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WIAA BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN WINTER TOURNEYS

**Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
Boys State Swimming & Diving Championships
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, 2010
UW Natatorium, Madison, Wis.**

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 86th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys Swimming and Diving Championships will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19-20, at the Natatorium on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices for the meet are \$6.

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

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

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

LAST YEAR: Madison Memorial won its fourth title in the last five years and its 10th overall by capturing the Division 1 team championship with 200.5 points. Sauk Prairie/Wisconsin Heights finished runner-up with 182.5 points. In Division 2, McFarland won its third straight

championship, compiling 332 points. Whitefish Bay placed second with 210 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 (2007-09) and Sturgeon Bay/Southern Door (2003-05) are the only programs to have won three Division 2 championships. 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. 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 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 four event champions from last year's State meet returning to the qualifying field in Division 1. Senior Michael Drives of Madison Memorial set the State record in winning the 200-yard freestyle last year. He's in position to retain his title with the fastest qualifying time of 1:41.61. He is also one of the favorites to come away with the title in the 500 freestyle. He finished runner-up last year and has posted the fastest qualifying time of 4:40.11. Among his stiffest challengers will be five others who finished in the top 10 a year ago, including senior Aiden Kohnhorst of Hartford Union, who was third; senior Bobby Wolf of Muskego, who was fourth; and sophomore Jake Iotte of Appleton North/East, who was fifth. Senior Tyler Lentz of Sauk

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Prairie/Wisconsin Heights is the returning champion in the 200 individual medley. He enters the meet as the favorite to repeat as champion with the fastest qualifying time of 1:54.26. Lentz is also the top returning competitor in the 100 backstroke after placing third last year. However, it is senior Joe Bastien of Marquette, who placed 10th last year, that has qualified with the swiftest time at 52.39. Lentz's teammate, senior Matt Friede, will attempt to capture his second consecutive title in the 50 freestyle. His qualifying time of 21.26 is the fastest among the 32 qualifiers in the event. Friede should also be considered among the leading contenders for the championship in the 100 freestyle after finishing runner-up last year and turning in the fastest qualifying time in the event at 46.73. However, he should expect a formidable challenge from a pair of veteran qualifiers. Seniors Derek Toomey of Verona/Mount Horeb and Alexander Rodenkirk of New Berlin West/ Eisenhower finished fifth and sixth last season, respectively, and have turned in the next two fastest qualifying times. Junior Nathan Cox of Menomonee Falls/Germantown /Hamilton is the returning champion in the diving competition, and is considered a front-runner for the title again this year with the best qualifying performance of 462.45. Junior Jack Lennertz of Greenfield/Greendale hopes to turn last year's runner-up finish in the 100 butterfly into gold this year. He enters the meet with the fastest qualifying time of 51.64. Seniors Eric Oberst of Waukesha South/ Catholic Memorial and Sean Kimmitt of Menomonee Falls/Germantown/Hamilton have the next fastest qualifying times after placing eighth and ninth in 2009, respectively. Freshman Alex DeLakis of Eau Claire Memorial/North is the fastest qualifier in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 58.67. Juniors Ryan Korslin of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln Brent Schreiber of Arrowhead and senior Josh Kinney of Appleton North/East, who finished fifth last year, are the only other competitors entering the event with qualifying times under a minute.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES-DIVISION 2: Four events in Division 2 feature returning champions, including three from last year and one from 2008. Senior Alex Riegert of Delavan-Darien is the returning champion in the 100 breaststroke, and he comes into the event with the fastest qualifying time of 1:00.48, almost two seconds faster than the next two qualifying times turned in by senior Jesse Gambrell of Plymouth and sophomore Jake Mandli of McFarland. Junior Drew teDuits of Edgewood should be considered the favorite to win the 100 backstroke, an event he won last year, by virtue of his 51.70 qualifying time. That time is almost a second faster than the next

two quickest qualifying times, which were turned in by junior Carl Newenhouse of Cedarburg and senior Chris Fink of Whitefish Bay. Interestingly, eleven of the top 13 finishers from last year return to compete in the 100 backstroke. Senior Brian Heiser of McFarland returns to the 200 freestyle after capturing the crown last season. He enters the meet with the second fastest qualifying time of 1:46.02. The quickest qualifying time turned in was 1:44.82 by senior Chase Stephens of Edgewood, who placed third in the event last year and fifth in 2008. Stephens has also been clocked the fastest in qualifying for the 100 freestyle at 47.74, which is .12 swifter than sophomore Greg Hameister of Berlin/Green Lake, who placed 12th a year ago. Hameister is also among the favorites to challenge for the 50 freestyle title, having qualified with the fastest time of any swimmer in the field at 21.91. Senior Jeff Maxwell of Milton finished runner-up in the 500 freestyle last year after capturing the title in 2008. He hopes to return to glory this year, having recorded the event's fastest qualifying time of 4:42.91, 15 seconds under the next fastest times. The qualifying time of 51.31 posted by junior Jack Donovan of Brookfield Academy positions him as the top seed in the 100 butterfly. He placed fourth in the event last year. Among his fiercest challengers are teDuits, who placed fifth in 2008; senior Stephen Meyer of Shorewood, who placed runner-up last year; senior Kevin Schneider of Delavan-Darian, who was fifth a year ago; and sophomore Ryan O'Donnell of McFarland. O'Donnell will most likely be among the top finishers in the 200 individual medley by virtue of his top qualifying time in the event and his runner-up finish in 2009. His time of 1:57.04 is well ahead of the next fastest qualifying times. Six of the top ten finishers last season return to compete in the event. The diving competition features four of the top nine finishers in 2009. Senior Trevor Sisson of Monona Grove is looking to improve upon a third-place finish last year. He enters the championships with the best qualifying performance among the field of competitors at 401.25. Perhaps the most pressing challenge for the title will come from senior Ryan Citro of Cudahy, who placed sixth a year ago and has the next best qualifying performance at 397.60

NEED THE QUALIFIERS?: All qualifiers, lane assignments and qualifying standards are available on the State Meet section of the boys swimming Web page on the WIAA Web site at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=173>.

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