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WIAA BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TIP-OFF AT KOHL CENTER

**Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
Boys Basketball Championships
Thursday-Saturday, March 19-21, 2009
Kohl Center, Madison, Wis.**

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 94th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys Basketball State Championships will take place Thursday-Saturday, March 19-21, at the Kohl Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices for the tourney are \$8 per session for all seating.

CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE AND PAIRINGS: The single elimination tournament features eight teams in Division 1 and four each in Divisions 2, 3 and 4.

*Note: The second game of each session will begin approximately 25 minutes following the first game of the session.

Thursday, March 19

Time	Div.	Pairings
9:05 a.m.	3	Fall Creek (21-4) vs. Racine St. Catherine's (23-2)
10:45 a.m.	3	Roncalli (21-4) vs. Aquinas (21-3)*
1:35 p.m.	1	Oshkosh North (20-3) vs. Milwaukee Washington (22-1)
3:15 p.m.	1	Eau Claire North (17-7) vs. Racine Horlick (22-1)
6:35 p.m.	1	Madison Memorial (23-1) vs. Germantown (21-2)
8:15 p.m.	1	Bay Port (23-0) vs. Beloit Memorial (18-5)*

Friday, March 20

9:05 a.m.	4	Blair-Taylor (23-2) vs. Benton (23-2)
10:45 a.m.	4	St. Mary Central (14-11) vs. Assumption (23-2)*
1:35 p.m.	2	Northwestern (25-0) vs. Wisconsin Lutheran (22-2)
3:15 p.m.	2	Xavier (22-3) vs. Monroe (18-7)*
6:35 p.m.	1	Division 1 semifinal (Thursday afternoon winners)
8:15 p.m.	1	Division 1 semifinal (Thursday evening winners)*

Saturday, March 21

12:05 p.m.	4	Division 4 Championship Game
1:45 p.m.	2	Division 2 Championship Game*
6:35 p.m.	3	Division 3 Championship Game
8:15 p.m.	1	Division 1 Championship Game*

ON THE AIR: The State Tournament will be televised live on WKOW-TV channel 27 in Madison, WAOW-TV channel 9 in Wausau, WXOW-TV channel 19 in La Crosse, WQOW-TV channel 18 in Eau Claire, WYOW-TV channel 34 in Eagle River, WMLW-TV channel 41 in Milwaukee and WACY-TV channel 32 in Green Bay and the Fox Valley. The Wisconsin Division of Quincy Newspapers, Inc., will produce the coverage. The championships will also be streamed on the statewide network Web sites.

POST-GAME MEDIA CONFERENCES ON WIAA.TV: The post-game media conferences will be shown live on WIAA.tv immediately following each game.

TEAM TOURNAMENT HISTORY: The first WIAA State Boys Basketball Championship Tournament was held in 1916. This will be the 11th year the Kohl Center has hosted the championships since moving from the UW Field House. The tournament featured a one-class format until 1934 when, for two years (1934-35), there were two classes. From 1936 until 1939, the tournament increased to three classes, then returned to the one class format in 1940. A one-class tourney prevailed until 1972 when it again became a two-class event. The tourney went to three classes again in 1974 and remained that way until the current four-division format was adopted in 1991. Beloit and Randolph have won seven State championships, the most titles won by any member school. Milwaukee King, Milwaukee Vincent and Milwaukee Lincoln have won five championships. There have been 101 different schools that have won championships. Superior Central owns the record for the most State Tournament appearances with 27, followed by Beloit with 26 and then Eau Claire with 25.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 1 FIELD: Last year's runner-up **Madison Memorial** returns for its sixth consecutive appearance, which also accounts for the Spartans' overall total. They won the State title in 2005 and finished runner-up in 2004 and 2006. They continue their string of appearances after defeating Waunakee in the Waunakee Sectional final, 72-49. Memorial is the champion of the Big Eight Conference. **Beloit Memorial** returns to State for for the 26th time and for the first time since back-to-back appearances in 2004-05. The Purple Knights are tied with Randolph for having won the most titles of any school in the membership with seven (1932-34, 1937, 1947, 1969 and 1973). They have also finished runner-up three times (1935, 1968 and 1978). The Purple Knights were third in the Big Eight Conference this season. They earned their way to State by defeating Elkhorn in the Janesville Craig Sectional final 66-62 in two

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overtimes. **Eau Claire North** is making its second consecutive trip to State and its seventh overall. The Huskies advanced to the State final in 1989 and finished runner-up. This year, they won the Marshfield Sectional title with a 42-28 win over Wausau East in the final. The Huskies placed second in the Big Rivers Conference this season. **Milwaukee Washington** qualifies for the State Tournament for the first time since back-to-back appearances in 2000-01. The Purgolders have won four State championships, hoisting the golden ball in 1985, 1987, 1990 and 1993. They have also finished runner-up on two occasions, 1997 and 2000. This year, they are the co-champions of the Milwaukee City Conference and are the representatives from the Germantown/Arrowhead Sectional following a 60-57 overtime triumph over defending champion Wauwatosa East in the final. It has been two decades since **Racine Horlick** last qualified for the State Tournament in 1989. The Rebels are making their seventh overall appearance. They have a pair of runner-up finishes at State, one in 1930 and the other in 1985. The Rebels won the Southeast Conference championship this season and captured the Racine Case Sectional title with a 60-49 win over Milwaukee Hamilton in the final. **Oshkosh North** makes its fourth overall appearance and the first since 1997. The Spartans' furthest advance in the State Tournament was to the semifinals in 1992. They won the Fox Valley Association championship this season and advanced through the sectional it hosted with a 56-55 win over Sheboygan South in the final. **Bay Port** and **Germantown** are both making their second straight appearances after qualifying for the first time last year. The Pirates lost in the quarterfinals a year ago. They defeated Kimberly 76-53 in the final of the Pulaski Sectional final to qualify for the tourney after winning the title of the Fox River Classic Conference this season. The Warhawks fell in the quarterfinals in its first State appearance last season. They earn a return engagement to the tournament by ousting Menomonee Falls 57-52 in the final of the sectional co-hosted by Germantown and Arrowhead at the Al McGuire Center in Milwaukee. The Warhawks finished runner-up in the North Shore Conference this season.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 2 FIELD: **Monroe** makes its 14th trip to the State Tournament and its fourth in the last five years, including the last three in a row. The Cheesemakers won the State championship in 2007 to go with the title they won in 1965 when there was just a single division of competition. They also have a runner-up finish in Division 2 in 1991. The Cheesemakers are the co-champions of the Badger Conference and advanced out of the Sun Prairie Sectional by edging Edgewood 44-42 in the final. **Northwestern** is making its second tournament appearance. The first resulted in a loss in the semifinals in 2005. The Tigers won the Heart O'North Conference title this year. They defeated Onalaska 46-38 in the final of the Durand Sectional to earn their second trip to State. Both **Wisconsin Lutheran** and **Xavier** will experience the WIAA State Tournament for the first time. Wisconsin Lutheran joined the final field of four following a 72-64 overtime win over Pewaukee in the Germantown/Arrowhead Sectional final. The Vikings are the champions of the Wisconsin Little Ten Conference this season. Xavier gained its first entry into the State Tournament by defeating perennial power Seymour 47-32 in the Pulaski Sectional final. As a former member of WISAA, the Hawks won titles in 1963 and 1991 and finished runner-up on five other occasions. The Hawks won the

Eastern Valley Conference championship this season.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 3 FIELD: Defending champion **Aquinas** returns to State for the third straight year and for the fourth time overall. The Bugolds first experience in the tournament resulted in the Division 2 championship in 2003. They added a runner-up finish in 2007. As a former member of WISAA, the Bugolds won titles in 1941, 1946, 1949, 1950 and finished runner-up on two other occasions. They are the champions of the Mississippi Valley Conference this season, and they advance to State with a 62-60 win over Marshall in the Baraboo Sectional final. **Fall Creek** will appear in its 10th State Tournament and its first since 1985 when the Crickets won the second of back-to-back championships. They also won the Class C title in 1937 to go with a runner-up finish in 1983. The Crickets defeated Regis 56-47 in the final of the Eau Claire North Sectional to gain a berth in the State Tournament. They are the champions of the Cloverbelt Conference this season. **Racine St. Catherine's** returns to State for the fourth time and the first time since the last of three straight State championships in 2007. The Angels won Division 3 championships in 2006 and 2007 after winning the Division 2 title in its first-ever appearance in 2005. The Angels were also a perennial power in the defunct WISAA. They won nine titles and finished runner-up 11 times. The championships came in 1958, 1959, 1961, 1969, 1971, 1977, 1985, 1992 and 1993. The Angels are the champions of the Midwest Classic Conference this season, and they advanced out of the West Allis Central Sectional with a 58-35 win over Cedar Grove-Belgium in the final. **Roncalli** has lost in the semifinals in each of its first three experiences at State, which came consecutively from 2005-2007. The Jets are back for another shot at the title following a 54-43 win over Marathon in the Ashwaubenon Sectional final. The Jets are runners-up in the Olympian Conference this season.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 4 FIELD: **Blair-Taylor** returns to State for the fifth time and for the first time since the second of back-to-back appearances in 2005. The Wildcats have fallen in the semifinals in each of their four previous experiences at State. They defeated Prentice 34-33 in the Spooner Sectional final to earn their berth in the final field of four. The Wildcats are the champions of the Dairyland Conference this season. **Assumption** will experience its third State Tournament overall and its first since the second of consecutive appearances in 2002, which was the year the Royals finished runner-up. The return trip was made possible by a 57-52 win over Hillsboro in the Onalaska Sectional final. The Royals finished first in the Marawood Conference this season. **Benton** and **St. Mary Central** are alike in a couple of ways. They both will get their first experience in the State Tournament this week and both are nicknamed the Zephyrs. Benton's path to the State Tournament ran through the Fort Atkinson Sectional, culminating with a 62-49 win over Sheboygan County Christian in the final. The Zephyrs won the title of the Six Rivers Conference this season. St. Mary Central placed sixth in the Olympian Conference standings this year and made its tournament run through the Appleton North Sectional, defeating Rosholt 50-42 in the sectional final. As a former member of WISAA, the Zephyrs won titles in 1940, 1953, 1955 and 1960 and finished runner-up on nine other occasions.

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