

Altoona won in Class C. This team from a small school could have made a good showing in either of the other classes.

Strong basketball teams are not confined to the larger schools. This fact was evidenced in the Minnesota State Tournament when Mt. Lake (a community of 1,400) won the championship. Minnesota competition, after the first round, is in one class. Mt. Lake defeated Marshall High of Minneapolis in the final game.

STATE TOURNAMENT SCORES

CLASS A

First Round

Stevens Point	39	Antigo	25
Wausau	38	Eau Claire	30
Rhineland	56	Wauwatosa	21
Shorewood	37	Wisconsin Rapids	10

Consolation Series

Antigo	31	Eau Claire	18
Wauwatosa	30	Wisconsin Rapids	26

Consolation Final

Antigo	21	Wauwatosa	20
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Championship Series

Wausau	34	Stevens Point	23
Rhineland	33	Shorewood	21

Championship Final

Rhineland	46	Wausau	29
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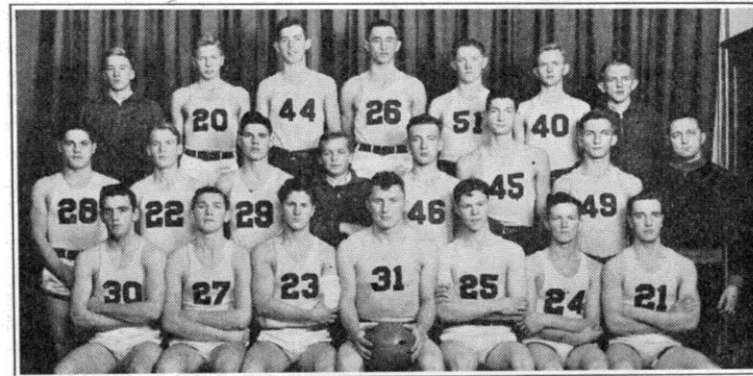
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STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 1939 State High School Basketball Tournament was held in Madison on March 21, 22, 23 and 24. The 1939 meet was again handicapped by the failure of a number of the larger schools to compete in the event. In spite of this handicap the paid attendance was 678 above that for 1938. While the 1938 State Meet actually lost money for the W.I.A.A., the 1939 event returned a small profit. If the State Meet is to contribute to the W.I.A.A. program financially, a plan under which the number of teams participating in the annual event is reduced and the field made more representative must be developed.

Rhineland won the Class A Championship, winning all of its games by commanding scores. Rhineland presented one of the strongest, if not the strongest, teams ever to appear in a State Meet.

Watertown won the championship in Class B by defeating a strong Neenah team in the final game.



RHINELAND—CLASS A CHAMPIONS

RHINELAND—The Hodags led by their great scoring ace, John Kotz, won the Class A title in more or less of a romp. The fine northern team was rewarded after a great season with the coveted title. Their task of eliminating Wauwatosa, Shorewood and the defending title holders, Wausau, was nothing more than routine for these great youngsters. Kotz set new scoring records of

28 points for a single game and 64 points for three games in state tourney play. The brilliant northerners were studded with stars besides Kotz, and Drivas and Lenheiser won high praise from all fans in Madison. The Hodags were truly a great ball club and worthy of the title—State Champs.

WAUSAU—The defending champs could not stave off the great rush of Rhinelander in the finals after disposing neatly of Eau Claire and Stevens Point in their first two games. Wausau had its stars despite the loss of the title and Christenson and Larson displayed plenty of brilliant basketball throughout.

SHOREWOOD—The Milwaukee suburbanites played splendid ball to win their first tourney game but had to tangle with Rhinelander in the semis and dropped a well played contest. The Shorewood five slowed Rhinelander down to their own pace and made the tussle very interesting for almost the entire first half. The magnificent power of the new champions took its toll eventually and the Hodags eliminated the well coached Olson team in one of the real classics of the tournament.

ANTIGO—Coach George Svendsen's team made one of Antigo's finest showings in a State Meet. After a mediocre first game and defeat by Stevens Point the quint came back to play fine ball into the consolations to defeat Eau Claire and Wauwatosa for the title. Fermanich and mates really displayed great drive and fight to take the bracket honors in a nip and tuck final with Tosa by a one point margin.

EAU CLAIRE—The northerners never really got started in the tourney and dropped both their starts to Wausau and Antigo. They gave Wausau a great fight due to the fine work of the high scoring forward, Jopke, but they could not maintain the pace thereafter.

WAUWATOSA—Loser of the consolation final to Antigo, Wauwatosa played some fine ball and showed two mighty fine performers in Fischer and Spiech. The latter failed to hit his usual stellar play but still showed class aplenty. Fischer was named one of the outstanding guards of the tourney.

STEVENS POINT—Started brilliantly against Antigo with an easy victory but found the titleists, Wausau, too much in the second round and slipped badly to be forced out of the championship play. Schlice, especially, played fine ball for the team.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS—Was never a threat in the tourney after taking a defeat at the hands of Shorewood in the first round play. Jacoby proved himself one of the meet's finest shots despite the team's defeat by Wauwatosa in the consolation play.

CLASS B

First Round

Delavan	39	Marinette	30
Neenah	28	Ladysmith	19
Tomah	30	Spring Valley	22
Watertown	35	Stoughton	33

Consolation Series

Ladysmith	19	Marinette	17
Stoughton	29	Spring Valley	26

Consolation Final

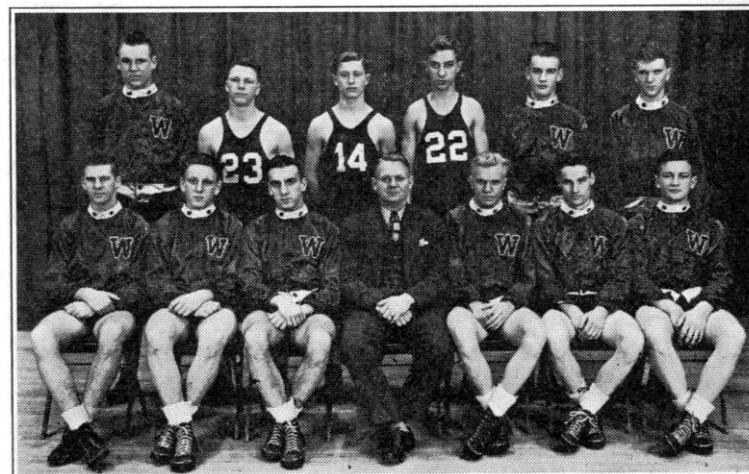
Stoughton	25	Ladysmith	22
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Championship Series

Neenah	31	Delavan	25
Watertown	25	Tomah	13

Championship Final

Watertown	33	Neenah	28
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WATERTOWN—CLASS B CHAMPIONS

WATERTOWN—Became the new Class B Champions by driving through three fine games and beating one of their most dangerous rivals, Stoughton, in the first round. The balanced Watertown squad had everything necessary to make a championship team with drive, power, speed and fine scoring ability but study defense. The team of Kuenzi, Stofflet, Grabow, Ebert and Stupka, the latter the real hero of the five, plus strong substitutes proved too much for the field.

NEENAH—With one of its finest teams in years could not stave off Watertown in the finals and lost a bitterly contested battle. W. Kettering was the team's finest performer and one of the best players in the tourney although others were not far behind.

STOUGHTON—After its defeat by Watertown, Stoughton came back nicely to cop consolation honors. The quint was of the meet's best and Nyhagen stamped himself an outstanding star. Kvitle and Busch were not far behind as his mates downed Spring Valley and Ladysmith for the honors.

LADYSMITH—After a slow start played especially well against Marinette, coming back to overcome a 10 point deficit at one time and go to the consolation finals. Bergstrom and Bredeson were outstanding.

SPRING VALLEY—Was handicapped by the loss of its center star but gave Tomah and Stoughton hard fights before going out of the title flights. Brooke and Danielson were this team's finest performers.

MARINETTE—Could not get going and despite the fine scoring of their center star, Haslanger, they dropped both starts in the meet. Haslanger was one of the outstanding centers of the meet and scored heavily in both games.

DELAVAN—Was a real threat for the title after winning its first game with Marinette. Freitag, center, set a new scoring mark in this game of 24 points, only to see it wiped out by Kotz of Rhinelander in two other games. The team had speed and fine shooting ability.

TOMAH—Battled gallantly against bigger foes but could not stave off the rush of Watertown toward the title on the second day. Spangenberg, Heyer and Fuchs all performed nobly but lacked the final punch in their semi-final game.

CLASS C

First Round

Altoona	33	Denmark	28
Independence	30	Cedarburg	23
Port Edwards	28	Ondossagon	21
Oregon	35	Spring Green	34

Consolation Series

Denmark	23	Cedarburg	11
Spring Green	27	Ondossagon	25

Consolation Final

Spring Green	26	Denmark	22
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Championship Series

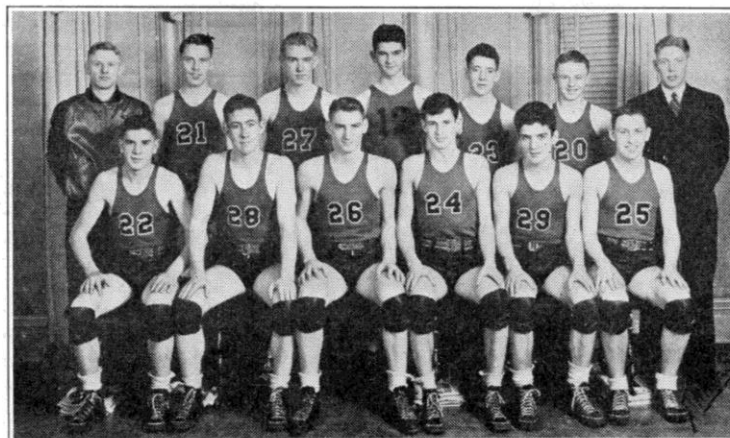
Altoona	31	Independence	30
Port Edwards	32	Oregon	24

Championship Final

Altoona	44	Port Edwards	33
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ALTOONA—The new champions showed the stuff to tourney fans that really makes champions. This gallant band of battlers came from behind in all three of the title chase games to nip their foes at the wire and grab a well deserved crown. The team showed terrific drive and fire and superb shooting in the finishing moments of every game. While Sturz and Gilbert carried most of the scoring burden, the fine play of their mates must not be overlooked.

PORT EDWARDS—The runner-up team of this division was one of the truly fine surprises of the meet. Unheralded and unsung in these parts, these husky lads showed some fine basketball in whipping Ondossagon and Oregon,



ALTOONA—CLASS C CHAMPIONS

the latter a pre-meet favorite, but could not stave off the great final quarter rush of Altoona. R. Steinfeldt, Gleason, Stewart and Driscoll played great ball throughout for this team.

INDEPENDENCE—Proved one of the surprise teams of the meet also and led by a fine scoring ace, Isaacs, whipped Cedarburg in the first round only to lose in the semis by a single point to the eventual champions of their division.

OREGON—Pulled the big surprise of whipping Spring Green in the first round but slumped badly in their second game and was soundly trounced by the "Hot" shooting Port Edwards five. Martin, Mandt and Flint were this team's stellar performers.

SPRING GREEN—Despite a heart breaking one point defeat in their first game by Oregon, Billy Cork and mates came back nicely and annexed consolation honors in their class. Cork, Sprenson, Lins and mates displayed some of the finest shooting of the meet.

ONDOSAGON—The boys from this little school failed to hit their stride at the start of both their games and could not overcome big margins piled up against them by opponents in the first half. Erickson, Hunt and Mattson stamped themselves as high class performers despite their bad luck.

CEDARBURG—Was another team that failed to unleash its real scoring punch and despite a brilliant rally in their first game against Independence, the team never really hit its stride.

DENMARK—This big powerful aggregation started poorly against the