

MONROE

Local Manager—T. R. Holyoke

Winner—Wisconsin High



Brodhead	24	New Glarus	18
Wisconsin High	29	Edgerton	20
Monroe	33	Belleville	16
Evansville	21	Argyle	18
Edgerton	28	New Glarus	27
Argyle	23	Belleville	22
Wisconsin High	27	Brodhead	7
Monroe	25	Evansville	23
Edgerton	22	Argyle	16
Brodhead	22	Evansville	11
Edgerton	25	Brodhead	17
Wisconsin High	25	Monroe	22

Second Place Winner—Monroe

Third Place Winner—Edgerton

ALGOMA PRELIMINARY TOURNAMENT

Local Manager—Supt. F. F. Schlosser

Winners

Algoma

Kewaunee

The two day preliminary tournament conducted at Algoma under the management of Supt. F. F. Schlosser was a decided success. Six games were played in two days and the second day winners were each given a place in a District Meet. The meet was such a success that in two days of competition the attendance almost equaled that of some District Meets which were held over a period of three days.

Algoma	24	Sevastopol	8
Sturgeon Bay	22	Fish Creek	19
Waldo	20	Luxemburg	8
Kewaunee	26	Valders	10
Algoma	13	Sturgeon Bay	12
Kewaunee	22	Waldo	9

STATE TOURNAMENT

The 1931 State Tournament, in spite of a two day blizzard, set a new attendance record for the annual event. The meet was held in the Field House of the University of Wisconsin, a fact which contributed largely to the success of the event. Had the weather on Friday and Saturday been less unfavorable, the attendance would have reached at least the 20,000 mark. The total attendance of about 17,500 exceeded the previous record of 16,500 made last year. While the total receipts were but slightly larger than in 1930, the added attendance was due to the increased sale of coupon books.

The tournament was the best in the history of the event. Never before have the games been so hard fought and the final results so close. In 1930 the margin between the average winning score and the losing average was 8 points. The 1931 meet produced an average winning score of 19.5 and a losing score of 14.5 or a margin of 5. This tells the story of the meet. Three games went overtime; four were won by one point, three by two points and six by three points.

Free throwing showed an improvement over 1930 when only 50% of foul tosses were converted. The 1931 average was slightly better than 60%. Many games are actually won from the free throw line and coaches would do well to emphasize free throwing during the season. Participation in the annual state wide W.I.A.A. Free Throwing Contest would stimulate this phase of basketball.

Dr. Walter E. Meanwell, a national authority on basketball, has contributed a brief article on the tournament. The comments by Coach Meanwell are pertinent and should receive the thoughtful consideration of principals and coaches. Dr. Meanwell contemplates conducting a coaching school in connection with the 1932 State Tournament. This will prove to be a real service to Wisconsin High School basketball.

No State Meet ever produced so many high class teams. Wisconsin High,

the ultimate winner, played splendid ball. The second place, Washington Park team of Racine, presented one of the best coached teams ever to participate in the State meet. Beloit in winning the Consolation played excellent ball as also did Madison-Central to place third. Wisconsin Rapids and Superior-Central also ranked high. Platteville, Watertown, Ripon, Oconto, Cumberland, Neenah, Marshfield, Antigo, Tomah and Blair all were represented by far better than average high school teams.

THE 1931 STATE TOURNAMENT

**Coach ("Doc") Meanwell
Madison, Wisconsin**

It was the best Wisconsin State Tournament I have beheld, from all but one standpoint—that of the conduct of the spectators. There was more noisy disapproval of decisions than in past meets, due in part to the larger crowds in attendance and to the intensity and evenness of the play. Almost every game was close and replete with thrills and that usually means trouble for the officials. An attempt might well be made next year to stimulate better sportsmanship among the spectators; that of the players was beyond criticism.

I especially noted the generally improved technique of all the contesting teams over that of other seasons. Well organized systems of attack and defense were the rule and the individual work of ball handling and defense, were of higher grade than ever before.

Perhaps most noticeable was the large size of the players. But one team resembled in lack of size the average team of five years ago. The game is definitely on the up grade in Wisconsin.

Apart from the technique or the contest aspects of the tournament, I gave special heed to the physical condition and "staying powers" of the contestants. But one injury of more than passing moment occurred and this a re-dislocation of a shoulder that had gone out several times previous to the tournament and which I had no difficulty in replacing. There were no signs of extreme fatigue or of exhaustion in any player throughout the play.

In this connection I wish to attract attention to the markedly changed character of modern basketball insofar as it affects heart action and endurance. The old game of a few years back was of 40 minutes duration rather than of 32, as now. The sixteen minute halves are now broken by rest periods into quarters. Again, the modern, "slow-break," set-play style of attack has slowed the tempo to such an extent that, as one lad replied, to my query as to whether he was tired—"Naw, I can play this game with a starched collar on." The obsolescence of the Quick-Break offense and the introduction of the Center-Pivot and the Criss-Cross styles of set plays, have robbed the game of its formerly hit and miss, and also its exhausting character. To further illustrate the present day almost ideal type of game for adolescent play, I had one dozen of the games charted to determine the average number of interruptions that occurred in the course of the games, due to which complete or at least such partial cessations of activity occurred as to markedly reduce heart and respiratory rate. The following summary is of interest:

General	145.60
Total Expenditures	\$4,464.30
Profit 1931 Tournament	\$2,228.63

STATE TOURNAMENT SCORES

First Day Games

Wisconsin Rapids	12	Antigo	9
Wisconsin High	17	Beloit	14
Watertown	15	Blair	12
Cumberland	22	Tomah	18
Madison-Central	15	Superior-Central	13
Ripon	19	Marshfield	16
Racine-Washington	28	Neenah	23
Platteville	20	Oconto	18

CONSOLATION SERIES

Thursday

Beloit	21	Antigo	17
Tomah	17	Blair	16
Superior-Central	17	Marshfield	6
Oconto	21	Neenah	15

Friday

Beloit	26	Tomah	20
Superior-Central	21	Oconto	20

Saturday

Consolation Final

Beloit	22	Superior-Central	20
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CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Thursday

Wisconsin High	14	Wisconsin Rapids	13
Watertown	17	Cumberland	13
Madison-Central	17	Ripon	13
Racine-Washington Park	22	Platteville	9

THIRD PLACE SERIES

Friday

Wisconsin Rapids	19	Cumberland	7
Ripon	23	Platteville	14

Saturday

Wisconsin Rapids	19	Ripon	16
Madison-Central	17	Watertown	11

Third Place Final

Madison-Central	22	Wisconsin Rapids	20
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CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Friday

Wisconsin High	12	Watertown	8
Racine-Washington Park	18	Madison-Central	11

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Wisconsin-High	20	Racine-Washington Park	19
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