

Jacque, Snodgrass, Smith win key Senate primaries

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State Rep. Andre Jacque, of De Pere, earned a rematch with Dem Sen Caleb Frostman on Tuesday after winning the GOP primary in the 1st SD.

Frostman, of Sturgeon Bay, beat Jacque in a June special election for the northeastern Wisconsin seat.

On Tuesday, Jacque easily beat retired Army officer Bill Nauta, taking 76.3 percent of the vote.

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19th SD, Dem

Lee Snodgrass, chair of the Outagamie County Dem Party and communications director for the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, won the Dem nomination over Dan Grady, an Outagamie County supervisor.

Snodgrass, who had a 10-to-1 cash on hand advantage over Grady to end the pre-primary period, took 64 percent of the vote. She'll now face GOP state Sen. Roger Roth, of Appleton.

The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee has already designated the 19th SD as one of its target races. But while Snodgrass finished the period with \$26,586 in the bank, Roth had already stashed away \$284,374.

31st SD, Dem

Former state Rep. Jeff Smith took more than 50 percent of the vote in a three-way primary for the 31st SD in western Wisconsin.

Some Madison Dems saw Steve Boe, who works for the Farm Bureau and has outraised Smith this year, as a stronger general election candidate, in part, because of Smith's track record running for the Legislature.

He served in the Assembly from 2007-11, but lost rematches with GOP Rep. Warren Petryk, of Elva, in 2012 and 2014. He also ran for Dem Party state chair in 2015, but dropped out.

He will face farmer Mel Pittman, who took 47.6 percent of the vote in the 2014 GOP wave against Dem state Sen. Kathleen Vinehout, who left the seat to run for gov. Trump won the district with a plurality of the vote in 2016, while Gov. Scott Walker took it in 2014. But it has traditionally had a Dem lean at the top of the ticket.

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