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INDIVIDUALS AND DOUBLES TEAMS TO COMPETE FOR STATE TITLES

**Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
Divisions 1 & 2 Boys Individual
Tennis Championships
Thursday-Saturday, June 3-5, 2010
Nielsen Tennis Stadium, Madison, Wis.**

THE MEET: The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys Individual Tennis Championships will be held Thursday through Saturday, June 3-5 at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison, Wis. Action will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday and at 8:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Ticket prices are \$6 per session.

THE SCHEDULE:

Thursday, June 3

2 p.m. First round matches

Friday, June 4

8:30 a.m. Action through Quarterfinals

Saturday, June 5

8:30 a.m. Consolation Semifinals

9 a.m. Championship Semifinals

10 a.m. Fifth-place matches

11 a.m. Third-place matches

11:30 a.m. Championship matches

ON THE AIR: A 30-minute highlight program of the 2010 Boys State Individual Tennis Championship Tournament will air on FS Wisconsin July 19 at 9:30 p.m.

LAST YEAR: Billy Bertha of Marquette captured his second consecutive Division 1 singles title by defeating teammate and 2007 champion Nelson Vick for the second year in a row 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (5) in the championship match. In Division 1 doubles play, second-seeded Cameron Mikkelson and Connor Peck of Homestead defeated Joe Sladky and Ben Robey of Marquette 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the championship match. Top-seeded and defending champion Nick Buckley of University School defeated second-seeded Aidan Koross of Kohler in the championship match 6-4, 6-2 to earn the Division 2 singles crown. In Division 2 dou-

bles play, Austin Papenthien and Patrick Lagman of Edgewood captured the title with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Phil Kuenzi and Ben Wachholz of Roncalli in the final. It was the second straight year the Kuenzi-Wachholz tandem finished runner-up.

DIVISION 1 SINGLES OUTLOOK: Sophomore Alex Jesse of Homestead is the top seed. He finished fifth last year and has just one defeat on his record this year at 27-1. Junior Jack Larsen of Whitefish Bay is seeded second. He has posted a 19-3 mark this season after placing fourth last year and fifth in 2008. Freshman Damon Niquet of Marquette, the third seed, has recent history on his side. The singles title has been won by a Marquette player the last three years. Niquet has a 19-3 record this season. His teammate, senior Tim Noack, is the fourth seed after advancing to the third round in last year's tournament. Senior Drew Lied of Brookfield East is the fifth seed after placing third last year and compiling a 19-3 record this spring. Freshman John Carswell of Kenosha Tremper has compiled a 26-1 to this point in his first season, which earned him the #6 seed. Sophomore Michael Treis of Brookfield Central is the seventh seed. He enters the State meet with a 23-8 record after advancing to the second round in the tournament as a freshman last year. Freshman Kyle Dunn of Fond du Lac was awarded the eighth seed with his 23-3 record this season. There is only one undefeated player in the field this year. Sophomore Alex Smith of Marquette enters the meet unseeded with a 26-0 mark.

DIVISION 1 DOUBLES OUTLOOK: Junior Connor Hildebrandt and sophomore Jake Humphreys of Kenosha Tremper earned the top seed with a 25-0 record this season. Hildebrandt qualified last season with a different partner and advanced to the second round of play in the tournament. Seniors Alex Sykes and Nathan Niquet are seeded second after finishing third last year and compiling a 22-2 record to this point in the season. They are one of three Marquette duos to qualify. Defending champion Connor Peck of Homestead and new partner Bryce Toberan, who was one-half the tandem that placed fourth a year ago combine in their senior seasons to form the third seeded duo after posting a 23-3 record leading up to the State Tournament. Seniors Eric Linskens and Kevin Lewis of Bay Port are seeded fourth with an 11-0 record. Linskens

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qualified with a different partner last season. Junior Jack Porritt of Marquette advanced to the third round last year with a different partner. This season, he teams with freshman CJ Armbrust to form the #5 seeded duo with a 26-1 record. Seniors Joe Wollum and Ryan VandeLinde of Eau Claire Memorial are seeded sixth with a 21-3 record. Seniors Bobby Brooks and Josh Hopfensperger of Neenah, who advanced to the quarterfinals last year, are seeded seventh with a 21-7 mark this year. Brooks was part of the tandem that placed second in 2008. The Nicolet duo of senior Gard Pecor and junior Trevor Katzban are seeded eighth with a 16-5 record. In addition to the seeded undefeated teams, the twosome of senior Rory O'Sullivan and junior Tracy Johnson of Wauwatosa East are undefeated in a limited number of matches at 11-0.

DIVISION 2 SINGLES OUTLOOK: Senior Cassian Utrie of Xavier is positioned as the #1 seed with a record of 24-1. He was upset in the second round last year after finishing fourth in 2008. Senior Andy Wall of Notre Dame advanced to the quarterfinals last season before being ousted from title contention. He was awarded the #2 seed with a 23-2 mark this season. Freshman Nick Dykema of West De Pere is the #3 seed. He has tallied a 23-4 record this season. Junior Sam Walker of University School claims the fourth seed after advancing to the quarterfinals last year and compiling a 19-10 record this season. He is one of three University School competitors qualifying. Walker's teammate, junior Rishi Karri, returns to the field after placing fifth last year, and junior Andrew Hwang qualified as well with a 24-1 mark.

DIVISION 2 DOUBLES OUTLOOK: Junior Cameron Fiebig and sophomore Justin Kaiser of Xavier bring their 24-1 record into the tournament as the #1 seed. Fiebig finished third at State last year with a different partner. Senior Matt Hwang and sophomore Tyler Parks of University School secured the #2 seed with a 16-7 record this year. Junior Austin Papenthien of Edgewood was the State champ last season with a different partner. This year, he is seated third with senior Danny Meicher. The duo has posted a 26-5 record this year. A second Edgewood tandem is seeded fourth. Sophomores Tyler Piddington and Ben Winding are 30-2 this season to earn the seed.

NEED THE BRACKETS?: Brackets and qualifiers are available on the WIAA Web site. Locate the boys tennis homepage and the appropriate link for the respective information at <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=251>

NEED RESULTS?: Results of the State tournament are available on the WIAA Web site at www.wiaawi.org by accessing the results option on of the boys tennis homepage. Results will only be available on the Web site at <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=439>.

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