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WIAA STATE TRACK & FIELD MEET IN LA CROSSE THIS WEEKEND

Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
Boys and Girls Track & Field Championships
Friday & Saturday, June 4-5, 2010
Veterans Memorial Stadium, La Crosse, Wis.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 115th Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys Track and Field Championships and the 40th Girls Track and Field Championships will be held Friday and Saturday, June 4-5, at the Veterans Memorial Stadium Complex on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Ticket prices for the meet are \$8 for each session or \$12 for all day Friday (cash or check only).

MEET INFORMATION: The meet features two sessions Friday. Division 1 events begin at 9:30 a.m. with the competition proceeding in the order of events. Division 2 and 3 events begin at 3 p.m. The competition resumes Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The order of the finals for each event Saturday begins with Division 3, followed by Divisions 2 and 1, respectively.

FIRST WHEELCHAIR COMPETITION: The 2010 State Tournament will mark the first time events for wheelchair-bound student athletes are part of the meet. The independent competition is separate by gender with one division for all competitors. Events include the 100-meter, 400, 800 and 1,600 races, as well as the shot put for boys. The girls have an entrant in the 400, 800 and 1,600 races.

LAST YEAR'S TEAM RESULTS-BOYS: Arrowhead won the Division 1 championship with 52 points. Menomonee Falls was runner-up with 37 points. The Wautoma/Faith Christian Academy co-op won the Division 2 title, compiling 35 points, which was two more than West Salem. In Division 3, Fennimore won its first boys track and field title by scoring 38 points, eight more than runner-up Darlington.

LAST YEAR'S TEAM RESULTS-GIRLS: In Division 1, Milwaukee Bradley won the championship with 55 points after placing runner-up in 2008. Brookfield Central finished runner-up with 37.5 points after winning the title in 2008. Arcadia captured its second consecutive title in Division 2 with 57 points, six points in front of West Salem. Newman Catholic won the Division 3 championship with 54 points. Edgar finished second with 50.5 points.

BY THE NUMBERS-GIRLS: Madison West and Rosholt have won the most girls team titles with six. Three of West's titles came in succession from 1980-82. Arcadia, Marathon and Nekoosa have won five titles with Madison Memorial, Prairie du Chien, Waukesha West and Whitewater next on the list with four. Sixteen girls have won the same event four times during their career. Joanna Schultz of Holmen is the only athlete to do it in two different events, the 200 and 400 dashes from 2003-06. Jaclynn Kriegl of Florence (1995-98) holds the record for the most championships won by an individual with 10. Dana Collins of Milwaukee Marshall, Heather Hyland of Nekoosa and Jenni Westphal of Marinette are next in line with nine.

BY THE NUMBERS-BOYS: Whitefish Bay has won the most boys team championships with 18, 16 of them coming consecutively from 1937-52. Milwaukee Riverside and Kohler are both second in titles with 16 each. Only two individuals have ever won the same individual event four times. Dave Greenwood of Park Falls won four titles in the high jump from 1976-79 and Paul Annear of Richland Center repeated the feat in the same event from 2005-08. Three individuals have won four relay titles in the same relay. Kevin Bledsoe of Milwaukee South did it in the 400 relay (1984-87) as did Josh Dickerson of D.C. Everest (1993-96) and Greg Bracey of Milwaukee Vincent (2000-03). Justin Austin (2005-08) of Brown Deer holds the boys record for the most titles won by an individual with nine. Darrell Jansen of Kimberly (1958-60) and Annear have

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won eight championships. Three others have won seven titles. Only Alvin Kraenzlein of Milwaukee East has won five State titles in one meet (1895), and Andrew Rock of Stratford is the only other athlete to win four State titles in the same year (2000).

DIVISION 1 NOTES-BOYS: D.C. Everest leads the Division in the number of qualifiers with 18 competing, including relays and alternates. Green Bay Preble has 17, and Stevens Point has 16 competitors. Two individuals and three relay teams return to defend the titles they won last year. Senior Matt Widule of Menomonee Falls looks to repeat in the 110-meter hurdles. He enters the meet with the second-fastest qualifying time of 14.28. Senior Mike Hardy of Kimberly attempts to defend his title in the discus. He comes into the meet ranked 13th on the qualifiers' list in the event. Also looking to repeat as champions are Milwaukee Vincent in the 400 relay, Arrowhead in the 1,600 relay and two-time champion Port Washington in the 3,200 relay.

DIVISION 2 NOTES-BOYS: West Salem has the most representation with 16 qualifiers, which includes relays and alternates. Clintonville and Little Chute have 14 qualifiers, and Osceola has 13. Three individual champions return in four events with hopes of earning another gold medal in the events they won last year. Senior John Luterbach of Catholic Memorial returns in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs after earning glory in both those events last year. He has qualified with the seventh-fastest time in the 1,600 and the fourth-fastest time in the 3,200. Senior Jacob Dennis-Oehling of Whitewater won the 200 dash in 2009 and has earned the right to defend his title. He has the fastest qualifying time in the event at 22.07. The two relay teams attempting to repeat as Division 2 champions are Ripon in the 400 relay and Little Chute in the 800 relay.

DIVISION 3 NOTES-BOYS: Hilbert has 15 qualifiers including relays and alternates to lead the division. River Ridge and Webster claim 12 competitors. Two individuals and two relay teams return from last year's meet with hopes of repeating as State champions. Junior Tom Helstern of Shell Lake is actually setting his sights on the third title in the 400 dash, having won the event in 2008 and again last year. He has posted the fastest qualifying time with a 49.43. Senior Mitch Lacy of Hilbert is the returning champion in the 1,600 run. He comes into the race this week with the second-fastest qualifying time of 4:24.72. In addition, hoping to get back to top spot on the awards stand is senior John McCann of New Lisbon. He won the high jump title in 2008 but fell to fourth last year. He comes into the meet with the best qualifying leap of 6-5. The Athens 400 relay is in position to defend its title from a year ago, and so is Webster's 3,200 relay.

DIVISION 1 NOTES-GIRLS: Kimberly has the most representation in the meet with 20 competitors qualified, which includes relay teams and alternates. Arrowhead and D.C. Everest each have 17 competitors qualified. Four individual competitors and three relays return to defend the titles they won last year in Division 1. Additionally, a 2008 champion and a two-event champion returns to the Division after winning a pair of Division 2 titles last year. One of the more compelling competitions may be in the discus and the shot put where two of last year's champions will compete. Senior Jessica Maroszek of Seymour won the Division 2 championship in the discus last year after finishing runner-up in Division 1 in 2008. She has returned to the Division 1 field this year where last year's champion Alissa Rausch, a senior, of Wausau West returns to defend her title. Maroszek has the top qualifying throw of 163-8. Rausch enters the meet with the seventh-best toss of 120-5. Senior Angela Boushea of Monona Grove is the defending Division 1 champion in the shot put, and she has the best qualifying toss of 47-6. Maroszek, the Division 2 champion in the event, is third on the qualifiers list in the shot put with a throw of 44-10 1/4. Senior Jessica Waldvogel of Wausau West returns to defend her title in the long jump. Her qualifying jump of 17-9 1/2 is third-best among the qualifiers. Junior Marissa Savitch of Homestead is the returning champion in the 100 hurdles. She is considered a favorite to repeat the accomplishment based on her fastest qualifying time among competitors in the event at 14.20. In addition, junior Chidera Obasih of Brookfield Central won the Division 1 titles in the 100 and 200 dashes in 2008, but false started in the 100 and fell to third in the 200 last year. She looks to rebound to regain the titles with the fastest qualifying time this year in the 100 at 11.91 and second-fastest time in the 200. Notably, she has also qualified with the fastest time in the 400 and the second furthest distance in the long jump. Relays attempting to repeat include Onalaska in the 3,200 relay, Milwaukee King in the 400 relay and Milwaukee Bradley 1,600 relay.

DIVISION 2 NOTES-GIRLS: Four schools share the distinction of having the most qualifiers with 13 competing, including relays and alternates. Those are Monroe, Notre Dame, Tomahawk and Wisconsin Dells. Two individuals in four events and two relays are attempting to defend their State titles. Highlighting the division is senior Maya Vazquez of Arcadia. She is the returning champion in three events and will attempt to win her fourth straight championship in the long jump. She has the fifth-best qualifying mark at 17-7 1/2. Vazquez also attempts to repeat in the 100 and 200 dashes, qualifying this year with the second-best time in the 100 and the swiftest time in the 200. Furthermore, she is the fastest qualifier in the 400 dash, an event she won in 2008 and placed second in last year by .04.

Senior Dani Vetesnik of Richland Center will take on all challengers to defend her pole vault championship. She is considered the favorite this year with the top qualifying height of 11-0. The relays with a chance to win consecutive titles is the Omro 800 relay and the Milwaukee Lutheran 400 relay.

DIVISION 3 NOTES-GIRLS: Darlington heads the list of qualifiers with 16, including relays and alternates, followed by Colfax and Marathon with 14, and then Gibraltar and Pacelli with 13. The division features the most returning champions of any in the meet. Six individuals in eight events are out to win consecutive titles. Junior Bria Halama of Independence/Gilmanton has her goals set on a third straight triple jump championship. She is well ahead of the rest of the qualifying field with a jump of 36-11 1/4. She also has the fastest qualifying time in the 400 dash. Senior Rachel Melum of Iola-Scandinavia is attempting to win a third championship in the high jump. She won the event as a freshman in 2007, finished third in 2008 and recaptured glory last year. Senior Gretchen Homan of Catholic Central will be seeking consecutive crowns in a pair of events. She won the 200 and 400 dashes last season and has qualified this year with the second-fastest times in both events. Last year, freshman sensation Molly Seidel of University Lake School won titles in both the 1,600 and 3,200 runs. This year, the sophomore returns to defend those titles. She has the fastest qualifying performance in both those events by a relatively comfortable margin. Sophomore Tessa Thurs of Edgar also broke onto the scene last year to win the 300 hurdles as a freshman. She returns to defend her title with the fastest qualifying time of 46.36. Senior Cheyenne Gray of Independence/Gilmanton raced to the title of the 100 hur-

dles last year. She is back to defend the title after qualifying with the second-fastest time in the event. Frederic attempts to win back-to-back titles in both the 400 and 3,200 relays. Edgar looks for a repeat title in the 1,600 relay, and Newman Catholic is attempting to earn consecutive titles in the 800 relay.

NEED THE QUALIFIERS?: Qualifiers and qualifying performance lists, along with meet schedule, heats and lane assignments are available on the WIAA track & field Web site at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=28>.

NEED RESULTS?: The quickest way to get results of the 2010 State Track and Field results is to access the WIAA Web site at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=526> and choose the appropriate link on the track results home page for live updates as the meet unfolds, provided in cooperation with PrimeTime Event & Race Management, LLC.

WIAA CHAMPIONSHIP HIGHLIGHTS: Watch all the action from the 2010 WIAA Track & Field Championships live on WIAA.TV. FS Wisconsin will air the meet delayed. See the dates and times of the programming below. Check your local cable listings for the FS Wisconsin channel in your area.

| Event | Date | Time |
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| Girls-Division 1 | June 12 | 3 p.m. |
| Girls-Division 2 | June 19 | 3 p.m. |
| Girls-Division 3 | July 13 | 8 p.m. |
| Boys-Division 1 | June 12 | 6 p.m. |
| Boys-Division 2 | June 19 | 7 p.m. |
| Boys-Division 3 | July 13 | 6 p.m. |