

Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association

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WIAA SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEKEND AT GOODMAN DIAMOND

**Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
Softball Championships
Thursday-Saturday, June 11-13, 2009
Goodman Diamond, Madison, Wis.**

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 34th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Softball State Championships will take place Thursday-Saturday, June 11-13, at the Goodman Diamond on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices for the tourney are \$6 per session for quarterfinals and semifinals and \$4 for championship sessions. Tickets are only available at the stadium.

CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE AND PAIRINGS:

The single elimination tournament features eight teams in Division 1 and four each in Divisions 2, 3 and 4. The second game of each session will follow the first game.

Thursday, June 11

Division 1 Quarterfinals

Game 1 - Wauwaukee (21-4) vs. Watertown (21-4) - 9 a.m.
Game 2 - Stevens Point (24-3) vs. Kenosha Bradford (23-1) - 11 a.m.*
Game 3 - Appleton East (24-4) vs. Menomonee Falls (19-3) - 1:30 p.m.
Game 4 - Chippewa Falls (22-5) vs. Greenfield (21-6) - 3:30 p.m.*

Division 1 Semifinals

Game 5 -- Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2 - 6 p.m.
Game 6 -- Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4 - 8 p.m.*

Friday, June 12

Division 4 Semifinals

Game 1 -- Belmont (23-5) vs. Oakfield (27-1) - 9 a.m.
Game 2 -- Thorp (23-5) vs. Rosholt (27-0) - 11 a.m.*

Division 3 Semifinals - 1:30 p.m.

Game 1 -- Lancaster (25-1) vs. Laconia (21-5) - 1:30 p.m.
Game 2 -- Grantsburg (25-1) vs. Weyauwega-Fremont (19-5) - 3:30 p.m.*

Division 2 Semifinals - 6 p.m.

Game 1 -- Monroe (19-9) vs. Port Washington (18-7) - 6 p.m.
Game 2 -- Altoona (21-5) vs. Luxemburg-Casco (16-12) - 8 p.m.*

Saturday, June 13

Division 4 Championship Game - 10 a.m.
Division 3 Championship Game - 12:30 p.m.*
Division 2 Championship Game - 3 p.m.
Division 1 Championship Game - 5:30 p.m.*

* Approximate times

PRE-FINAL GAMES ON WIAA.TV: The quarterfinals and semifinals of all four divisions of the WIAA State Tournament will be streamed live on the Internet on WIAA.TV.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ON FSN WISCONSIN:

Watch the delayed broadcast of the WIAA State Softball Championships on FSN Wisconsin. The Division 1 title game is scheduled to be aired on June 20 at 8 p.m. The Division 2 championship game will be aired on June 27 at 2 p.m. The Division 3 title game is scheduled to be aired on July 6 at 6 p.m., and the Division 4 championship game is scheduled to air July 6 at 8 p.m. Check local cable listings for the channel in your area.

TEAM TOURNAMENT HISTORY:

The WIAA has been sponsoring the State Softball Tournament since 1976. Kimberly, Marion and Stevens Point have won the most State championships with six, followed by Ashwaubenon and Denmark with four. Ashwaubenon has the most State Tournament appearances with 16. Kimberly has reached State 12 times, and Stevens Point is now making its 12th appearance. Homestead has qualified for State Tournament 10 times and Cedarburg, Elmwood and Loyal have each made nine appearances.

LAST YEAR: Stevens Point won its sixth State championship by defeating Verona in the championship game 2-1. New Berlin Eisenhower was the State champion in Division 2, blanking Monroe in the championship game, 6-0. Sevastopol won its second consecutive Division 3 title by edging Aquinas 4-3, and McDonell Central won the Division 4 championship with a 7-4 win over Thorp.

THE DIVISION 1 FIELD: Defending champion **Stevens Point** is making its 12th overall appearance at State. The Panthers are tied for the most State championships won with six. In addition to the crown captured last season, they won four straight titles from 2001-04 and captured the State Class A championship in 1986. Furthermore, they were runners-up in 1985 and 2000. The Panthers have posted a 24-5 record in State Tournament play. They are the champions of the Wisconsin Valley Conference this year, and they advance to State from the Kimberly Sectional following a 1-0 win over host Kimberly in the final. **Chippewa Falls** is making its seventh trip to State and its third in the last four seasons. The Cardinals finished runner-up in 2006. They finished atop the Big Rivers Conference standings this year with Rice Lake

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and are the representatives out of the Wausau West Sectional following a 3-0 win over Wausau West. It will be **Watertown's** sixth trip to the State Tournament and the first since 2002. The Goslings previous experiences at State have produced a pair of runner-up finishes, one in 1981 and another in 1984. They are the co-champions of the Wisconsin Little Ten Conference and the Arrowhead Sectional after defeating Waukesha West in the sectional final 4-0. **Appleton East** is back at State for the fifth time and for the second year in a row. The Patriots won the State title in 2000 and followed up that with a runner-up finish in 2003. The Patriots placed second in the Fox Valley Association this season and qualified for State by shutting out Green Bay East 3-0 in the sectional final hosted by Ashwaubenon. **Greenfield** is appearing at State for the fourth time and for the first time since 2006. The three previous experiences have resulted in losses in the quarterfinals. The Hawks are the champions of the South Division of the Woodland Conference this season and are the winners of the sectional they hosted by virtue of a 7-5 win over Muskego in the final. **Waunakee** advances to State for the second time. Its only other appearance came in 1987 when the Warriors were crowned the Class B champions. This year, they won the North Division of the Badger Conference title and defeated Middleton 4-3 in eight innings in the Waunakee Sectional final. **Menomonee Falls** is also participating in its second State Tournament. Its only other appearance came in 2003 when the Indians fell in quarterfinals. They are the champions of the Greater Metro Conference this season. Their entry into the final field of eight was earned with an 8-0 win over Homestead in the Germantown Sectional final. **Kenosha Bradford** will make its first-ever State appearance after defeating Westosha Central 4-2 in the Verona Sectional final. The Red Devils are the champions of the Southeast Conference.

THE DIVISION 2 FIELD: Last year's runner-up **Monroe** makes its fourth appearance in the State Tournament and its second in a row. The Cheesemakers also finished runner-up in 2004 after winning the Division 2 State title in 2003. They won the Badger Conference's South Division championship this spring and shut out Edgerton 3-0 to win the Prairie du Chien Sectional title. **Altoona** is back in the State tourney for the sixth time and for first since winning the State championship in 2001. The Railroaders reach the final field of four this year following a 7-2 win over Rice Lake in the New Richmond Sectional final. They are the co-champions of the Western Division of the Cloverbelt Conference with Division 4 qualifier Thorp. **Luxemburg-Casco** qualifies for State for the second time overall and for the first time since 1998. This year's appearance comes by virtue of a 5-1 win over Winneconne in the New Holstein Sectional final. The Spartans finished fourth in the Bay Conference this season. **Port Washington** will make its first-ever appearance. The Pirates finished fourth in the North Shore Conference this season and advanced on the tournament path through the Waupun Sectional with a 10-2 win over Union Grove in the final.

THE DIVISION 3 FIELD: **Grantsburg** qualifies for the fourth time in school history and for the third time in the last four years. The Pirates won the State title in 2006. They are the champions of the West Division of the Lakeland

Conference and advanced to State through the Regis Sectional with a 7-3 win over Prescott in the final. **Lancaster** qualifies for the first time since finishing runner-up in its only other appearance in 2006. The Flying Arrows are the champions of the Southwest Wisconsin Conference and proceeded to win the Brookwood/Royall Sectional with a 4-0 win over Deerfield in the final. **Weyauwega-Fremont** qualifies for the first time since its only other appearance resulted in a runner-up finish in 2004. The Indians finished second in the Central Wisconsin 8 Conference this season. They have qualified through the Ashwaubenon Sectional with a 4-2 win over Pacelli in the final. **Laconia** is making its first tournament appearance. The Spartans finished runner-up in the Wisconsin Flyway Conference and earned a position in the final four with a 3-0 win over Roncalli in the Shoreland Lutheran Sectional final.

THE DIVISION 4 FIELD: Last year's runner-up **Thorp** qualifies for the State Tournament for the second time. The Cardinals defeated Glidden/Butternut 4-0 in the final of the Shell Lake Sectional. They are the co-champions of the Western Division of the Cloverbelt Conference this season. **Oakfield** is making its eighth appearance overall and its second in a row. The Oaks participated in last year's tournament in Division 3. They won the State championship in 1997. This year, they won the North Division of the Trailways Conference title. The Oaks earned their way into the State Tournament field by defeating Catholic Central in a sectional final played at Oakfield, 4-3. **Belmont** makes its fifth appearance at State and its first since finishing runner-up for the second year in a row in 2006. The Braves won the State championship in 2002. They earned a berth in this year's State Tournament with a 7-5 victory over Cochrane-Fountain City in the Independence Sectional final. They are the champions of West Division of the Six Rivers Conference. **Rosholt** will make its first appearance at State. The Hornets are the champions of the Central Wisconsin 10 Conference. They secured the opportunity to play for a State title by defeating Wausaukee 6-0 in the Assumption Sectional final.

NEED THE QUALIFIERS?: Information for qualifying teams in the State Tournament are available on the restricted area of the Media Center on the WIAA Web site.

NEED CREDENTIALS?: Media requesting credentials for the 2009 WIAA Softball Championships must be done by submitting the online Media Credential Request form found on the restricted area of the Media Center on the WIAA Web site no later than noon Tuesday, June 9. Credential requests will also be reviewed if a faxed copy of the Credential Request Form found in the Spring Media Guide is submitted by deadline. Credentials can be picked up at Goodman Diamond ticket office.

NEED RESULTS?: The quickest way to get results will be to access the softball results page on the WIAA Web site at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=398> and choose the appropriate links on the softball State Tournament results page.