STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 1937 State High School Basketball Tournament held in Madison on March 30, 31 and April 1, 2 under the auspices of the University of Wisconsin was the most successful State final ever conducted in Wisconsin. Weather conditions were favorable, competition was good and the cooperation extended by the Athletic Department of the University of Wisconsin was excelent. The whole-hearted cooperation of the daily press, both in Madison, Milwaukee and elsewhere, also contributed materially to making the 1937 State Meet outstanding. The total receipts exceeded that of any previous year while the attendance set a new record for Wisconsin.

Beloit won the Class A Championship, winning in successive days from Superior-Central, Stevens Point and Rhinelander. All three games were well contested, the Stevens Point contest being exceptionally interesting.

Beaver Dam won honors in Class B, winning in the final game from South Milwaukee. Beaver Dam presented an exceptionally well coached and well balanced team.

Fall Creek won the championship in Class C. Fall Creek played exceptional ball throughout the tournament to win honors in this division.

STATE TOURNAMENT SCORES

CLASS A

Beloit34	Superior-Central21
Stevens Point29	Madison-East
Madison-West26	Shorewood18
Rhinelander,40	Racine-Wash. Park18

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Second Day Games

Consolat	tion
Superior-Central27	Madison-East19
Racine-Wash. Park33	Shorewood19
Champior	nship
Beloit35	Stevens Point33
Rhinelander20	Madison-West18
Third Day	Games
Consolation	Final
Superior-Central33	Racine-Wash. Park19
Championshi	n Final
Beloit28	Rhinelander17



BELOIT-CLASS A CHAMPIONS

CLASS A

There were no weak teams in Class A. All played good basketball. Several teams played brilliant ball at times. Offensive basketball featured the play.

BELOIT—After a two year absence, Beloit regained the Class A crown in the state tourney by defeating Superior-Central, the defending champs for the past two years, Stevens Point and Rhinelander. Employing blinding speed and great team play and taking advantage of their opponents' misplays, Beloit was superb and deserved the honors. The first team of Leffingwell, May, Hoffman, Polglaze and Reif carried practically all the entire burden. Leffingwell was the high scorer of the meet.

RHINELANDER—The Norsemen playing their first final match of the tourney were one of the pleasant surprises of the meet. They presented two great stars in Bourcier and Kotz and only the injury of the former in title play kept them from being a title threat up to the final eight minutes of play.

SUPERIOR-CENTRAL—The defending champs never hit their true stride in the tournament and were eliminated the first day by Beloit. The team flashed some of its real brilliance in going ahead to take the consolation honors. Pacquette, Len Welch and Rehnstrand were outstanding for Harry Conley's team.

RACINE WASHINGTON PARK—The team played ragged ball its first night and never was a serious threat. They staged a fine comeback in the consolation play but were beaten in the final by Superior. Crosset, Pierson, Kidder and Doctor played the best ball for the five that came to the tourney minus its ailing coach.

MADISON EAST—The Madison team appeared to lack its usual dash and shooting ability and was eliminated by Stevens Point. Alwin played his usual brilliant ball for the Purgold and was one of the outstanding players in the meet.

STEVENS POINT—Coach Ringdahl presented a great ball team to the meet that lost a heart-breaker to Beloit in the semi-finals by a 2 point margin. Stein, Knudtson, Cashin, Bandow and Fisher were all fine stars and it was a bitter pill for this great aggregation to lose out.

MADISON WEST—Victor over Shorewood but defeated by Rhinelander in the second day's play. West was one of the disappointments of the tourney. Slated as the possible darkhorse of the meet the team failed to click at any time as it had during the past season.

SHOREWOOD—Playing in its first tourney at Madison, Coach Olson's boys put up a fine battle but the team lacked height and experience and was defeated by more veteran fives. They will be heard from in the future.

CLASS B

First	Day	Games
Ashland		Tomahawk
Beaver Dam30		Stoughton
Durand		Shawano29
Second	Day	Games
	nsola	
Stoughton	7	Tomahawk
Cha	mpion	nship
Beaver Dam31		Ashland
Third	Day	Games
Shawano38	lation	Final Stoughton
		p Final
Poorer Dam 35		South Milwaukee



BEAVER DAM-CLASS B CHAMPIONS

CLASS B

Class B teams on the whole showed greater strength than ever before. In fact a number of the teams would have held their own in Class A.

BEAVER DAM.—The new champions and one of the finest fives to ever win in the state tourney. A fine balanced team that set a terrific pace for its opponents and showed superb team play at all times. Knoll, Lindloff, Kuehl, Halbman and Linde were the first string five and carried the brilliant team to the title.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE—Another newcomer that lost to Beaver Dam in the finals. The team played a driving type of ball and offered two fine forwards in Perkins and Lemont.

SHAWANO—Ousted from the title play by a single point, Shawano romped through the remainder of the field for the consolation title. Three brilliant performers on the team were Robbins, Reed and Grignon, ably aided by Gottschalk and Barker.

STOUGHTON-Playing in its first tourney, Stoughton showed streaks of good and bad ball. Ustad, F. Busch and Kvitle were outstanding.

ASHLAND—Starting strong the first day, Ashland failed to keep the pace and lost in the second round to the champs of Class B. Moran, Jensen and Ruth placed the team and played steady ball throughout.

TOMAHAWK—The field proved too strong for this scrappy team and they dropped before Ashland in the first round. The front line played fine ball in both games for the landshore five.

DURAND—Two fine stars placed Durand in the second round of play, Carroll and Orlady. The team lost a tough 2-point decision to South Milwaukee in the second round.

SPARTA—The team appeared jittery throughout and never settled down to the brand of ball it seemed capable of playing. Ballman and Leverenz were their test performers.

CLASS C First Day Games Spring Green32 Edgar30 Elkhart Lake23 Minocqua36 Middleton14 Marion32 Second Day Games Consolation Elkhart Lake12 Edgar25 Milltown21 Middleton24 Championship Minocqua31 Marion21 Third Day Games

Consolation Final

Championship Final

Edgar21

Fall Creek33

Middleton14

Minocqua19



FALL CREEK-CLASS C CHAMPIONS

CLASS C

The character of ball played by the Class C teams was the real feature of the tournament. The providing of three classes for tournament competition has stimulated the sport in the smaller schools, with the result that during the last two years play has shown a real improvement.

FALL CREEK—Unberalded and unsung, Fall Creek proved one of the sensations of the meet by taking the C crown. Starting slowly with an uninteresting win over Milltown, the team gained momentum and upset a strong Marion five and raced through Minocqua for the title. Krenz and Zetzman were their big aces with Meng, Raether and Boernke not far behind.