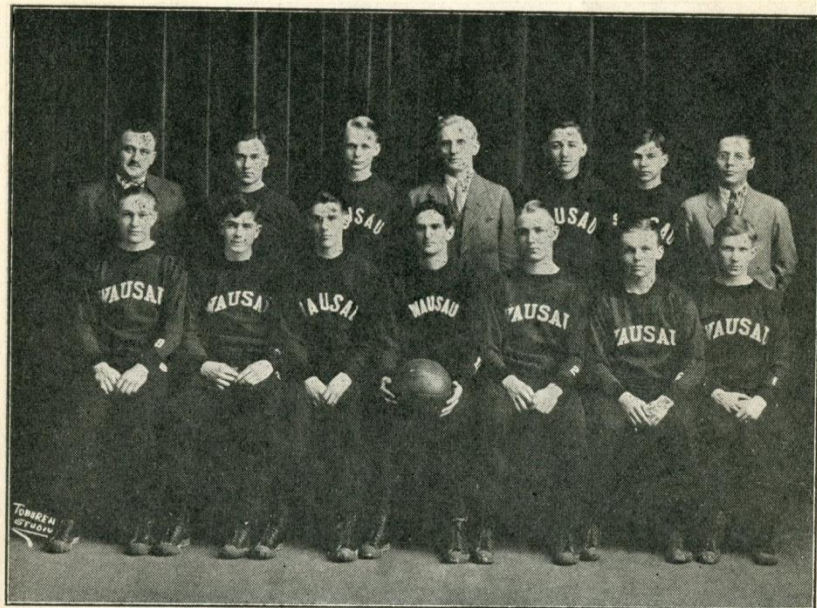


ANTIGO**Local Manager—Prin. P. A. Tipler****Winner—Wausau**

Wausau	28	Tigerton	10
Rhineland	15	Merrill	11
Eagle River	24	Crandon	20
Antigo	21	Argonne	12
Merrill	24	Tigerton	20
Crandon	21	Argonne	17
Wausau	25	Rhineland	15
Antigo	26	Eagle River	14
Crandon	11	Merrill	9
Rhineland	31	Eagle River	15
Rhineland	19	Crandon	16
Wausau	27	Antigo	12

Second Place Winner—Antigo**Third Place Winner—Rhineland****BASKETBALL**

Basketball had a great year in Wisconsin during the 1928-29 season. About 400 schools maintained teams in this sport. Wisconsin will, in a few years, be practically 100% on the question of high school basketball. The few schools not competing are handicapped by the lack of gymnasium facilities a condition which promises to be remedied within the next few years.

While it is impossible to give with any degree of accuracy the number of boys who participated in this sport during the past season, it is fairly safe to assume that at least 5,000 participated in inter-school games. The number of additional boys participating in inter-class games will easily total 6,000, making a grand total of 11,000 taking part in this athletic activity.

Basketball has a firm hold upon Wisconsin high schools and the present tendency indicates a larger participation for the coming year than ever before.

The greatest handicaps to the sport at the present time are the great number of non-ventilated, poorly heated village halls, which of necessity must be used for the game. Most of these playing spaces are too small and provide little or no accommodations for the spectators. Few have adequate dressing rooms while fewer still have showers. During the last year a number of adequate gymnasiums have been added to Wisconsin high school plants. A large proportion of these gymnasiums provide the essentials, playing floor, seating accommodations, showers, and dressing rooms, required of a first class gymnasium. Unfortunately some of the newer gymnasiums, because of lower initial building cost, do not provide suitable floors, safe for the participants or comfortable for the spectators.

Among the gymnasiums added to school plants during the past year are those at South Milwaukee, Green Bay West, River Falls, Baraboo and Oconto Falls.

Coaching schools conducted by the University, colleges and normal schools, as well as tournament attendance by coaches and players, have done much to improve the game which during the 1928-29 season again made a real stride forward.

The Board of Control rule limiting the number of games to be played between December 1 and March 1 to twelve has had a beneficent influence in curbing too long schedules. The National Federation, at their meeting in Cleveland in February, approved this principle when this organization went on record in favor of restricted schedules suggesting one game per week as the maximum.

Schools are maintained for the purpose of offering an educational opportunity to the boys and girls of school age. Athletics have their place and have a definite value, but if overemphasized, handicap the work of the school for which each community spends a considerable sum of money each year.

The Board of Control desires to develop athletics to the point where they will benefit the greatest number of high school students.

The Board realizes that this development can only come if athletics remain secondary to the educational program and while, at all times, stimulating athletics will, at the same time, do all in its power to keep a proper

balance between the athletic program and the educational objective.

Basketball has improved in Wisconsin during recent years. The writer has been in personal touch with the sport for twenty-seven years. During this period there has been a remarkable growth in interest on the part of all, as well as a real improvement in the game itself. The attendance has been increasing from year to year and in many cases is only limited by the size of the gymnasiums in which the games are played. There is no indication of a let up in public interest, in fact there is every reason to believe that public interest will increase and that the attendance at single games and tournaments will keep on growing as time goes on.

Wisconsin high school basketball is improving and according to leading conference officials and coaches ranks now with the best in the country. Wisconsin can lead the country if the coaches can improve the offensive side of the game and develop better shooting. More emphasis upon free throwing would also benefit the game. During the 1928 State Tournament 60% of the free throws attempted were made. This percentage compares unfavorably with Indiana where over 70% scored. The 1929 showing was a real improvement, however, over 1928.

Review of Basketball In Wisconsin High Schools

A history of basketball in Wisconsin high schools was given in both the 1924 and 1925 Year Books. Inasmuch as three full pages were devoted to this in each of these Year Books no history or review will be given this year. A full history of the sport for Wisconsin will appear every fifth year which will be sufficiently frequent to acquaint all with the development of the sport in Wisconsin.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

That high school basketball is growing in popularity and that tournament competition is attracting more attention yearly was clearly demonstrated by the attendance and the character of the competition in the sixteen District Meets this year. In spite of the most unfavorable weather encountered in years and in the face of impassable roads in a good portion of the state, the District Tournaments held from March 13-16 substantially exceeded in both receipts and profits all meets with the exception of 1928. The record year of 1928 was almost approached when the total receipts reached \$28,793.53 or only \$1,230.86 less than the previous record. The 1928 meets produced a profit to the W.I.A.A. of \$5,732.73 while the net this year was \$5,212.89. This is a remarkable showing when all factors are considered.

Whitewater set an all time record in both receipts and profit. Four other centers, namely, Rice Lake, Sparta, Eau Claire and Algoma showed substantial increases. Five other centers, namely, Wisconsin Rapids, Antigo, Shawano, River Falls and Watertown held their own, while Monroe, Ashland and Marshfield almost reached their 1928 figures. Milwaukee, Menasha and Platteville alone showed substantial losses.

Only four of the 1928 district winners were able to make the grade this year and in two of these cases a real battle was required to determine the winner.

Following the precedent of previous year, the 1928 State Champion failed to repeat although Watertown did upset tradition by not being eliminated

in the first round. Only three home teams, namely, Eau Claire, Platteville and Wisconsin Rapids were returned winners.

The actual total attendance for the District Tournaments was 97,718, a figure which was but slightly less than for 1928. Rice Lake produced the largest single attendance of slightly more than 8,400 with Sparta second and Eau Claire third.

During the 1927-28 season approximately 350 teams submitted scores while during the season just closed between 360 and 370 sent in reports to the district managers.

The following is a condensed financial statement of the District Tournaments.

1928 DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

	Receipts	Expenses	Local School Profit	W.I.A.A. Profit
Whitewater	\$ 2,533.00	\$ 1,093.57	\$ 719.71	\$ 719.72
Rice Lake	2,418.65	1,294.13	593.76	593.76
Sparta	2,410.50	1,320.04	545.23	545.23
Eau Claire	2,160.35	1,157.85	501.25	501.25
Watertown	2,000.15	1,024.90	487.62	487.63
Monroe	1,890.00	1,198.38	345.81	345.81
Antigo	1,824.55	1,180.16	322.19	322.20
Shawano	1,865.40	1,236.25	314.58	314.57
Platteville	1,858.85	1,259.91	299.47	299.47
Marshfield	1,691.50	1,102.96	294.27	294.27
Milwaukee	1,474.30	984.75	244.77	244.78
Algoma	1,539.00	1,183.36	177.82	177.82
Menasha	1,129.68	877.04	126.32	126.32
Wisconsin Rapids	1,434.25	1,205.93	114.16	114.16
River Falls	1,215.05	1,027.02	94.01	94.02
Ashland	1,285.30	1,221.55	31.87	31.88
	<u>\$28,793.53</u>	<u>\$18,367.80</u>	<u>\$5,212.84</u>	<u>\$5,212.89</u>

When the sixteen tournament center plan was first inaugurated, considerable difficulty was experienced in securing suitable locations. The plan has, however, justified itself and now the Board is literally flooded with requests for tournaments. This also proves that basketball is growing in popularity.

The Board of Control has worked out a tournament plan which is considered more satisfactory from every standpoint than those used in other states. Two hundred and sixteen different teams competed in the Wisconsin meets the past year. Of this number only 52 played more than one game per day and in every case those playing two games played against each other in the second contest of the day. On only one day of the meet, namely the last, was it necessary for a team to play two games.

The following is a report on the games played in all of the district tournaments. A cut is also given of the winning team in each district.

Wisconsin Cloverbelt League

Team	Won	Lost	Percentage
Stanley	9	1	.900
Owen	8	1	.888
Cadott	5	5	.500
Thorp	3	6	.333
Cornell	1	5	.166
Boyd	0	8	.000

Wisconsin Little Ten Conference

Columbus	7	0	1.000
Beaver Dam	6	1	.858
Ripon	4	2	.667
Horicon	5	4	.555
Waupun	2	4	.333
Mayville	2	6	.250
Berlin	1	5	.167
Hartford	1	6	.143

Wisconsin River League

Muscoda	5	1	.833
Ithaca	4	2	.666
Boscobel	3	3	.500
Lone Rock	0	6	.000

Wisconsin Valley Conference

Wausau	12	0	1.000
Nekoosa	9	0	1.000
Stevens Point	8	4	.666
Rhineland	5	3	.625
Wisconsin Rapids	5	6	.454
Marshfield	3	8	.272
Antigo	2	10	.166
Tomahawk	1	8	.111

STATE HIGH SCHOOL FREE THROWING CONTEST

The fifth annual State High School Free Throwing Contest conducted under the auspices of the W.I.A.A. in direct charge of P. F. Neverman attracted entries from thirteen schools. Many more entered the competition but did not forward final results and are not listed.

The plan of having all competition take place before a regular basketball audience was again used and will be continued in the future. This contest will grow in popularity and the entries should increase from year to year.

Shawano, the winner, scored 194 out of a possible 250, or 8 less than Platteville, the 1928 winner. Second place went to Platteville with a total of 183.

Accurate free throwing determines many games during the season. Coaches would do well to enter this annual contest in order to stimulate interest in accuracy at the foul line.

John Huntington of Shawano is the individual champion with a score of 47 out of a possible 50. His teammates supported him sufficiently to produce a total of 194, or enough to win the team award.

School	Team Score
Shawano	194
Platteville	183
Horicon	170
South Milwaukee	166
Stevens Point	157
Rhineland	145
Elcho	135
Racine—Wm. Horlick	124
Kaukauna	109
Racine—Washington Park	105
Superior—Central (4 competitors)	129
Gilmanton (4 competitors)	98

Girls' Competition

Appleton	173
Shawano	173
Platteville	112

This year first team competitors were not eligible for this event. While this reduced the totals it nevertheless encouraged competition for many who would otherwise not have participated.

Shawano was awarded the team trophy for first place, while John Huntington received the individual award. The members of the second and third place teams were given suitable silver and bronze awards.

THE ACCREDITING OF OFFICIALS

The Board of Control at their meeting of April 5 decided to put into operation, beginning with September 1, 1929, a plan for the registration of officials for all sports. Other states, among them Iowa, Michigan, Kansas and Illinois, have been registering and certifying officials for some time. In most states the registration fee is based on a fee per sport basis. The Board of Control decided upon a fee of \$1.00 per sport with a maximum of \$2.00 for two or more sports. If an official registers for football only, the fee will be \$1.00 per year, while the registration for football, basketball, baseball and track would only cost \$2.00 for the year.

The Board has decided to place officials in three classes, namely, registered, recognized, and certified. Full details of this plan are being presented in the September Bulletin. For the present, at least, no attempt will be made to determine the fee to be paid to these officials. All will be registered upon receipt of proper application blank and fee. A card showing registration and class of official will be furnished and the official will be placed upon the W.I.A.A. mailing list. The Board will furnish the rules of play for all sports as soon as possible. All rules with the exception of football and basketball will be furnished the first year, and it is quite possible that special W.I.A.A. rules for these also will be forthcoming before the end of the season.

The work of each official will be carefully checked and those who rank highest will be assigned to a higher class and will be used in tournaments and state contests. The complete list of registered officials will be printed and will be available to member schools for reference. Interpretation meetings and meetings of instruction will be arranged in different sections of the state.

The inauguration of a plan for the accrediting of officials will demand a great deal of additional work for the Board of Control and the Secretary. This additional work, however, will be cheerfully done and with the cooperation of the member schools, officiating should show a decided improvement in Wisconsin.

