

## Basketball

A new State Champion and a revised tournament program shared the spotlight in WIAA basketball during the 1962-63 season.

Manitowoc of the Fox River Valley emerged victorious in the State Tournament, winding up the campaign with a 22-3 record by racing past Dodgeville in the title game.

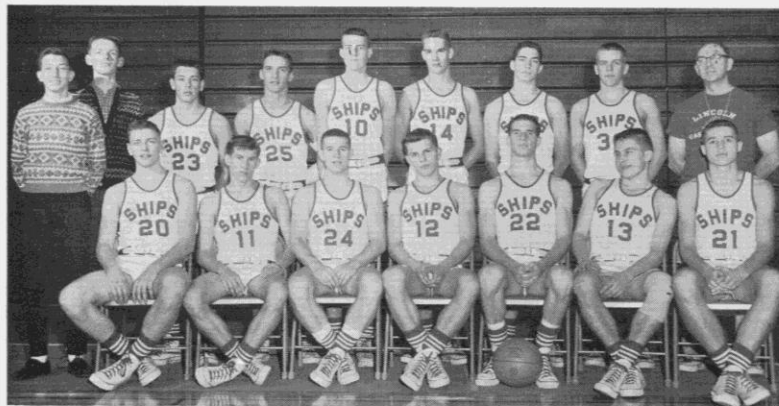
The Shipbuilders had been rated No. 7 in the final "Big Sixteen" and Dodgeville was ranked No. 16. Manitowoc replaces Milwaukee Lincoln as State Champion, Lincoln having won the previous two years.

Three teams had perfect records prior to tournament play. Milwaukee North, which was rated No. 1 in the "Big Sixteen", had an 18-0 mark, including two wins over Lincoln. North also beat Lincoln in tourney play and remained unbeaten until upset in the first round of the State Meet by Racine Horlick. Frederic, the No. 1 team in the "Little Sixteen" posted a 17-0 mark and remained undefeated until the Sectionals. The other perfect-record team was Weyerhaeuser which had an 18-0 mark but was upset the first time out in tourney play.

The tournament program saw all schools start action simultaneously on the Regional level. Competition was set up on an enrollment basis primarily in the first week of play while the second week of play — Sub-Sectionals and Sectionals — matched teams primarily on a geographical basis. Previously, an arbitrary cutoff mark in enrollment determined whether a school would enter District or Regional play.

Generally, the revamped program was well-accepted. The tournament series also included the elimination of consolation games up to the Sectionals. Tourney play covered two weeks instead of three prior to the State Meet.

Attendance around the state during the regular season was high and there were close to 350,000 fans watching the three-week tournament program, including nearly 75,000 at the three-day State Meet.



**BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS**

MANITOWOC — Left to right: (front) John Lallensack, Dale Lehman, Bill Buchholz, Dean Eisner, Bob Duvall, John Neilitz, Greg Sands; (back) Mgr. Dean Bennington, Mgr. Tom Kuffel, Tom Keery, Pete Kramer, Dave Jansson, Bill Buerstatte, Bob Sullivan, Dave Anderson, Coach John Jung. Jim Chermak absent.

## State Title to Manitowoc

It took 96 minutes of basketball for Manitowoc to win the 1963 State WIAA Basketball Tournament but it probably was a two-minute stretch late in the opening game that paved the way to the Shipbuilders' championship performance.

Coach John Jung's beautifully-balanced aggregation came from behind in sterling fashion against Superior Central in the quarter-finals, then showed its class impressively in the semi-finals against Racine Horlick and in the finals against Dodgeville to capture the 1963 title.

Manitowoc's margin over Dodgeville in the finals was 74-52 although the Shipbuilders of the Fox River Valley Conference found themselves with an even game until breaking the battle open in the third quarter. Dodgeville had upset Eau Claire Memorial, 52-51, in the semi-finals to reach the championship encounter.

Eau Claire bounced back from its unexpected setback and won the third-place playoff from Racine Horlick, 75-72. Horlick had lost to Manitowoc in the semis, 66-52, after the Racine quintet pulled the big upset of the meet in the quarter-finals in nipping previously unbeaten and No. 1 rated Milwaukee North in a bristling 51-50 overtime struggle. The Milwaukeeans recovered from the upset in the State Meet's initial contest and took consolation honors with a 72-59 triumph over Beloit in the finals.

Other results in the tournament saw Dodgeville open its heroic bid for State honors by beating Clintonville, 69-52, while Eau Claire took Beloit into camp in the opening round, 73-66, and Manitowoc forged its come-from-behind win over Superior Central by a 64-58 count. Consolation semi-finals saw Milwaukee North stop Superior Central, 74-71, and Beloit top Clintonville, 69-64.

Manitowoc finished the season with a 22-3 record. The Ships were rated No. 7 in the final polls. They were second to Green Bay West in their final Valley Conference standings but they beat West in the tournament series prior to the State. Dodgeville had been rated No. 16 and had lost only once prior to the State Finals to finish with a 23-2 mark. Eau Claire concluded its campaign with a 23-3 mark and No. 5 spot in the

polls. The Racine school came without a fabulous record and no rating on the strength of a 10-8 season record that turned into 16-10 by the end of tourney competition. The Milwaukee team had the best record in the state with 25-1. Beloit also was unrated on the basis of a 12-6 season mark which was turned into 18-8. Superior Central, though it didn't win a game at Madison, had a 22-2 mark and No. 2 rating in the state before finishing with a 22-4 season record. Clintonville also was unrated, in fact the Truckers started tournament play with a 9-9 record that wound up as 15-11 at season's end.

Dodgeville, which was a big favorite of the crowd during the three-day meet since the school represented the smallest community, parlayed its deliberate style of basketball into the status of a contender during the first 20 minutes or so of the title tilt with Manitowoc. The Ships led most of the time but the lead changed hands three times and was tied four times before Manty held a 25-22 halftime margin.

The Southwestern Athletic League champions drew even at 25-25 before Manitowoc grabbed the lead at 26-25 with less than a minute gone in the period and held the upper hand the rest of the way. Even so, Coach John Wilson's team stayed close until late in the period. It trailed by only 41-37 with less than a minute left in the stanza but five straight points by reserve Greg Sands pushed Manty to a 46-37 command going into the final eight minutes.

The last quarter was decisively Manitowoc's. The Shipbuilders forced Dodgeville out of their deliberate game with devastating rebounding

that ignited a scorching fast break down the stretch. Halfway through the last quarter the Jung-men were in front by 18 points and they held a 25-point command, 74-49, until Dodgeville scored the last three points of the game.

Manitowoc's balance was never better displayed than in the final game. The top scorer, Dale Lehman, had 15 points. Bill Buchholz had 13 and John Lallensack had 10. Ten of the 12 boys scored points for the Ships and eight of them had five or more. The Ships had a big 48-33 edge in rebounding with Lallensack getting 14 — almost as many as the three top boys for Dodgeville put together. Dodgeville also had scoring balance in this game with all 12 boys breaking into the act, led by Rick Brown's 13.

Eau Claire had leads of nine points twice in the first quarter of its third-place playoff with Horlick but the Racine school battled back and wrested the advantage from the Old Abes by a 65-63 margin with 3:29 to play. Then Eau Claire made three baskets in a row in the next minute and a half, and held on for a three-point win in the closing seconds. Vern Curtis sparked the winners with 28 points and Mike Mucklin had 23 for the losers.

Milwaukee North started fast against Beloit in the consolation finals only to have Jerry Kenney ignite a comeback that shot Beloit into command by a 28-24 difference at the intermission. North regained the lead in the third period and pulled away down the stretch with a 26-14 margin in the final eight minutes. Two Jims — Love and Smith — had 26 each for North, and Kenney had 21 for Beloit.

Championship semi-finals activity was featured by Dodgeville's edging past Eau Claire. The Abes held the lead only on the first basket as the Dodgers took a 30-27 halftime edge. The third quarter continued closely fought but Eau Claire finally nudged ahead near the end and held a 41-40 command with eight minutes to go. The lead changed hands nine times — almost with each team's offensive effort — in the last quarter,

and the ninth time was on Duane Honerbaum's layup which made it 50-49 with 1:13 to play. Both teams received and booted away chances in the final furious seconds until Bruce Harrison iced the decision with two free throws with 11 seconds left to make it 52-49, too much of a difference to be overcome by Eau Claire's last two-pointer. Pat Flynn with 17 and Brown with 16 points led the winners while Curtis and Jim Long had 12 each in defeat.

The other semi-final tussle saw Manitowoc and Racine exchange leads in the first quarter before the Ships pulled to a 28-23 edge at the half. A flurry of 10 points in about a minute and a half of the third quarter shot the eventual winners into a 12-point lead and the issue was not in doubt thereafter as Manitowoc finished the third canto with a 51-39 lead after a 23-point effort that period. Bob Duvall's 19 points and 13 rebounds topped the victors and Mucklin had 19 for the losers.

Opening-round action was highlighted by Horlick's win over North. This was a nip-and-tuck fracas from start to finish. Racine led most of the first half and once by seven points but settled for a 25-24 command at intermission. North wrestled the lead away after three periods, leading 36-34. The cautious final stanza saw Horlick regain the lead early in the period only to have North tie the score three times. The last basket was made with nearly two minutes to play and it gave North a 44-44 tie heading into overtime. Two more deadlocks left the count 48-all with 1:20 to go in overtime. A free toss put Horlick ahead with a half-minute to play, Gary Pinnow doing the honors, but Wilbert Fair hit on a jump with 15 seconds remaining to put North on top, 50-49. Then it was Pinnow again, this time with eight seconds to play, scoring a jumper that gave Horlick the lead and the ball game. Mucklin and Pinnow had 14 each and Fair had 12 to lead scorers.

Manty and Superior played give-and-take in the first quarter but Central asserted itself in the second

stanza and its 19-12 edge put the Ships down, 35-26, at the intermission. Manitowoc came back and even took the lead in the third quarter but by the end of the period Superior was back on top by 49-44. Central upped it to 51-44 early in the last stanza, and with half the period remaining seemed on its way with a 55-50 edge. But Manty played its most important two minutes of the tournament at this stage and got back in contention on five game-tying free throws that made it anyone's game with two minutes left. Three intentional fouls on Central were converted into four big gift shots by Manitowoc in the last minute of play. Lallensack had 23 points and 18 rebounds to lead the winners while Ross Amunson had 19 points in defeat.

Clintonville jumped off to a lead on Dodgeville but the latter was in command, 19-12, by the end of the quarter and was not seriously threatened thereafter. The divided Dodgeville attack was led by Harrison's 13 points. Bill Melzer had 18 for Clintonville.

Eau Claire grabbed an 18-10 quarter lead over Beloit but the Big Eight team came back strong and trailed by only one, 36-35, at half-time, then went in front by as much as six points in the third period before Eau Claire knotted it up, 52-52, heading into the stretch. The score was tied four times, the last time at 66-all with 2:35 left before the Abes finished strong and scored the games last seven points, five of them after Kenney fouled out. Kenney had 21 points in defeat but Curtis topped the scorers with 25 for Eau Claire.

Consolation semi-finals saw North offset a 21-16 first quarter deficit with a 39-28 edge in the next two periods, then come from behind twice in the final period to score a narrow win over Superior. Love had 27 points for the winners and Tim Crowley had 21 in defeat. Beloit made a 30-21 halftime margin stand up against Clintonville which cut a 14-point deficit to five before capitulating in the final minutes. Kenney

scored 21 for the winners and Jerry Shepard had 22 for the losers.

## One Team Mark

No individual and only one team record was involved in the 1963 State Basketball Tournament at the University of Wisconsin fieldhouse in March.

The team mark saw Eau Claire Memorial equal the record of Rice Lake set in 1961 in the category of best field goal percentage for three games. Eau Claire converted 77 of 165 attempts for a .467 mark. Rice Lake shot .467 on 91 of 195 shots two years ago.

Eau Claire Memorial and Superior Central both were involved in two miscellaneous records. The two teams each appeared in their 26th State Meet for one of the records. Eau Claire also set a record by winning its 43rd State Meet game while Superior set a record by suffering its 36th State Meet defeat.

## Tourney Sidelights

Vern Curtis of Eau Claire Memorial followed by Jerry Kenney of Beloit and Jim Love of Milwaukee North finished as the top scorers in the 1963 State Basketball Tournament at the University of Wisconsin fieldhouse last month.

Curtis tallied 65 points as his 21.7 average set the pace. Kenney had 63 points with a 21.0 average on exactly 21 points in each game and Love registered 60 for a 20.0 mark.

These other players are included among the top 12 (based on averages):

Mike Mucklin, Racine Horlick, 18.7 on 56 points; Jim Smith, Milwaukee North, 16.3 on 49 points; Bill Melzer, Clintonville, and Tim Crowley, Superior Central, 15.5 on 31 points; David Crow, Beloit, 15.3 on 46 points; Gary Pinnow of Racine Horlick, 15.0 on 45 points; Dan Anderson, Superior Central, 14.5 on 29 points; John Lallensack, Manitowoc, 14.3 on 43 points, and Pat Flynn, Dodgeville, 13.7 on 41 points.

There were a dozen individual game efforts of more than 20 points, including the three in a row by Kenney and a 28-point job by Curtis which was the best of the meet. He also had a 25-point game while Love had games of 27 and 26. Smith also had a 26-point effort.

Lallensack finished as the best rebounder with 43 grabs while Vaughn Chattman of Racine Horlick was next with 30.

Among boys with at least 10 field goals, the best percentage shooter was Jim Long of Eau Claire Memorial with .586 on 17 baskets. Smith was .571 with 20 buckets and Dan Martin of Beloit was .524 with 11 baskets. Curtis (23 baskets), Ron Mitchell of Eau Claire Memorial (16 baskets) and Jerry Shepard of Clintonville (11 baskets) all shot .500.

Among boys with at least 10 free throws, the best marksman was Curtis with .864 on 19 conversions. Kenney was .850 on 17 gift shots while Melzer hit .846 on 11 conversions. Bill Polkinghorn of Dodgeville converted 13 times for .812 and Bruce Harrison of Dodgeville had 12 free throws and an .800 mark. Flynn had a .900 mark with nine out of 10 for the meet.

Manitowoc ranked first in offense among teams with 204 points and its 68-point average. The Ships also were first in defense with its 162 points and a 54-point average. Eau Claire Memorial and Milwaukee North ranked 2-3 in offense and Dodgeville and North were 2-3 in defense. Eau Claire's record-tying field goal percentage of .467 made it tops in this category and the Old Abes also led in free throw accuracy with .750. Manitowoc was second in both of these categories while Superior Central was third in FG proficiency and Beloit was third in FT aim. Racine Horlick committed the fewest personal fouls (12.8 average on 38 for the three games) with Superior Central next in this category. Manitowoc had the best rebound proficiency mark (140 compared with 104 for the opposition) with Dodgeville second in this de-

partment and Milwaukee North third. Overall, Manitowoc ranked first among teams in all categories with Eau Claire second and Dodgeville third.

Other team statistics show the following: The field goal average for all games was .407, better than last year's .401 but poorer than any of the other last six years, including the 1958 record of .423; the free throw percentage was not a record but the .682 mark was the best of the last six years; the average field goals made by both teams, 47.8, was the lowest of the last six years, including the record year of 1958 and its 55.5; the average fouls for two teams of 31.6 ranks second-low of the last six years, and the average free throws attempted, 45, likewise ranks second-low of the last six years.

## 73,772 Fans

There were 73,772 fans (paid attendance) watching the 1963 State Basketball Tournament at the University of Wisconsin fieldhouse at Madison last month.

The total attendance is about a thousand under the 74,851 who witnessed the 1962 meet, and the total also is far below the record 81,497 which viewed the 1961 meet.

No individual session attendance marks were broken or equalled.

The attendance this year compared to the record in each category is as follows:

	1963	Record
Thurs. aft.	12,898	14,538 ('60)
Thurs. eve.	13,318	14,471 ('60)
Thurs. tot.	26,216	29,009 ('60)
Fri. aft.	9,760	12,576 ('61)
Fri. eve.	13,738	14,463 ('61)
Fri. tot.	23,498	27,039 ('61)
Sat. aft.	10,841	12,941 ('61)
Sat. eve.	13,217	13,800 ('46)*
Sat. tot.	24,061	26,600 ('58)
Grand tot.	73,772	81,497 ('61)

\*equalled several times



## State Meet Box Scores

### Championship Finals

MANITOWOC	FGA	FG	FTA	FT	PF	PTS	REB
John Neillitz, f .....	7	2	2	1	3	5	3
Bob Duvall, f .....	9	4	2	1	5	9	7
John Lallensack, c .....	12	5	1	0	3	10	14
Dale Lehman, g .....	7	3	11	9	0	15	2
William Buchholz, g .....	10	5	5	3	2	13	6
Bob Sullivan, f .....	6	2	2	2	2	6	5
Greg Sands, f .....	3	2	1	1	2	5	1
David Jansson, f .....	3	3	2	1	0	7	0
Jim Chermak, g .....	1	1	0	0	1	2	1
Tom Keery, g .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pete Kramer, g .....	3	1	0	0	0	2	0
David Anderson, c .....	1	0	1	0	2	0	1
(Team) .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Totals .....	62	28	27	18	20	74	48

DODGEVILLE	FGA	FG	FTA	FT	PF	PTS	REB
Pat Flynn, f .....	13	3	2	2	2	8	5
Pat Reilly, f .....	5	2	3	3	1	7	3
Rick Brown, c .....	7	5	6	3	2	13	5
Duane Honerbaum, g .....	2	1	1	0	0	2	5
Dennis Morgan, g .....	5	1	4	2	1	4	2
Bruce Harrison, g .....	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
Bill Polkinghorn, c .....	1	1	3	1	1	3	3
Carlos Evans, g .....	9	2	0	0	2	4	0
Tom Brunker, g .....	1	1	0	0	1	2	2
Brian Olson, f .....	1	0	4	2	1	2	2
Robert Rock, f .....	0	0	4	3	0	3	1
Dave Johanning, g .....	2	1	0	0	2	2	0
(Team) .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Totals .....	47	18	27	16	17	52	33

Officials: Gene Calhoun and Steve Slattery

Field Goal Averages: Manitowoc .452; Dodgeville .383

Manitowoc .....	12	13	21	28—74
Dodgeville .....	13	9	15	15—52

### Third-Place Play-Off

EAU CLAIRE	FGA	FG	FTA	FT	PF	PTS	REB
Vern Curtis, f .....	17	10	8	8	0	28	5
Jim Long, f .....	10	6	2	2	2	14	6
Mike Loehnis, c .....	5	0	0	0	4	0	2
Larry Johnson, g .....	10	4	9	7	3	15	3
Ron Mitchell, g .....	6	4	1	1	3	9	5
Tom Hansis, f .....	2	0	2	1	0	1	1
Jim Stewart, f .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dick Ferguson, c .....	3	3	5	2	4	8	6
(Team) .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Totals .....	53	27	27	21	16	75	36

RACINE HORLICK	FGA	FG	FTA	FT	PF	PTS	REB
Vaughn Chattman, f .....	11	5	3	1	2	11	9
Bill Masik, f .....	8	2	0	0	2	4	5
Mike Mucklin, c .....	13	7	11	9	4	23	9
Gary Pinnow, g .....	19	6	6	3	5	15	1
Steve Klimek, g .....	5	2	2	0	2	4	1
Paul Christ, f .....	11	4	4	3	2	11	13
Nick Demos, g .....	5	2	0	0	1	4	0
(Team) .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Totals .....	72	28	26	16	18	72	46

Officials: John Howland and Gil Hendrick

Field Goal Averages: Eau Claire .509; Racine Horlick .389

Eau Claire .....	21	15	19	20—75
Racine Horlick .....	15	20	18	19—72

### Consolation Finals

MILWAUKEE NORTH	FGA	FG	FTA	FT	PF	PTS	REB
Wilbert Fair, f .....	4	0	1	1	0	1	3
James Love, f .....	28	13	0	0	4	26	10
Wayne Barry, c .....	5	0	1	1	1	1	3
Robert Terry, g .....	4	2	3	2	1	6	2
Esthesial Ford, g .....	5	2	4	3	1	7	7
James Smith, g .....	15	11	7	4	3	26	5
Tom Martin, g .....	4	1	2	2	2	4	3
John Browder, g .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Douglas Smith, f .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanton Simmons, f .....	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
Bradley Carr, f .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bud Smith, g .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Team) .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Totals .....	66	29	20	14	13	72	37

BELOIT	FGA	FG	FTA	FT	PF	PTS	REB
David Crow, F .....	12	7	5	5	4	19	9
Dan Martin, F .....	12	5	1	0	0	10	4
Bob Brown, C .....	7	1	5	3	2	5	9
Gerry Kenney, G .....	15	8	5	5	3	21	4
Allan Scott, G .....	5	2	0	0	4	4	2
Gerald Gunderson, G .....	2	0	0	0	2	0	1
William Magill, F .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
James Vance, F .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bob Weaver, F .....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
John Tobias, G .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larry Long, G .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
James Jones, F .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Team) .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Totals .....	54	23	16	13	16	59	36

Officials: Roy Elandt and Mel Peterson

Field Goal Averages: Milwaukee North .439; Beloit .426

Milwaukee North .....	14	10	22	26—72
Beloit .....	18	10	17	14—59