

GIRLS TENNIS TEAMS COMPETE FOR WIAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

THE MEET: The 17th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Girls Team Tennis Championships will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22-23. The meet takes place at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison, Wis. Action will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday and will resume at 9 a.m. Saturday. Admission is \$6 for adults and students.

THE DIVISION 1 MATCH-UPS:

Division 1 - Quarterfinals (5:30 p.m. Oct. 22)

Match-1: Eau Claire Memorial (22-4) vs. Green Bay Southwest (19-8)
Match-2: Middleton (17-5) vs. Oshkosh West (22-3)
Match-3: Divine Savior Holy Angels (17-2) vs. Whitefish Bay (10-2)
Match-4: Homestead (23-0) vs. Janesville Parker (14-5)

Division 1 - Semifinals (9 a.m. Oct. 23)

Match-5: Winner of Match 1 vs. Winner of Match 2
Match-6: Winner of Match 3 vs. Winner of Match 4

Division 1 - Championship (2 p.m. Oct. 23)

Match-7: Winner of Match 5 vs. Winner of Match 6

THE DIVISION 2 MATCH-UPS:

Division 2 - Semifinals (9 a.m. Oct. 23)

Match-1: Regis (20-5) vs. Edgewood (11-6)
Match-2: Notre Dame (15-1) vs. University School (16-8)

Division 2 - Championship (2 p.m. Oct. 23)

Match-3: Winner of Match 1 vs. Winner of Match 2

BY THE NUMBERS: There were 207 teams competing this fall in the WIAA with 135 in Division 1 and 72 in Division 2. The State Tournament field of teams is determined by team points recorded at the subsectional and sectional levels.

ON THE AIR: The State Girls Individual Tennis Tournament highlight program will air on FS Wisconsin Saturday, Nov. 24, at 9 p.m. The State Team Tennis Tournament highlight package is scheduled to air at 9:30 p.m., immediately following the individual highlight program.

LAST YEAR: Homestead captured its second consecutive State team championship. The Highlanders defeated Oshkosh West 6-1 in the championship final. The Highlanders swept all four singles flights and two of the three doubles matches to capture the crown. Notre Dame won the title for the second year in a row by defeating University School in the Division 2 championship match 5-2 for the second straight year. The two teams split the singles matches, but the Tritons won all three doubles matches to earn their fourth team title.

THE HISTORY OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: In Division 1, Nicolet has won six titles since the advent of the team championship dual format in 1994 and have won a membership-leading 17 titles. Brookfield Central has won three championships since the beginning of the dual format and nine overall. Whitefish Bay has won eight titles, including four Division 2 titles.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 1 FIELD: Two-time defending champion Homestead is making its sixth tournament appearance and its third in a row. The Highlanders have also recorded back-to-back runner-up finishes in 2002-03. Green Bay Southwest will be appearing in the tournament for the 16th time, the most of any member school since the dual-match format began. The Fighting Trojans won the Division 1 title in 1997. Last year's runner-up Eau Claire Memorial is making its 12th overall appearance and the first since 2007. The Old Abes have finished runner-up four times (1998, 1999, 2001, 2004). Whitefish Bay is making its 10th State appearance and the first since the Blue Dukes won the Division 1 championship in 2007. They also won the Division 1 championship in 2005 and Division 2 championships in 1995, 1996 and 1998. They have also finished runner-up nine times. Divine Savior Holy Angels is making its second consecutive appearance and its fourth overall. The Dashers have won a pair of State titles. The first in 2001 and then again in 2004. Middleton has qualified for the third time and for the first time since back-to-back appearances in 2006-07. Oshkosh West is making its second straight appearance after qualifying for the first time last season. Janesville Parker has qualified for the State Girls Tennis Team Tournament for the first time in school history.

ABOUT THE DIVISION 2 FIELD: Two-time defending champion Notre Dame is making its fourth straight appearance at State and its eighth overall. The Tritons also made a string of three straight appearances from 2001-2003 that produced championships in 2002 and 2003. In addition, they finished runner-up in 2005. University School has finished runner-up the last two years, which came on the heels of four straight Division 2 titles (2004-07). Therefore, the Wildcats have won championships or have finished runner-up in each of its previous six appearances. Edgewood makes its second straight appearance in the final field of four and its fourth overall. The Crusaders also had back-to-back showings in 2003-04, which included a runner-up finish in 2004. Regis is making its first-ever appearance in the State Team Tournament.

LAST WEEK: At the State individual tournament, junior Karyn Guttormsen of Kenosha Bradford defeated Maddie Johnson of Onalaska 6-1, 6-3 in the final to win the Division 1 singles championship after finishing runner-up last year. Two-time defending champion and top seed Aly Coran of Homestead finished fourth. Senior Tara Robey and junior Sarah Woods of Divine Savior Holy Angels successfully defended their Division 1 doubles crown, winning their second straight title with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over top-seeded Carly Peck and Sophia Lococo of Homestead. Sophomore Maddy Ecker of University School won the Division 2 singles championship with a 7-6 (3), 6-0 win over Maria Koval of Notre Dame in the title match. Defending champion Shannon Etten of Xavier finished third. Seniors Katie Pott and Christina Schaupp of Notre Dame won the Division 2 doubles championship as the top seed with a 6-2, 6-3 win over the Xavier tandem of Leah Powley and Andrea Jumes in the championship final match.

NEED INFORMATION?: Rosters and records of teams in the State tournament are available on the WIAA Web site at www.wiaawi.org by accessing girls tennis homepage. Results will only be available on the Web site at <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=565>.

NEED CREDENTIALS?: Media Credential requests for the 2010 WIAA Girls Team Tennis Championships must be requested by submitting the on-line Credential Request form located on the restricted area of the Media Center of the WIAA Web site by noon Oct. 20. Credentials will be available for pick-up upon arrival at Nielsen Tennis Stadium.