

Basketball

Janesville Parker — surprising everyone but itself — reigns as Wisconsin high school basketball champion for 1971.

Unheralded and unrated as well as seven-times beaten during the season, the Vikings of Coach Bob Morgan displayed great championship form, including unbelievable poise under tremendous pressure, in winning the title of the 56th annual State Tournament at the University of Wisconsin fieldhouse in Madison on March 18-19-20.

Victim in the finals was another outstanding team, Milwaukee King, which tried to make a third straight come-from-behind performance only to be stymied by the discipline and cool-headedness of Janesville. The final score was 79-68 with Parker seemingly thriving on the pressure of the final period as it twice made up one-point deficits to fashion the final 11-point victory margin.

The Vikings' title-game effort was nothing short of sensational. They shot at a record championship-game percentage of .622 (28 of 45) and they converted every one of 23 free throws for another record. But even more significant were the fourth-quarter statistics: Seven field goals in seven attempts from the field and 13 free throws in 13 attempts from the line! Not a single miss of any kind in the most nerve-wrecking period of the game!

King grabbed its first lead of the night, 54-52, before the final period was 10 seconds old, and it looked like the Generals of Coach Max Walker were going to follow the same script of their previous evenings in the fieldhouse. They were still in front, 56-55, with 6½ minutes to play. Then came Janesville's closing surge and amazing poise in the face of a pressing, swarming defense that had been King's most effective weapon in compiling 24 victories and only one defeat (that in overtime) during the campaign.

Bob Luchsinger, a star among stars for the champions, hit from the side at the 6:25 mark to put the downstaters in front, 57-56, and a minute later John Brikowski had a lay-in and two free throws to make it 61-56. King had no intentions of folding, however, and baskets by Reggie Dantzer, Mike Goodwin and James Holifield kept the Generals within range, 65-62, with 3:44 to play. There was still time at the 2:22 mark with the score now 69-64 but before another minute had elapsed the outcome was no longer in doubt as Luchsinger with his fourth basket and his third and fourth free tosses of the quarter along with two more gift shots by little but dynamic Jeff Paulson had raised the difference to 75-64. The last minute and a half were anti-climactic.

The title game was one of four great championship-flight contests involving five good teams in the tournament. Semi-final play was nothing short of tremendous. Parker came from 16 points behind in the last 12 minutes to overtake previously unbeaten and perennially-hardluck Neenah (State runnerup in one-point verdicts the previous two years) in a scintillating 54-52 contest. King, meanwhile, first had to erase an eight-point second-period deficit, then had to come back in the last 100 seconds of regulation play before out-battling a fine Wausau East team in an 89-82 overtime that would not have been an overtime — nor a King win — had a short shot by Wausau not bounced off the rim with a second or two to play. King one day earlier in the best game of the opening round had rallied furiously in the last 3-4 minutes to make-up a 10-point deficit and oust the tournament's defending champions, Appleton West, in a thrilling 69-64 contest which was only a point apart with a minute to play.

The bruising battle for third-place honors — even though not in the championship bracket — could not be overlooked as one of the better contests. Neenah nudged Wausau East, 70-69, but not before blowing all but one of a 16-point lead in the last four minutes and then seeing another last-second shot by a Wausau player bounce off the rim.

Consolation honors went to Appleton West in a good performance in which Milwaukee Boys Tech was a 72-58 victim. Appleton West had reached the consolation finals by beating Cumberland, 65-47, while Boys Tech turned back Reedsburg, 74-69, in the other consolation semi-final.

The championship-flight quarter-finals played ahead of the King win over Appleton saw



STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

This is the Janesville Parker team which won the WIAA State Basketball Championship on March 18-19-20 at Madison. Left to right, front, Craig Brace, John Bobzien, Mike McGrath, John Brikowski, Ted Schuler; middle, Tom Wolfe, Jim Querna, Terry Ryan, Greg Rud, Jeff Paulson; standing, Coach Bob Morgan, Assistant Dan Madden, Bob Luchsinger, Dick Meier, Assistant Dale Barry, Mgr. Pat O'Leary.

Janesville Parker came into the tournament with a 16-7 record and finished with 19-7, including 16 victories in its last 18 games. Milwaukee King was 22-1 coming to Madison and 24-2 Neenah start slowly but win handily, 65-47, over Boys Tech; Janesville Parker start quickly and coast to a 71-51 triumph over Reedsburg, and Wausau East topple Cumberland, 77-53.

Neenah was 23-0 at the start and 25-1 at the finish. Wausau East was 18-5 and 19-7 at the start and finish, respectively. Appleton East finished 21-5 for the year while Boys Tech quintet was 20-6 for the campaign. Cumberland was 22-4 and Reedsburg was 19-7, for the season.

Janesville's surprising performance — considering its record as well as its 11-7 won-lost mark for the regular season — featured some great late-season play. Parker beat cross-town rival and Big Eight co-champion Janesville Craig in the Regionals, then won over the other Big Eight champion, Madison West, in the Sectionals before earning — and deserving — its State championship.

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The championship contest, which marked the first time either school had even reached this level, in fact, the first time either had been to the State Meet, saw Parker jump to a 19-14 quarter lead and hold a 37-30 edge at halftime as Dick Meier scored eight of his team's first 13 points and Luchsinger and John Bobzien give considerable support. King fell as far as eight points behind early in the second half but four baskets of Raymond Nixon — giving him eight for the game at that point — led a rally that brought the score to a 52-52 deadlock after three periods. Then came the Parker counter-rally which gave the school the State title in only its fourth year in existence.

Luchsinger finished with 25 points while Meier had 16, Paulson 14, Bobzien 10, Brikowski nine and reserve Mike McGrath five to lead Parker. King, which shot .388 on 31 of 80 and made only six of 13 free throws, was led by Nixon with 17. He also had 12 rebounds. King star William Stewart had 16 while Goodwin had 13, Zeddie Roshell 10 and Dantzler and Holifield each six. King had a 42-31 rebounding edge.

State Box Scores

Championship

JANESVILLE PARKER	FGA-M	FTA-M	MILW. KING	FGA-M	FTA-M
Dick Meier	8-11	0-0	Raymond Nixon	8-16	1-1
John Bobzien	3-4	4-4	William Stewart	7-12	2-5
John Brikowski	3-4	3-3	Zeddie Roshell	5-9	0-0
Bob Luchsinger	9-16	7-7	Reggie Dantzler	3-13	0-2
Jeff Paulson	4-6	6-6	Mike Goodwin	6-16	1-1
Mike McGrath	1-4	3-3	James Holifield	2-14	2-4
Greg Rud	0-0	0-0	Raymond Jefferson	0-0	0-0
Ted Schuler	0-0	0-0			
Tom Wolfe	0-0	0-0			
Totals	28-45	23-23	Totals	31-80	6-13

Score by quarters:

Janesville Parker	19	18	15	27	—	79
Milwaukee King	14	16	22	16	—	68

Personal Fouls: Janesville Parker 9, Milwaukee King 14

Field Goal Averages: Janesville Parker .622, Milwaukee King .388

Rebounds: Janesville Parker 31, Milwaukee King 42

Officials: Eugene Calhoun and George Sladky

Third-Place Playoff

NEENAH	FGA-M	FTA-M	WAUSAU EAST	FGA-M	FTA-M
Jim Crist	5-9	2-4	Tom Leck	1-3	0-0
Bill Schultz	5-10	4-8	Jim Martell	5-9	5-5
Rick Matson	9-14	5-6	Bob Steif	13-25	13-17
Ed Hawley	2-6	0-0	Jerry Tomczak	4-11	0-3
John Pierce	5-8	3-3	Dan Yelich	0-7	0-0
Glen Rodgers	1-3	0-0	Carl Eggebrecht	2-5	1-3
Steve Loker	0-3	0-0	Jim Giese	0-1	0-0
Mike Bouressa	0-1	0-0	Gary Davis	0-0	0-0
Lew Holinbeck	1-3	0-0			
Totals	28-57	14-21	Totals	25-61	19-28

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Score by quarters:
Neenah 20 16 20 14 — 70
Wausau East 16 12 16 25 — 69

Personal Fouls: Neenah 19, Wausau East 14
Field Goal Averages: Neenah .491, Wausau East .410
Rebounds: Neenah 35, Wausau East 46
Officials: William Dyess and Wayne Kelliher

Consolation Finals

APPLETON WEST	FGA-M	FTA-M	MILW. BOYS TECH	FGA-M	FTA-M
Ike Chestnut	4-9	1-3	Lenny Prewitt	7-17	0-0
Tim Moriarty	9-11	6-6	Dan Cantillon	4-16	8-10
Rick Luebben	2-5	1-1	Dan Brunner	2-6	0-1
Rich Reitzner	5-8	4-4	Jeff Gramza	1-6	2-3
Dwight Mueller	3-6	2-5	Scott Zutavern	8-15	1-2
Carl Joosten	3-4	4-4	Bryon Obluck	1-3	0-0
Paul Hoffman	0-0	0-0	Frank Bozich	0-0	1-2
Paul Brietenfeldt	0-0	0-0	Ted Niksa	0-0	0-0
Bob Davis	0-0	0-0	Mark Schimenz	0-0	0-0
Guy Bytof	0-0	0-0			
Paul Sunderland	1-1	0-0	Totals	23-63	12-18
Dave Tebo	0-0	0-0			
Totals	27-44	18-23			

Score by quarters:
Appleton West 21 12 22 17 — 72
Milwaukee Boys Tech 22 8 15 13 — 58

Personal Fouls: Appleton West 12, Milwaukee Boys Tech 15
Field Goal Averages: Appleton West .614, Milwaukee Boys Tech .365
Rebounds: Appleton West 33, Milwaukee Boys Tech 35
Officials: Bob Torresani and Tom Sempf

Championship Semi-Finals

JANESVILLE PARKER	FGA-M	FTA-M	NEENAH	FGA-M	FTA-M
John Bobzien	2-6	3-5	Jim Crist	5-15	3-4
Bob Luchsinger	0-3	5-7	Bill Schultz	2-4	2-3
John Brikowski	2-4	1-3	Rick Matson	3-7	9-11
Dick Meier	5-10	3-6	Ed Hawley	2-6	0-0
Jeff Paulson	8-11	1-1	John Pierce	3-6	0-1
Mike McGrath	0-0	0-0	Glen Rodgers	0-4	4-4
Greg Rud	2-6	3-5	Steve Loker	0-0	0-0
			Lew Holinbeck	2-3	0-0
Totals	19-40	16-27	Totals	17-45	18-23

Score by quarters:
Janesville Parker 7 15 14 18 — 54
Neenah 12 21 13 6 — 52

Personal Fouls: Janesville Parker 16, Neenah 20
Field Goal Averages: Janesville Parker .475, Neenah .378
Rebounds: Janesville Parker 34, Neenah 31
Officials: Duaine Counsell and John Howland

MILW. KING	FGA-M	FTA-M	WAUSAU EAST	FGA-M	FTA-M
Raymond Nixon	4-8	0-0	Jim Martell	10-17	5-6
William Stewart	8-15	6-8	Tom Leck	0-9	5-7
Zeddie Roshell	2-12	2-3	Bob Steif	10-20	3-8
Mike Goodwin	9-15	0-2	Jerry Tomczak	8-11	1-1
Reggie Dantzler	9-21	1-2	Dan Yelich	3-7	2-2
James Holifield	4-11	4-4	Jim Giese	1-1	0-0
Raymond Jefferson	2-2	0-0	Gary Davis	1-1	0-0
			Carl Eggebrecht	0-3	0-0
Totals	38-84	13-19	Totals	33-69	16-24

Score by quarters:
Milw. King 17 21 26 12 13 — 89
Wausau East 21 21 15 19 6 — 82

Personal Fouls: Milwaukee King 16, Wausau East 15
Field Goal Averages: Milwaukee King .381, Wausau East .478
Rebounds: Milwaukee King 56, Wausau East 40
Officials: Ken Kulick and William Wendelberger

Consolation Semi-Finals

APPLETON WEST	FGA-M	FTA-M	CUMBERLAND	FGA-M	FTA-M
Tim Moriarty	5-12	0-3	Jerry Elmborg	2-5	3-6
Ike Chestnut	3-11	5-6	Brad Curtis	3-11	2-4
Rick Luebben	2-6	3-3	Steve King	3-8	1-1
Dwight Mueller	2-6	2-4	Sam Donatelle	3-6	4-5
Rich Reitzner	13-23	2-3	Mark Nelson	5-12	3-4
Carl Joosten	0-0	0-1	Roger Thompson	0-0	0-0
Paul Hoffman	0-1	0-0	Ron Ruppel	0-0	0-0
Bob Davis	0-1	1-3	Bill Whalen	1-1	0-0
Guy Bytof	1-1	0-1	Duane Dosch	0-1	0-0
Paul Brietenfeldt	0-0	0-2	Brent Simanski	0-0	0-0
Dave Tebo	0-0	0-0	Bob Anderson	0-0	0-0
Paul Sunderland	0-0	0-0	Jon Mathwig	0-0	0-0
Totals	26-61	13-26	Totals	17-44	13-20

Score by quarters:
Appleton West 17 15 16 17 — 65
Cumberland 13 11 9 14 — 47

Personal Fouls: Appleton West 14, Cumberland 19
Field Goal Averages: Appleton West .426, Cumberland .386
Rebounds: Appleton West 46, Cumberland 36
Officials: Len Vingers and Arland Peterson

MILW. BOYS TECH	FGA-M	FTA-M	REEDSBURG	FGA-M	FTA-M
Lenny Prewitt	8-13	4-5	Kurt Grantin	6-12	2-3
Dan Cantillon	7-11	5-9	Dennis Misna	4-10	4-5
Dan Brunner	4-7	0-1	Tom Rector	9-14	2-5
Jeff Gramza	3-7	0-1	Steve Gavin	3-7	4-5
Scott Zutavern	7-17	5-5	Kenny Hinz	3-8	3-4
Bob Grzona	1-1	0-0	Randy Nash	0-1	2-2
Bryon Obluck	0-2	0-0	Steve Bauer	1-1	0-0
			Brian Riberich	0-2	0-0
Totals	30-58	14-21	Totals	26-55	17-24

Score by quarters:
Milwaukee Boys Tech 16 26 16 16 — 74
Reedsburg 19 16 21 13 — 69

Personal Fouls: Milwaukee Boys Tech 17, Reedsburg 16
Field Goal Averages: Milwaukee Boys Tech .517, Reedsburg .473
Rebounds: Milwaukee Boys Tech 35, Reedsburg 36
Officials: Larry Rennert and Larry Van Alstine

Quarter-Finals

MILW. KING	FGA-M	FTA-M	APPLETON WEST	FGA-M	FTA-M
Raymond Nixon	4-12	2-5	Ike Chestnut	4-12	4-5
William Stewart	10-20	2-4	Rick Luebben	1-1	0-0
Zeddie Roshell	1-3	2-2	Tim Moriarty	6-8	3-3
Mike Goodwin	6-11	2-3	Rich Reitzner	8-14	3-3
Reggie Dantzler	4-17	4-4	Dwight Mueller	0-1	1-3
James Holifield	2-2	3-5	Carl Joosten	6-9	1-1
			Bob Davis	1-1	0-0
Totals	27-65	15-23	Totals	26-46	12-15

Score by quarters:
Milwaukee King 15 15 17 22 — 69
Appleton West 16 19 21 8 — 64

Personal Fouls: Milwaukee King 12, Appleton West 17
Field Goal Averages: Milwaukee King .415, Appleton West .565
Rebounds: Milwaukee King 39, Appleton West 30
Officials: Richard Lowell and Otto Puls

WAUSAU EAST	FGA-M	FTA-M	CUMBERLAND	FGA-M	FTA-M
Jim Martell	9-16	0-0	Jerry Elmberg	3-6	2-2
Tom Leck	2-3	0-1	Brad Curtis	0-2	0-0
Bob Steif	11-19	6-9	Steve King	6-14	2-2
Dan Yelich	7-15	2-2	Mark Nelson	6-19	0-1
Jerry Tomczak	4-7	1-1	Sam Donatelle	2-3	5-6
Gary Davis	0-1	0-0	Roger Thompson	1-3	0-1
Carl Eggebrecht	0-0	0-0	Ron Ruppel	1-3	0-0
Jim Giese	0-0	0-0	Bill Whalen	0-1	0-0
Vern Williams	0-1	0-0	Jon Mathwig	0-1	0-0
Larry Lewitzke	0-0	0-0	Duane Dosch	2-2	0-0
Brad Bartell	0-0	0-0	Brent Simanski	1-1	0-0
Jeff Davis	1-1	0-0	Bob Anderson	0-0	0-1
Totals	34-63	9-13	Totals	22-55	9-13

Score by quarters:
Wausau East 17 17 24 19 — 77
Cumberland 12 11 16 14 — 53

Personal Fouls: Wausau East 9, Cumberland 11
Field Goal Averages: Wausau East .540, Cumberland .400
Rebounds: Wausau East 41, Cumberland 29
Officials: Gale Zimmerman and Richard Bestor

JANESVILLE PARKER	FGA-M	FTA-M	REEDSBURG	FGA-M	FTA-M
Bob Bobzien	4-8	1-2	Kurt Grantin	2-8	0-0
Bob Luchsinger	19-13	3-4	Tom Rector	6-12	3-7
John Brikowski	1-3	1-1	Dennis Mlsna	7-11	2-2
Dick Meier	4-9	8-11	Kenny Hinz	2-11	0-1
Jeff Paulson	6-10	0-1	Steve Gavin	3-6	4-4
Greg Rud	0-1	2-4	Randy Nash	0-0	0-0
Mike McGrathm	0-5	0-0	Brian Riberich	0-0	0-0
Terry Ryan	1-6	0-0	Steve Bauer	0-2	0-0
Craig Brace	0-4	0-0	Gary Oetzman	0-0	0-0
Ted Schuler	0-1	0-0	Mark Grote	0-0	0-0
Tom Wolfe	1-2	0-0	Ron Roewer	1-1	0-0
Jim Quaerna	0-1	0-0	Mike Brueggeman	0-0	0-0
Totals	28-63	15-23	Totals	21-51	9-14

Score by quarters:
Janesville Parker 23 14 20 14 — 71
Reedsburg 5 12 14 20 — 51

Personal Fouls: Janesville Parker 11, Reedsburg 14
Field Goal Averages: Janesville Parker .444, Reedsburg .412
Rebounds: Janesville Parker 33, Reedsburg 45
Officials: William Mueller and Leon Jacques

NEENAH	FGA-M	FTA-M	MILW. BOYS TECH	FGA-M	FTA-M
Bill Schultz	6-9	7-11	Lenny Prewitt	6-15	5-5
Jim Crist	2-7	1-3	Dan Cantillon	4-8	0-0
Rick Matson	9-15	1-1	Dan Brunner	3-10	2-3
Ed Hawley	2-6	4-4	Scott Zutavern	2-8	2-4
John Pierce	2-5	2-3	Jeff Gramza	3-7	0-2
Glen Rodgers	2-4	0-0	Bryon Obluck	1-2	0-0
Steve Loker	0-1	0-0	Bob Grzona	0-3	0-0
Chris Ryan	1-1	0-0	Frank Bozich	0-0	0-0
Mike Bolressa	0-0	0-0			
Lew Holinbeck	1-1	0-0	Totals	19-53	9-14
Totals	25-49	15-22			

Score by quarters:
Neenah 9 21 16 19 — 65
Milw. Boys Tech 12 4 13 18 — 47

Personal Fouls: Neenah 13, Milwaukee Boys Tech 18
Field Goal Averages: Neenah .510, Milwaukee Boys Tech .358
Rebounds: Neenah 33, Milwaukee Boys Tech 37
Officials: Ted Scalissi and Don Hoff