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

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