

STATE TOURNAMENT

The 1927 State Tournament demonstrated that Wisconsin High School Basketball is developing rapidly and that it now ranks with the best in the country. Not alone is the game itself developing from the standpoint of play, but public interest is increasing even more rapidly. The University Gymnasium in which the games were played was inadequate to care for the crowds. Estimates indicate that at least as many were turned away from the final games as were admitted, namely, 2,200.

The University needs a field house and needs one badly. A modern field house is not alone a necessity, but would prove a good investment. The attendance at all contests would be materially increased and the additional revenue would without question pay interest on the investment. The Wisconsin State Tournament would have been witnessed by 25,000 instead of by 13,500 had seating space been available.

The 1927 meet produced the best offensive basketball ever shown at a State Tournament.



Individual Award

An increased offensive has been developed without reducing defensive efficiency. The winning scores averaged slightly higher than in 1926, namely, almost 22 points per game. The losers were held to an average of about 12 points per game, or two points less than last year.

While the percentage of free throws scored was above the 40% mark of last year, it was still under 50%, or far below what it should be. The general tournament play has been speeded up over the last few years, a fact which speaks well for the physical condition of the competitors and the coaching ability of those in charge of the sport.

Only two games of the twenty-seven started late and these not more than five minutes. When it is considered that only one hour is allowed for each complete game and that playing time and intermissions take up forty-four minutes of this allowance and that a reasonable allowance is made for warming up practice for those next competing, it will be seen that but little time out was asked for during the meet. Less time out was asked for on the fourth day than during the first. This indicates clearly that our boys were fit for tournament competition. It was a pleasure to look over this group of 128 boys at the Saturday evening banquet. There were disappointed faces, of course, but not one drawn or tired countenance. The boys were fit for the test which they met splendidly. Tournament competition is a challenge to our physical training program and an objective for which there is no substitute.

Eau Claire with a team which did not begin to show its true worth until

EAU CLAIRE

Local Manager—Prof. A. J. Fox

Winner—Eau Claire



Hixton	22	Boyd	19
Durand	21	Owen	15
Fall Creek	25	Arcadia	20
Eau Claire	41	Altoona	15
Owen	30	Boyd	18
Altoona	34	Arcadia	25
Hixton	19	Durand	16
Eau Claire	23	Fall Creek	18
Altoona	31	Owen	11
Fall Creek	30	Durand	17
Altoona	24	Fall Creek	21
Eau Claire	56	Hixton	16

Second Place Winner—Hixton
Third Place Winner—Altoona

the third day won the championship by defeating Madison Central in a terrific final battle. Madison Central had a well-balanced, well-coached team which played splendidly throughout the tournament. Failure to find the basket in the final game lost this contest for them.

Watertown, after failing to find the basket in their first game with La Crosse, came back and easily won the consolation. In the final game with Menasha they scored 45 points, a Wisconsin State Tournament record.

Eau Claire entered the National Interscholastic meet at Chicago. The meet was sanctioned and the Wisconsin winner was therefore eligible. Eau Claire is the first team in five years to enter this event. While district and state tournaments have a place in the athletic program, there is no excuse for a National meet.

Following the policy adopted in 1926, no all-state team was selected. A number of state sporting editors are evidencing considerable interest in this attitude of the Board. A majority favor the stand, but a loud minority severely criticize the policy. The Board is convinced that no good purpose will be served by the selection of all-teams and for that reason will oppose the practice.

The State Tournament receipts were higher than ever before and the limited seating capacity alone kept them from doubling over 1926.

1927 STATE TOURNAMENT FINANCES

Receipts:

Single Admissions	3,265.50	
Season Tickets	1,118.00	
Total	\$4,383.50	
Short on Cash Sale	1.70	\$4,381.80
Interest on Reserve Fund		42.00
Total Receipts		\$4,423.80

Expenditures:

Competing Teams Travel	\$1,762.99
Awards	216.40
Printing and Publishing	172.76
Entertainment	343.20
Labor	582.06
Officials	600.18
General	144.67
Total Expenditures	\$3,822.26
Balance 1927 Tournament	\$ 601.54
W.I.A.A. Profit 1927 Tournament	601.54

Note: The University State Tournament Reserve Fund contains \$1,000, which sum has been placed at interest. This \$1,000 is in addition to the funds reported by the W.I.A.A.

STATE TOURNAMENT SCORES

First Day Games

Ashland	20	Menasha	17
Eau Claire	24	Nekoosa	6
Kenosha	25	New Richmond	7
Platteville	18	Kewaunee	11
La Crosse	22	Watertown	18
Waupun	11	Ladysmith	5
Wausau	24	Laona	14
Madison Central	25	Wisconsin High	18

CONSOLATION SERIES

Thursday

Menasha	14	Nekoosa	8
New Richmond	25	Kewaunee	9
Watertown	24	Ladysmith	9
Wisconsin High	12	Laona	11

Friday

Menasha	17	New Richmond	16
Watertown	30	Wisconsin High	17

Saturday

Consolation Final

Watertown	45	Menasha	18
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CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Thursday

Eau Claire	15	Ashland	9
Kenosha	20	Platteville	9
La Crosse	25	Waupun	6
Madison Central	25	Wausau	16

Friday

Third Place Series

Platteville	17	Ashland	14
Wausau	12	Waupun	9

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Eau Claire	28	Kenosha	14
Madison Central	24	La Crosse	18

Saturday

Third Place Series

Kenosha	29	La Crosse	11
Wausau	18	Platteville	17

Third Place Final

Kenosha	19	Wausau	15
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Championship Game

Eau Claire	18	Madison Central	13
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