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WIAA BOYS SUPER TUESDAY, STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIPS-OFF THIS WEEK

Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State Boys Basketball Tournament Thursday-Saturday, March 17-19, 2011 Kohl Center, Madison, Wis.

THE STATE TOURNAMENT: The 96th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys Basketball State Championships will take place Thursday-Saturday, March 17-19, at the Kohl Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices for the tourney are \$8 per session for all seating.

SUPER TUESDAY SCHEDULE AND PAIRINGS:

Eight teams in Division 1 attempt to gain a berth in the State Tournament in the first-ever Super Tuesday slate of games on March 15. Tickets are \$4 at the door. Here are the matchups and locations for the games scheduled to tip-off at 7 p.m.:

UW-Whitewater, Kachel Gymnasium (hosted by Badger) Madison Memorial (19-6) vs. Milwaukee Riverside (23-2)

UW-Oshkosh, Kolf Sports Center (Hosted by Oshkosh West & North) Appleton East (25-0) vs. Germantown (24-1)

Marquette University, Al McGuire Center (hosted by Germantown/Arrowhead) Beloit Memorial (21-4) vs. Milwaukee Hamilton (19-6)

UW-Stevens Point, Quandt Fieldhouse (hosted by Stevens Point) Superior (18-7) vs. De Pere (23-2)

STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: The single elimination tournament features a five division format for the first time. Four teams qualify in each of the five divisions.

*Note: Subsequent games of each session will begin approximately 25 minutes following the previous game.

Thursday, March 17

Time Div. Pairings

1:35 p.m. 5 Clayton (24-1) vs. Wauzeka-Steuben (24-2)

5 Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran (22-4) vs. Randolph (23-3)*

6:35 p.m. 4 Grantsburg (21-5) vs. Blair-Taylor (26-0)

4 Marathon (25-1) vs. Oostburg (26-0)*

Friday, March 18

Time Div. Pairings

9:05 a.m. 3 Aquinas (25-1) vs. Lakeside Lutheran (25-1)

3 Little Chute (23-4) vs. Racine St. Catherine's (23-3)*

1:35 p.m. 2 Merrill (15-11) vs. Waunakee (25-1)

2 Seymour (23-3) vs. Whitefish Bay (18-8)*

6:35 p.m. 1 Super Tuesday #1 Winner vs. Super Tuesday #3 Winner

1 Super Tuesday #2 Winner vs. Super Tuesday #4 Winner*

Saturday, March 19

Time Div. Pairings

11:05 p.m. 5 Division 5 Championship Game

4 Division 4 Championship Game*

3 Division 3 Championship Game*

6:35 p.m. 2 Division 2 Championship Game

1 Division 1 Championship Game*

SUPER TUESDAY GAMES ON THE AIR: All four Super Tuesday contests will be streamed live on foxsports-wisconsin.com. Time Warner Cable Sports 32 will be airing the Super Tuesday game from the Al McGuire Center.

STATE TOURNAMENT ON THE AIR: The State Tournament will be televised live 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, WMOW-TV 4 in Crandon, 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 Boys Basketball Championship Tournament was held in 1916. This will be the 14th year the Kohl Center has hosted the championships since moving from the UW Field House in 1998. The tournament featured a one-class format until 1934 when, for two years (1934-35), there were two

classes. From 1936 until 1939, the tournament increased to three classes, and then returned to the one class format in 1940. A one-class tourney prevailed until 1972 when it again became a two-class event. The tourney went to three classes again in 1974 and remained that way until the current four-division format was adopted in 1991. The 2011 State Tournament introduces the first five-division format and qualifying four teams from each division. Randolph has won eight State championships, the most titles won by any member school. Beloit has won seven championships with Milwaukee King, Milwaukee Vincent, Milwaukee Lincoln and Racine St. Catherine's each having won five. There have been 104 different schools that have won championships. Superior Central owns the record for the most State Tournament appearances with 27, followed by Beloit with 26 and then Eau Claire and Neenah with 25.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 1 SUPER TUESDAY FIELD:

Last year's runner-up **Madison Memorial** is vying for its eighth consecutive appearance at State, which also accounts for the Spartans' overall total. They won State titles in 2005 and 2009 and added runner-up finishes in 2004, 2006 and 2008. They defeated Sun Prairie 67-64 in the sectional final played at Sun Prairie to advance to Super Tuesday. The Spartans are co-champions of the Big Eight Conference with Beloit Memorial this season. Milwaukee **Riverside** beat Milwaukee King 60-48 in the West Allis Central Sectional final to earn its spot in the Super Tuesday game. If victorious, the Tigers will make their first-ever appearance in the State Tournament. They are the champions of the Milwaukee City Conference this year. Beloit **Memorial** is attempting to return to State for the 27th time, which is currently tied for the most appearances by any member school. The Purple Knights most recent State experience came two seasons ago. They have won the second-most titles of any school in the membership with seven (1932-34, 1937, 1947, 1969 and 1973). They have also finished runner-up three times (1935, 1968 and 1978). Their participation in their Super Tuesday match-up comes virtue of a 49-45 win over Kenosha Bradford in the Germantown/Arrowhead Sectional final. They finished in a tie for first place with Madison Memorial in the Big Eight Conference this season. Milwaukee Hamilton is playing on Super Tuesday for a chance to advance to State for the second consecutive season and for the fifth time overall. The Wildcats were crowned champions in 1972. This year, they finished third in the Milwaukee City Conference standings and advanced through the Racine Horlick sectional with a 51-41 win over Racine Case in the final. **Appleton East** hopes to advance to the State Tournament for the second straight season and for the seventh time overall. The Patriots have finished runner-up at State on two occasions, in 1986 and 1990. They defeated crosstown rival Appleton West in the Appleton North Sectional final to advance to Super Tuesday. They are the champions of the Fox Valley Association this season. Germantown has its sights on returning to the State Tournament for the third time in the last four years, having made its first two appearances in back-to-back fashion in 2008-09. The Warhawks fell in the quarterfinals in each of those previous engagements. They have earned the chance for another shot at advancing to State following a 59-38 win over Waukesha West in the Germantown/Arrowhead Sectional final held at the Al McGuire Center in Milwaukee. The Warhawks finished first in the North Shore Conference this season. With a victory in the Super Tuesday contest, **Superior** will make its membership-leading 28th State Tournament appearance and its first since winning its most recent championship in 1974. All tolled, the Spartans have won four titles, also earning the crown in 1920, 1935 and 1936. They have also finished runner-up three times, those coming in 1924, 1954 and 1955. This year, they are the champions of the Lake Superior Conference and have advanced to Super Tuesday following a 51-35 victory over D.C. Everest in the final of the D.C. Everest Sectional final. De Pere is attempting to make only its second appearance at State with a win Tuesday. The Redbirds are in this position following a 59-47 win over Bay Port in the final of the sectional they hosted at the Brown County Arena in Green Bay. They shared the Fox River Valley Conference championship this season with Bay Port. In their only prior experience at State, the Redbirds fell in the 1977 Division 1 quarterfinals.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 2 FIELD: Sevmour is back in the tournament field for the 13th time. The Thunder had an impressive run of eight consecutive appearances from 2000-07, which produced a championship in 2001 and 2006 and runner-up finishes in 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. They also won a championship in 1997. They finished first in the Bay Conference this season and secured an opportunity to contend for the title by defeating Port Washington 62-40 in the De Pere Sectional final. Whitefish Bay will experience the State Tournament for the sixth time and for the first time since winning the Division 2 championship in 1998. That ended a three year stretch of qualifying for State, which also produced a title in 1996. In addition, the Blue Dukes also finished runnerup in 1990. This year, they qualify following a secondplace standing in the North Shore Conference and a 51-50 overtime win over Wisconsin Lutheran in the Germantown/Arrowhead Sectional final. Merrill will makes its first appearance in the State Tournament since the only other time it qualified in 1964, when they lost in the first round. The Bluejays are coming off a 38-35 triumph over Onalaska in the Marshfield Sectional final. They placed fifth in the Wisconsin Valley Conference this season. Waunakee is making its first-ever appearance in the State Tournament. The Warriors are the champions of the Badger North Conference and are the representatives out of the Janesville Craig Sectional by virtue of their 69-36 win over Stoughton in the final.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 3 FIELD: Two-time defending champion **Racine St. Catherine's** returns to State for the sixth time, all coming in the last seven years. The Angels also won three straight State championships from 2005-07. The first of those was in Division 2. The Angels were a perennial power in the now defunct WISAA. They won nine titles and finished runner-up 11 times. The champi-

onships came in 1958, 1959, 1961, 1969, 1971, 1977, 1985, 1992 and 1993. The Angels finished third in the Midwest Classic Conference this season. They advanced out of the Germantown/Arrowhead Sectional with a 49-23 win over Sheboygan Falls in the final. **Aguinas** returns to State for the fourth time in the last five seasons and for the fifth time overall. The Blugolds first experience in the tournament resulted in the Division 2 championship in 2003, and they won an additional Division 3 crown in 2008. They added runner-up finishes in 2007 and 2009. As a former member of WISAA, the Blugolds won titles in 1941, 1946. 1949, 1950 and finished runner-up on two other occasions. They are the champions of the Mississippi Valley Conference this season, and they advance to State with a 63-39 win over Unity in the Somerset Sectional final. Lakeside Lutheran and Little Chute are celebrating their first-ever appearances in the State Tournament. The Warriors earned the berth by defeating Prairie du Chien 56-31 in the Middleton Sectional final. They are the champions of the Capitol North Conference this winter. The Mustangs topped Wrightstown 56-44 in the final of the Menasha Sectional Saturday, and they captured the Eastern Valley Conference crown this season.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 4 FIELD: Oostburg makes the trip to Madison for the eighth time and for the first time since 2002. The Flying Dutchmen won the Division 3 championship in 1995 and won Class C titles in 1986 and 1987. They also recorded a runner-up finish in 1977. They are the champions of the Central Lakeshore Conference and the Whitefish Bay Sectional, which featured a 37-32 victory over Racine Lutheran in the final. Marathon returns to the State Tournament for the first time since 1984 and for the seventh time overall. The Red Raiders won three straight Class C championships from 1975-77. They defeated Oshkosh Lourdes 63-37 in the Stevens Point Sectional final to advance to State this season. They tied with Auburndale for the championship of the Marawood Conference this year. **Blair-Taylor** returns to the field in Division 4. The Wildcats qualified in Division 3 last year after a Division 4 appearance in 2009. It is the seventh overall State appearance for the Wildcats. They have lost in the semifinals in each of their six previous experiences at State. The Wildcats defeated Cuba City 58-48 in the Baraboo Sectional final to earn their return engagement. They are the champions of the Dairyland Conference this season. **Grantsburg** returns to State for the first time since its only other appearance in 2005 when the Pirates finished runner-up in Division 3. They defeated Colfax in the Chippewa Falls Sectional final 49-38 after winning the West Division title of the Lakeland Conference this season.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 5 FIELD: The first Division 5 field has a familiar look to it as three of the four qualifiers participated at State in Division 4 a year ago. Defending champion **Randolph** returns for the eighth time in the last 10 years and for the 14th time overall. The Rockets won four straight titles from 2002-05 to go with titles in 1996, 1998, 2007 and last year. The eight titles is the most of any member school. They also added a runner-up finish in 1997. The Rockets are the champions of the Central Division of the Trailways Conference this year. They

defeated Catholic Central 65-40 in the Watertown Sectional final to earn the chance to defend their title. Last year's runner-up **Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran** is back for another run at the title. The Blazers fell to Randolph in the Division 4 title game last season in their first-ever State appearance. They defeated Marion 75-51 to remain in the title hunt. They finished first in the Packerland Conference during the regular season. Clayton will play in its second consecutive tournament and its fourth overall. In each of their previous experiences, the Bears have fallen in the semifinals. They defeated Drummond 46-39 in the Spooner Sectional final to earn their return to the tourney field. The Bears are the champions of the Central Division of the Lakeland Conference this season. Wauzeka-**Steuben** will be making its first-ever appearance in the State Tournament. The Hornets earned their initial appearance by knocking off Plum City 57-46 in the La Crosse Central Sectional final. They finished second in the Ridge & Valley Conference this year.

ARRANGEMENT FOR MEDIA SEATING: media seating arrangement for the 2011 State Boys Basketball Tournament will follow the same plan as the last three years. Only one row of media seating will be available courtside. Information gathered from the Media Credential Request Form submitted to the WIAA will be used to determine access to the courtside media tables. Media will receive color-coded credentials, which will allow media covering a particular team in a session courtside media table access for the session that particular team is playing in. If media outlets identify coverage of teams not playing in a particular session (Division 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5), their credential will provide alternate seating. The alternate media areas for those media not covering a team in a respective session is located in sections 210 and 208 (208) is the radio broadcast area).

NEED TEAM QUALIFIERS INFORMATION?: All the rosters, statistics and results of the qualifying boys teams are available on the restricted area of the Media Center of the WIAA Web site.

FORMAT FOR POST-GAME CONFERENCES:

Immediately following each game (or award ceremony after title games), the winning coach and selected players will participate in a short interview with the television network. The winning coach and players will be permitted a short cooling-off period and then escorted to the media conference area for an eight-minute media conference. Immediately following the winning team's participation in the conference, the coach and selected players of the losing team will conduct an eight-minute media conference. Radio stations broadcasting from Section 208 are reminded of the audio feed box located at the center of the top row of the section that will allow the audio feed from the media conference room. Please, no interviews prior to teams' participation in the media conference.

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 boys basketball results page.