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WIAA WRESTLING TEAMS COMPETE FOR STATE TITLES AT FIELD HOUSE

**Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
Team Wrestling Championships
Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, 2010
UW Field House, Madison, Wis.**

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 19th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State Team Wrestling Championships will take place Friday and Saturday, March 5-6. The tournament is in its third year at the historic Field House on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices for the tourney are \$8 per session.

CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE AND PAIRINGS: The single elimination tournament features eight teams in Division 1 and four each in Divisions 2 and 3.

Friday, March 5

Time Div. Pairings

- 7 p.m. 1 Match-1: Wausau West (25-4) vs. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (24-3)
- 7 p.m. 1 Match-2: Holmen (10-2) vs. Kaukauna (18-2)
- 7 p.m. 1 Match-3: West Allis Central (26-5) vs. Franklin (16-4)
- 7 p.m. 1 Match-4: Milton (19-1) vs. Muskego (15-3)

Saturday, March 6

Time Div. Pairings

- 9 a.m. 1 Match-5: Match-1 Winner vs. Match-2 Winner
- 9 a.m. 1 Match-6: Match-3 Winner vs. Match-4 Winner

- 1 p.m. 2 Match-1: Lodi (22-4) vs. Pewaukee (19-2)
- 1 p.m. 2 Match-2: Ellsworth (15-5) vs. Oconto Falls (17-1)

- 1 p.m. 3 Match-1: Mineral Point (22-5) vs. Oostburg (17-3)
- 1 p.m. 3 Match-2: Boyceville (13-5) vs. Coleman (11-1)

- 6 p.m. 1 Match-11: Division 1 Championship Match
- 6 p.m. 2 Match-12: Division 2 Championship Match
- 6 p.m. 3 Match-13: Division 3 Championship Match

ON THE AIR: The Division 1 quarterfinals and the semifinals in all divisions can be seen live on WIAA.tv. The championship finals for all divisions will be aired tape-

delayed on FS Wisconsin. The Division 1 championship dual will be aired Sunday, April 11 at noon. The Division 2 championship match will air Saturday, April 10 at 2:30 p.m., and the Division 3 final will air Saturday, April 3 at 4:30 p.m. Check the Media Center on the WIAA Web site for a schedule of all WIAA Tournament events on FS Wisconsin.

TEAM TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW: The first WIAA State Team Wrestling Championship was held in 1940. Until 1992, team champions were determined by a point system based on individuals' placing in what is currently the individual championships. For the first time in 1992, a team champion was determined by a separate tournament series involving dual matches. UW-Stevens Point hosted the first two championships. West Allis Central hosted the meet from 1994-2004. Since then, the tournament has been held at the UW Field House. There were 341 programs entering the tournament series, including 128 in Division 1, 106 in Division 2 and 107 in Division 3.

LAST YEAR: Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln won its seventh team title in the last eight years and its membership-leading 18th overall by defeating Wausau West 25-23 in the Division 1 championship final. Ellsworth won the Division 2 championship, defeating defending champion Lodi in the title match, 35-23. Mineral Point won its third straight championship in Division 3 and its 11th overall with a 58-6 decision over Random Lake in the title match.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 1 FIELD: Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln is making its membership-leading 15th overall appearance in the team tournament. The Raiders have won 18 team championships, including 13 since the inception of the dual championship format in 1992. They have also placed runner-up six times. Last year's runner-up Wausau West qualifies for the sixth time and for the fourth consecutive year. The Warriors won the State title in 2008 and were also runners-up in 1999. Kaukauna is back at State for the third straight season and for the 10th time overall. The Galloping Ghosts had a string of five straight appearances from 1999-2003. They finished runner-up in 2000, 2003 and 2008. Muskego is making its ninth overall appearance and its third consecutive. The Warriors' crowning achievement to this point was the State title won in

1994. They also have a runner-up finish in 1963, which was prior to the inception of the dual team championship format. **Milton** returns to the team tournament for the ninth time overall and for the second time in the last three years. The Red Hawks won the State championship in 2002. They also finished runner-up in 1995. **Franklin** is making its fifth appearance in the last six years and its seventh overall. The Sabers' advanced to the semifinals in their first-ever appearance in 2001, which accounts for their furthest advancement in the tournament. **Holmen** is making its fourth trip to the team tourney and its first since two straight appearances in 2004-05. Each of the Vikings' three previous experiences have resulted in losses in the quarterfinals. **West Allis Central** returns to the tournament field for the second time and for the first time since its only other appearance in 2000, which resulted in a loss in the quarterfinals.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 2 FIELD: All four of the teams in the 2009 field return to this year's tournament. Last year's champion **Ellsworth** is back for the fifth straight year and for the ninth time overall. The Panthers have won four State titles, capturing the crown in 1985, 2000, 2007 and last year. In addition, they also finished runner-up in 1999, 2001 and 2008. Last year's runner-up **Lodi** is back for the ninth straight year and for the 13th time overall, all coming in the last 15 years. The Blue Devils have been crowned champions in 1998, 2004 and 2008, and have finished runner-up in 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006 and 2009. **Pewaukee** makes its third consecutive State Team Tournament appearance, which accounts for its overall participation. The Pirates have been defeated in the quarterfinals the last two seasons. **Oconto Falls**

will be making its second straight and second overall appearance in the State Team Tournament. The Panthers fell to Lodi in their first-ever appearance in the State Tournament last year.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 3 FIELD: Three-time defending champion **Mineral Point** returns to the field for an attempt at its fourth straight title. The Pointers are making their ninth overall appearance in the team tournament. They also won back-to-back titles in 2002 and 2003. **Coleman** returns to the team tournament for the third consecutive year and for the eighth time overall. The Cougars won the State championship in 2000 with the current dual format. The Cougars also claimed crowns in 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1966 when there was only one division. In addition, they finished runner-up in 1959, 1961, 1981, 1983, 1996 and 2008. **Boyceville** is making its second straight appearance and its eighth overall. The Bulldogs won the Division 3 championship in 1996, which marks the only time they advanced beyond the semifinals. **Oostburg** is a first-time participant in the State Team Tournament. The Flying Dutchmen earned their berth with a win over Johnson Creek in the sectional final.

NEED THE QUALIFIERS?: All rosters of qualifying teams are available on the restricted area of the Media Center on the WIAA Web site at: www.wiaawi.org.

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