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INDIVIDUALS, TEAMS COMPETE FOR STATE BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING TITLES

Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys State Swimming & Diving Championships Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, 2011 UW Natatorium, Madison, Wis.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 87th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys Swimming and Diving Championships will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-19, at the Natatorium on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices for the meet are \$6 and are sold only at the UW Natatorium each day of the competition.

MEET INFORMATION: The Division 2 championships will be held Friday, with the Division 1 championships to follow on Saturday. The Division 2 diving competition begins Friday at 2:30 p.m. The swimming finals are scheduled to begin Friday at 6:30 p.m. The Division 1 diving competition is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, with the swimming events to begin at 3 p.m. The swimming events will run consecutively following the first event's starting time on the respective days. Here is the order of events (all events in yards):

Order of Events

1. Diving
2. 200 Medley Relay
3. 200 Freestyle
4. 200 Individual Medley
5. 50 Freestyle
6. 100 Butterfly
7. 100 Freestyle
8. 500 Freestyle
9. 200 Freestyle Relay
10. 100 Backstroke
11. 100 Breaststroke
12. 400 Freestyle Relay

STATE MEET STREAMED LIVE: Every event of the WIAA State Boys Swimming and Diving Championships will be streamed live on www.foxsportswisconsin.com

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET ON FS WISCONSIN: Watch the delayed airing of the WIAA State Boys Swimming & Diving Championships on FS Wisconsin. The Division 2 meet will be aired on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. The Division 1 meet will be aired on March 2 at 7 p.m. Check local cable listings for the channel in your area.

LAST YEAR: The Waukesha South/Catholic Memorial cooperative program won its first title, capturing the Division 1 team championship with 197 points. Madison Memorial finished

runner-up with 183 points. In Division 2, McFarland won its fourth straight championship, compiling 340.5 points. Whitefish Bay placed second for the second straight season with 238 points.

MEET HISTORY: The WIAA began the boys swimming and diving championships in 1925 and moved to a two-division format in 1993. Waukesha, before it was split into three schools, won the most team titles of any school with 15. Seven of those came in succession from 1964-70. Madison West has won 13 championships. Madison Memorial has 10 titles. Wauwatosa, before it became two separate schools, and Shorewood have compiled nine championships. Since the beginning of the two-division format, McFarland (2007-10) is the only program to win four straight Division 2 titles, and Sturgeon Bay/Southern Door (2003-05) is the only other program to have won three straight championships in Division 2. Sturgeon Bay also won a championship without the co-op arrangement in 2006. Brookfield Central, Brookfield East, Whitefish Bay and Verona have each won two Division 2 championships. Since 1994, either Arrowhead, Homestead or Madison Memorial has captured the Division 1 championship except in 2010. Both Arrowhead and Madison Memorial have won six during that span. Homestead has won four. Waukesha has produced the most event champions with 77, followed by Madison West and Madison Memorial with 62 and Wauwatosa with 61. Three individuals have won 10 State titles during their prep careers. They are Ben Anderson of Arrowhead, Jay Mortenson of Madison West and Tom Wanezek of Brookfield East.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES-DIVISION 1: There are three event champions from last year's State meet and a 2009 champion returning to the qualifying field in Division 1. Senior Jack Lennertz of Greenfield/Greendale returns to defend his title in the 100-yard butterfly. He enters the event with the second-fastest time at 51.03. Freshman Nicholas Petersen of Homestead has turned in the best qualifying time of 50.54. Junior Ben Anderson of Madison Memorial also returns to the event after placing third a year ago, as does junior Jasen Johnson of New Berlin West/Eisenhower, who was eighth. Lennertz is also among the favorites in the 50 freestyle. He has posted the top qualifying time of 21.60 this year and is the top returning competitor in the event after placing third in 2010. His stiffest challenges to the title may come from sophomore Alex Swain of Waukesha South/Catholic Memorial,

who was 12th last year and has a qualifying time just .01 behind Lennertz, and senior Nick Wolhaupter of Watertown, who placed fourth last year. The diving competition features a pair of returning champions. Senior Erik Larsen of Homestead won the event in 2010, edging 2009 champion Nathan Cox. Cox, a senior from Menomonee Falls/Germantown/Hamilton, will attempt to regain the throne and has the top qualifying performance of 514.55, Larsen's qualifying score of 484.75 ranks second best. Sophomore Alex DeLakis of Eau Claire Memorial/North is the returning champion in the 100 breaststroke. He enters the meet with the second fastest qualifying time, trailing only Ryan Korslin of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln. The senior has posted a time of 57.19 after finishing runnerup to DeLakis last year. DeLakis finished runner-up in the 200 individual medley last year and is poised to challenge for the title this year with the fastest qualifying time of 1:55.35. He should expect competition from three individuals returning in the event that placed in top five last season. Senior Matt Jungers of Greenfield/Greendale placed third; junior Patrick Franken of Madison Memorial finished fourth; and junior Austin Byrd of Chippewa Falls/McDonell Central was fifth. Byrd will also be in contention for the 100 backstroke title after placing runner-up last year. However, the quickest qualifying time in the backstroke was 51.73, turned in by junior Evan Barta of Arrowhead, who finished 10th a year ago. Nicholas Petersen and senior Joe DeVroy of Kenosha Bradford should also contend for the title in the 100 backstroke based on qualifying times. Waukesha South/Catholic Memorial appears to have the 500 freestyle covered this year with the three fastest qualifying times, which includes senior Max Evans-Nolan, who was runner-up in 2010. However, junior teammate Noah Potratz, who placed sixth last season, has the fastest qualifying time in the event at 4:37.70. Senior Ryan Finke has the third fastest qualifying time. Finke has also qualified in the 200 freestyle and is the top returning swimmer in the event after placing fifth last year. However, the top qualifiers in that event are senior Wes Manz of Eau Claire Memorial/North, who has the top qualifying time of 1:42.53; junior Jake Prodoehl of Arrowhead, who was eighth last year; and senior Aaron Sears of Neenah, who finished 13th in 2010. Nick Wolhaupter has the top qualifying time in the 100 freestyle with a time of 47.30. Among those expecting to challenge him for the title are Prodoehl; junior Lucas Kuriga of Marquette, who finished ninth last year; and senior Matt Hollub of Neenah, who placed seventh a year ago.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES-DIVISION 2: Junior Ryan O'Donnell of McFarland is the returning champion in two different events. He has the top qualifying time of 51.29 in the 100 butterfly after winning the championship last year. And, he has the fastest qualifying time of 1:54.07 in the 200 individual medley after being crowned champion a year ago. In

the butterfly, his stiffest competition to repeat may come from senior Jack Donovan of Brookfield Academy, who finished second last year and has the second fastest qualifying time this year. In the I.M, he is clearly the top qualifier based on qualifying time. Senior Drew teDuits of Edgewood is the second fastest qualifier with a time more than one second off O'Donnell's pace. TeDuits is the returning champion in the 100 backstroke, and it should be considered likely he will defend his title, entering the meet with a time of 51.13, which is more than three seconds faster than the next fastest qualifier. Junior Collin Morgan of McFarland is the top returning swimmer in a pair of events. He finished runner-up in the 50 freestyle in 2010 and sixth in the 100 freestyle. He will be contested in the 50 freestyle by senior Evan Hill of Fort Atkinson, who has been clocked with the fastest qualifying time of 21.94, and sophomore Al Nennig of Grafton, who has qualified with a time of 22.11. In the 100 freestyle, Morgan should be among those that challenge senior Kasmir Bohannon of Shorewood, who is the top qualifier with a time of 47.99, for the title. Junior Nic Halverson of Kiel is the top returner and fastest qualifier in the 500 freestyle. He posted a 4:47.88 qualifying time. His top competition based on qualifying times should come from a familiar face, junior teammate Tim Halverson, who placed fifth last year. Senior Andrew Nielsen of Lakeland is the fastest qualifier in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:43.81 after placing fourth last year. The top returning competitor in the 200 freestyle, however, is Jack Donovan with a third place finish in 2010. Others expected to challenge for the 200 freestyle crown are senior Carl Newenhouse of Cedarburg and junior Jack Allen of Monona Grove. In the 100 breaststroke, Al Nennig has posted the only sub-minute time at 59.40, making him the one everyone is chasing. Among those expected to provide the stiffest challenge are junior Jake Mandli of McFarland, who's the top returning competitor in the event after placing third last year, and senior DJ Friesch of Whitefish Bay, who placed fourth a year ago. Senior Josh Suchon of Plymouth is the top returning diver from last year's State meet with a third-place finish. He should contend for the title this year as should senior Nick Tschoeke of Ashwaubenon, who placed fifth last year and has scored the top qualifying performance of 378.10. Others that could contend for the diving title are sophomore Patrick Sisson of Monona Grove, junior Ben Tschoeke of Ashwaubenon and junior Wesley Lenz of Menomonie. All placed in the top 10 last season.

NEED THE QUALIFIERS?: All qualifiers, lane assignments and qualifying standards are available on the boys swimming Web page or the Winter Tournament Central page on the WIAA Web site at: http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=169.

NEED RESULTS?: Results will be available on the WIAA Web site at: http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=577.