

Tom Reamer (140) are undefeated so far, and return as top 3 placemen in both state and Bi-State tournaments. Erik Kling (152), John Gerber (189), and Adam Merriman (215) also return with experience in this tournament. Always fun to watch this kind of team.

PEOSTO...Fairly tight at the lower weights, but this team brings in a group of tough wrestlers. Four seniors looking to place in this year's event. Spenser Nickleitt returns with a 14-0 record at 189. He was 4th here a year ago. Aubrey Auger, 7th here last year is back at 131. Dave Walleser, and Kyle Strand also wrestling well this season, and looking to place high.

PODDEUILLE...The addition of the Wunlikens should really bolster this year's team finish. T.J. (112) is a returning state and Bi-State champ, and is only in his sophomore year. Freshman Bobby (103) is off to a great start at 12.0 so far. Joey Pradhan (81) placed 6th here last year. Dugan Lewis (140), Dustin Lewis (152) and Brandon Weier (215) return from last year's 5 person squad, and should help this team of 11 improve significantly.

ELLSWORTH...I team Champions a year ago, and looking to make a run at it again in this year. Graduated a place winner, including 2 champs, but they're back with 12 wrestlers posting winning records so far. Tevin Hines is 12-0 at 140, and Brandon Bob, who placed 8th here last year, is 11-1 at 275. Mike Brunner, 12 langar, Brandon Olson, and Josh Kornmann also very strong, and looking to help this team make another trophy run.

FOND DU LAC...Though their will be missing Mike Neil and Jose Deleon (finalists) lost to a substitution), there are 5 returning members of last year's 5th place team. This includes Senior Zach Eibenhardt, who's off to a 13-0 start at 189, and Kevin Larkes (215). Max Askrén attempts to win his third straight Bi-State Championship this year. The senior is 15-0, and he's talented team that includes seven place winners from last season. Askrén, along with Eric Koglin, Kyle Hazelwood, and a very talented team that includes seven place winners from last season. Askrén, along with Eric Koglin, Kyle Hazelwood, team back on top this year.

HILLSBORO...Up to 10 wrestlers this last year is a nice sign for things to come from Hillsboro's team. Only 1 senior in the group, and he's a good one. Brad Novacheck (189) returns after placing 5th here last year in the same weight class. He's off to a 2-0 start, and looking to improve his placement. Other looking to place are Junior John Strank at 175, returning from last year's 5th and sophomore James Eiserman (153), who's already 9-2 on the season. Good luck to this year's group!

HOLMENN...The host Vikings are off to another great start this year, with a team record of 21-0, a top 10 state team ranking, and 2nd place finish to Kaukauna in the always tough Richard Center Tournament. Senior Jordan Cronam (155) returns and a state runner-up and Bronze Medalist in this event last year. Another Senior, Ken Caldwell (150), is undefeated at 16-0 and looking to place well. Junior Gary (152) placed 8th here last year, and is off to a 14-2 start. With just 1 loss each, Sophomore Jarred Baughn (151-1 at 173) and Junior Paul Steffen (16-1 at 125) should look to be towards the top of the awards stands. Junior Bryan Hanson (160) is a returning state qualifier who should wrestle well in this tournament. The team looks to again contend for a top 5 finish in Division 1.

HUNTSMAN...This is the first year for this team, and they're looking to be a good edition. Coach Chris Hansen brings in 18-1 and 10-1 at 125 this year, and he's 10-1 at 125 this year. Nick Yoder, also 10-1, is looking to make some noise at 152, and help this team show well this year.

INDEPENDENCE/OLIWAUNTON...A young team, and lacking some numbers, but this team has got some good wrestlers returning. Corey Kempf, a senior, placed 8th here last year, and is 6-3. Kyle Klug, Jason Kilian, and Jace Blaha are all looking to help this team post a good showing in their second season as a co-op. Good luck, indeed!

ITACA...Bringing in another young team (only 1 senior), 2nd year coach Ryan Lord does have 7 returning wrestlers from last year's squad. Junior Grant Pauls anchors the squad at 275, coming in with a 10-2 record. Sophomore Jody Mueller (145) and Junior Richard Compt (189) are currently having winning seasons for Itasca. Good luck to your program.

KICKAPOO/LAFAYETTE...Coach Tom Modlich, brings a fairly small team this year, with only 10 wrestlers on the roster. The team is led by Troy Clemons, who placed 8th here a year ago, and is 14-1 at 119 to start the year. Ethan Nelson is 12-0 as a freshman, and may turn some heads. Seniors Joe Duesterbeck, and Charlie Lancaster are also good wrestlers, and look to with identical 13-2 records at 215 and 275.

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