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WIAA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEK AT CAMP RANDALL

Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Football State Championships Thursday & Friday, Nov. 18-19, 2010 Camp Randall Stadium, Madison, Wis.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 35th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Football State Championships will be held Thursday and Friday, Nov. 18-19, at Camp Randall Stadium on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices for the event are \$8 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. 18

10 a.m. Div. 7 Gilman (12-1) vs. Catholic Central (12-1)

1 p.m. Div. 6 Edgar (13-0) vs. St. Mary's Springs (12-1)

4 p.m. Div. 5 Colby (13-0) vs. Brillion (13-0)

7 p.m. Div. 4 Kewaunee (13-0) vs. Brodhead/Juda (11-2)

Friday, Nov. 19

10 a.m. Div. 3 West De Pere (13-0) vs. Catholic Memorial (11-2)

1 p.m. Div. 2 Cedarburg (12-1) vs. Waunakee (13-0)

4 p.m. Div. 1 Stevens Point (10-3) vs. Waukesha West (12-1)

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

LAST YEAR: Marquette defeated Menomonee Falls 7-0 in the Division 1 championship game. In Division 2, Waunakee defeated two-time defending champion Kimberly 34-21, and Reedsburg defeated West De Pere in the Division 3 title game, 34-27. Big Foot was crowned the Division 4 champion with a 42-13 triumph over Kewaunee, and St. Mary's Springs won the Division 5 championship with a 42-7 win over Arcadia. In Division 6, Edgar won its fifth title with a 46-7 win over Regis, and Catholic Central defeated McDonell Central in Division 7, 27-15, to win its second consecutive championship.

DIVISION 1 NOTES: Stevens Point advances to the State championship game for the second time and for the first time since finishing runner-up in 1977. The Panthers are the champions of the Wisconsin Valley Conference this season. They defeated defending champion Marquette 21-3 at Level 4 to earn the opportunity to play in the final. Waukesha West will appear in the State final for the second time, but for the first time in Division 1. The Wolverines' won the Division 2 championship in 2004 in their only other experience in the title game. They finished in a first-place tie with Arrowhead in the Greater Metro Conference this fall. A 30-15 victory over Kenosha Bradford at Level 4 propelled the Wolverines into the final.

DIVISION 2 NOTES: Defending champion Waunakee advances to the title game for the sixth time. The Warriors have captured the State championship three times. In addition to last season, they won Division 3 crowns in 1999 and in 2002. They recorded runner-up finishes in Division 3 in 2001 and in Division 2 in 2005. They are the champions in the North Division of the Badger Conference this year. The Warriors earned the privilege to defend their title by defeating Franklin at Level 4 for the second straight year with a 23-7 triumph. Cedarburg will appear in its first championship final. The Bulldogs finished second to Homestead in the North Shore Conference this fall. The road to the final includvictories over perennial football Ashwaubenon at Level 2, Kimberly in double overtime at Level 3 and a 35-21 win over Marshfield at Level 4.

DIVISION 3 NOTES: Last year's runner-up **West De Pere** is back in the title game for another shot at a State Championship. It is also the Phantom's second overall appearance in the title game. They earned the return trip to Camp Randall with a 24-13 win over Xavier at Level 4. They are the champions of the Bay Conference this year. **Catholic Memorial** is making its second appearance in the State final. The first and only other experience in the WIAA championship game resulted in a run-

ner-up finish in 2001. The Crusaders, before joining the WIAA, won WISAA titles in 1979, 1989, 1993 and 1996. They were runners-up six times. They placed third in the highly competitive Classic 8 conference this season behind Arrowhead and Division 1 finalist Waukesha West. They advance to the championship game following a 30-20 win over Delavan-Darien at Level 4.

DIVISION 4 NOTES: Last season's runner-up Kewaunee returns to the turf of Camp Randall for the fifth time in quest of its first championship. The Storm also made back-to-back appearances in Division 5 in 2006 and 2007. Those also resulted in runner-up finishes, as did their first-ever appearance in Division 4 in 2001. They are the champions of the Large Division of the Olympian-Packerland Conference. They defeated Baldwin-Woodville 21-13 in the semifinal to return to the championship game. Brodhead/Juda is making its second title game appearance. The other came in 2003 and resulted in a runner-up finish. The Cardinals advanced to the title game by virtue of its 32-14 win over defending champion Big Foot in their Level 4 match-up.

DIVISION 5 NOTES: Colby will play in the title game for the fourth time and for the first time since winning the Division 5 championship in 2008. The Hornets also won the Division 4 championship in 1998. In their first appearance, they finished runner-up in Division 4 in 1985. The Hornets are the champions of the Cloverbelt Conference. They blanked Bonduel 27-0 in their Level 4 contest to earn a chance to play for the title. Brillion plays for the State championship for the first time since winning back-to-back titles in 2003-04. In their only other appearance in the title game, the Lions' captured the Division 4 crown in 1984. Brillion was the champion in the Small Division of the Olympian-Packerland Conference this season. The Lions return to Camp Randall comes following their 35-14 win over Darlington at Level 4.

DIVISION 6 NOTES: The title game features a pair of 2009 champions. Defending Division 6 champion Edgar will play in the State title game for the third straight year and for the 10th time overall, which leads the membership for most appearances in the championship finals. The Wildcats appeared in a string of four title games from 1998-2001. They possess five State titles, winning Division 6 last year; Division 5 in 1992, 1999 and 2001; and Division 4 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 they defeated Blair-Taylor at Level 4 37-13 to earn the chance to defend their title. Defending Division 5 champion St. Mary's Springs is making its fifth championship game appearance. The Ledgers made back-to-back appearances in Division 6 in 2002-03, which resulted in a championship and a second-place finish, respectively. Their 2005 appearance also resulted in a Division 6 runner-up finish. This year, they placed second in the Wisconsin Flyway Conference behind only Omro. The Ledgers defeated Bangor 34-8 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).

DIVISION 7 NOTES: Two-time defending champion Catholic Central will make its fourth appearance in a State final. The Hilltoppers finished runner-up in 2004 to go with the State titles won the last two seasons. Prior to joining the WIAA, the Hilltoppers had a rich history in WISAA. They had 10 appearances in championship finals, resulting in 10 titles (1976-78, 1981, 1983) 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 play in a third straight title game by defeating Plum City 14-0 at Level 4. Gilman returns to the championship game for the fourth time and for the first time since back-to-back appearances resulted in a runner-up finish in 2005 and a State championship in 2006. In the Pirates' first-ever appearance in 1986, they won the Division 6 championship. The Pirates are the champions of the Cloverwood Conference this season. They defeated Randolph 34-26 in the semifinal to advance to the title game.

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, Edgar, Menomonie, Monroe and Osseo-Fairchild have each won five. Edgar now leads the membership in title game appearances with 10. Arrowhead has nine and Darlington, Lancaster, Monroe and 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: FS Wisconsin will air all WIAA Fall State Tournament champi-

onship games throughout November and December. Check your local cable listings for the times and channel in your area or access the FS Wisconsin schedule on the WIAA Web

site.

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=562.