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BOYS & GIRLS HOCKEY TEAMS COMPETE FOR STATE TITLES

**Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
Hockey Championships
Thursday-Saturday, March 4-6, 2010
Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Madison, Wis.**

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 40th Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys Hockey State Championships and the ninth Girls Hockey State Championships will take place Thursday-Saturday, March 4-6, at Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices for the tourney are \$8 per session.

CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE AND PAIRINGS: The single elimination boys tournament features eight teams. The girls tournament features four teams. There were 93 boys teams and 32 girls teams at the beginning of the championship tournament series this year.

BOYS SCHEDULE (* approximate times):

Thursday, March 4

Time Pairings

11 a.m. Game-1: Superior (16-7-1) vs. Eau Claire Memorial (21-5-1)
1:15 p.m.* Game-2: Wausau West (25-1-1) vs. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (13-11-1)
5 p.m. Game-3: Stoughton (24-1-2) vs. University School (15-7-3)
7:15 p.m.* Game-4: Notre Dame (26-1) vs. Edgewood (18-7-2)

Friday, March 5

Time Pairings

5 p.m. Game-5: Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2
7:15 p.m.* Game-6: Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4

Saturday, March 6

Time Pairing

2:30 p.m.* Game-7: Championship Game

GIRLS SCHEDULE (* approximate times):

Friday, March 5

Time Pairings

11 a.m. Game-1: Mosinee Co-op (24-2) vs. Green Bay Co-op (23-4)
1:15 p.m.* Game-2: River Falls Co-op (22-4-1) vs. University School Co-op (19-6-2)

Saturday, March 6

Time Pairing

12:10 p.m. Game-3: Championship Game (Winners of Games 1 & 2)

ON THE AIR: The boys and girls championship games will be televised live on WAOW Wausau, WXOW La Crosse, WQOW Eau Claire, WKOW Madison, WGBA/WACY Green Bay, KBJR in Duluth/Superior and WMLW in Milwaukee. FS Wisconsin will air the quarterfinals and semifinals taped delayed. Please visit the Media Center on the WIAA Web site and select "WIAA Programming on FS Wisconsin" link for the broadcast schedule.

LAST YEAR: Arrowhead won its first boys hockey title with a 5-1 win over Fond du Lac in the championship game. In the girls final, the River Falls/Baldwin-Woodville/Elmwood/Glenwood City/St. Croix Central/Spring Valley co-op defeated the Fond du Lac/St. Mary's Springs/Waupun co-op 10-4 in the title tilt to win its first championship.

TEAM TOURNAMENT HISTORY: The first WIAA State boys hockey championship game was held in 1971. Superior won the first championship and has won 11 more since to give the Spartans a membership-leading 12 State titles. Madison Memorial has won eight titles. Hudson won the first two girls titles in 2002 and 2003, which leads all girls programs with two titles.

THE BOYS FIELD: Superior qualifies for the State Tournament for a membership-leading 33rd time, and for the ninth straight year. The Spartans have won 12 State championships, which leads all schools. The Spartans won titles in 1971, 1972, 1974, 1981, 1982, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2003 and 2005, and have finished runner-up an additional 11 times. The Spartans defeated New Richmond 6-3 in the Superior Sectional final to earn another trip to State. Eau Claire Memorial will appear in the tournament for the 10th time and for the third time in the last four years. The Old Abes won the State championship the last time they advanced to the tournament in 2008. They defeated Hayward 6-0 in the Eau Claire Sectional final to enter the final field of eight. Wausau West will also be appearing in the State Tournament for the 10th time. The last time the Warriors qualified was in 2003, which was the last of six straight appearances. Their most significant outcome at the State championships came in 2000 when the Warriors finished runner-up. They defeated Stevens Point 5-1 in the sectional final held in Schofield to earn a berth in the tour-

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nament field. The **University School** returns to State for the ninth time overall and for the seventh time in the past nine seasons. The Wildcats won the State title in 2006. They are the champions of the Beaver Dam Sectional after defeating Cedarburg 7-1 in the final. **Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln** is making its seventh appearance in the State Tournament, all coming since 2001. The Red Raiders made four straight trips to State from 2003-06. They have advanced to the semifinals in each previous trip before being ousted from title contention except for a loss in the quarterfinals in their 2008 appearance. The Red Raiders needed overtime to defeat Onalaska 3-2 in the Onalaska Sectional final. **Edgewood** is making its fourth appearance. The Crusaders finished runner-up the last time they qualified in 2008. They qualify this year following a 4-3 win over Middleton in the sectional final in Madison. **Stoughton** will make its second straight appearance after appearing in its first State Hockey Tournament last season, which resulted in a loss in the quarterfinals. The Vikings earn a repeat engagement to the tournament by doubling up on Waukesha North Co-op, 6-3, in the Beloit Sectional final. **Notre Dame** is making its first-ever appearance in the State Tournament. The Tritons advanced by virtue of their 6-0 blanking of the Appleton East Co-op in the sectional final held in Appleton.

THE GIRLS FIELD: The **River Falls** co-op with Baldwin-Woodville, Elmwood, Glenwood City, St. Croix Central and Spring Valley qualifies to defend the title it won last year in its first State appearance. The Fusion skat-

ed past Hudson 3-1 in the River Falls Sectional final to earn the opportunity to play for back-to-back titles. The **Mosinee** co-op with D.C. Everest, Wausau East and Wausau West returns to State for the third straight time. The Storm won the State crown in 2008 and fell in the semifinals last season. This weekend, they defeated the Eau Claire North Co-op 2-0 in the final of the Medford Sectional to earn the chance to play for the State title. The **University School** co-op consists of itself and Divine Savior Holy Angels, Homestead, Nicolet, Shorewood and Whitefish Bay. It's the first appearance in the tournament for the co-op, which defeated the Sun Prairie co-op 4-1 in the sectional final held in Milwaukee. The **Green Bay East** co-op with Green Bay West, Green Bay Southwest, Green Bay Preble, Ashwaubenon, Bay Port, De Pere, Notre Dame, Seymour and West De Pere scored a 3-2 win over the Fond du Lac co-op in the Wisconsin Rapids Sectional final to earn its first experience in the State Tournament.

QUALIFIERS & PRACTICE TIMES: All the rosters, statistics and results of the qualifying boys and girls teams are available on the restricted Media Center of the WIAA Web site. The practice times for each of the teams this week is also posted in the restricted area.

NEED RESULTS?: The quickest way to get boys State hockey results will be to access the WIAA Web site at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=403>, and for the girls results access the appropriate results link at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=404>.