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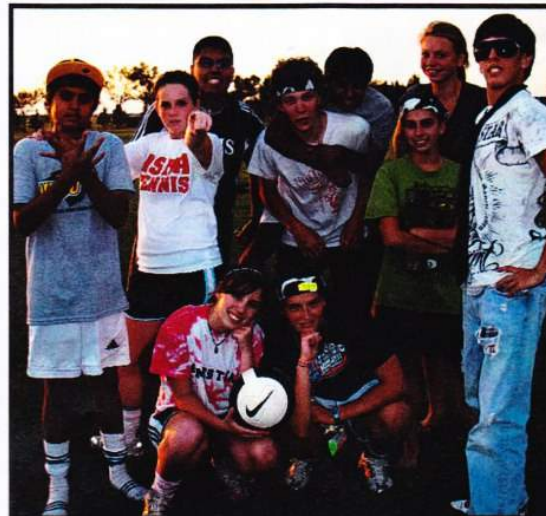
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Wisconsin Novice Team

Members: Julie Gokhman (Homestead), Sam Raimann (Homestead), Ari Pollack (Madison West), Saify Sobhani (Brookfield Academy), Hannah Mandlman (Homestead),

The Novice Certamen Team showed no first-time jitters and dove into the first round of competition, compiling an impressive 70 points against Indiana and Florida. The second round, against California and North Carolina, brought them 80 more points. In the last round against Alpha (wild card team) and Virginia, the Wisconsin team gained an amazing 110 points. Team member Julie Gokham said that the team was incredible and she "can't wait to make it to finals with them next year."



Wisconsin Advanced Team

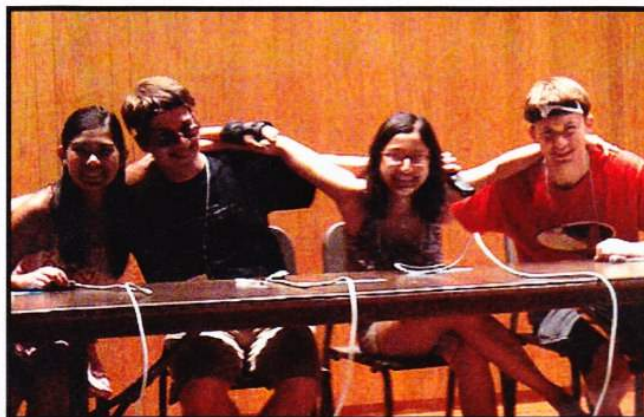
Members: Sidhi Gosain (Brookfield Academy), Max Silver (Homestead), Patrick Shirley (Brookfield Academy), Nicole Bray (Brookfield Academy), Rebecca Rehberger (Luther Prep)

Round one for the Advanced Team was against New Hampshire and Tennessee. The team pulled out with 175 points, keeping both the other teams under 80. The next round brought them 225 points, the most of any round for the team, with Georgia and Kansas both scoring below 50. The team played the Wildcard team (with strong players from Texas and Florida) and Missouri in the third round. Wisconsin scored 190, Wildcard scored 75, and Missouri scored only 15. Their strong performance brought them to semi-finals, where they played Illinois and Ohio and won by 30 points. The Advanced Team made it to finals, where they played Texas and Florida. The final score was 90-80-70 with Texas in first, Wisconsin second, and Florida third. Team member Sidhi Gosain (recipient of the national Most Valuable Player Award) said that "as a whole, the team worked really well together. All the players contributed in some rounds, and we became really good friends." This was the first time that Wisconsin had all three Certamen teams in the semi-final round. It was an exciting week that showed not only how competitive Wisconsin has become in Certamen, but also how incredibly spirited the Wisconsin delegation was during the rounds.

Wisconsin Intermediate Team

Members: Evan Brown (Madison West), Kate Wellenstein (Brookfield Academy), Andrea Sommer (Brookfield Academy), Mckenzie Read (Madison West), Mahalia Sobhani (Brookfield Academy)

Wisconsin's Intermediate Certamen team had a rocky start to their competition with a tough loss against Florida in the first round. However, they came back with a vengeance in round two with a big win over Massachusetts. In the third round, Tennessee edged out Wisconsin for first, with California trailing far behind in third. The team's strong performance earned them a spot in semi-finals, where they beat California (a higher seed) and Massachusetts. Qualifying for the final round, the team ended up third in the nation behind Virginia and Florida. Evan Brown, one team member, said that it was the support from the rest of the Wisconsin delegation that pushed them to do so well. He thought it was great "to see (and hear!) everybody absolutely go insane at every score check. The team rode the momentum of supporters to get to finals."



Ludi Competitions

Volleyball

The very-spirited WJCL volleyball team played five hard games, winning the first three and losing the last two. Despite the two late losses, the team managed to secure 4th place. The Wisconsin athletes were led by Homestead's Hannah Mandlman, the team's top server.

Frisbee

The Ultimate Frisbee competition was highly anticipated and was as exciting to watch as it was to play. The team ended up in 3rd place, after a tough loss against Illinois (who scored in the last 20 seconds, making the score 1-0). Everyone gave 100% effort, with Isaac Stafstrom (Madison West), Max Silver (Homestead), and Max Timm (Homestead) carrying the team, and Lizzie Kontarovich (Homestead) scoring points in the most crucial times.

Soccer

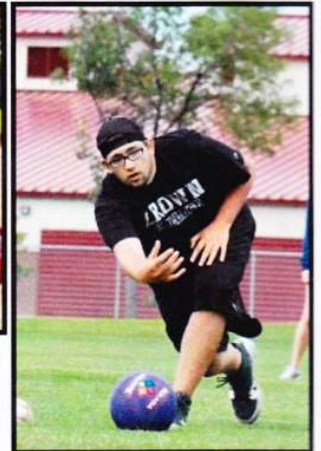
On the soccer field, the WJCL was out of the bracket after a 1-0 loss against Kentucky in the first game. Everyone played hard, with strong defense from Sam Raimann (Homestead) and Claire Prewitt (University School), and Aakash Shah (MUHS) threatening the Kentucky defense with his attack.

Kickball

The WJCL had a small showing at kickball due to academic testing scheduled at the same time. Those two dedicated WJCL players who came to play combined teams with Louisiana, Oklahoma, and California. The combined team ended up in third place. Nic Boortz and Carolyn Wermuth, both from Homestead, represented Wisconsin in kickball and were both crucial players for the team.

Swimming

The WJCL swimmers took the long trek by trolley to the local high school where they competed with the other states in a variety of events. Max Timm (Homestead), Marnie Wallach (DSHA), Max Silver (Homestead), Grace Paquelet (Brookfield Academy), and Nicole Bray (Brookfield Academy) represented the WJCL, placing and earning points in their respective events. Wisconsin had multiple swimmers placing in the top 5 in most events. We also recognize those who hopped on the trolley to come cheer on the swimmers. Wisconsin had, by far, the loudest fan section on the pool deck.



Track and Field

Wisconsin showed great talent in the track and field events, with competitors in almost every event, including three relays.

Congratulations to Duncan Glasford (Marquette) for earning the most support from spectators due to his gladiator-style running wear. Evan Brown (Madison West) was a strong competitor for the WJCL, winning points in the most events, in both track and field. Based on the Wisconsin delegation's performance, the team should have another strong showing next year.





Meetings to Include Certamen and Ludi

Based on the Wisconsin delegation's interest and high performance in both the Certamen competitions and Ludi games at nationals, there is interest in WJCL meetings ending in practices for both of these competitions. The monthly WJCL meeting will continue to run as it has in the past. It will then be followed by both Certamen and Ludi practices (weather permitting), for those students interested in fostering the competitiveness and camaraderie found at National Convention. This is only a proposal. We would like to get your feedback. To give your opinion, please contact Magistrae Stone or Wallach, or Magister Stemm.

Get Ready for WJCL State Convention 2011!

Where: The Inn on the Park, Madison, WI

When: January 27-29, 2011

Theme: *"bene legere saecula vincere"*
To read well is to conquer the ages.
- Isaac Flagg, 19th Century Classicist

Who: Any high school Latin or Greek student who is a member of the WJCL

What: Three days of screaming, taking tests, battling in Certamen, and making friends with high school students around the state who share in your mission to keep the Classics alive.

National Convention 2011

The National Convention 2011 will be held at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky. Convention will last from July 25-July 30. The week will include hard-fought Ludi games being battled, intense Certamen round being conquered, lifelong friendships being formed, and Latin cheers being screamed so loud that you will not be able to talk by the end of the week. This year, just as past years at nationals, the Wisconsin delegation became a family, supporting each other instead of competing against each other. Ask anyone who attended the convention this year, and you will be amazed by the experiences he or she has to share. National Convention is not for the faint of heart. You must be able to face the other 1500 screaming students, lightning-fast Certamen wizards, and the occasional tornado at one in the morning. But any past convention-goer can assure you, it's all worth it.

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