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WIAA GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS AT UNIVERSITY RIDGE BEGIN FALL TOURNAMENTS

Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Girls State Golf Championships Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 12-13, 2009 University Ridge Golf Course, Madison, Wis.

THE MEET: The 38th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Girls State Golf Championships will be held Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 12-13, at the University Ridge Golf Course in Madison, Wis. Competition will begin at 8 a.m. on both days. Sunday practice tee time assignments are posted on the WIAA Girls Golf State Tournament Web site.

THE FORMAT: The competition features a two division format with 12 teams and 18 individuals competing in Division 1, and six teams and nine individuals participating in Division 2. Competitors play 36 holes, weather permitting, including 18 holes on each day. The lowest scores from the first day will have the later tee times Tuesday.

TEAMS COMPETING: The schools qualifying for the State meet in Division 1 are Arrowhead, Divine Savior Holy Angels, Eau Claire Memorial, Janesville Parker, Kettle Moraine, Middleton, Neenah, Notre Dame, Onalaska, Oregon, Pius XI and Sheboygan North/South. Challenging for the Division 2 team championship are Baldwin-Woodville, Denmark, Edgerton, Edgewood, Hayward and Xavier.

HOW THEY GOT HERE: The Division 1 field consists of the top two teams from each of the six sectionals, and the Division 2 field includes the top two teams from three sectionals. Eighteen individuals in Division 1 and nine individuals in Division 2 qualify as the top three players in each sectional that are not members of a qualifying team.

DIVISION 1 INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS: The 18 individuals who have qualified for the State meet in Division 1 are senior Lauren Felton of Appleton West, senior Tricia Mark of Brookfield Central, freshman Sierah Gurske of Brookfield East, junior Isabelle Lambert of Catholic Memorial, sophomore Bianca Mendez of Fond du Lac, senior Katie Zganjar of Homestead, sophomore Cassie Wurm of Hudson, senior Sarah Wittmann of Kaukauna, junior Alex Douglas of Madison East, junior Brittany McNett-Emmerich of Madison West, junior Casey LaBarbera of Marinette, senior Cassandra Marschall of Marshfield, junior Ashton Stair of Milton, sophomore Jenna Marks of Monona Grove, senior Morgan Zuleger of Oshkosh West, junior Ashley Henning of Racine Park, senior Janelle Strewler of Superior and freshman Emily Joers of Waukesha South/North/ West.

DIVISION 2 INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS: The nine individual qualifiers in Division 2 are senior Grace Abitz of Fox Valley Lutheran, sophomore Kayla Meyer of Freedom, freshman Avery Steen of Luck/Unity, junior Annie Culver of McFarland, freshman Casey Danielson of Osceola, junior Addie Vold of Osseo-Fairchild, sophomore Katie Pokrondt of Regis, senior Marissa Campeau of St. Croix Falls and junior Claudia Rhein of The Prairie School.

LAST YEAR: Notre Dame won the Division 1 championship for the third straight year by posting a score of 630, 27 strokes fewer than runner-up Homestead with 657. Tory Bauman of Nicolet successfully defended her 2007 title by winning individual medalist honors by shooting a 36-hole score of 145. That score was five strokes better than the runner-up. Edgewood captured its sixth straight Division 2 championship and eighth straight overall. The Crusaders won the two titles before the tournament

was divided into two divisions. They shot a 617, defeating their closest competitor 80 strokes. Osceola's Lindsay Danielson earned medalist honors for the fourth straight year by shooting a 143. Edgewood's Alyssa Elliott finished second by shooting a 147.

TOP RETURNERS: Senior Jenny Konop of Notre Dame is the top returning finisher at last year's Division 1 meet. She tied for fourth with a 153. Among those with experience at the State meet expecting to challenge for the title are seniors Isabella Lambert of Catholic Memorial and Erika Pfaender Arrowhead, who tied for sixth last year. Other possible contenders for individual medalist honors based on qualifying performances include junior Alli Plath of Onalaska, freshman Sierah Gurske of Brookfield East and senior Tricia Mark of Brookfield Central. In Division 2, the graduation of four-time champion Lindsay Danielson creates the opportunity for a new champion. The top returner to the meet is senior Allyssa Ferrell of Edgerton, who placed fourth. Other top finishers from a year ago hoping to contend for the individual championship include senior teammates Meghan Martine and CJ Enriquez of Edgewood, who placed fifth and tied for seventh, respectively; and Marissa Campeau of St. Croix Falls, who placed 10th. Sterling qualifying performances turned in by freshman Casey Danielson of Osceola and senior Erica Timmers of Baldwin-Woodville also deserves title contender consideration.

THROUGH THE YEARS: In the 37 years of the girls championships, Edgewood has won the most team championships with eight, all coming consecutively the last eight years. The Crusaders won two championships when only one division was offered in 2001-02 and the first five Division 2 titles from 2003-07. Madison West and La Crosse Central are tied for the second-most team titles with five. The Regents won the first five championships offered from 1972-76. The Red Raiders won four consecutive State titles from 1990-93 and added their fifth in 1998. Appleton West has won four team championships.

NEED THE QUALIFIERS?: Rosters and qualifiers are available on the girls golf information on the WIAA Web site at: www.wiaawi.org/golfgirls/qualifiers.pdf.

NEED CREDENTIALS?: Media credentials for the 2009 WIAA Girls Golf Championships must be requested by submitting the request from the restricted area of the Media Center of the WIAA Web site by noon Oct. 9. Credentials can be picked up upon arrival at University Ridge. No credentials will be issued in advance.

NEED RESULTS?: Results are available on the WIAA Web site. Select the respective link on the Girls Golf State Results page to access the GolfStat results link for each division.