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| 1. Bloomer St. Paul | 1. Onalaska Suns | 1. Onalaska Suns | 1. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red |
| 2. Somerset | 2. D. C. Everest | 2. Bloomer | 2. Onalaska Suns |
| 3. Onalaska Suns | 3. Merrill | 3. Red Wing | 3. Melrose-Mindoro |
| 4. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red | 4. Marshfield | 4. Cloquet | 4. Newman Catholic |
| 5. Winona YMCA | 5. Stevens Point Red | 5. Esko | 5. Stevens Point |
| 6. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue | 6. Hudson White | 6. Stevens Point Red | 6. La Crosse Logan |
| 7. Hudson White | 7. Cameron | 7. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue | 7. Cochrane-Fountain City |
| 8. Esko | 8. Hayward | 8. Superior | 8. Bloomer |
| 9. Marshfield | 9. Marathon Red | 9. Wausau West | 9. New Richmond |
| 10. Wausau East | 10. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue | 10. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln | 10. St. Stanislaus |
| 11. Stevens Point | 11. Holmen White | 11. D. C. Everest | 11. Fall Creek |
| 12. Baraboo | 12. Wittenberg-Biramwood | 12. Marshall | 12. Wausau East |
| 13. Elk Mound | 13. Cochrane-Fountain City | 13. Hayward | 13. D. C. Everest |
| 14. Durand Purple | 14. Bangor | 14. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Blue | 14. Red Wing |
| 15. Altoona | 15. West Salem | 15. Eau Claire Eagles | 15. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue |
| 16. Northwestern | 16. Hermantown | 16. Eau Claire Shamrocks | 16. Osseo-Fairchild |
| 17. Rhinelander | 17. Bloomer | 17. Menomonie Maroon | 17. Colfax |
| 18. Eau Claire Shamrocks | 18. Baldwin-Woodville | 18. Durand | 18. North Branch |
| 19. White Bear Lake Orange | 19. Tomah | 19. Osseo-Fairchild | 19. Prentice |
| 20. Superior | 20. Benton-Shullsburg | 20. River Falls Gold | 20. River Falls Gold |
| 21. Wittenberg-Biramwood | 21. St. Croix Central | 21. Portage | 21. Eau Claire Volunteers Red |
| 22. D. C. Everest | 22. Rice Lake | 22. Elk Mound Orange | 22. Hermantown |
| 23. Eau Claire Lightning | 23. Eau Claire Eagles | 23. Shawano Community | 23. River Falls Blue |
| 24. Black River Falls | 24. Chippewa Falls MAXX | 24. Aquinas | 24. Ladysmith |
| 25. Rice Lake | 25. Menomonie White | 25. Alma Center | 25. Superior |
| 26. Chippewa Falls MAXX | 26. La Crosse Central | 26. Mosinee Purple | 26. Northwestern (Poplar) |
| 27. Duluth East | 27. Osseo-Fairchild | 27. Auburndale | 27. La Crosse Central Red |
| 28. Antigo | 28. Flambeau | 28. Hudson White | 28. Antigo |
| 29. Holmen Hurricanes | 29. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red | 29. Colfax | 29. Boyceville |
| 30. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln Red | 30. Eau Claire Volunteers Red | 30. La Crosse Central Red | 30. Rice Lake |
| 31. Iola-Scandinavia | 31. Durand | 31. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red | 31. Hudson |
| 32. Westby | 32. Stratford Cyclones | 32. Black River Falls | 32. Amherst |

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| 1. Onalaska Royals | 1. Onalaska Royals | 1. Bloomer | 1. La Crosse Central Red |
| 2. Eau Claire Eagles Purple | 2. Eau Claire Eagles Purple | 2. Esko | 2. Onalaska Royals |
| 3. La Crosse Central Red | 3. Amherst | 3. Holmen Vikings | 3. Holmen Vikings |
| 4. Holmen Vikings | 4. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red | 4. Merrill | 4. Lake City |
| 5. Wisconsin Dells | 5. Merrill | 5. Winona YMCA Black | 5. Stratford |
| 6. Wausau East | 6. Bloomer | 6. Marshfield Black | 6. Stevens Point Red |
| 7. West Salem Black | 7. Altoona Black | 7. Iola-Scandinavia | 7. D. C. Everest Green |
| 8. La Crosse Logan Red | 8. Holmen Vikings | 8. Clear Lake | 8. Hermantown |
| 9. Hudson White | 9. Tomah | 9. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red | 9. Merrill |
| 10. Owen-Withee | 10. Eau Claire Rebels White | 10. Wausau East | 10. Winona YMCA Black |
| 11. Marshfield | 11. Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau Red | 11. Menomonie White | 11. Hudson Silver |
| 12. Superior Blue | 12. D. C. Everest Green | 12. Fall Creek | 12. Marshfield Black |
| 13. Northwestern | 13. Rhinelander Green | 13. Onalaska Royals | 13. Eau Claire Eagles Purple |
| 14. D. C. Everest Green | 14. Marshfield Black | 14. Hudson | 14. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red |
| 15. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red | 15. Assumption | 15. Cloquet | 15. Altoona Black |
| 16. Cochrane-Fountain City | 16. Baraboo | 16. Eau Claire Eagles Purple | 16. Cambridge-Isanti Blue |
| 17. Arcadia | 17. Bangor | 17. Stratford | 17. Prescott Red |
| 18. Columbus | 18. Arcadia | 18. Duluth East | 18. Menomonie Gold |
| 19. Eau Claire Hoyas | 19. Black River Falls | 19. Northwestern Black | 19. La Crosse Logan Red |
| 20. Melrose-Mindoro | 20. Rice Lake | 20. Ashland | 20. Holmen White |
| 21. Wausau West Blue | 21. Red Wing | 21. Cambridge-Isanti | 21. Wisconsin Dells |
| 22. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln | 22. Winona YMCA | 22. Rice Lake Blue | 22. New Richmond |
| 23. Eau Claire Swish | 23. Esko | 23. La Crescent | 23. La Crescent |
| 24. Chippewa Falls MAXX | 24. La Crosse Logan Red | 24. Columbus Catholic | 24. Northwestern (Poplar) |
| 25. New Richmond Black | 25. Cloquet | 25. Superior | 25. Eau Claire Fusion |
| 26. Prescott | 26. Ashland | 26. Eau Claire Rebels Black | 26. Esko |
| 27. Antigo | 27. Mosinee | 27. Cochrane-Fountain City | 27. Arcadia |
| 28. Hayward | 28. Melrose-Mindoro | 28. Antigo | 28. Clear Lake |
| 29. Eau Claire Rebels | 29. River Falls Blue | 29. Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau | 29. Superior |
| 30. Mosinee | 30. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln | 30. Stevens Point Red | 30. Baldwin-Woodville Red |
| 31. River Falls Blue | 31. Marathon | 31. Osseo-Fairchild | 31. Hudson Black |
| 32. Eleva-Strum | 32. Reedsburg Area | 32. Elk Mound | 32. Turtle Lake |