

**1941 STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

The 1941 State High School Basketball Tournament was held in Madison on March 12, 13, 14 and 15. The best weather in years and attractive evening cards, as well as an exhibition game between the Varsity-Freshman on Saturday evening produced a record attendance for this event. The championship was won by a great Two Rivers team which defeated Shawano, the 1940 winners, in a thrilling final. The semi-finals were again a strictly Class B struggle, bringing together Superior-East and Two Rivers and Monroe and Shawano. Consolation honors were won by another Class B school when DePere overcame Antigo in a stubborn contest. The one class State Tournament again received many favorable comments and attracted a record attendance.

**STATE TOURNAMENT SCORES**

**FIRST ROUND**

Wisconsin Rapids .....	34	Antigo .....	26
Two Rivers .....	45	Beaver Dam .....	34
Chippewa Falls .....	21	Taylor .....	18
Superior-East .....	29	Cumberland .....	19
Shorewood .....	29	DePere .....	12
Shawano .....	30	Edgerton .....	15
Mount Horeb .....	27	Ellsworth .....	19
Monroe .....	28	Kenosha .....	27

**CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

Two Rivers .....	43	Wisconsin Rapids .....	21
Superior-East .....	36	Chippewa Falls .....	14
Shawano .....	28	Shorewood .....	17
Monroe .....	30	Mount Horeb .....	18

**SEMI-FINALS**

Two Rivers .....	38	Superior-East .....	16
Shawano .....	29	Monroe .....	16

**FINAL**

Two Rivers .....	35	Shawano .....	28
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**CONSOLATION SERIES**

Antigo .....	17	Beaver Dam .....	13
Taylor .....	19	Cumberland .....	14
DePere .....	51	Edgerton .....	12
Kenosha .....	34	Ellsworth .....	17

**SEMI-FINALS**

Antigo .....	27	Taylor .....	19
DePere .....	31	Kenosha .....	21

**FINAL**

DePere .....	17	Antigo .....	14
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The 26th annual Wisconsin State High School Basketball Tournament held at the University of Wisconsin Field House on March 12 to 15 resulted in the crowning of a new champion.

A well balanced Two Rivers team copped the Meet honors by taking a brilliant and magnificently fought contest from the defending Champions, Shawano, by a score of 35 to 28.

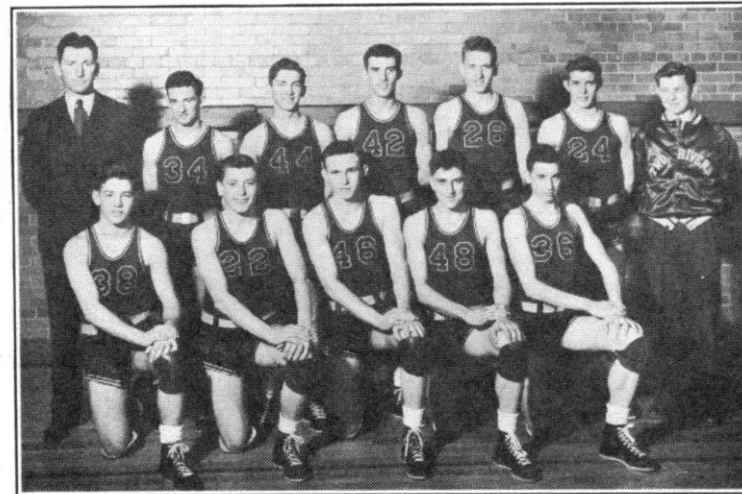
A summary of the team entrants found many fine contestants and performers in the tourney. Individual stars were plentiful but team play prevailed probably more than ever, with most of the entrants using the zone defense and, as in the past, finding the large Wisconsin floor troublesome during the initial games. A few remarks on each of the 16 entrants follow:

**TWO RIVERS**—The new Champs played superbly throughout the tourney and piled up goodly margins in gaining their victories. Their team total for the four games set a new record. The fine team play was in evidence throughout and four of the squad were among the leading scorers in the meet. Speed and great shooting from all angles carried this fine team to the title. The starting line-up of Antonie, R. LeClaire, Wondrasch, Shimulus and Gauthier had everything a coach might desire, including great poise for such youngsters.

**SHAWANO**—The 1940 titlists lead by their great ace, Billy Reed, looked for a while as repeaters but could not stave off the last quarter rush of the Two Rivers team. Reed was brilliant as usual and received great assistance from Jim Anderson, Jack Anderson, Schweers and Dicke.

**DEPERE**—The consolation Champions found the going better after dropping their first game in which their play was below par. In their big center, Hermans, they also had the top scorer of the meet and he ran up the highest single score in any game while his mates set a game record for the tournament. The boys were fine crowd pleasers.

**ANTIGO**—The runners-up in the consolation played steady ball throughout after losing a hard fought contest in the first round. The boys fought



**TWO RIVERS—WINNER STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**



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throughout and Blaha, Avery, Brandt and the rest won plaudits from the fine crowds.

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS**—The Rapids boys ousted Antigo in the first round but found the new champs too tough in their second game. This team showed brilliance in spots and had outstanding stars in Holmes, Sullivan, Mader and Wood.

**BEAVER DAM**—Beaver Dam never hit pre-tourney form except in the first half of the initial game when the green-clad lads led Two Rivers 16 to 11. The lead soon melted away before the power of the eventual champs. Muenchow, Elliott and Zernov with Miller and Murphy were strong performers.

**CHIPPEWA FALLS**—The Falls boys topped a hard fighting Taylor team in the first round but lost their touch against Superior-East and were eliminated the second day. DeLong had a field day in the opener when he scored 6 baskets but his team-mates could not keep up the pace in the second round.

**TAYLOR**—Little Taylor with D. Lambert in the pacemaking role was declared the hard luck shooting team of the meet. The boys could not get the ball to sink consistently despite the fact that most of their shots were well placed but would not go down. The little town boys battled gamely throughout.

**CUMBERLAND**—These boys never really hit the pace they seemed capable of playing and lost to Superior-East and Taylor. Their center, Thompson, was the pacemaker in the losing fight.

**SUPERIOR-EAST**—Paced by Urbaniak and Kline the lads from the far

north were tough competitors and played fine ball until falling before Two Rivers.

**SHOREWOOD**—This little team was a great favorite in the tourney this year but could not cope with the hard-driving Shawano team. Foster, Waldron and Kibbe sparked the quint.

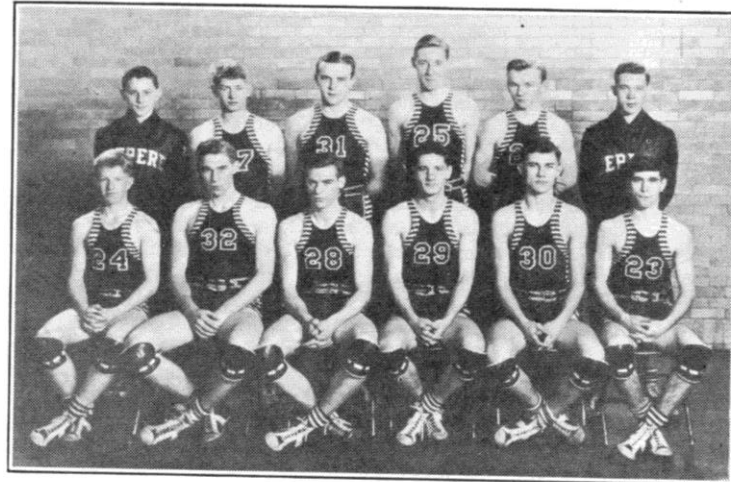
**EDGERTON**—This team lost its scoring touch that had featured its play all season and after losing the first game to the defending champs, Shawano, never got back into the consolation race. The ball would not drop for this club and they ran Taylor a good second for the hard luck honors.

**ELLSWORTH**—This entry ran into a stubborn Mount Horeb team and was beaten after a hard fight in which they held hopes throughout and put on a great rally in the final minutes. Oberpriller and Gravink were their pacemakers.

**MOUNT HOREB**—Lead by a powerful center named Hub, these boys played well throughout but could not turn back Monroe in the second round despite a grand fight.

**MONROE**—The Cheesemakers came near being the team of Destiny in the tourney when they eliminated the big Kenosha five in one of the best games of the tourney. However, the poise and power of Shawano dropped them out of the meet in the semi-finals. Johnson, Goecks and L. Tait played great ball for this team.

**KENOSHA**—This big team was the title choice of many but dropped a one point game to Monroe in the first round. The boys tired in the consolation and were defeated by DePere. Hartman, Larsen, Hammond and Wierscham were their big stars.



DE PERE—CONSOLATION WINNER, STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT