

Basketball

Milwaukee Lincoln made an auspicious return to the throne of Wisconsin high school basketball in 1966.

The Comets from the Milwaukee City Conference flashed past Wisconsin Rapids, 75-62, in the championship game of the 51st annual State Tournament at the University of Wisconsin (Madison).

Lincoln thus regained the title it last held in 1962 while continuing a phenomenal record of never having lost in the State Tournament. The Milwaukeeans, this time coached by Jim Smallins, stretched their all-winning ways to 12 games — three wins in each of four title-gaining years — 1959, 1961 and 1962 before 1966.

The triumph by Lincoln was not unexpected. The Comets were generally regarded as favorites before the State Meet got underway. This fact was true despite the presence of three undefeated teams at Madison — Alma, Green Bay West and Madison East. Lincoln, however, had almost a perfect record — 22 wins in 23 games going into the finals, and the Comets wound up their great campaign with a 25-1 mark.

Wisconsin Rapids, on the other hand, was a surprise finalist and in most circles a surprise State Meet qualifier. The Red Raiders were only 12-6 in the regular season (runnerup in the Wisconsin Valley Conference) but they won eight in a row in tournament play before bowing in the championship game to finish with a 20-7 mark for the campaign.

Third-place honors in the customarily exciting tournament played before record-breaking crowds went to Alma, the smallest school in the field, by virtue of a 66-54 triumph over Grafton, the second-smallest school in the tournament. Consolation honors went to Madison East, a 61-53 victor in one of three tournament overtimes with Eau Claire Memorial the victim.

Upsets dotted the opening round of play which began with sentimental favorite Alma's expected but hard-fought 88-80 overtime win over Neenah, another team which came to Madison unheralded but gave a good account of itself. Then followed an expected Lincoln win over Eau Claire Memorial, 76-57, followed by two surprises. Madison East and Green Bay West — each with perfect 23-0 marks — were cut down by inspired Grafton and Wisconsin Rapids by scores of 63-59 and 66-52, respectively.

Semi-final action saw Lincoln subdue gallant Alma, 82-72, followed by Rapids' 67-58 win over Grafton. Consolation semi-finals resulted in Eau Claire Memorial winning over Neenah, 73-67, in the Rockets' second overtime loss and Madison East beating Green Bay West — in a battle of the state's two No. 1 rated teams, 68-41.

Unblemished records were posted during the regular season by no fewer than seven schools. Alma, Altoona, Green Bay West and Madison East all won 18 games, Eagle River and Stockbridge won 17 games each and New Holstein won 16 games — all without a loss.

Alma stretched its string to 25 before losing in the semi-finals of the State and eventually finishing with a 26-1 record. Altoona went to 21 without a loss, then was beaten in the Sub-Sectionals. Green Bay West and Madison East both went to 23 without a loss and the first round of the State Meet before losing — then West finished with a 23-2 mark and East with 25-1. Eagle River was beaten the second night in the Sub-Regional finals, finishing 18-1, while Stockbridge lost its first game in the tournament trail and wound up with 17-1.

Eight other teams had regular season records which showed only one defeat. Lincoln was one of them and others who had 17 victories during the regular season with only one loss were Manawa, Orfordville, River Falls and Wausaukee. Baraboo, Barron and Platteville all were 16-1 for the year. Lincoln, of course, went all the way after its regular season. Baraboo and Platteville got to the Sectional

finals before finishing with 21-2 marks while Wausaukee, Manawa and River Falls all were beaten in the first round of the Sectionals — Wausaukee finishing at 22-2 and Manawa and River Falls at 21-3. Orfordville and Barron both went to the Sub-Sectionals before losing, thus finishing with 20-2 and 19-2 records, respectively, for the year.

A record total of 388,323 spectators watched 1966 tournament series play. That figure compared to 384,457 the previous year which was the record prior to 1966. It was estimated that between 3-4 million persons watched the approximately 3,500 regular season basketball games of WIAA member schools.

MILWAUKEE LINCOLN — 1966 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Left to right (top row), Dan Tinnon, John Rushing, Norman Weatherall, Larry Thomas, Clarence Sherrod, Ellis Turentine, (middle row), Manager Karl Rasmussen, James Crayton, Tyrone Hearn, Knut Hermann, Robert Owens, Joseph Carter, Manager Larry Wade, (front row) Coach James Smallins, Assistant Coach James Klabunde, Athletic Director Ronald Foot, Principal Andrew Dunar.



State Box Scores

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

| MILWAUKEE LINCOLN - 75 | FGA-M | FTA-M | WISCONSIN RAPIDS - 62 | FGA-M | FTA-M |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| Larry Thomas..... | 11-6 | 2-1 | Bob Jacobsen..... | 4-3 | 3-3 |
| Danny Tinnon..... | 8-7 | 0-1 | Jim Saeger..... | 9-3 | 5-1 |
| John Rushing..... | 9-3 | 2-1 | Greg Dresdow..... | 9-1 | 2-2 |
| Clarence Sherrod..... | 21-8 | 10-4 | Gary Dempze..... | 11-6 | 3-1 |
| Fred Brown..... | 15-6 | 5-2 | Greg Ehsen..... | 16-9 | 5-2 |
| Joe Carter..... | 5-2 | 2-1 | Lyle Anderson..... | 6-3 | 6-1 |
| James Crayton..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | Dan Blanchfield..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Norman Weatherall..... | 0-0 | 2-2 | Mike Casey..... | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Tyrone Hearn..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | Totals..... | 56-26 | 24-10 |
| Robert Owens..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | | | |
| Totals..... | 69-32 | 24-11 | | | |

Score by quarters:

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|-------------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| Milwaukee Lincoln | 25 | 16 | 8 | 26 | - | 75 |
| Wisconsin Rapids | 7 | 20 | 17 | 18 | - | 62 |

Personal fouls: Milwaukee Lincoln - 17, Wisconsin Rapids - 17

Rebounds: Milwaukee Lincoln - 56, Wisconsin Rapids - 35

Shooting percentage: Milwaukee Lincoln .464, Wisconsin Rapids .464

Officials: Jack Howland and George Sladky

THIRD-PLACE PLAYOFF

| ALMA - 66 | FGA-M | FTA-M | GRAFTON - 54 | FGA-M | FTA-M |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| John Stohr..... | 14-4 | 2-1 | Jeff Sewell..... | 15-5 | 4-4 |
| Mike Moham..... | 19-6 | 8-5 | Greg Kirst..... | 8-0 | 0-0 |
| Dick Ebersold..... | 9-3 | 12-9 | John Vanderlinden..... | 3-0 | 2-1 |
| Richard Stiehl..... | 14-3 | 2-1 | Bob Drake..... | 12-5 | 4-0 |
| Brian Kreibich..... | 6-4 | 7-6 | Dean Tonn..... | 9-5 | 2-0 |
| Larry Fluekiger..... | 2-1 | 0-0 | Kim Hedrick..... | 12-3 | 0-0 |
| Curt Youngbauer..... | 2-1 | 0-1 | Tom Roy..... | 9-4 | 3-3 |
| Donald Ristow..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | Jim Wegner..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Bob Parker..... | 1-0 | 0-0 | Fred Bertling..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Tom Bautch..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | Chuck Woods..... | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Terry Bright..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | Tom Morrison..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Barry Purrington..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | Ken Peterson..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Totals..... | 67-22 | 32-22 | Totals..... | 69-23 | 15-8 |

Score by quarters:

| | | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| Alma | 16 | 19 | 17 | 14 | - | 66 |
| Grafton | 10 | 13 | 16 | 15 | - | 54 |

Personal fouls: Alma - 12, Grafton - 19

Rebounds: Alma - 51, Grafton - 52

Shooting percentage: Grafton .333, Alma .328

Officials: Ken Leland and Jack Driessen

CONSOLATION FINALS

| MADISON EAST - 61 | FGA-M | FTA-M | EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL - 53 | FGA-M | FTA-M |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Bill Withers..... | 11-4 | 3-3 | Phil Hagen..... | 12-5 | 4-3 |
| Jim Mraz..... | 13-9 | 5-2 | John Sleizer..... | 13-5 | 6-3 |
| Tim Christiansen..... | 4-1 | 1-1 | Jeff Adler..... | 4-1 | 3-1 |
| Rick Yttri..... | 8-4 | 6-6 | Mike Reets..... | 6-1 | 0-0 |
| Greg Buss..... | 7-1 | 3-2 | Bob Hall..... | 11-3 | 4-3 |
| Gary Fraaza..... | 2-1 | 3-2 | Dave Rowe..... | 9-6 | 0-0 |
| Brian Pease..... | 1-0 | 5-5 | Jeff Lotz..... | 0-2 | 1-1 |
| Gary Buss..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | Totals..... | 57-21 | 18-11 |
| Dick Holmes..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | | | |
| Totals..... | 46-20 | 26-21 | | | |

Score by quarters:

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|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| Madison East | 10 | 15 | 10 | 16 | - | 61 |
| Eau Claire Memorial | 12 | 12 | 14 | 13 | - | 53 |

Personal fouls: Madison East - 15, Eau Claire Memorial - 18

Rebounds: Madison East - 32, Eau Claire Memorial - 37

Shooting percentage: Eau Claire Memorial .368, Madison East .435

Officials: Bud Androff and Tom Knoche

CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS

| MILWAUKEE LINCOLN - 82 | FGA-M | FTA-M | ALMA - 72 | FGA-M | FTA-M |
|------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Danny Tinnon..... | 8-5 | 7-3 | John Stohr..... | 16-12 | 5-3 |
| Larry Thomas..... | 4-1 | 4-3 | Mike Moham..... | 0-2 | 2-2 |
| John Rushing..... | 20-11 | 9-5 | Dick Ebersold..... | 13-6 | 8-5 |
| Clarence Sherrod..... | 18-6 | 3-3 | Dick Stiehl..... | 3-1 | 4-1 |
| Fred Brown..... | 19-8 | 8-4 | Brian Kreibich..... | 11-6 | 4-3 |
| Joe Carter..... | 0-3 | 2-2 | Curt Youngbauer..... | 1-0 | 2-2 |
| Totals..... | 72-31 | 33-20 | Larry Fluekiger..... | 6-3 | 1-0 |
| | | | Don Ristow..... | 1-0 | 2-0 |
| | | | Totals..... | 53-28 | 28-16 |

Score by quarters:

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|-------------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| Milwaukee Lincoln | 20 | 30 | 10 | 22 | - | 82 |
| Alma | 11 | 25 | 12 | 24 | - | 72 |

Personal fouls: Milwaukee Lincoln - 18, Alma - 24

Rebounds: Milwaukee Lincoln - 57, Alma - 36

Shooting percentage: Alma .528, Milwaukee Lincoln .431

Officials: Gene Calhoun and Steve Slattery

| WISCONSIN RAPIDS - 67 | FGA-M | FTA-M | GRAFTON - 58 | FGA-M | FTA-M |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| Bob Jacobsen..... | 8-4 | 5-2 | Jeff Sewell..... | 29-9 | 7-7 |
| Jim Saeger..... | 3-1 | 1-0 | Greg Kirst..... | 10-3 | 4-3 |
| Greg Dresdow..... | 13-5 | 0-0 | John Vanderlinden..... | 4-2 | 6-3 |
| Gary Dempze..... | 12-5 | 8-7 | Bob Drake..... | 7-3 | 0-0 |
| Greg Ebsen..... | 21-9 | 8-5 | Kim Hedrick..... | 3-1 | 0-0 |
| Lyle Anderson..... | 3-2 | 5-1 | Tom Roy..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Dan Blanchfield..... | 0-1 | 0-0 | Dean Tonn..... | 7-4 | 3-1 |
| Mike Casey..... | 1-0 | 0-0 | Totals..... | 60-22 | 20-14 |
| Totals..... | 62-26 | 27-15 | | | |

Score by quarters:

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| Wisconsin Rapids | 20 | 11 | 17 | 19 | - | 67 |
| Grafton | 19 | 18 | 10 | 11 | - | 58 |

Personal fouls: Wisconsin Rapids - 14, Grafton - 17

Rebounds: Wisconsin Rapids - 39, Grafton - 52

Shooting percentage: Wisconsin Rapids .419, Grafton .366

Officials: Richard Lowell and Orlando Palesse

CONSOLATION SEMI-FINALS

| EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL - 73 | FGA-M | FTA-M | NEENAH - 67 | FGA-M | FTA-M |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Phil Hagen..... | 17-8 | 8-6 | Jim Koepke..... | 10-5 | 4-3 |
| John Sleizer..... | 9-2 | 14-12 | Larry Handler..... | 12-4 | 7-4 |
| Jeff Adler..... | 10-3 | 1-1 | Pete Kuehl..... | 3-1 | 0-0 |
| Bob Hall..... | 15-5 | 8-5 | Jim Fetters..... | 5-0 | 3-1 |
| Mike Reetz..... | 5-1 | 0-0 | Gary Losse..... | 21-10 | 4-2 |
| Dave Rowe..... | 3-3 | 9-5 | Dan Jankowski..... | 4-1 | 4-2 |
| Jeff Lotz..... | 1-0 | 0-0 | Pete Neubauer..... | 11-6 | 2-1 |
| Totals..... | 60-22 | 40-29 | Mike Malone..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| | | | Joe Muench..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| | | | Jim Smestad..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| | | | Totals..... | 66-27 | 24-13 |

Score by quarters:

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|
| Eau Claire Memorial | 16 | 16 | 22 | 11 | 8 | - | 73 |
| Neenah | 18 | 15 | 19 | 13 | 2 | - | 67 |

Personal fouls: Eau Claire Memorial - 21, Neenah - 25

Rebounds: Eau Claire Memorial - 52, Neenah - 40

Shooting percentage: Neenah .407, Eau Claire Memorial .366

Officials: Phil Schweke and Don Lichte

| MADISON EAST - 68 | FGA-M | FTA-M | GREEN BAY WEST - 41 | FGA-M | FTA-M |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Bill Withers..... | 1-0 | 0-0 | Dennis Gutzman..... | 11-2 | 1-1 |
| Jim Mraz..... | 12-8 | 9-6 | Russ Westphal..... | 8-4 | 1-1 |
| Tim Christiansen..... | 10-3 | 0-0 | Rob Westphal..... | 8-5 | 4-1 |
| Rick Yttri..... | 6-2 | 4-3 | Jim Anderson..... | 9-1 | 2-1 |
| Greg Buss..... | 16-11 | 1-1 | Pat Coniff..... | 5-1 | 1-1 |
| Gary Fraaza..... | 6-2 | 1-1 | Jerry Tagge..... | 3-0 | 0-0 |
| Brian Pease..... | 2-2 | 0-0 | Tim Baumgart..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Gary Buss..... | 0-0 | 2-1 | Jim Wirsch..... | 8-3 | 0-0 |
| Lon Reuter..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | Dale Cibula..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Gary Hackbart..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | Bruce Koenig..... | 2-0 | 0-0 |
| Dick Holmes..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | Chet Johnston..... | 3-2 | 0-0 |
| Totals..... | 53-28 | 17-12 | Bill Farrell..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| | | | Totals..... | 57-18 | 9-5 |

Score by quarters:

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| Madison East | 17 | 20 | 11 | 20 | - | 68 |
| Green Bay West | 13 | 9 | 7 | 12 | - | 41 |

Personal fouls: Madison East - 10, Green Bay West - 12

Rebounds: Madison East - 44, Green Bay West - 28

Shooting percentage: Madison East .528, Green Bay West .316

Officials: Hal Raether and Harland Carl

QUARTER-FINALS

| ALMA - 88 | FGA-M | FTA-M | NEENAH - 80 | FGA-M | FTA-M |
|----------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| John Stohr..... | 23-9 | 10-6 | Jim Koepke..... | 12-7 | 3-2 |
| Mike Moham..... | 20-9 | 4-4 | Larry Handler..... | 17-10 | 8-5 |
| Dick Ebersold..... | 12-5 | 10-7 | Pete Kuehl..... | 4-0 | 0-0 |
| Brian Kreibich..... | 13-5 | 2-1 | Jim Fetters..... | 2-1 | 0-0 |
| Richard Stiehl..... | 12-2 | 10-8 | Gary Losse..... | 21-11 | 3-1 |
| Curt Youngbauer..... | 2-1 | 0-0 | Dan Jankowski..... | 7-2 | 1-0 |
| Donald Ristow..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | Pete Neubauer..... | 9-4 | 3-2 |
| Totals..... | 82-31 | 36-26 | Totals..... | 72-35 | 18-10 |

Score by quarters:

| | | | | | | | |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| Alma | 19 | 20 | 12 | 21 | 16 | - | 88 |
| Neenah | 16 | 21 | 20 | 15 | 8 | - | 80 |

Personal fouls: Alma - 16, Neenah - 22

Rebounds: Alma - 57, Neenah - 41

Shooting percentage: Alma .378, Neenah .486

Officials: Ken Hollub and Steve Reega

| MILWAUKEE LINCOLN - 76 | FGA-M | FTA-M | EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL - 57 | FGA-M | FTA-M |
|------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Danny Tinnon..... | 6-1 | 3-2 | Phil Hagen..... | 11-4 | 2-1 |
| Larry Thomas..... | 10-3 | 1-1 | John Sleizer..... | 9-6 | 1-0 |
| John Rushing..... | 13-9 | 3-1 | Dave Rowe..... | 2-1 | 3-0 |
| Clarence Sherrod..... | 18-8 | 2-1 | Mike Reetz..... | 6-2 | 2-2 |
| Fred Brown..... | 15-12 | 0-0 | Bob Hall..... | 18-9 | 4-3 |
| Joe Carter..... | 2-0 | 2-1 | Jeff Adler..... | 2-0 | 2-0 |
| James Crayton..... | 1-0 | 1-0 | John Gerber..... | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Ellis Turentine..... | 1-0 | 0-0 | Dave Lorentz..... | 1-1 | 3-2 |
| Norman Weatherall..... | 0-0 | 2-2 | Dennis Lee..... | 1-0 | 1-1 |
| Robert Owens..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | Dean Gordon..... | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Knut Herremann..... | 1-0 | 0-0 | Jeff Lotz..... | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Tyrone Hearn..... | 1-1 | 0-0 | Steve Olson..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Totals..... | 68-34 | 14-8 | Totals..... | 53-24 | 18-9 |

Score by quarters:

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| Milwaukee Lincoln | 15 | 24 | 20 | 17 | - | 76 |
| Eau Claire Memorial | 14 | 13 | 15 | 15 | - | 57 |

Personal fouls: Milwaukee Lincoln - 15, Eau Claire Memorial - 10

Rebounds: Milwaukee Lincoln - 44, Eau Claire Memorial - 25

Shooting percentage: Milwaukee Lincoln .500, Eau Claire Memorial .451

Officials: Herb Cahoon and Otto Puls

| GRAFTON - 63 | | | | MADISON EAST - 59 | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|--|-----------------------|-------|-------|--|
| | FGA-M | FTA-M | | | FGA-M | FTA-M | |
| Jeff Sewell..... | 25-10 | 8-4 | | Art Burkhalter..... | 12-5 | 2-1 | |
| Greg Kirst..... | 12-2 | 4-1 | | Jim Mraz..... | 11-7 | 6-3 | |
| Tom Roy..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | | Tim Christiansen..... | 3-1 | 2-1 | |
| Kim Hedrick..... | 4-1 | 2-1 | | Greg Buss..... | 11-4 | 5-5 | |
| Bob Drake..... | 11-6 | 6-4 | | Rick Yrtti..... | 15-5 | 3-1 | |
| John Vanderlinden..... | 5-5 | 1-1 | | Bill Withers..... | 6-2 | 0-0 | |
| Dean Tonn..... | 4-2 | 0-0 | | Gary Fraaza..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | |
| Totals..... | 61-26 | 21-11 | | Brian Pease..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | |
| | | | | Totals..... | 58-24 | 18-11 | |

Score by quarters:

Grafton 16 17 12 18 - 63
Madison East 9 18 21 11 - 59

Personal fouls: Grafton - 13, Madison East - 17

Rebounds: Grafton - 48, Madison East - 39

Shooting percentage: Grafton .426, Madison East .413

Officials: Duaiwe Counsell and Len Ellison

| WISCONSIN RAPIDS - 66 | | | | GREEN BAY WEST - 52 | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|--|---------------------|-------|-------|--|
| | FGA-M | FTA-M | | | FGA-M | FTA-M | |
| Bob Jacobsen..... | 9-5 | 3-0 | | Dennis Gutzman..... | 7-5 | 4-3 | |
| Jim Saeger..... | 14-4 | 9-7 | | Russ Westphal..... | 7-3 | 1-1 | |
| Greg Dresdow..... | 17-8 | 2-1 | | Rob Westphal..... | 11-8 | 4-3 | |
| Gary Dempze..... | 8-3 | 4-3 | | Jim Anderson..... | 2-1 | 3-1 | |
| Greg Ebsen..... | 12-3 | 10-7 | | Pat Coniff..... | 1-1 | 0-0 | |
| Mike Casey..... | 1-0 | 2-2 | | Jim Wirch..... | 8-3 | 0-0 | |
| Lyle Anderson..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | | Dale Cibula..... | 2-1 | 1-0 | |
| Totals..... | 61-23 | 30-20 | | Chet Johnston..... | 0-0 | 0-0 | |
| | | | | Totals..... | 38-22 | 13-8 | |

Score by quarters:

Wisconsin Rapids 9 14 17 26 - 66
Green Bay West 9 17 12 14 - 52

Personal fouls: Wisconsin Rapids - 10, Green Bay West - 23

Rebounds: Wisconsin Rapids - 29, Green Bay West - 35

Shooting percentage: Green Bay West .579, Wisconsin Rapids .377

Officials: Sam Balistreri and Gene Berce