STEVENS POINT DISTRICT Local Manager—P. M. Vincent Winner—Stevens Point



Friendship20
Edgar13
Plainfield 9
Iola 6
Friendship10
Plainfield 9
Westfield11
Nekoosa 8
Iola10
Westfield12
Edgar11
Wisconsin Rapids 9

Second Place Winner—Wisconsin Rapids
Third Place Winner—Nekoosa

1925 STATE TOURNAMENT

The 1925 State Basketball Tournament produced the best ball ever played at the annual meet. The largest crowds ever to attend this event were present to witness the contests. The total receipts of \$4,184.31 were also \$384.01 higher than ever before for this event. The University Gymnasium proved inadequate to care for the crowds and many were turned away. The University provided splendid entertainment for the teams entered. The local arrangements were the best in the history of the meet and credit for this must be given to University Interscholastic Manager Guy Sundt.

Wisconsin basketball has been developing rapidly and with the correction of two faults, quite generally noticeable, the Wisconsin game will rank with the best in the country. The faults indicated by Coach Walter E. Meanwell, at the annual banquet for the competing teams, are incorrect shooting and the resultant failure to score as often as in other states, especially in Indiana and Illinois. The other fault is failure to score more than 40% of the free throws attempted. The Wisconsin game is especially strong from the standpoint of defensive play and a good plan of floor work.

The scores made averaged some higher than in the 1925 meet, showing that the offensive play has been strengthened over that of last year. With the correction of the general fault of poor shooting form and with further emphasis upon the offense the game should show another decided improvement for next year.

The tournament was especially noteworthy for the number of upsets. None of the four teams generally conceded before the meet to be the strongest won the final victory although one did place second while another took third.

The 27 game tournament schedule again proved satisfactory. Under this plan each team plays each day and no team is eliminated until after it has lost two games. The first day losers go into the consolation series while the first day winners enter the championship series. During the entire schedule only two teams of the entire sixteen play more than one game per day. Even in this case the two who play two games in one day play each other in the second contest of the Saturday third place championship round, thereby giving each an equal opportunity. A plan is now under consideration which would make it unnecessary for any team to play more than one game per day.

The alphabetical plan of drawing for the first game was used in the State Meet as well as in all district tournaments. This plan of scheduling tournament games is absolutely fair and will be continued. More variations of the alphabetical arrangements will be worked out and submitted in the November Basketball Supplement.

In spite of a more liberal expense allowance to competing teams the total meet expense was but \$51.51 higher than in 1925.

Stevens Point with a team which improved from day to day won the Championship. River Falls with a well balanced, well coached team, possessed of two truly great guards, scored second. Eau Claire playing without the services of their regular center won third place. Madison Central, after a poor first game, came back with a fine brand of ball and easily won the consolation series for the first day losers. Had Madison Central started as they finished they might have won first honors.

Stevens Point did not enter the National Interscholastic at Chicago. The National Federation had sanctioned this meet and the Wisconsin winner was eligible to participate. Stevens Point is to be congratulated for not entering the National Meet. River Falls had also decided before the final game not to enter this event. Two tournaments in three weeks is enough for any team and Wisconsin school people should be commended for taking a sane stand on this question.

Until the rules for high school competition are uniform for the entire country Wisconsin teams can not compete in a National Meet on an equal basis with the teams from most other states. District and State tournaments have their place but a meet beyond the confines of the State is unnecessary.

For the first time in State Tournament history no official All-Tournament team was selected and announced at the banquet. Hereafter the W.I.A.A. will not approve the selection of All-Tournament teams by officials or local managers in any of the district or supplementary meets.

STATE TOURNAMENT SCORES

First Day Games					
Appleton 26 Wausau 16 Eau Claire 22 Waukesha 11 Superior Central 18 Fond du Lac 15 Stevens Point 17 La Crosse 15 Shawano 31 Ladysmith 20 River Falls 19 Madison Central 8 Manitowoc 34 Portage 29 Monticello 25 Mt. Horeb 18					
CONSOLATION SERIES					
Thursday					
Wausau 15 Waukesha 8 La Crosse 15 Fond du Lac 11 Madison Central 32 Ladysmith 14 Portage 36 Mt. Horeb 13					
Friday					
Wausau 20 La Crosse 18 Madison Central 28 Portage 18					
Saturday					
Consolation Final Madison Central21 Wausau14					
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES					
Thursday					
Appleton 18 Eau Claire 14 Stevens Point 17 Superior Central 12 River Falls 10 Shawano 9 Manitowoc 21 Monticello 19					
Friday					
Third Place Games					
Eau Claire .15 Superior .10 Shawano .26 Monticello .21					
Championship Series					
Stevens Point 12 Appleton 9 River Falls 21 Manitowoc 7					
Saturday					
Third Place Games					
Eau Claire					
Third Place Final					
Eau Claire					
Championship Game					
Stevens Point 9 River Falls 7					