

## 1940 STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 1940 State High School Basketball Tournament was held in Madison on March 12, 13, 14 and 15. The meet was handicapped by unusually unfavorable weather, snow, ice and sleet, in spite of which the total attendance was adequate to produce sufficient revenue to pay all expenses and net a profit to the W.I.A.A. as well as a bonus to competing teams.

The meet was the first one class affair held in Wisconsin since 1933 when the championship was won by Beloit. Four Class A schools, nine Class B and three Class C schools won their Regional Meets to qualify for the State event. Class A and C schools did not survive the second round. The semi-finals were strictly a Class B struggle. Consolation honors were won by a Class A school, Madison-Central, with Delavan placing second.

The championship went to Shawano in a thrilling battle with Marshfield by a score of 23 to 22.

The tournament was featured by upsets which were the rule rather than the exception. The attendance the last night was one of the largest ever recorded in Wisconsin tournament history.

The one class State Tournament received many favorable comments and in spite of very unfavorable weather attracted a satisfactory attendance.

## STATE TOURNAMENT SCORES

## FIRST ROUND

Platteville .....	32	Beloit .....	28
Rhineland .....	46	Delavan .....	29
Eau Claire .....	24	Rice Lake .....	16
Shawano .....	32	Elmwood .....	25
Shorewood .....	22	Madison-Central .....	16
Marshfield .....	29	Soldiers Grove .....	27
Neenah .....	41	Sturgeon Bay .....	38
Superior-East .....	27	Pardeeville .....	18

## CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Platteville .....	31	Rhineland .....	29
Shawano .....	27	Eau Claire .....	15
Marshfield .....	20	Shorewood .....	16
Neenah .....	28	Superior-East .....	23

## SEMI-FINALS

Shawano .....	34	Platteville .....	23
Marshfield .....	18	Neenah .....	17

## FINAL

Shawano .....	23	Marshfield .....	22
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## CONSOLATION SERIES

Delavan .....	28	Beloit .....	18
Rice Lake .....	20	Elmwood .....	13
Madison-Central .....	39	Soldiers Grove .....	17
Sturgeon Bay .....	32	Pardeeville .....	18

## SEMI-FINALS

Delavan .....	27	Rice Lake .....	14
Madison-Central .....	32	Sturgeon Bay .....	14

## FINAL

Madison-Central .....	21	Delavan .....	19
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A new state high school champion was crowned at the University of Wisconsin Field House on March 15 when Shawano grabbed the title in a thrilling final from the dark horse, Marshfield, team by a score of 23 to 22.

The tournament returned to one class of tourney play and brought many fine battles and stirring upsets in the course of the four days of competition. A few words in regard to the 16 teams entered and their plays during the tourney follow:

**SHAWANO**—The new champs played grand ball throughout the tournament and the brilliance of the guards, Reed and Rosenow, won high praise from all. These two outstanding performers proved the high scorers for the champs besides directing play beautifully throughout and handling the ball superbly. The fighting front line of the Shawano team showed several combinations with all doing grand work throughout. Jack and Jim Anderson, Nehls, Raddant, Dickie, Schweers, Waukechon and Cantwell all deserved high praise.

**MARSHFIELD**—The runner up team was a big surprise throughout the tourney and a great favorite with the fans. These game little battlers came just within an eyelash of taking the crown and it was too bad there were not two titlists after their game fight. Coach Murphy used only six players throughout the tourney and in two games used only five men. Connaughty, Bauer Scherr, Koller, Froelke and Swanson were a great game little squad that won high plaudits from the crowds.

**MADISON-CENTRAL**—One of the meet favorites that failed to click the first round came back to annex consolation honors. The Madison team played some great ball and was especially strong on the defense. Derr, Hendrickson, Sponem, Scalissi and P. Coletti were outstanding.

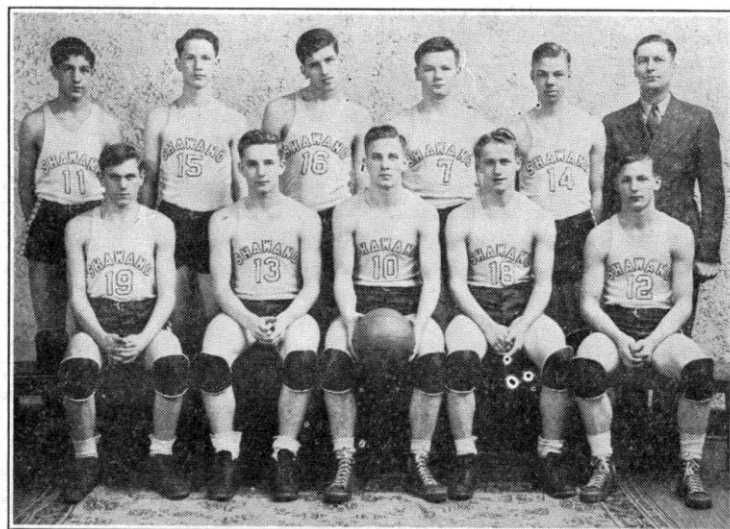
**DELAVAN**—Coach Schultz had another speedy five that was forced out in the first round by the defending champs, Rhineland, but battled to the consolation final only to lose to Madison. Jordan at forward was the top scorer for the tournament and almost single-handed turned back Madison in the final, losing by a scant two point margin.

**RHINELANDER**—The defending champs were favored to repeat but ran into a tartar in the second round in Platteville and were nosed out in a sensational battle by 2 points. Terzinski again proved himself a great performer as did Warren who scored 21 points in the game against Delavan.

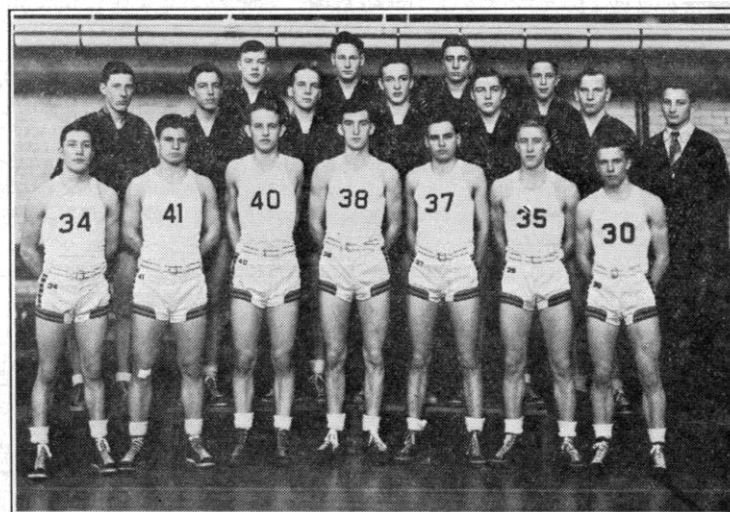
**PLATTEVILLE**—One of the surprise teams of the tourney that ousted the champs but tired under the blistering pace in the semi-finals and was eliminated by the eventual champions, Shawano. Bob Clarke at forward sparked this fine team in their three games of tourney play.

**BELOIT**—This team did not have its usual flashing offense and lost its first round start to Platteville in a close struggle. A desperate rally almost brought the state line five a win but they faded in the closing minutes and were eliminated. The Dooley boys and Tarrant with Magill proved their best performers.

**EAU CLAIRE**—This team never hit its stride in the second round of play after eliminating Rice Lake. The boys lost their shooting eye in the second round and seemed to find the big field house floor a difficult problem. Stolen and Gallagher played fine ball for the Alml five.



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**ELMWOOD**—This quint gave the new champs a great fight in their first round meeting, losing a thriller but only by a late rally. Their shooting dropped off badly thereafter. Stephens and E. Marson, however, came in for a good share of the team's fine glory.

**NEENAH**—This team gave the fans some of the greatest thrills of the tourney and its come-back to defeat Superior-East in the title bracket after trailing by 13 points at half time was perhaps the outstanding performance of the tourney. The boys seemed destined to go to the finals but a gallant Marshfield rally ousted them from play just seconds before the gun sounded. Hesselman proved the team's big star with Kettering a close second and Haupe a sterling performer throughout.

**PARDEEVILLE**—The boys could not hit the hoop in the first round of play and were beaten by Superior-East. Lang and Krueger scored well in both games but did not get much help from their mates.

**RICE LAKE**—This was another team that could not score heavily in the tourney despite a driving attack and plenty of good play. The team came back to win a consolation game after dropping their first start. Whitney and Currier proved their mainstays.

**SHOREWOOD**—appeared destined for the giant killer role after whipping Madison-Central in the first round but fell in the second round to the hard driving Marshfield team in the final quarter. Jim and Bob Foster and Waldron played great ball, Jim almost single handed trouncing the Madison team.

**SOLDIERS GROVE**—These big fellows put up a fine fight against the runners up, losing only by 2 points in the first round game. However, the pace of that thriller slowed them down for the consolation play. The star guard, Jim Peterson, won high praise.

**STURGEON BAY**—Another hard fighting club that lost a sensational scoring battle to Neenah in the first round but was a great favorite with the fans. Their fine center, Kramer, was one of the outstanding players in the tourney.

**SUPERIOR-EAST**—This gallant little team easily won its first game and appeared destined for the semi-finals after piling up a big lead against Neenah. However, the boys went "cold" in the second half and could not hit the hoop. Beetcher was the outstanding scorer.

## FREE THROW STATISTICS

## STATE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

School	Free Throws Attempted	Free Throws Made	Free Throws Missed	Percentage
Platteville	35	20	15	.571
Beloit	19	10	9	.526
Delavan	45	21	24	.467
Rhineland	22	15	7	.682
Eau Claire	23	9	14	.391
Rice Lake	22	12	10	.549
Elmwood	28	12	16	.428
Shawano	46	28	18	.391
Shorewood	14	4	10	.285

Madison-Central .....	42	28	14	.667
Marshfield .....	43	21	22	.488
Soldiers Grove .....	15	8	7	.533
Sturgeon Bay .....	34	20	14	.588
Neenah .....	27	20	7	.741
Superior-East .....	15	6	9	.400
Pardeeville .....	21	14	7	.667
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##### Attendance

The total attendance at the 1940 State Basketball Tournament was 13,114. The actual paid attendance was 8,290 compared to 9,885 in 1939. The total attendance was 2,231 below the 1939 figure. Of the total of 13,114, 2,480 were admitted on competitors' tickets while 2,344 came in on Press and complimentary. The attendance was satisfactory when the unusually unfavorable weather and highway conditions are taken into consideration.

The receipts were \$659.50 below the 1939 figure of \$4,699.00. The actual profit to the W.I.A.A. of the State Meet was \$521.46 or \$188.93 higher than the 1939 net. This increased profit in the face of a reduced income is accounted for by the fact that the total meet expense was \$2,996.58 against \$4,366.47 last year. The actual 1940 surplus was \$1,042.92, one-half of which was returned to competing schools as a bonus amounting to \$32.59 per school.