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1. Altoona	1. Lakeland	1. Fall Creek Black	1. La Crosse Logan	1. Onalaska Suns
2. Menomonie	2. West Salem	2. La Crosse Central Red	2. Stevens Point Red	2. Eau Claire Shamrocks
3. River Falls Blue	3. Wausau West	3. Wisconsin Dells	3. Chippewa Falls MAXX	3. Fall Creek
4. Onalaska Suns	4. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	4. Saint Croix Central White	4. Stevens Point White	4. Wausau West
5. Ellsworth Grey	5. Elk Mound	5. Hudson White	5. Onalaska Suns	5. Siren
6. Colfax	6. Assumption	6. Holmen Lightning	6. Tomah	6. Hudson Silver
7. Chippewa Falls MAXX	7. Poynette	7. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	7. Abbotsford	7. Eau Claire Eagles Purple
8. Hudson White	8. Proctor	8. Wausau West	8. La Crosse Central Red	8. Boyceville
9. Turtle Lake	9. Baldwin-Woodville	9. Stevens Point Black	9. Proctor	9. Hudson Blue
10. Mondovi	10. Prairie du Chien	10. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	10. Winona	10. Hudson White
11. Eau Claire Eagles	11. Fall Creek	11. Prescott	11. Neillsville	
12. Elk Mound	12. La Crosse Central	12. Chippewa Falls MAXX	12. Hudson	
13. Assumption	13. Durand	13. Proctor	13. Cloquet	
14. Saint Croix Falls	14. Plainview-Elgin-Millville	14. Ironwood-Hurley	14. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	
15. Wausau East	15. Marshfield Black	15. Bangor	15. Esko	
16. Esko	16. Mondovi	16. Stevens Point Red	16. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	
17. Holmen Maroon	17. Hudson White	17. Elk Mound	17. Durand	
18. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	18. Crandon	18. Bloomer Black	18. Edgar	
19. Cochrane-Fountain City Black	19. Esko	19. Cochrane-Fountain City	19. Elk Mound	
20. Aquinas	20. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	20. Hermantown	20. Baldwin-Woodville	
21. La Crosse Logan	21. Amery	21. Mosinee	21. New Richmond	
22. Merrill	22. Mosinee Purple	22. Esko	22. Lake City	
23. Superior	23. New Richmond	23. Colfax	23. Duluth East	
24. Marshfield	24. Pittsville	24. Stratford	24. Wausau West	
25. Phillips	25. Superior Panthers	25. Lakeland	25. Merrill	
26. Bangor	26. Colby	26. Medford Area White	26. Superior	
27. Osseo-Fairchild	27. Siren	27. Cloquet	27. Wittenberg-Birnamwood	
28. Northland Pines	28. Menomonie	28. Tomah	28. Fall Creek	
29. Lakeland	29. Osseo-Fairchild	29. Sparta	29. Bloomer Black	
30. Stevens Point Red	30. Prescott Red	30. Auburndale	30. Cochrane-Fountain City	
31. Wausau West Navy	31. Westby	31. West Salem	31. Auburndale	
32. Poynette	32. Cameron	32. Chippewa Falls Flight Red	32. Arcadia	

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1. Onalaska Royals	1. Marshfield White	1. Cochrane-Fountain City Black	1. Tomah Gold	1. La Crosse Logan
2. Aquinas	2. Hudson White	2. La Crosse Central Red	2. Onalaska Royals Blue	2. Aquinas
3. La Crosse Logan Red	3. West Salem Orange	3. Mosinee White	3. Holmen Maroon	3. D. C. Everest
4. Esko	4. Onalaska Royals	4. Ironwood-Hurley	4. Fall Creek Black	4. Holmen White
5. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau	5. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	5. New Richmond Black	5. Aquinas Blue	5. Onalaska Royals
6. Hudson White	6. Luther Red	6. Onalaska Royals	6. Chippewa Falls MAXX	6. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau
7. Fall Creek	7. Holmen Vikings	7. Hudson White	7. D. C. Everest Green	7. Mondovi
8. Prescott Black	8. Prescott Black	8. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	8. Aquinas Gold	8. Altoona White
9. Cashton	9. Rice Lake	9. Eau Claire Huskies Blue	9. Hudson Black	9. Hudson Black
10. Eau Claire Huskies Blue	10. New Richmond Orange	10. West Salem Black	10. Northwestern	10. Eau Claire Eagles Purple
11. Holmen Vikings	11. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln Red	11. D. C. Everest Green	11. La Crosse Central Red	
12. Solon Springs	12. Sparta	12. Newman Catholic	12. Hudson Silver	
13. Arcadia	13. Moose Lake-Willow River	13. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	13. Prescott Red	
14. West Salem Black	14. Elk Mound	14. River Falls Gold	14. La Crosse Logan	
15. Mosinee	15. Pacelli	15. Aquinas Gold	15. Columbus Catholic	
16. Sparta	16. Esko	16. Holmen Maroon	16. West Salem Orange	
17. Medford Area Red	17. Cloquet	17. Fall Creek	17. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	
18. Marshfield Black	18. River Falls Gold	18. Superior	18. Mondovi-Gilmanston	
19. Cameron	19. Eau Claire Kings	19. Prescott Black	19. Lake City	
20. Westby	20. Tomah	20. Wittenberg-Birnamwood	20. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln Red	
21. Edgar	21. Proctor	21. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau	21. Marathon	
22. Unity	22. Holmen Maroon	22. La Crescent Green	22. Cloquet	
23. Tomah	23. Eau Claire Huskies Blue	23. Saint Croix Central Blue	23. Bessemer-Hurley	
24. D. C. Everest White	24. Cochrane-Fountain City	24. Cloquet	24. Antigo	
25. La Crosse Central Red	25. Ladysmith	25. Menomonie Maroon	25. Black River Falls	
26. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	26. Wisconsin Dells	26. Rice Lake Blue	26. Eau Claire Shamrocks	
27. Whitehall	27. Aquinas Gold	27. Esko	27. West Salem Black	
28. New Richmond Black	28. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Red	28. Northwestern	28. La Crescent	
29. Elk Mound Black	29. Chippewa Falls MAXX	29. Chippewa Falls MAXX	29. Sparta Red	
30. Columbus Catholic	30. Hudson Blue	30. Columbus Catholic	30. Rhinelander	
31. Luther	31. La Crosse Central Red	31. Ellsworth Purple	31. Superior	
32. Stanley-Boyd	32. Menomonie Maroon	32. Saint Stanislaus Blue	32. Eau Claire Huskies Blue	