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STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RETURNS TO KOHL CENTER THIS WEEK

**Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
State Girls Basketball Championships
Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27, 2010
Kohl Center, Madison, Wis.**

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 35th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Girls Basketball State Championships will take place Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27, at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices for the tournament are \$8 per session.

ON THE AIR: The State Tournament will be televised live in high definition 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, KBJR-TV digital channel 6.2 in Duluth/Superior 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 station 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 Girls Basketball Championship Tournament was held in 1976. The tournament has been held at the UW Field House every year except in 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2005. The championships have been held in the Kohl Center in 1998, 2001, 2003 and 2005, and at the Alliant Energy Center in 2004 and 2006-09. The tournament featured a three-class format until 1991, when the current four-division format was adopted. Cuba City has won the most State titles over the years with eight. Milwaukee Washington has won five, and Barneveld, Fall Creek, Flambeau and Kimberly have won four. There have been 70 different schools that have won championships. Cuba City has the distinction of having qualified for the most State Tournaments with 13. Janesville Parker has participated 12 times. Milwaukee Washington, Durand and Fall Creek have qualified 10 times.

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

Thursday, March 25

Time Div. Pairings

9:05 a.m. 4 Newman Catholic (24-2) vs. Weston (24-3)
10:45 a.m. 4 Northwood (25-0) vs. Black Hawk (26-1)*

1:35 p.m. 1 Milwaukee Vincent (23-2) vs. Racine Case (19-5)
3:15 p.m. 1 Verona (22-3) vs. Pius XI (23-3)*

6:35 p.m. 1 De Pere (24-1) vs. Beaver Dam (24-1)
8:15 p.m. 1 Wausau West (22-4) vs. Middleton (22-3)*

Friday, March 26

9:05 a.m. 3 Brillion (26-1) vs. Cuba City (27-0)
10:45 a.m. 3 Osseo-Fairchild (26-1) vs. Oostburg (22-3)*

1:35 p.m. 2 Winneconne (24-3) vs. Monroe (25-1)
3:15 a.m. 2 Altoona (18-9) vs. New Berlin Eisenhower (24-2)*

6:35 p.m. 1 Division 1 semifinal (Thursday afternoon winners)
8:15 p.m. 1 Division 1 semifinal (Thursday evening winners)*

Saturday, March 27

12:05 p.m. 4 Division 4 Championship Game
1:45 p.m. 3 Division 3 Championship Game*

6:35 p.m. 2 Division 2 Championship Game
8:15 p.m. 1 Division 1 Championship Game*

* The second game of each session is scheduled to begin approximately 20 minutes following the conclusion of the first game.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 1 FIELD: Three-time defending champion **Milwaukee Vincent** qualifies for the fourth straight season and for the fourth time overall, winning titles in its three previous State Tournaments. The Lady Vikings are champions of the Milwaukee City Conference this season. They qualified for the tournament with 50-36 win over Mukwonago in the Waukesha North Sectional final. **Middleton** returns to State for the sixth time overall and for the third consecutive year. The Cardinals have finished second in the State twice, once in 1993 and again in 2003.

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Middleton was co-champion of the Big Eight conference this season with State qualifier Verona. The Cardinals are the representative from the Middleton Sectional after defeating Waunakee 75-43 in the final. **De Pere** is making its third straight trip to State and its sixth overall as well. The Redbirds captured the State title in 2005 and the Class A championship in the second of back-to-back appearances in 1983. They are the co-champions of the Fox River Classic Conference with Pulaski this season and won the Ashwaubenon Sectional with a 59-44 win over Kaukauna in the final. **Verona** qualifies for the State Tournament for the third straight season, which accounts for its overall number of appearances. The Wildcats furthest advance at State was to the semifinals in 2008. They topped Janesville Parker 44-33 in the final of the Janesville Craig Sectional last week to advance to State. The Wildcats are co-champions with State qualifier Middleton in the Big Eight Conference this season. **Pius XI** makes it to State for the first time since its only other appearance in 2001, the first year of membership in the WIAA. The Lady Popes advanced to the semifinals that season. They are the champions of the Classic Eight Conference. They won the Whitefish Bay Sectional by defeating Oak Creek 48-43 in the final. The Lady Popes were dominant during its membership in WISAA. They won 18 championships and finished runner-up once. They have 12 straight championships from 1982-1993 and four straight from 1997-2000. **Beaver Dam's** only other State appearance came back in 1991 when the Golden Beavers finished runner-up. The return to the State Tournament comes by virtue of a 51-48 overtime victory over Oshkosh West in the Oshkosh West Sectional final. The Golden Beavers are the champions of the Wisconsin Little Ten Conference this season. A pair of programs will experience the State Tournament for the first time. **Racine Case** makes its initial appearance in the State Tournament following a 64-52 win over Muskego in the Brookfield Central Sectional final. The Eagles tied Muskego for the Southeast Conference championship during the regular season. **Wausau West** earned its first shot at the title by qualifying for State with a 58-42 victory over River Falls in the sectional the Warriors hosted. They finished runner-up to Marshfield in the Wisconsin Valley Conference standings this season.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 2 FIELD: **Monroe** is making its eighth appearance at State. The Cheesemakers have won the State championship three times, capturing the title in 1989, 2006 and 2008. In addition, they placed runner-up in 1988 and 2000. Monroe was the champion of the Badger Conference this season. The Cheesemakers defeated Union Grove 48-37 in the final of the Janesville Craig Sectional to return to the State Tournament for the third consecutive season. **Altoona** will experience the State tournament for the second time in the last three years. Its 2008 appearance resulted in a loss in the semifinals. This season, the Lady Rails finished fourth in the Western Division of the Cloverbelt Conference, which was won by Division 3 qualifier Osseo-Fairchild. They notched a 34-30 victory over Wittenberg-Biramwood in the Chippewa Falls

Sectional final to punch their ticket to the tournament. **New Berlin Eisenhower** will experience the grandeur of the State Tournament for the first time since its only other appearance in 1988. The Lady Lions defeated Grafton 62-54 in the Waukesha South Sectional final to advance into the final field of four. They are the champions of the Woodland Conference this season. **Winneconne** is a first-time qualifier to the State Tournament. The Wolves earned their berth with a 48-40 win over Luxemburg-Casco in the Seymour Sectional final after placing runner-up to Freedom in the Eastern Valley Conference during the season.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 3 FIELD: Perennial power **Cuba City** is making its second straight appearance at State and its 13th overall, which leads all member schools. The Cubans have also won more State titles than any other program with eight, winning championships in 1977, 1980, 1990, 1991, 1993, 2005, 2006 and 2007. They won the Southwest Wisconsin Activities League title this season and advanced through the Reedsburg Sectional with a 52-22 win over Fennimore in the final. **Oostburg** is back at State for the fourth straight year and for the eighth time overall. The Flying Dutchmen have won State championships in 1990, 1994 and 2008. This season, they are co-champions of the Central Lakeshore Conference with Ozaukee and qualified for State by beating Shoreland Lutheran 52-45 in the West Bend Sectional final. **Brillion** advances to State for the third time overall and for the first time since 2001 when the Lions finished runner-up. They defeated Gillett 34-30 in the De Pere Sectional final to earn their opportunity to play for a State title. The Lions are the champions of the Olympian Conference. **Osseo-Fairchild** makes its second appearance in the State Tournament and the first since 2007 when the Chieftains fell in the semifinals. They won the Western Division of the Cloverbelt Conference this season and proceeded to win the Altoona Sectional with a 47-46 win over Fall Creek in the final.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 4 FIELD: **Newman Catholic** is making its seventh overall appearance and its first since a streak of three straight trips ended in 2007. The Fighting Cardinals' effort at State in 2002 resulted in a State title and their appearances in 2005 and 2006 produced runner-up finishes. The champions of the South Division of the Marawood Conference earned their entry into the State Tournament by defeating Marion 70-47 in the Waupaca Sectional final. **Black Hawk** is making its second straight appearance at State after its first came last season, which resulted in a loss in the semifinals. The Warriors earned a return berth in the field after a 58-43 win over Central Wisconsin Christian in the Fort Atkinson Sectional final. They were the champions of the East Division of the Six Rivers Conference this season. **Weston** is making its second appearance in the tournament and its first since 1994, which resulted in a loss in the semifinals. The Silver Eagles posted a 44-42 win over Independence in the Spooner Sectional final. They finished second to

Seneca in the Ridge & Valley Conference standings this winter. **Northwood** will make its first journey south to Madison for the State tourney. The Evergreens cut down Prentice 46-37 in the Spooner Sectional final to earn the opportunity to play for the State title. They are the champions of Central Lakeland Conference this season.

NEED RESULTS?: The quickest way to get results will be to access the WIAA Web site www.wiaawi.org and choose the appropriate link on the home page or the girls basketball results page.