



BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

MILWAUKEE LINCOLN — Front — Albert Jackson, Allen Suttle, Coach Richard Wadewitz, Max Walker, Edward Cobb; middle — Ass't. Coach James Smallins, Calvin May, Dan Davis, Earl Suttle, Prin. Raymond Dondlinger, Ath. Dir. Ron Foot; back — Kenneth Wyatt, Willie White, Robert Spencer, Irvin Henderson, Walter Leverette, Richard Stotts.

# Basketball

An overtime for the first time in the history of a championship game in the State Tournament put an appropriate finishing touch to the 1960-61 basketball season experienced by WIAA-member schools.

Milwaukee Lincoln, one of four high-rated teams in a classy field at Madison, nipped another top-ranked club, previously unbeaten Rice Lake, to become the 1961 titlist and winner of the 46th annual event.

Waukesha was also unbeaten and listed atop the final "Big 16" standings and the Blackshirts made it to Madison for the second year in a row but succumbed in the semi-finals for the second straight time, bowing to Rice Lake. The State Meet field had the four top-rated teams — Lincoln, Manitowoc and Rice Lake ranked behind Waukesha. Defending State Champion Wausau was eliminated in the Regionals.

The regular season produced not only unbeaten records for Waukesha and Rice Lake but also for seven "Little 16" schools. Cedar Grove was one of them and the Rockets didn't lose until the Sectionals when stopped by eventual State Champion Milwaukee Lincoln. The others were Cornell, Waukesha, Hillsboro, Bloomington, Prentice and Oakfield.

A continued upswing in attendance during the regular season was noted all around the state, and this was reflected as well in the tournament series in which more than 275,000 persons watched contests leading up to the State Meet. The 11-game affair at Madison drew a record attendance of over 81,000.

Once again for the second year in a row the State Meet viewers included a television audience while the usual radio coverage brought the accounts of contests to countless others around the state.

A major playing rule development after the season saw the Board of Control approve for a one-year trial period the National Federation regulations relative to the three adaptations Wisconsin has made for the past several years. This means WIAA-member schools (1) will play the three-second rule with or without the ball in the free throw area, (2) will play as many three-minute overtime periods as necessary in the event of a tie after regulation and (3) will have a center jump at the start of the second and fourth quarters. A new National rule to be followed this coming season on offensive fouls in the backcourt calls for the ball going to the offended team out of bounds at the spot instead of shooting a free throw.

## Top Basketball Records

(Includes Tournament Games)

### ONE DEFEAT

|                         |    |   |                   |    |   |
|-------------------------|----|---|-------------------|----|---|
| Milwaukee Lincoln ..... | 25 | 1 | Waunakee .....    | 23 | 1 |
| Waukesha .....          | 25 | 1 | Hillsboro .....   | 22 | 1 |
| Rice Lake .....         | 24 | 1 | Bloomington ..... | 21 | 1 |
| Cedar Grove .....       | 23 | 1 | Oakfield .....    | 21 | 1 |
| Cornell .....           | 23 | 1 | Prentice .....    | 20 | 1 |

### TWO DEFEATS

|                 |    |   |                      |    |   |
|-----------------|----|---|----------------------|----|---|
| Manitowoc ..... | 23 | 2 | Wausaukee .....      | 18 | 2 |
| Onalaska .....  | 20 | 2 | Colby .....          | 17 | 2 |
| Mayville .....  | 19 | 2 | Wisconsin High ..... | 17 | 2 |
| Muscoda .....   | 18 | 2 | Alma Center .....    | 16 | 2 |
| Watertown ..... | 18 | 2 | Pittsville .....     | 16 | 2 |
| Plymouth .....  | 16 | 2 |                      |    |   |

### THREE DEFEATS

|                            |    |   |                       |    |   |
|----------------------------|----|---|-----------------------|----|---|
| Niagara .....              | 21 | 3 | Manawa .....          | 17 | 3 |
| Blanchardville .....       | 19 | 3 | Medford .....         | 17 | 3 |
| Brookfield .....           | 18 | 3 | Milwaukee North ..... | 17 | 3 |
| Darlington .....           | 18 | 3 | Platteville .....     | 17 | 3 |
| Marinette .....            | 18 | 3 | Rio .....             | 17 | 3 |
| Badger (Lake Geneva) ..... | 17 | 3 | Seneca .....          | 17 | 3 |
| Gresham .....              | 17 | 3 | Tigerton .....        | 16 | 3 |
| Turtle Lake .....          | 15 | 3 |                       |    |   |

## Conference Basketball Champions of 1960-61

|                  |                      |    |   |
|------------------|----------------------|----|---|
| Badger .....     | Wisconsin High ..... | 13 | 1 |
| Big Eight .....  | Madison East .....   | 11 | 3 |
| Big Rivers ..... | Eau Claire .....     | 6  | 2 |
|                  | Marinette .....      |    |   |
| Blackhawk .....  | Bloomington .....    | 16 | 0 |
| Braveland .....  | Brookfield .....     | 13 | 1 |

## State Title to Milw. Lincoln

An impressive second-half comeback and a brilliant battle from behind in overtime brought Milwaukee Lincoln the State Basketball Tournament championship at Madison last month.

Lincoln, in scoring a 77-75 triumph at the expense of Rice Lake, thus grabbed its second State Title in three years as another spectacular three-day program was capped by the first championship game overtime in the 46-year history of the tournament.

The Milwaukee school which under Coach Dick Wadewitz has a perfect 6-0 record in its only two appearances in the State Tournament, trailed a fine Rice Lake quintet, by 13 points in the third quarter. But the Comets rallied themselves even by the end of that period, scored in the final minute of the fourth quarter to tie the game and then three times came back to tie the score in overtime before winning it on Al Jackson's layup only six seconds from the end.

Lincoln entered the championship game with a 24-1 record, its lone defeat in the first weeks of the season, while Rice Lake had a perfect 24-0 mark going into the finals. Both had made impressive showings in winning first-round and semi-final contests.

Lincoln — though it did not stand out either in total offense or field goal proficiency — showed poise, magnificent defense and a balanced six-man attack as it won its championship. The Comets balance particularly stood out. It was Max Walker with 23 points, Allen Suttle with 21 and Jackson with 14 in the championship game. It was Ed Cobb with 14, Suttle with 12 and Walker with 11 in the 54-51 semi-final victory over Madison East. And it was Walker with 15, Cobb with 14, Jackson with 12 and Suttle with 10 in the 65-55 success over Manitowoc in the first round.

Like the Milwaukee team, Rice Lake made an outstanding impression. The Warriors, too, were well-drilled and well-coached, their lineup consisting primarily of boys who narrowly missed getting into the 1960 finals and wound up with fourth place. Coach Bob Tone's quintet had such fine players as Harold Shudlick, Larry Shervey and Pete Hugdahl, who scored 70, 56 and 46 points in the tournament along with Dewey Mullikin and Virgil Amundson. Hugdahl, Shudlick and Mullikin had 26, 19 and 18 points in the finals. It was Shervey with 28, Shudlick with 20, Amundson with 12 and reserve El Schwerts with 10 in the 82-73 victory over Waukesha. And it was Shudlick with 31, Shervey with 20 and Hugdahl with 13 in the 90-68 win over Reedsburg. The Warriors were tops in field goal shooting and rebounding for the meet.

In the championship game, Lincoln got the jump but after six minutes the game had its first tie and it was nip and tuck until late in the second quarter when Rice Lake outscored the Milwaukeeans, 11-4, in one stretch to take a 40-31 halftime lead. Two baskets by Mullikin at the start of the second half made it 44-31 but then Lincoln started its comeback. In a period of about 3½ minutes, Lincoln scored 12 points to just two free throws for the Lakers and it was nip and tuck again. It stayed that way the rest of the night although Rice Lake was in the drivers' seat more often than not. Free throws by Hugdahl on Walker's fifth foul made it 67-63 with 2:46 to play and a little later with 2:23 free

throws by Earl Suttle (Lincoln's only substitute) on Hugdahl's fifth foul made it 67-65. The final points of regulation play came on Allen Suttle's rebound with 50 seconds to play to tie the score at 69-all. Rice Lake got the last chance to score in regulation but couldn't change the scoreboard to force the overtime.

Mullikin's two free throws and baskets on two occasions by Shudlick gave Rice Lake two-point leads three times in the overtime. Each time, however, Allen Suttle came through for Lincoln to tie the score, the last time on a rebound with 19 seconds to go. Rice Lake lost the ball, however, after Suttle's last effort, and Lincoln took over with nine seconds to play. Three seconds later Jackson scored the clincher. There wasn't time for a good shot by Rice Lake in the final moments.

Waukesha whipped Madison East, 88-65, to take third place. The Blackshirts — rated No. 1 in the state with their perfect record — ran away from East with a 33-17 advantage in the final period as Roy Birk put the finishing touches on a tournament scoring record of 102 points with 36 markers.

Consolation honors went to Manitowoc which came from far behind to trim an unexpectedly strong Shawano outfit, 74-72. The Indians held a 70-59 lead with 5:25 to play but Manitowoc tallied 15 straight points to win the contest. Al Zipperer's basket after a steal put the Ships ahead with 28 seconds to go. Paul Meany, one of the tourney's top players, had 23 points to lead the winners and Tim McQuire, another standout during the three days, had 20 for Shawano.

Semi-final action saw Milwaukee Lincoln outlast Madison East in the final period. The Comets built a seven-point advantage in the final eight minutes after the score was tied, 36-36, going into the last stanza.

Eight points by Allan Suttle in the last period paced the victory. Rice Lake took a 10-point lead at 45-35 in the first half over Waukesha and upped the margin to 20 points (67-47) in the fourth quarter before the Blackshirts came back to cut the difference to seven points before losing by nine. The hard-rebounding Warriors plucked the ball off the boards 57 times to just miss the single game record of 58 set by South Milwaukee against Stevens Point in 1952's championship game.

First-round contests saw Madison East lead all the way after the first period to beat Eau Claire, 63-57. Lincoln, though trailing by five in the second quarter, led all of the second half in beating Manitowoc, 65-55, despite a Ship rally that cut the difference to three points with 2½ minutes to play. Rice Lake took a quick lead and piled it on in the second half to trim Reedsburg, 90-68, despite 29 points by Jim Bohlen, another of the better players in the tournament. And in the opening-round's top contest from the standpoint of excitement, Waukesha outlasted Shawano's ambitious crew, 88-86. The Blackshirts trailed all of the last period until less than three minutes to play and they won it on Birk's long side shot with four seconds to play. McQuire had 25 points for the losers, one more than teammate Lee Otto, while Birk picked this game to tally 40 points, 18 of them in the final period.

Consolation semi-final play saw Manitowoc shoot a record .585 in field goals in dumping Eau Claire, 86-65 (paced by Meany's 28 points), while Shawano nipped Reedsburg, 69-68, despite the Beavers' last-minute rally. Bohlen got 23 points in this game while Shawano, which led, 68-61, with 2:15 to play, showed a balanced attack.