second appearance in the State final. The Beavers were the tri-champions in the highly competitive North Division of the Badger Conference this season, and they gained a second straight berth in the title game by ousting Catholic Memorial 16-13 at Level 4. **West De Pere** is making its first appearance in a title game. The Phantoms earned a berth in this year's championship game with a 17-7 victory over defending

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champion Waupaca at Level 4. They are the tri-champions of the Bay Conference this year with Seymour and Shawano.

DIVISION 4 NOTES: Last season's runner-up **Big Foot** is back for another shot at the title by virtue of its 27-21 win over Lodi in their Level 4 match-up. The Chiefs consecutive appearances in the title game accounts for their overall total. They are the champions of the South Division of the Rock Valley Conference. The Chiefs defense has allowed only two opponents to score double figures this season. **Kewaunee** returns to the turf of Camp Randall for the first time since back-to-back appearances in 2006 and 2007. Those resulted in runner-up finishes in Division 5. It's the Indians' fourth overall experience in the title game. Their first-ever title game came in Division 4 in 2001, which also resulted in a runner-up finish. The Indians are the champions of the Large Division of the Olympian-Packerland Conference. They defeated Northwestern 35-20 in the semifinal to earn the privilege of playing for the State title.

DIVISION 5 NOTES: **St. Mary's Springs** is making its fourth championship game appearance. The Ledgers made back-to-back appearances in 2002-03, which resulted in a championship and a second-place finish, respectively. Their most recent appearance resulted in a runner-up finish in 2005. Each of the previous experiences were in Division 6. This year, they were the champions in the Wisconsin Flyway Conference. The Ledgers defeated Lancaster 14-7 in the semifinal to advance to play at Camp Randall. Prior to joining the WIAA, St. Mary's Springs won eight WISAA crowns (1983, 1984, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1997, 1998 and 1999). The Ledgers have outscored their opponents by a combined score of 545-74 in 13 games this year. **Arcadia** makes its first State championship game appearance. The Raiders finished third in the Coulee Conference this season and advance to the title game following a 31-0 blanking of Brillion at Level 4.

DIVISION 6 NOTES: 2008 runner-up **Edgar** will play in the State title game for the second straight year and for the ninth time overall, which ties with Arrowhead for the most appearances in the championship finals. The Wildcats appeared in a string of four title games from 1998-2001. They possess four State titles, winning Division 5 championships in 1992, 1999 and 2001, and a Division 4 title in 1979. In addition, the Wildcats have runner-up finishes in 1991, 1998, 2000 and 2008. They are the champions of the Marawood Conference and beat Hurley at Level 4 to earn the return trip to Camp Randall. Edgar has shutout 11 of its 13 opponents this season and have allowed just 13 points in 13 games. **Regis** returns to the title game for the third time overall and for the first time since back-to-back appearances in Division 7 in 2002-03. The Ramblers won the State title in 2003 after finishing runner-up in 2002. They placed second in the Cloverbelt Conference this fall and stamped their ticket to Madison with a 49-16 win over Racine Lutheran at

Level 4. Regis won three WISAA championships in three appearances (1992, 1993, 1999) before joining the WIAA.

DIVISION 7 NOTES: Defending champion **Catholic Central** will make its third appearance in a State final. The Hilltoppers finished runner-up in 2004 to go with the State title won last season. Prior to joining the WIAA, the Hilltoppers had a rich history in WISAA. They had 10 appearances in championship finals, resulting in five titles (1976-78, 1981, 1982) and five runner-up finishes (1984, 1985, 1989-1991). The Hilltoppers are the champions of the South Division of the Midwest Classic Conference this season and earned the opportunity to defend their title by defeating De Soto 44-25 at Level 4. **McDonnell Central** makes its inaugural appearance in the State final. The Macks celebrate their first experience in the finals following their 27-8 victory over Gilman at Level 4. They finished third in the Marawood Conference this season. Prior to joining the WIAA, the Macks won a WISAA championship in 1989 and finished runner-up in 1967 and 1982.

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY: The WIAA began sponsoring the playoff tournament series in 1976. The first two championships featured four divisions. In 1978, the field expanded to five divisions. The playoffs expanded to include six divisions in 1981. In 1996, the playoff field was further expanded to 192 teams qualifying for the post-season. In 2002, the tournament expanded to seven Divisions and 224 teams. The championships have all been at Camp Randall Stadium since 1982. Stratford has won the most championships with seven, and Lancaster is next with six. D.C. Everest, Menomonie, Monroe and Osseo-Fairchild have each won five. Arrowhead, and now Edgar, lead the membership in title game appearances with nine. Darlington, Lancaster, Monroe, Menomonie have appeared in eight.

POST-GAME INTERVIEWS: Interviews with coaches and players are not allowed until after the awards ceremonies. The interview area will be outside the painted, dotted stripe on the north end of the field only. The playing field and end zones must be clear for the next game's pre-game warm-ups. No post-game media conference will be conducted. WIAA policy prohibits access to locker rooms. Interviews with players should be conducted outside the locker rooms or outside the painted, dotted stripe on the north end of the field.

WIAA STATE TOURNAMENTS ON FOX: FSN will air all WIAA Fall State Tournament championship games throughout November and December. Check your local cable listings for the times and channel in your area or access the WIAA schedule on FSN on the Web site at <www.prepfilms.com>.

NEED CREDENTIALS?: Media Credential requests for the 2009 WIAA Football State Championships must be requested by submitting the request from the restricted area of the Media Center of the WIAA Web site to Joan Gralla by noon Nov. 18. Verification of approved credentials is available on the Media Center of the WIAA Web site. Credentials will be available for pick-up upon arrival at the Will Call window located on the west side of Camp Randall stadium.

PARKING PERMITS ORDERED THROUGH UW: The manner in which media may order parking permits for events at the Kohl Center (individual wrestling, boys basketball and girls basketball) and Camp Randall (football) has been altered. Media will order parking directly through UW Transportation Services for these respective events. To have had parking credentials mailed to you in time for the event, you needed to have completed the form and returned it with payment or credit card number via mail or fax to UW Transportation Services by the date identified on the respective State Tournament form (deadline for football was Thursday, Nov. 5). For media not able to make commitments for parking permits two weeks prior to the event, parking permits may be ordered by using the form and a credit

card number only; however, time does not allow for the permits to be mailed to you. Instead, media can pick-up pre-paid parking permits at the Welcome Center located at 21 N. Park St. between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. the days of the games. To order parking, download the UW Transportation Services parking permit form (PDF) off the restricted area of the WIAA Media Center and submit the completed form with payment to UW Transportation Services directly. Log-in to the restricted area of the WIAA Media Center (userID: prepmedia; password: deadline) and locate the appropriate link (“State Tournament Media Parking Permit Order Form - Football”).

NEED THE QUALIFIERS?: All rosters of qualifying teams are available on the WIAA Web site at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=45>

NEED RESULTS?: Results and statistics will be available on the WIAA Web site approximately 35 minutes following the conclusion of each title game at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=416>.