

1942 STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 1942 State High School Basketball Tournament was held in Madison on March 11-14. The weather was favorable and the set-up of games satisfactory. Travel restrictions handicapped attendance especially from a distance with the result that the total attendance of 14,658 (paid 11,157) failed by 1,071 of reaching the 1941 figure. The only disappointing attendance was produced by the championship finals. Had this attendance been up to previous figures, the total for the meet would have equalled the 1941 figures.

The special prizes to registered coaches, principals and organized school groups were popular and should aid in making future meets still more attractive.

The wholehearted cooperation of the University of Wisconsin, especially of the Athletic Department, and the efficient efforts of Guy Sundt, Harry Stuhldreher, Wm. Aspinwall, Coach Harold Foster and others, as well as the cooperation of the Press, contributed very substantially to the success of the Meet.

The State Tournament is increasing in public appeal and will grow from year to year.

STATE TOURNAMENT SCORES

FIRST ROUND

Neenah	42	Altoona	22
Prairie du Chien	34	Chetek	18
Shorewood	28	Galesville	22
Johnson Creek	22	Spring Valley	21
Superior-Central	26	Laona	22
Madison-Central	26	Two Rivers	19
Marinette	22	Wisconsin Dells	21
Wisconsin Rapids	32	Monroe	17

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Neenah	38	Prairie du Chien	23
Shorewood	30	Johnson Creek	26
Superior-Central	28	Madison-Central	25
Marinette	42	Wisconsin Rapids	26

SEMI-FINAL

Shorewood	24	Neenah	20
Marinette	27	Superior-Central	24

CHAMPIONSHIP

Shorewood	34	Marinette	17
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CONSOLATION SERIES

Chetek	26	Altoona	25
Spring Valley	24	Galesville	15
Two Rivers	34	Laona	21
Wisconsin Dells	25	Monroe	19

SEMI-FINAL

Spring Valley	20	Chetek	17
Wisconsin Dells	31	Two Rivers	29

FINAL

Wisconsin Dells	20	Spring Valley	13
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The 27th Annual State High School Basketball Tournament held at the University of Wisconsin Field House on March 11-14 resulted in the crowning of a new champion.

A well balanced, superbly coached Shorewood team copped the honors by defeating a determined, at times brilliant, Marinette Team 34 to 17. Shorewood was at its best in the final game while Marinette showed the strain of one brilliant last minute victory over Wisconsin Dells and the overtime struggle with Superior-Central.

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 game. A few remarks on each of the 16 entrants follow:

Shorewood was crowned state champion, with Marinette as the runner-up. The two contenders each reached the finals for the first time in their respective histories.

In the consolation play, Wisconsin Dells defeated Spring Valley in the title plays. The score of the championship game was 20 to 12.



Shorewood—Winner State Basketball Tournament

SHOREWOOD: The new champs displayed a fine brand of steady ball throughout the tournament and eliminated two great contenders, Johnson Creek and Neenah, before taking the title. They played deliberate ball throughout and were capable of forcing their opponents to accept their style of play, of controlling the ball a good share of the time and of scoring steadily. Despite lack of height, the new title holders were aggressive and won the cheers of all.

Kibbe, Gabriel, Siegman, Capt. Foster, Walters, Nelligan, Donovan, Kuptz, Pettis, and Welton made up the squad of the winners.

MARINETTE: The runner-up spot went to this time which was a great favorite with the crowd due to its fine scoring ace, "Duke" Larson, and its ability to come from behind and win with the final punch. Larson won the meet scoring title. The Marinette team also won the only overtime game of the tournament, tripping up Superior-Central to win its way into the final round.

WISCONSIN DELLS: Another newcomer to state tourney play was this scrappy team that lost its first game by a single point and then went on to gain the great consolation round by beating Spring Valley in the final. Counsel, Foster, Field, Greenwood, Weber and Doyle carried most of the burden for this five.

SPRING VALLEY: The runner-up team in the consolation fight was a big strong aggregation that battled furiously but had lots of hard luck in hitting the hoop. Lack of scoring punch on the last night kept the team from more honors.



Marinette—Runner Up, State Basketball Tournament

ALTOONA: This team's great win streak ended with the first game of the tourney when they were eliminated by a powerful Neenah team. The team fought gamely and almost survived the consolation play due to the great shooting of Decker.

NEENAH: The valley team was the favorite of many to win the title but lost its shooting eye until the final minutes of its game against Shorewood and was ousted from further play. The team was big and resourceful. Wollerman, Kettering, Gottfried, Johnson, O'Neill and the rest were all fine performers and were one of the best coached teams in the meet.

CHETEK: The northerners failed to find the hoop the first day and lost their title chances thereby. Moe, Martenson and Gleendinging were the top performers in all their games.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN: A fine little team that battled furiously and was another prime favorite of the crowds. They were aggressive all the way and had outstanding performers in M. Elliot, Cecka and Howe.

GALESVILLE: This entry had the bad luck of meeting the eventual champs in the first round of play and were eliminated after a hard battle by a 28 to 22 score. They staged a great comeback in the second half when Eker and Jacobson hit the hoop well.

JOHNSON CREEK: Fast and aggressive. This team from the smallest town represented in the tourney was a great favorite, but also could not turn back the title march of Shorewood. The Winkelman twins and Shekey were the team's sparkplugs.

SUPERIOR-CENTRAL: Harry Conley's dark horse team almost upset the dope bucket and only failure from the free throw line kept them from going into the finals. Grant, Peil, Billmayer, McDermott and little Walsh played superb ball throughout the meet.



Wisconsin Dells—Consolation Winner, State Basketball Tournament

LAONA: One of the scrappiest teams in the meet, the northerners forced all their opposition to fight it out all the way down the line. Verich was their scoring ace.

TWO RIVERS: The defending champions played a hard driving game, but lacked the balanced scoring punch of the previous year. Antonie was again one of the leading point makers of the tournament while Krizizke played a great driving game from his guard position.

MADISON-CENTRAL: The Madison entry upset the Two Rivers defending champs but could not stop Superior-Central in the second round despite the great scoring by their center, Dom Schiro and the fine all-around play of guard Berg.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS: The Rapids played fine ball to beat back Monroe in the first round, but could not stop the great scoring of Marinette's Larson and went out of the meet on the second day. Holmes, Bathke and Peterson were outstanding.

MONROE: The downstate team lacked scoring punch, but battled gamely in both its starts. Their free throwing was some of the best in the meet.