











WBCA Pre-Season High School Baseball Rankings

DIVISION I

1		WILMOT UNION PANTHERS	The Panthers were last year's State Runner-Up team and finished with a 24-6 record. They return seven starters and 2/3rds of their pitching. Junior Bendon Hayden will be their top pitcher and was 1st Team All-Conference.
2		MIDDLETON CARDINALS	Sectional Champs last year with a final record of 21-7, 1st Team All-State pick Shane Adler will lead the pitching staff and offense. Fellow senior righty Dylan Acker returns as Middleton's 2nd pitcher from last spring.
3		KIMBERLY PAPERMAKERS	The Papers made it to State last year and with most of their starting lineup and half their pitching back, they should expect to go again. Senior Bryce Bellen, All-FVA 1st Team last year, will lead the pitchers.
4		SUN PRAIRIE CARDINALS	The Cardinals will fight their Redbird counterparts in Middleton in the Big Eight Conference this spring. Like Middleton, Sun Prairie made it to the Show last year. Senior righty Michael Handel was HM All-State in '09.
5		LA CROSSE CENTRAL RED RAIDERS	New coach Nick Kalina inherits a team that went 25-2 last spring. He'll have Bobby Juan, a 2nd Team All-State catcher and 3rd Team All-State Mich Ghelfi, who hit .435 last season. They are picked to win the Mississippi Valley.
6		BAY PORT PIRATES	The Pirates are the defending State Champions, and won't go quietly as they defend their title. Senior AJ Gaura returns from a team that went 26-5 and came home with a Gold Trophy. The Pirates return over half their pitching.
7		WAUSAU WEST WARRIORS	Picked to win the Wisconsin Valley, the Wawrriors will be led by Senior and unanimous 1st Team All-Conference pick Adam Kramer. The Warriors had 20 wins last year and fell one game short of going to Appleton.
8		EAU CLAIRE NORTH HUSKIES	The Huskies made it to Appleton last year on the strength of a 20-win season and All-State Honorable Mention Seth Hurt's bat. Hurt, only a junior, hit over .400 last year. The Huskies return over half their lineup and pitching staff.
9		OSHKOSH WEST WILDCATS	Led by 2nd Team All-State Trey Demler, who hit over .453 last year, top pitcher Eric Stenson, and fellow 1st Team All Fox Valley Association pick catcher Beau Burgert, the Wildcats have solid sticks and a talented pitching staff.
10		OCONOMOWOC RACOONS	Hall of Fame Coach Pat Neary has a team that struggled last year, but returns with almost their entire starting lineup and pitching staff. The Coonies will be fast on the bases and play great defense.










DIVISION II

1		WEST DE PERE PHANTOMS	With 21 wins last season, an appearance in the Sectional Finals, and three 1st Team All-Bay performers Jon Schlemmer, Dakota Perock, and Mike Schneider, the Phantoms will be looking to get back to Appleton.
2		HAYWARD HURRICANES	The Canes won the Heart O'North, but fell to conference rival Bloomer, as the Blackhawks went to State last spring. Picked to win the Ho'N once again, Tom Danczyk and a senior loaded pitching staff will be tough to score runs on.
3		PRAIRIE DU CHIEN BLACKHAWKS	Three kids who were 1st Team All-SWAL last year were from PcD... seniors Brett Hogan, Nate Mezera, and junior Kevin Aspenson, and were the only returning 1st Team All-Conference picks in the SWAL. They won 21 games in 2009.
4		MADISON EDGEWOOD CRUSADERS	The Crusaders look to defend their title. Their team that compiled a 25 win season took a hit, but Edgewood can supplement losses from a JV that went 19-3. They'll battle as getting on base will make up for a lack of power.
5		BELOIT TURNER TROJANS	Turner won 18 games last year and returns seven starters and most of their pitching. Senior Aaron Jones was Honorable Mention All-State last year with a .500 batting average. He'll be their top pitcher too.
6		NEW RICHMOND TIGERS	Hall of Fame coach John Ball might be gone but he will never be forgotten. The Tigers bring back 1st Team All Middle Border players Dan Leavens, Grant Nelson, and Jake Zajkowski... along with three 2nd Team All-Conference picks.
7		JEFFERSON EAGLES	The Eagles had 18 wins last year and are looking for more as they return most starters and pitchers. 1st Team All-Rock Valley Michael Stellmacher, along with four kids that made 2nd Team All-Conference, will see to that.
8		UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MILWAUKEE WILDCATS	21 wins and a team that returns most of their starting lineup and nearly all of their pitchers, USM will be led by senior Alex Tesensky, a 1st Team All-MWCN pick last year. Two others were named 2nd Team All-Conference.
9		ALTOONA RAILROADERS	Altoona returns most of their starting lineup from a team that went 21-1 last season, including 1st Team All-Conference catcher Joel Johnson. Any holes will be plugged by a JV team that went 15-0.
10		MAUSTON GOLDEN EAGLES	Coming off their first conference title in school history, the Eagles return most of the players that got them there, including 1st Team All-South Central junior Brady Nelson.

DIVISION III

1		WATERTOWN LUTHER PREP PHOENIX	Consensus pick to three-peat in the Capitol North Conference, the Phoenix return their entire pitching staff including 1st Team All-Conference hurlers Jake Ziel and Brandon Hildebrandt.
2		CHEQUAMEGON SCREAMING EAGLES	With 21 victories and a Regional Championship, and HM All-State shortstop Casey Plemon to lead them, along with three other All-Conference picks, Chequamegon (formerly Park Falls) is one of the best teams in the North.
3		ST. MARY'S SPRINGS LEDGERS	Springs finished one game from State, but they could go all the way this year, with most of their starting sticks back, including 1st Team All-Conference picks Mitch Beau and Erik Martin.
4		ALGOMA WOLVES	The Wolves return six starters from a team that had 22 wins and lost in the Sectional Finals. Among the returning starters are 1st Team All-Conference Craig Kirchman, who hit .476 last year.
5		STEVENS POINT PACELLI CARDINALS	Pacelli is returning almost their entire starting offensive unit and most of their pitching. 1st Team All-CWC 8 picks Michael Jurgella and Kyle Gramowski are outstanding hitters and will lead a potent offense.
6		LA CROSSE AQUINAS BLUGOLDS	Aquinas will play DI schools all spring long, and this only makes them better come Tourney Time. The Golds return almost all of their pitching from a team that won 23 games and made it to Appleton last year.
7		MARATHON RED RAIDERS	With a Silver trophy in the case from 2009 and a Gold trophy from 2008, Steve Warren has established a championship tradition in Marathon. They bring back over half their lineup from a team that won 30 games last year.
8		WISCONSIN HEIGHTS VANGUARDS	The Baseball Barsnesses in Mazomanie have got it going on. Sectional Finalists last year with an 18-win season, the Vanguards return several important starters including 1st Team All-Conference picks Bryce Barsness and Aaryn Handel.
9		KENOSHA ST. JOSEPH LANCERS	The defending State Champions welcome back almost their entire starting lineup, which is senior dominated. They will need to carry a young pitching staff.
10		ELK MOUND MOUNDERS	Fresh off a berth in the State Tournament and a 20 win season, the Mounders return most of their sticks and their top pitcher, Garrick Day, who was 1st Team All-Dunn-Saint Croix last season.

DIVISION IV

1		ROSHOLT HORNETS	25-3 last year with 95% of their starting innings coming back makes Jack Brooks' club the team to beat. Kyle McHugh is one of only two 1st Team All-State players returning to the diamond this year.
2		CATHOLIC CENTRAL HILLTOPPERS	21 wins and a seemingly annual trip to state means that Catholic Central is going to be loaded once again. They bring back their top two sticks in 1st Team All-Conference picks Rex Morrow and Nick Junk. Morrow is their top arm too.
3		BRUCE RED RAIDERS	The Red Raiders look like a sure bet to win their 7th consecutive East Lakeland title. With five players returning who were All-Conference, including talented Casey Gudis and Ryan Gerber, there is no reason to doubt them.
4		CHIPPEWA FALLS MCDONELL MACKS	Last year's State Runner-up in DIV has reloaded. Eight starters and the entire pitching staff return from a team that won 22 games last year. They are always tournament ready because they are tournament tested.
5		GREEN LAKE LAKERS	17 wins last season and literally the entire team returning, including five All-Conference picks, means the Lakers are going to be the team to beat in the Trailways and in the Tourney. Conor McElligot was HM All-State last year.
6		BARNEVELD GOLDEN EAGLES	Five of the six 1st Team All-Conference picks in the Six Rivers East play for the Golden Eagles, including talented Mr. Everything Josh Slaney. The Eagles return almost all of their starters.
7		LAKE COUNTRY LUTHERAN LIGHTNING	With their entire pitching staff and most of their sticks returning including four kids who were named 1st or 2nd Team All-Conference, Lake Country looks like it will expand on last year's 19 win season and Regional Championship.
8		SOUTHWESTERN WILDCATS	Three of the six 1st Team All-SWAL players play for Southwestern. The Wildcats are the team to beat in small school baseball in the deep southwestern corner of the state.
9		BELMONT BRAVES	Belmont returns most of a lineup that won a Regional Title last year, including one of the most talented players in the Six Rivers East, Josh Eastlick. They'll have good balance and senior pitching.
10		HURLEY MIDGETS	Hurley won 'only' 14 games last year, which is a down year for them. With the entire starting lineup returning, they should run the weak Indianhead Conference. These midgets are always giants come tournament time.

State rankings will be posted on baseballwisconsin.com beginning in late April. For input into rankings, contact Mark Zee at Marshfield for Division I or Mark Fuller in Cumberland for Divisions II, III, and IV. If you do not contact these coaches with your updated records, your team will not be ranked.

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SUMMER

1		ARROWHEAD WARHAWKS
2		MUSKEGO WARRIORS
3		NICOLET KNIGHTS
4		WAUKESHA WEST WOLVERINES
5		NEW BERLIN EISENHOWER LIONS
6		BROOKFIELD CENTRAL LANCERS
7		MENOMONEE FALLS INDIANS
8		NEW BERLIN WEST VIKINGS
9		WHITNALL FALCONS
10		CEDARBURG BULLDOGS

Legendary coach Tim O'Driscoll's 742nd career victory was his biggest, as he and his talented Warhawks won their 2nd State Title in his 34 years of coaching there. Two of the state's four returning All-State players are Warhawks.

Muskego returns their entire starting lineup from a team that won 24 games and went to State last year. TJ Anderon, Nick McCormack, and Kevin Schoenbach were all 1st Team All-Greater Metro last summer.

Coach Richard Sykes will get his 500th career victory with the 1st win of the season. It will come quickly, as 1st Team All-State Brian Huntsinger returns to lead the team. Sam Kohnke and Brandon Zall were also 1st Team All-NSC.

1st Team All-State pick Ryan Solberg will lead a deep, experienced, and talented pitching staff as West possess the biggest challenge to Arrowhead in the Classic Eight. Solberg can flat out rake as well.

The Lions won 23 games last summer and have almost everyone back, making them the class of the Woodland Conference. Top pitchers Adam Vlaj and Alex McRae were 1st Team All-Woodland last year and both are back.

Central won the Metro with a total of 36 wins last year. Their bid to go to State was foiled in the Sectionals. With All-Greater Metro players Danny Barwick, Ryan Hinz, and Mike Mierow back, they'll challenge for titles again.

The Falls had 29 wins last year and a Regional title. They bring back most of their hitting and pitching, including All Greater Metro picks Ben Burns, Cole Myhra, Max Poeske, and Adam Rubatt.

West is the team to beat in the Woodland Blue Division, and for good reason. The Vikings return five starters and several pitchers who helped them to a Regional Title last year and a 22 win season.

With 20 wins and one game short of State, the Falcons goals this year are higher than they were last year. Alex Jaskulski, their sweet-swinging 1st baseman hit .488 last year and is one of the toughest outs in the state.

Things are rolling again in Cedarburg, as the Bulldog program returns to one of the state's best after several down years. Seven starters return for Hall of Fame Coach Jack Friess.

2010 WIAA SUMMER STATE TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

<p>WHITEHALL SECTIONAL</p> <p>ALMA AUGUSTA BLAIR-TAYLOR COCHRANE-FC ELEVA-STRUM GALE-ETTRICK-TREMP. INDEPENDENCE LINCOLN MELROSE-MINDORO WEST SALEM WHITEHALL</p>	<p>RANDOM LAKE SECTIONAL</p> <p>CAMPBELLSPORT CEDAR GROVE KEWASKUM OOSTBURG RANDOM LAKE WEST BEND EAST WEST BEND WEST</p>	<p>GERMANTOWN SECTIONAL</p> <p>ARROWHEAD BROOKFIELD CENTRAL BROOKFIELD EAST GERMANTOWN HAMILTON MENOMONEE FALLS PEWAUKEE SLINGER</p>	<p>NEW BERLIN WEST SECTIONAL</p> <p>MARQUETTE NEW BERLIN EISENHOWER NEW BERLIN WEST PIUS XI WAUWATOSA EAST WAUWATOSA WEST WEST ALLIS CENTRAL WEST ALLIS HALE</p>
<p>NEW HOLSTEIN SECTIONAL</p> <p>ELKHART LAKE HOWARDS GROVE KIEL NEW HOLSTEIN PLYMOUTH SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN SHEBOYGAN FALLS TWO RIVERS</p>	<p>CEDARBURG SECTIONAL</p> <p>BROWN DEER CEDARBURG GRAFTON HOMESTEAD NICOLET PORT WASHINGTON SHOREWOOD WHITEFISH BAY</p>	<p>MUSKEGO SECTIONAL</p> <p>CATHOLIC MEMORIAL KETTLE MORAINE MUKWONAGO MUSKEGO WAUKESHA NORTH WAUKESHA SOUTH WAUKESHA WEST WHITNALL</p>	<p>SOUTH MILWAUKEE SECTIONAL</p> <p>CUDAHY FRANKLIN GREENDALE GREENFIELD OAK CREEK SAINT FRANCIS SAINT THOMAS MORE SOUTH MILWAUKEE</p>