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WIAA SPRING BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGIN TUESDAY IN GRAND CHUTE

Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association

Spring Baseball Championships

Tuesday-Thursday, June 15-17, 2010

Fox Cities Stadium, Grand Chute, Wis.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 63rd Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Spring Baseball State Championships will take place Tuesday-Thursday, June 15-17, at Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute, Wis. Ticket prices for the tourney are \$6 per session and are available only at the stadium.

CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE AND PAIRINGS:

The State Spring Baseball Tournament features four divisions. The single elimination tournament includes 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.

Tuesday, June 15

Division 1 Quarterfinals - 8 a.m.

Game 1 - Merrill (22-4) vs. Bay Port (22-7)

Game 2 - Waunakee (25-4) vs. Kimberly (22-7)*

Division 1 Quarterfinals - 1 p.m.

Game 3 - Hartford Union (9-15-1) vs. Waterford (14-11)

Game 4 - Fort Atkinson (8-21) vs. Madison La Follette (17-9)*

Division 1 Semifinals - 6 p.m.

Game 5 - Winner of Game #1 vs. Winner of Game #2

Game 6 - Winner of Game #3 vs. Winner of Game #4*

Wednesday, June 16

Division 4 Semifinals - 8 a.m.

Game 1 - Southwestern (21-4) vs. Catholic Central (19-10)

Game 2 - McDonell Central (24-3) vs. Rosholt (25-1)*

Division 3 Semifinals - 1 p.m.

Game 1 - Aquinas (22-7) vs. Winnebago Lutheran (19-7)

Game 2 - Elk Mound (21-3) vs. Marathon (25-3)*

Division 2 Semifinals - 6 p.m.

Game 1 - Edgewood (18-8) vs. University School (22-7)

Game 2 - Altoona (24-4) vs. West De Pere (24-5)*

Thursday, June 17

Division 4 Final - 9 a.m.

Game 3 - Winner of Game #1 vs. Winner of Game #2

Division 3 Final - Noon

Game 3 - Winner of Game #1 vs. Winner of Game #2

Division 2 Final - 3 p.m.

Game 3 - Winner of Game #1 vs. Winner of Game #2

Division 1 Final - 6 p.m.

Game 7 - Winner of Game #5 vs. Winner of Game #6

* Begins approximately 35 min. following game 1 of session.

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

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ON FSN WISCONSIN:

Watch the delayed broadcast of the WIAA State Baseball Championships on FSN Wisconsin. The Division 1 title game will be aired on June 26 at 7:30 p.m. The Division 2 championship game will be aired on June 26 at noon. The Division 3 title game is scheduled to be aired on July 3 at 2:30 p.m., and the broadcast of the Division 4 championship will air on July 10 at 12:30 p.m. Check local cable listings for the channel in your area.

TEAM TOURNAMENT HISTORY: The WIAA has been sponsoring the State Spring Baseball Championships since 1948. Appleton West has won the most State championships with seven, followed by Nekoosa and Sun Prairie with five and then Eau Claire with four titles. La Crosse Central has appeared in the most State tournaments with 18. Milwaukee Bradley has reached State 15 times; Appleton West has appeared in 14; and Eau Claire Memorial, Fond du Lac and Stevens Point have participated in 12 State Tournaments.

LAST YEAR: Bay Port won its first Division 1 championship by defeating Wilmot Union in the title game 5-2 in eight innings. Edgewood won the Division 2 title with a 13-3 win in the championship final over Bloomer in five innings. Kenosha St. Joseph captured the Division 3 cham-

pionship with a 4-2 decision over defending champion Marathon in the final, and Marion won the Division 4 championship with an 6-5 victory over McDonell Central in the championship game.

THE DIVISION 1 FIELD: Defending champion **Bay Port** returns to defend its crown. The Pirates are making their eighth overall appearance in the State Tournament for the seventh time. They were the tri-champions in the Fox River Classic Conference this spring and qualified for State with a 4-2 win over Green Bay Southwest in the sectional final played at Southwest. **Kimberly** will appear in its seventh State Tournament and its fourth straight. The Papermakers won the Division 1 title in 2007 and the Class B championship in 1989. They have finished runner-up three times, in 1988, 1993 and in 2008. Kimberly is the champion of the Fox Valley Association this spring and winners of the Appleton North Sectional with a 9-6 win over Appleton North in the final. It's the first appearance for **Waubesa** in over a decade. The Warriors last qualified in 1992. This marks the seventh time they have advanced to the State Tournament. The Warriors finished runner up in Class B in 1978, the first year of divisional play in spring baseball. They were co-champions of the North Division of the Badger Conference this year and are the representatives out of the La Crosse Central Sectional following a 9-7 win in eight innings over Middleton in the final. **Merrill** returns to the State Tournament for the first time since 1991 and for the sixth time overall. The Blue Jays' furthest advance in the tournament was to the title game in 1974, losing to Sun Prairie 3-1. They captured the Great Northern Conference title this spring and advanced to State with an 8-7 win in nine innings over River Falls in the final of the Marshfield Sectional. **Madison La Follette** will make its fourth appearance in the tournament and its first since 2000. The Lancers have fallen in the quarterfinals in each of their previous three appearances. They placed third in the Big Eight Conference this spring and blanked Oshkosh North 7-0 in the final of the Beaver Dam Sectional to claim a berth in the State field. **Hartford** will experience the State Tournament for the third time and the first time since 2002, when the Orioles advanced to the semifinals. They finished seventh in the Wisconsin Little Ten Conference this season and have qualified out of the Milwaukee Bay View Sectional with an 8-5 win over Milwaukee King in the final of the Badger Sectional. **Fort Atkinson** is also appearing in its third State Tournament. The last time the Blackhawks qualified was in 1994. Their only other appearance came in 1950. The Blackhawks finished seventh in the South Division of the Badger Conference standings this season and qualified as the 12th and final seed out of the Janesville Craig Sectional with a 6-3 win over Oconomowoc in the final. It will be **Waterford's** third

appearance at State as well. The Wolverines last qualified in 2004. In that and their initial appearance in 1987, they lost in the quarterfinals. The Wolverines placed fourth in the Southern Lakes Conference standings. They edged Kenosha Tremper 2-1 in the final of the Badger Sectional to gain their entry into the final field of eight.

THE DIVISION 2 FIELD: Defending champion **Edgewood** makes its fourth appearance in the tournament field. The Crusaders also won the State title in their first-ever appearance in 2004. Prior to joining the WIAA, they won numerous WISAA titles during the 1950s and 1960s. The Crusaders finished second in the standings of the South Division of the Badger Conference this season and advanced through the Evansville Sectional with an 8-6 win over Mauston in the sectional final. **West De Pere** has qualified for State in each of the even years since in 2004. The Phantoms fell in the semifinals in 2004, were runners-up in 2006 and won the State title in 2008. They are the champions of the Bay Conference this spring and defeated Medford 12-0 in six innings in the Chilton Sectional final to join the final field of four. Both Altoona and University School are making their debut in the State Tournament. **Altoona** defeated Spooner 1-0 in the Prescott Sectional final to advance. The Railroaders were co-champions of the Western Division of the Cloverbelt Conference this spring. **University School** notched a 9-4 win over Xavier in the final of the Mayville Sectional to earn its first trip to Grand Chute. The Wildcats finished atop the standings in the Midwest Classic Conference this year.

THE DIVISION 3 FIELD: **Aquinas** makes its fourth appearance in the tournament. The Blugolds won the State title in 2007 and finished runner-up in 2008. They finished fourth in the Mississippi Valley Conference this season. They advanced their way through the Marshall Sectional by winning the final, 4-1, over Luther Prep. Prior to joining the WIAA, the Blugolds won four straight baseball titles in the former WISAA (1984-87). Last year's runner-up **Marathon** returns to State for the fourth time and for the third consecutive season. The Red Raiders won the state title in its first two appearances in 1992 and 2008. They return to the tournament following a 9-2 win over Reedsville in the Pacelli Sectional final. The Red Raiders are the champions of the South Division of the Marawood Conference. **Elk Mound** is experiencing the State tournament for the second straight season and its sixth time overall. The Mounders previous five trips produced one State championship; that came in 1995. They finished atop the Large Division of the Dunn-St. Croix Conference standings this spring. The Mounders defeated Hurley 5-4 in the sectional final held at Osseo-Fairchild. **Winnebago Lutheran** will make its first-ever appearance in the tour-

nament. They earned the berth with a 6-5 win over Martin Luther in the final of the Oakfield Sectional. The Vikings were the champions in the Wisconsin Flyway Conference this spring.

THE DIVISION 4 FIELD:

Catholic Central is making its fifth appearance in the WIAA State Tournament. The Hilltoppers have won championships in all but one of their previous appearances, winning back-to-back titles in its first two appearances in 2004 and 2005 and again in 2008. They also had a championship history with WISAA, winning several State titles during the 1990s. They finished second in the standings of the Midwest Classic Conference this season. The Hilltoppers won the Port Edwards Sectional title game over St. Mary Central 12-2 in five innings to advance to the State Tournament. Last year's runner-up **McDonell Central** qualifies for the fourth time overall and for the second straight season. The Macks also finished runner-up in 2005. Prior to joining the WIAA, they won a WISAA title in 1988 according to available records. They finished in a tie for first in the Western Division of the Cloverbelt Conference this season, and they defeated Mellen 12-3 in

the Bruce Sectional final to earn their berth in the tourney. **Rosholt** is back in the State field for the second time in the last three years and the third time overall. The Hornets finished runner-up 2008. They thumped Greenwood in the sectional final held at Abbotsford, 11-1 in five innings. The Hornets finished first in the Central Wisconsin 10 Conference this spring. **Southwestern** will make its first appearance in the State Tournament. The Wildcats are the champions of the Potosi Sectional by virtue of their 14-2 victory over Brookwood in the final. They were co-champions of the Southwest Wisconsin Activities League this season.

NEED THE QUALIFIERS?: Team information and rosters for qualifying teams and the State Tournament are available on the restricted area of the Media Center on the WIAA Web site.

NEED RESULTS?: The quickest way to get results will be to access the baseball results page on the WIAA Web site at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=407> and choose the appropriate links on the spring baseball State Tournament results page.