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1. Melrose-Mindoro	1. Prairie du Chien	1. Prairie du Chien	1. Eau Claire Eagles Purple
2. Cochrane-Fountain City	2. St. Croix Falls	2. Sparta	2. Wausau West Blue
3. Onalaska Suns	3. Hudson	3. Onalaska Suns	3. Red Wing
4. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red	4. Onalaska Suns	4. Amherst	4. Chippewa Falls MAXX
5. Clear Lake	5. Ladysmith	5. Holmen Hurricanes	5. Stevens Point
6. Arcadia	6. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red	6. Esko	6. Siren
7. Stevens Point	7. Cochrane-Fountain City	7. Cochrane-Fountain City	7. Blair-Taylor
8. Hudson	8. La Crosse Central Red	8. Stevens Point Red	8. Esko
9. Colfax	9. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	9. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Red	9. Superior
10. Northwestern	10. Marshfield Black	10. Rhinelander	10. Solon Springs
11. La Crosse Logan	11. Prescott Red	11. Colfax	11. Bangor
12. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	12. Merrill	12. Bangor	12. Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan
13. Auburndale	13. West Salem	13. La Crosse Logan	13. Lakeland
14. Augusta	14. Medford Area	14. Ladysmith	14. Onalaska Suns
15. Medford Area	15. Westby	15. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	15. St. Croix Falls
16. Aquinas	16. Durand	16. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	16. La Crescent Green
17. Osseo-Fairchild	17. Melrose-Mindoro	17. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	17. Altoona
18. Newman Catholic	18. D. C. Everest	18. Medford Area White	18. La Crosse Central
19. New Richmond	19. Holmen Maroon	19. Flambeau	19. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue
20. La Crosse Central Red	20. Neillsville	20. Wisconsin Dells	20. Iola-Scandinavia
21. Eau Claire Eagles	21. New Richmond Orange	21. Fall Creek	21. Elk Mound
22. Ladysmith	22. Hermantown	22. Phillips	22. Osseo--Fairchild Orange
23. Bloomer	23. Colfax	23. Osseo-Fairchild	23. Fall Creek
24. Iola-Scandinavia	24. Eau Claire Shamrocks Green	24. Durand	24. West Salem
25. Neillsville	25. Chippewa Falls MAXX	25. Neillsville	25. Turtle Lake
26. Winona YMCA	26. Rhinelander	26. Crandon	26. Westby
27. Amherst	27. Amherst	27. St. Croix Central Blue	27. Northwestern
28. Owen-Withee	28. Altoona	28. D. C. Everest	28. Holmen Maroon
29. Superior	29. Wausau West	29. Menomonie Maroon	29. Edgar
30. Westby	30. Assumption	30. Chippewa Falls MAXX	30. Hudson Blue
31. Eau Claire Shamrocks	31. Loyal	31. Eleva-Strum	31. Ladysmith
32. Marshfield	32. Lakeland	32. Altoona	32. Colfax

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1. Onalaska Royals	1. New Richmond Orange	1. Stevens Point Red	1. La Crosse Central Red
2. La Crosse Central Red	2. Onalaska Royals	2. Aquinas Blue	2. Onalaska Royals
3. Bloomer	3. Edgar	3. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	3. Stevens Point Red
4. Stratford	4. Superior Blue	4. Marshall	4. Northland Pines
5. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	5. Hudson White	5. Onalaska Royals	5. West Salem Black
6. Eau Claire Huskies Blue	6. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	6. Eau Claire Huskies Blue	6. Plainview-Elgin-Millville
7. Marshfield Black	7. Stevens Point Red	7. Superior White	7. Chatfield
8. D. C. Everest Green	8. Esko	8. Clear Lake	8. Winona
9. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln Bucks	9. Eau Claire Huskies Blue	9. New Richmond	9. Holmen Vikings
10. La Crosse Logan Red	10. Cameron	10. Hudson White	10. D. C. Everest
11. Stevens Point Red	11. Winona	11. Menomonie Gold	11. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red
12. Holmen Vikings	12. Altoona Sawdust City	12. Northwestern Black	12. New Richmond Orange
13. Merrill	13. Tomah	13. Holmen Vikings	13. Hudson Black
14. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red	14. Holmen Vikings	14. West Salem	14. Eau Claire Eagles Purple
15. Menomonie Gold	15. Mosinee	15. Cloquet	15. Amherst
16. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau	16. River Falls Blue	16. La Crosse Central Red	16. Bangor
17. Prairie du Chien	17. La Crosse Central Red	17. Cochrane-Fountain City	17. Marshfield Black
18. Reedsburg Area Blue	18. Wausau West Navy	18. D. C. Everest Green	18. Northwestern
19. Northwestern	19. Stratford Black	19. Durand	19. Eau Claire Huskies Blue
20. Mauston	20. Mauston	20. Turtle Lake	20. Mondovi
21. West Salem	21. Elk Mound Black	21. Bangor	21. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln White
22. Hudson White	22. Plainview-Elgin-Millville	22. Esko	22. Eau Claire Thunder
23. Wisconsin Dells	23. Marshfield Black	23. Altoona White	23. Hudson Silver
24. Bangor	24. St. Croix Central Blue	24. Rhinelander Green	24. La Crescent Green
25. Prescott Red	25. Northwestern Black	25. Wisconsin Dells	25. Esko
26. Columbus	26. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red	26. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln Bucks	26. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Red
27. River Falls Blue	27. Menomonie White	27. Marshfield	27. Newman Catholic White
28. New Richmond	28. Rhinelander	28. Fall Creek	28. Medford Area
29. Baldwin-Woodville Red	29. La Crosse Logan Red	29. Stratford	29. Unity
30. St. Croix Central Blue	30. Fall Creek Green	30. Arcadia Wolves	30. Tomah
31. Iola-Scandinavia	31. D. C. Everest Green	31. Wausau East Red	31. Bruce
32. Esko	32. Osseo-Fairchild	32. River Falls Blue	32. Chetek-Weyerhaeuser