

WVC VIBE



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The 22nd season of the Wisconsin Volleyball Conference gets underway this week with three dual matches; Lakeland travels to Marquette on Tuesday, Oshkosh hits the road Wednesday to face UW-Whitewater, and UW-Stout will attempt to reel in the Muskies as they take on Lakeland on the road. The weekend of January 26 & 27 brings playdates for Men’s D1 at Lakeland College and for the Women on the campus of UW-Eau Claire. The first JV playdate will take place at Northland International University on February 2nd. Be sure to visit www.wvcweb.org for a complete listing of this season’s events and results.

2013 Preview

Men’s Division I

Lakeland College enters 2013 on a farewell tour of the WVC as they will “elevate” to NCAA Div. 3 status beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year... **Marquette** has made a tradition out of finishing higher than their original seed at Nationals; last year the Golden Eagles jumped from 37th to make the gold bracket and a 9th place finish. This year MU will be led by 6’7” middle blocker Thomas Niswonger (HM All-American) and outside hitter Nick Manning. The team will once again also play in the MIVA conference in addition to heading west to USC for a tournament... **UW-La Crosse** accomplished the daunting task of repeating as NCVF DII National Champions in 2012! This season the Eagles return with plenty of firepower; DII NCVF MVP John Jablonowski and 1st team All-American Kyle Kamperschroer on the outside with 2nd team All American Nick Korom in the middle and 2nd team All American Riley Stone running the offense from the setter position... **UW-Oshkosh** will reload after a heartbreaking semi-final loss to Cal at Nationals last year, which resulted in a 3rd place finish. UWO returns their dynamic duo of outside hitters Bill Meidenbauer and Nick Mueller in addition to welcoming back team leader and middle blocker Dan Ruys. The Titans will headline the WVC entries in the MIVA conference and also travel to Las Vegas this season... **UW-Platteville** returns 9 players with WVC experience in addition to freshmen Mike Storm and Dan Callaway. The Pioneers believe they have a balanced team that could move up the standings this season. In addition to the WVC slate, UWP will travel to the University of Iowa for a tournament in early March... **UW-Stout** only has three seniors but one of them is 6’10” middle blocker Mason Haas who figures to give opponents a tough time at the net. The Blue Devils will look to climb the standings in the WVC this year and plan to return to NCVF Nationals in Dallas... **UW-Whitewater** has an experienced lineup with seven of

their 9 players having 2 or more years played in the WVC. Look for the Warhawks to rely on Daniel Wittke for offense and Deion Burks for ball control.

Men's Division 2

Marquette II will be young with more than half the roster comprised of newcomers, but expect to contend near the top of the JV division. The Golden Eagles will return to Nationals for the first time in five years and hope to compete well in DIII in Dallas. **UW-Oshkosh II** is your reigning NCVF DIII National Champion after sweeping THE Ohio St. in the championship match held last April in Kansas City. Steve Brunelli and Andrew Nett will lead an otherwise young squad that finished 2nd at the WVC Kickoff tournament...**UW-Platteville II** has a mixture of returners and newcomers that will be led by Abe Yang, Evan Thielen, and Zach Stellflue. **Carroll University, Concordia University-Wisconsin, Moody Bible Institute, Northland International University, UW-Fond du Lac, UW-Oshkosh III, UW-Stout II, UW-Superior, and UW-Whitewater II** round out the JV conference.

Women's Division

UW-Eau Claire will once again field two teams in 2013. The Blugolds return 7 players from a team that stormed through the WVC State tournament in 2012 to claim the championship. Leah Klink, Karen Sueppel, and Ashley Howard will lead the squad this season as they travel to the National Ranking tournament at Marquette University and NCVF Nationals in Dallas. An improved UWEC-B will play a full WVC schedule this spring...**UW-Stevens Point** returns the smooth setting of Leah Monti and powerful attack of Kirsten Algiers and will also look for an immediate impact from newcomer Taylor Dorsey. The Pointers are excited to attend NCVF Nationals again this year after a 3 year hiatus and expect to be near the top of the WVC...**Carroll University** returners Amanda Tschan, Mariel Sobey, and Zoe Caliendo will lead the team this season. The Pioneers are off to a good start having already placed 2nd at the UW-Stout invite in early December.... **UW-La Crosse** will field two teams again this year. The A team returns last year's WVC defensive Player of the Year, Jenn Johnas, as well as 5 other starters which should allow them to compete at or near the top of the conference. The Eagles will compete in the National ranking tournament at Marquette and will also be headed to Dallas for Nationals. The B team will be led by Ashley Krizek, Korrin May, and Sammi Borchardt. Six freshmen round out the roster that is ready for whatever the competition bring...**UW-Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, UW-Stout, UW-Superior, and UW-Whitewater** will also compete in the 16 team division.

If you have information about your team, alumni, or other events that you'd like to share, please send to Scott Spiess at spiessvb@hotmail.com. Thank You!

