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

**Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
State Girls Basketball Championships
Thursday-Saturday, March 24-26, 2011
Kohl Center, Madison, Wis.**

THE STATE TOURNAMENT: The 36th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Girls Basketball State Championships will take place Thursday-Saturday, March 24-26, at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices for the tourney are \$8 per session.

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 22. 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*)
Middleton (24-1) vs. Franklin (17-8)

Oshkosh North High School (*Hosted by Oshkosh West & North*)
De Pere (22-3) vs. Nicolet (23-2)

Wisconsin Lutheran College, The REX (*hosted by Wisconsin Lutheran*)
Pius XI (24-1) vs. Racine Case (22-2)

UW-Stevens Point, Quandt Fieldhouse (*hosted by Stevens Point*)
Eau Claire North (23-2) vs. Appleton East (16-9)

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 24

Time	Div.	Pairings
1:35 p.m.	5	Prentice (25-1) vs. River Ridge (19-7)
	5	Newman Catholic (26-1) vs. Black Hawk (26-0)*
6:35 p.m.	4	Regis (25-1) vs. Westby (25-1)
	4	Algoma (25-1) vs. Oostburg (23-3)*

Friday, March 25

Time	Div.	Pairings
9:05 a.m.	3	Altoona (19-7) vs. Prairie du Chien (21-5)
	3	Kewaunee (23-3) vs. Dominican (26-0)*
1:35 p.m.	2	New London (23-3) vs. Milton (22-3)
	2	Luxemburg-Casco (25-1) vs. Whitefish Bay (21-5)*
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 26

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 Wisconsin Lutheran College.

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 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

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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 nine. 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.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 1 SUPER TUESDAY FIELD:

Defending champion **Pius XI** plays on Super Tuesday with a chance at advancing to State and play for back-to-back titles. The Lady Popes are the champions of the Classic Eight Conference. They won the Brookfield East Sectional by defeating Milwaukee Vincent 59-35 in the final. They were a perennial power 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. Last year's runner-up **De Pere** is attempting to make its fourth straight trip to State and its seventh overall following a 56-42 victory over Green Bay Preble in the Sheboygan South Sectional final. The Redbirds captured the State title in 2005 and the Class A championship in the second of back-to-back appearances in 1983. They finished second in the Fox River Classic Conference this season. **Middleton** will be attempting to qualify for State for the seventh time overall and for the fourth consecutive year. The Cardinals have finished second in the State twice, once in 1993 and again in 2003. Middleton is the champion of the Big Eight conference this season. The Cardinals advance to Super Tuesday after defeating Verona 61-39 in the Verona Sectional final. **Racine Case** defeated Oak Creek 46-35 in the Racine Case Sectional final to advance to Super Tuesday. With a win, the Eagles will make their second appearance in the State Tournament after making its initial appearance last season that resulted in a loss in the quarterfinals. They are the champions of the Southeast Conference this season. **Eau Claire North** is playing on Super Tuesday for the privilege of advancing to the State Tournament for the first time since 1981 when the Huskies lost in the quarterfinals. They eliminated Superior from the title chase with a 53-31 victory in the Marshfield Sectional final after capturing the Big Rivers Conference title during the regular season. **Appleton East** is playing for the opportunity to gain a State berth for the third time overall and for the first time since 1998. In the Patriots' two previous appearances, they have fallen in the quarterfinals. They finished in a tie for fifth place in the Fox Valley Association this season and advance to Super Tuesday after edging Oshkosh West 38-36 in four overtimes in the Oshkosh North Sectional final. **Nicolet** defeated Arrowhead 55-22 in the final of the Kettle Moraine Sectional final to advance to the Super Tuesday game. If victorious, the Knights will qualify for State for the fourth time overall and for the first time since back-to-back appearances in 1997-98. The only other experience

was in 1994. Each experience ended in the quarterfinals. They are the champions of the North Shore Conference this year. **Franklin** is also playing for its fourth appearance in the State Tournament and its first since 2007. The Sabers' most notable outcome at State was a runner-up finish in 1999. They finished fourth in the Southeast Conference this season, and have advanced to Super Tuesday by virtue of their 50-34 triumph over Janesville Craig.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 2 FIELD: **New London** returns to the State Tournament for the first time since back-to-back appearances in 2006-07, which produced a runner-up finish in 2007. They earn their return trip to Madison after a 41-34 win over Sparta in the Marshfield Sectional final. They placed second in the Bay Conference this season behind Luxemburg-Casco, which has also qualified in the Division 2. **Milton's** last appearance at State also occurred in 2007, when the Red Hawks lost in the quarterfinals in Division 1. Their only other appearance in the tournament came in 1992 when they advanced to the semifinals before being eliminated from title contention. They finished at the top of the South Division of the Badger Conference standings this season and emerged from the Sun Prairie Sectional with a 55-46 win over Waunakee in the final. **Luxemburg-Casco** is back at State for the sixth time overall and for the first time since 2004 when the Spartans captured the Division 2 crown. They won two other State titles, in 1994 and 1988, and placed runner-up in 1995. They won the Bay Conference title this season and registered a 46-36 win over Beaver Dam in the Oshkosh West Sectional final to qualify for the tourney. **Whitefish Bay** has six previous appearances in the State Tournament. The last one came in 2006. The Blue Dukes' best outcome in any of the previous tournaments was runner-up finish in Class A in 1986. They were runners-up of the North Shore Conference this season. They defeated New Berlin Eisenhower 44-42 in the final of the West Allis Central Sectional.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 3 FIELD: **Altoona** will experience the State tournament for the third time in the last four years. Its appearance last year and in 2008 resulted in losses in the Division 2 semifinals. This season, the Lady Rails finished second in the Western Division of the Cloverbelt Conference, which was won by Division 4 qualifier Regis. They notched a 31-29 victory over Ladysmith in the Chippewa Falls Sectional final to punch their ticket to the tournament. **Prairie du Chien** advances to State for the first time since its only other appearance resulted in a Division 2 State championship in 1991. The Blackhawks defeated Edgerton 47-34 in the final of the DeForest Sectional to continue their quest of a State title. They placed third in the Southwest Wisconsin Conference this season. **Dominican** will be making its first-ever appearance in the State Tournament following the Knights' 47-40 win over Winnebago Lutheran in the Waukesha West Sectional final. They are the champions of the South Division of the Midwest Classic Conference this year. Likewise, **Kewaunee** is also appearing in the State

Tournament for the first time. The Storm defeated Freedom 47-44 in the final of the Ashwaubenon Sectional to advance to the State semifinals. They tied for the Packerland Conference title with Algoma, which has also qualified for the State tournament in Division 4.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 4 FIELD: Last year's Division 3 runner-up **Oostburg** is back at State for the fifth straight year and for the ninth time overall. The Flying Dutchmen have won Division 3 State championships in 1990, 1994 and 2008. This season, they are the champions of the Central Lakeshore Conference and qualified for State by beating Shoreland Lutheran 48-45 in the Waukesha North Sectional final. **Algoma** returns to State for the first time since 1986 and for the sixth time overall. The Wolves won the Class C championship in 1986 after finishing runner-up in 1985. They also won the Class B title in 1981. They are the co-champions of the Packerland Conference this season with Division 3 qualifier Kewaunee. The Wolves defeated Edgar 88-58 in the Waupaca Sectional final to earn its berth in the State Tournament. **Regis** is appearing at State for the third time and for the first time since back-to-back experiences in 2003-04, which produced a Division 4 championship in 2003. The champions of the Western Division of the Cloverbelt Conference defeated Boyceville 71-41 in the Eau Claire Memorial Sectional final. Regis also had a history of success in the WISAA tournament before that association dissolved. Regis won back-to-back titles in 1986, 1992 and 1993, and were runner-up in 1995 and 1991. **Westby** will experience State for the first time after getting by Belleville 38-37 in the Baraboo Sectional final. They finished atop the Coulee Conference standings this year.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 5 FIELD: Defending Division 4 champion **Newman Catholic** is making its eighth overall appearance. The Fighting Cardinals also won the State title in 2002. 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 St. Mary Central 79-21 in the Pulaski Sectional final. Last year's Division 4 runner-up **Black Hawk** is making its third straight appearance at State and its third overall. The Warriors first-ever appearance at State in 2009 resulted in a semifinal loss. They earned a return berth in the field after a 56-35 win over Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah in the Watertown Sectional final. They were the champions of the Eastern Division of the Six Rivers Conference this season. **Prentice** will be making its ninth State appearance and the first since 1993. All eight previous experiences came in a period from 1981-93, which produced Class C titles in 1981 and 1989 and a Division 4 championship in 1992. The Buccaneers also finished runners-up in 1982 and 1993. They are the champions of the North Division of the Marawood Conference in 2011 and are the representative out of the Spooner Sectional following a 55-43 win over Siren in the final. **River Ridge** qualifies for the State Tournament for the first time following a 56-37 win over Cashton in the La Crosse Central Sectional final. The Timberwolves finished in a tie for first place in the West Division of the Six Rivers Conference this season with Highland.

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