

Boys Basketball

South Milwaukee in Class A, St. Francis in Class B and Marathon in Class C won championships in the WIAA's 61st annual State Boys Basketball Tournament at Madison on March 18-19-20.

South Milwaukee used a short jump shot by Kurt Nymphius with 46 seconds to play to provide the winning points over Eau Claire Memorial in a 45-43 thriller. A rebound basket with seconds to play by Dave Dorlack accounted for the difference in St. Francis' equally exciting triumph over Clintonville, 68-66. Marathon outscored Kohler by 15 points in the last quarter and a half to win a 78-59 contest.

The 1976 tournament program had more close and exciting games than others in recent history. There were 13 games in all and 11 went down to the wire, those 11 decided by a total of 30 points — one by one in an overtime, six by two points and two by three. One of the other two close games was tied with 17 seconds to play and the other saw two points separate the teams until the last half-minute.

South Milwaukee's championship was its first since 1952 and capped an unbeaten season of 25 wins. Nymphius scored more than half (97) of his team's 185 points, that total being the most ever by a player in championship games only. St. Francis didn't have an imposing season record because it played only against Class A competition throughout the regular campaign which was climaxed by the school's first State basketball title. Marathon stretched its all-winning ways to 50 games (since losing in the State in 1974) as it successfully defended its State title.

South Milwaukee defeated Madison West, 74-64, and Eau Claire defeated Beloit, 50-49, in overtime on Kirk Etten's basket in the semifinals. Beloit defeated Green Bay Preble, 43-41, Eau Claire defeated Hamilton (Sussex), 44-42, Madison West defeated Neenah's defending champions, 61-59, and South Milwaukee defeated Milwaukee Washington, 66-60, in quarterfinal play. Clintonville defeated Prairie du Chien, 73-71, on Ted Sheckler's basket at the final buzzer and St. Francis defeated Ladysmith, 72-69, in the semifinals. Kohler came from far behind to defeat North Crawford, 30-27, and Marathon defeated Washburn, 57-52, in C semifinal play.

There were 422 schools in the tournament program in 1976. Marathon, South Milwaukee and Washburn were unbeaten in the regular season (18 wins) while Beloit, Ladysmith, North Crawford, Prairie du Chien, Rio, Superior and Wittenberg-Birnamwood lost only once in 18 games.

Attendance at the State Tournament was 69,351, down more than 2,500 from the previous year, but ahead of the 1974 mark by about 1,000. Prestate Tournament attendance totaled 298,259, down by about 35,000 from the previous year.



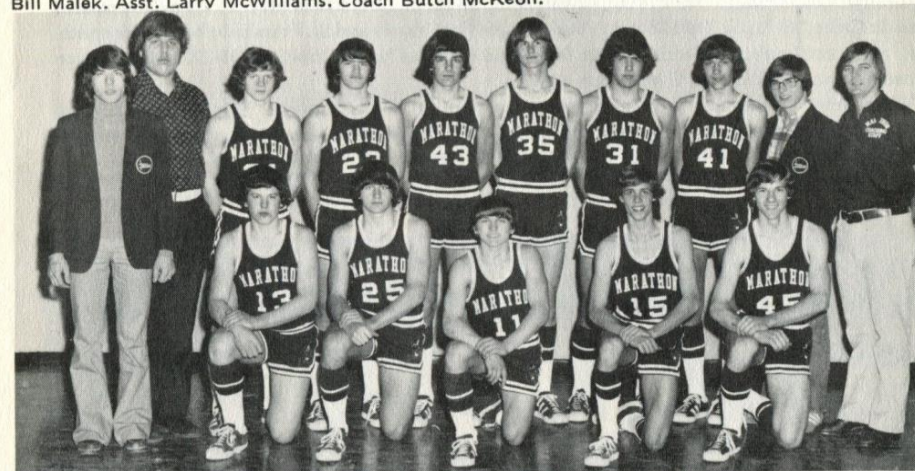
SOUTH MILWAUKEE — BASKETBALL (A) CHAMPIONS — 1975-76

From left, front, Mgrs. Alan Manley and Larry Jannsiak; seated, Tom Osowski, Tom Wynn, Dan Sullivan, Coach Jerry Sullivan, Cal Seng, John Fleury, George Logic; back, Neal Wucherer, Dave Kloczek, Bill Marten, Kurt Nymphius, Don Hintz, James Larson, Joe Schumacher, Tim Emer. (Robert J. Lewis Photo).



ST. FRANCIS — BASKETBALL (B) CHAMPIONS — 1975-76

From left, front, Mgr. Pete Chilson, Rory Szukalski, Jamle Ramel, Steve Tomski, Greg Barrett, Ken Neary, Phil Caruso, Mgrs. Al Ciesiak and Jeff Schulz; back, Asst. Frank Unterholzner, Dan Dorlack, John Osep, Pat McKeon, Scott Berg, Dave Dorlack, Mike Laskowski, Don Severson, Bill Malek, Asst. Larry McWilliams, Coach Butch McKeon.



MARATHON — BASKETBALL (C) CHAMPIONS — 1975-76

From left, front, Kenneth Hanke, Thomas Hack, Rodney Seubert, Bruce Koeller, Michael Lensmire; back, Mgrs. Rodney Loy and Dean Seubert, Donald Viegut, Wayne Sessions, Claude Seubert, Andy Berens, Gary Burish, Paul Seubert, Mgr. Donald Litzer, Coach Tom Weinkauff, Absent — Leon Wilkosz, Asst. Michael Schießer, (Toburen Studio Photo).

Team Statistics

Class A

	G	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	PTS	OPP	REB	OPP
South Milwaukee	3	70-128	547	45-64	703	185	167	125	96
Eau Claire Mem'l	3	56-154	364	25-38	658	137	136	103	99

Beloit Mem'l	2	41-95	435	10-24	417	92	91	65	76
Madison West	2	51-123	415	23-42	548	125	133	82	81
Green Bay Preble	1	19-43	442	3-11	273	41	43	31	28
Hamilton	1	15-38	395	12-17	706	42	44	32	31
Neenah	1	22-48	458	15-23	652	59	61	31	40
Milw. Washington	1	25-61	410	10-16	625	60	66	27	45
Totals	7	299-690	433	143-235	609	741	741	496	496

Class B									
	G	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	PTS	OPP	REB	OPP
St. Francis	2	60-125	480	20-32	625	140	135	80	81
Clintonville	2	54-113	478	31-52	596	139	139	79	76
Ladysmith	1	27-61	443	15-23	652	69	72	43	37
Prairie du Chien	1	31-65	477	9-11	818	71	73	33	41
Totals	3	172-364	473	75-118	636	419	419	235	235

Class C									
	G	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	PTS	OPP	REB	OPP
Marathon	2	52-128	406	31-45	689	135	111	93	85
Kohler	2	36-93	387	17-38	447	89	105	80	78
Washburn	1	18-48	375	16-22	727	52	57	33	41
North Crawford	1	10-34	294	7-11	636	27	30	26	28
Totals	3	116-303	383	71-116	612	303	303	232	232

State Box Scores

Class A

Championship

SOUTH MILWAUKEE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	EAU CLAIRE MEM'L	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Daniel Sullivan	1-3	2-2	Terry Hams	1-2	0-0
William Martin	2-3	0-0	Dave Hanson	2-6	0-1
Donald Hintz	2-5	0-1	Tim Bakken	8-14	2-2
Neal Wucherer	1-5	1-4	Steve Washburn	3-14	1-4
Kurt Nimphius	13-16	4-9	Kirk Etten	4-10	0-0
George Logic	0-0	0-0	Craig Smith	2-4	0-1
David Klocek	0-0	0-0			
TOTALS	19-32	7-16	TOTALS	20-50	3-8

Score by quarters:

South Milwaukee	16	14	10	5	—	45
Eau Claire Memorial	8	15	14	6	—	43

Officials: Bud Androff, Bill Dyess

Field Goal Averages: South Milwaukee .594, Eau Claire Memorial .400

Rebounds: South Milwaukee 30, Eau Claire Memorial 27

Personal Fouls: Eau Claire Memorial 18, South Milwaukee 8

Attendance: 11,228

Semifinals

BELOIT MEMORIAL	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Steve Leech	1-2	0-0	Terry Hams	1-1	0-1
Bill Hanzlik	10-28	2-6	Dave Hanson	3-7	5-8
Zach Sherrod	3-9	0-0	Tim Bakken	3-9	6-7
Bob Grady	5-8	0-0	Steve Washburn	4-13	5-8
Todd Shockley	2-7	3-6	Kirk Etten	2-11	2-2
Tom Schroeder	0-0	0-1	Craig Smith	2-7	2-2
John Woodworth	1-1	0-0	Tim Richman	0-0	0-0
			Pieter Graaskamp	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	22-55	5-13	TOTALS	15-48	20-28

Score by quarters:

Beloit Memorial	10	8	14	14	—	4	—	50
Eau Claire Memorial	11	8	11	16	—	3	—	49

Officials: Wayne Gates, Rod Ostrem

Field Goal Averages: Beloit Memorial .400, Eau Claire Memorial .313

Rebounds: Eau Claire Memorial 45, Beloit Memorial 37

Personal Fouls: Beloit Memorial 18, Eau Claire Memorial 16

Attendance: 12,204

SOUTH MILWAUKEE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	MADISON WEST	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Dan Sullivan	1-5	2-3	Jeff Smith	3-16	1-2
Bill Marten	4-7	3-4	Rob Zwettler	2-4	0-2
Don Hintz	9-18	0-0	John Krohn	3-6	4-8
Neal Wucherer	1-6	4-6	Paul Kollberg	7-19	0-1
Kurt Nimphius	13-18	7-12	Jim Gustafson	1-3	0-0
George Logic	0-0	0-0	Mike Gardner	3-6	0-0
Dave Klocek	1-1	0-0	John Westman	1-5	1-2
John Fluery	0-0	0-0	Dick Ritchie	4-6	5-6
Jay Seipel	0-0	0-0	Tim Stracka	0-0	0-0
Tom Wynn	0-0	0-0	Tom Schneider	0-0	1-2
Joe Schumacher	0-1	0-1	Tim Schultz	0-1	0-0
Jim Larson	0-1	0-0	Vince Caruso	1-1	2-3

TOTALS 29-57 16-26 TOTALS 25-67 14-26

Score by quarters:

South Milwaukee	18	18	16	22	—	74
Madison West	13	9	21	21	—	64

Officials: James Bell, Stanley Lueck

Field Goal Averages: South Milwaukee .509, Madison West .373

Rebounds: South Milwaukee 50, Madison West 42

Personal Fouls: Madison West 21, South Milwaukee 19

Attendance: 12,204

Quarterfinals

BELOIT MEMORIAL	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	GREEN BAY PREBLE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Steve Leech	3-3	0-0	Jim Schmitt	2-5	0-3
Bill Hanzlik	8-15	4-5	Greg Verbeten	0-1	0-0
Zach Sherrod	0-2	0-0	Tim Wahlers	1-4	0-2
Bob Grady	5-8	0-3	Mike Synder	9-15	1-3
Todd Shockley	2-5	0-0	Scott McLoughlin	1-4	0-1
Tom Schroeder	1-7	1-2	Lee Morsbrucker	3-8	2-2
John Woodworth	0-0	0-1	Dan Mayer	2-4	0-0
			Scott Krause	1-2	0-0
TOTALS	19-40	5-11	TOTALS	19-43	3-11

Score by quarters:

Beloit Memorial	12	8	11	12	—	43
Green Bay Preble	8	13	4	16	—	41

Officials: William Coughlin, John Grupa

Field Goal Averages: Beloit Memorial .475, Green Bay Preble .442

Rebounds: Green Bay Preble 32, Beloit Memorial 28

Personal Fouls: Green Bay Preble 13, Beloit Memorial 12

EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	HAMILTON	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Terry Hams	2-7	0-0	Dennis Konkol	2-4	0-0
Dave Hanson	3-10	0-0	Al Nettesheim	0-1	0-0
Kirk Etten	7-12	0-0	Scott Erickson	4-5	0-1
Tim Bakken	3-5	0-0	Dave Thorpe	2-6	6-8
Steve Washburn	5-20	0-0	Mike Greulich	6-18	6-8
Craig Smith	1-2	2-2	Rollie Pearson	1-2	0-0
Tim Richman	0-0	0-0	Scott Vandenburg	0-2	0-0
Pieter Graaskamp	0-0	0-0			
TOTALS	21-56	2-2	TOTALS	15-38	12-17

Score by quarters:

Eau Claire Memorial	12	14	6	12	—	44
Hamilton	12	10	8	12	—	42

Officials: Tom Baum, Bernie Barribeau

Field Goal Averages: Hamilton .395, Eau Claire Memorial .375

Rebounds: Hamilton 32, Eau Claire Memorial 31

Personal Fouls: Eau Claire Memorial 16, Hamilton 8

Attendance: 12,204

MADISON WEST	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	NEENAH	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Jeff Smith	2-6	1-2	Tom Crist	5-12	0-2
Rod Zwettler	3-3	0-0	John Volkmann	1-1	0-0
John Krohn	8-13	3-5	Todd Herreid	3-11	2-4
Paul Kollberg	8-16	1-2	Mark Langdon	7-13	9-10
Jim Gustafson	0-2	1-2	Greg Prichette	2-5	3-4
Mike Gardner	1-3	0-0	Scott Voiss	3-3	1-3
John Westman	4-8	3-5	Mark Miller	0-1	0-0
Dick Ritchie	0-5	0-0	Randy DeMarco	0-1	0-0
			Bill Galuska	1-1	0-0
TOTALS	26-56	9-16	TOTALS	22-48	15-23

Score by quarters:

Madison West	13	17	16	15	—	61
Neenah	18	9	17	15	—	59

Officials: James Kemerling, Duane Kleinschmidt
Field Goal Averages: Madison West .464, Neenah .458
Rebounds: Madison West 40, Neenah 31
Personal Fouls: Madison West 18, Neenah 14

SOUTH MILWAUKEE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	MILWAUKEE WASH	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Dan Sullivan	0-0	0-1	Dennis Biddle	7-15	3-4
Neal Wucherer	0-4	4-11	Bob Jenkins	16-26	1-4
Bill Marten	4-7	6-10	John Jenkins	1-5	2-2
Don Hintz	4-6	0-0	Dean Marquardt	0-3	0-0
Kurt Nimphius	13-19	8-9	Mark Heindel	1-6	1-2
David Kloczek	1-2	2-2	Mike Gill	0-5	3-4
George Logic	0-1	2-2	Garnett Ward	0-1	0-0
			Rodney Bourrage	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	22-39	22-35	TOTALS	25-61	10-16

Score by quarters:

South Milwaukee	8	20	16	22	—	66
Milwaukee Washington	18	14	11	17	—	60

Officials:
Field Goal Averages: South Milwaukee .564, Milwaukee Washington .410
Rebounds: South Milwaukee 45, Milwaukee Washington 27
Personal Fouls: Milwaukee Washington 27, South Milwaukee 18

Class B Championship

ST. FRANCIS	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	CLINTONVILLE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Mike Laskowski	0-1	0-2	Mike Jirschele	11-20	6-11
Pat Mckee	5-5	9-10	Bradd Zeusk	6-14	4-6
Greg Barrett	3-9	2-4	Mike Siegel	3-8	0-0
John Osep	2-11	0-0	Joe Mauel	1-4	2-3
Dave Dorlack	9-16	3-3	Tom Schroeder	1-5	7-8
Bill Malek	4-7	0-0	Tom Paroubek	0-1	0-1
Scott Berg	2-5	0-2	Andy Thompson	1-2	1-2
Jamie Ramel	1-4	0-0	Dave Wicker	0-0	0-0
Steve Tonski	0-0	0-0			
Ken Neary	1-1	0-0	TOTALS	23-54	20-31
TOTALS	27-59	14-21			

Score by quarters:

St. Francis	12	19	16	21	—	68
Clintonville	17	16	13	20	—	66

Officials: Al Breitlow, Mike Deiters
Field Goal Averages: St. Francis .457, Clintonville .426
Rebounds: St. Francis 43, Clintonville 38
Personal Fouls: St. Francis 24, Clintonville 18
Attendance: 11,577

Semifinals

CLINTONVILLE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PRAIRIE DU CHIEN	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Tom Schroeder	7-11	0-2	Kent Hutchins	3-9	0-0
Mike Jirschele	4-10	3-9	Scott Reilly	4-15	0-0
Bradd Zeusk	6-17	3-4	Jan Waller	7-15	4-4
Joe Mauel	7-11	1-1	Ted Sheckler	5-10	4-4
Mike Siegel	5-8	4-5	Keith Falls	2-3	0-1
Tom Paroubek	0-0	0-0	Kevin Kuckenbecker	8-10	0-0
Andy Thompson	2-2	0-0	Brian Slaght	1-2	0-0
Dave Wicker	0-0	0-0	Dave Weber	1-1	1-2
			Bob Dillman	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	31-59	11-21	TOTALS	31-65	9-11

Score by quarters:

Clintonville	14	16	25	18	—	73
Prairie du Chien	15	24	20	12	—	71

Officials: Gordon Bass, Fred Kinney
Field Goal Averages: Clintonville .525, Prairie du Chien .477
Rebounds: Clintonville 41, Prairie du Chien 33
Personal Fouls: Prairie du Chien 17, Clintonville 12

ST. FRANCIS	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	LADYSMITH	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Greg Barrett	4-9	2-2	Rick Holmquist	4-13	0-0
Pat Mckee	7-14	0-0	Bruce Burch	1-4	0-0
John Osep	2-6	0-0	Mike Morgan	11-18	6-10
Mike Laskowski	6-9	0-0	Brad Potter	6-10	2-2
Dave Dorlack	11-17	1-3	Rick Leatherman	5-15	4-7
Scott Berg	2-3	2-3	Mark Lovett	0-1	3-4
Ken Neary	0-4	0-0	Jim Swanke	0-0	0-0
Bill Malek	1-3	1-3			
Jamie Ramel	0-1	0-0	TOTALS	27-61	15-23
TOTALS	33-66	6-11			

Score by quarters:

St. Francis	17	16	20	19	—	72
Ladysmith	21	17	11	20	—	69

Officials: David Johnson, Ken Hollub
Field Goal Averages: St. Francis .500, Ladysmith .443
Rebounds: Ladysmith 43, St. Francis 37
Personal Fouls: St. Francis 19, Ladysmith 14

Class C Championship

MARATHON	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	KOHLER	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Bruce Koeller	5-7	2-2	Jack Ehren	6-13	0-2
Wayne Sessions	9-18	2-2	Joe Erickson	5-11	0-2
Andy Berens	0-9	1-2	Jim Reilly	4-14	0-1
Paul Seubert	6-15	3-4	Rob Gier	3-6	0-3
Claude Seubert	10-19	1-3	Jeff Wolf	5-10	5-8
Mike Lensmire	1-7	4-6	Bob Weeden	3-9	2-4
Tom Hack	1-1	1-2	Phil Berger	0-0	0-0
Gary Burish	0-0	0-0	Dennis Weeden	0-1	0-0
Rod Seubert	0-0	0-1	Scott Stillwell	0-0	0-0
Don Viegut	0-0	0-0	Dan Miller	0-1	0-0
Ken Hanke	0-0	0-0	Jeff Strenger	0-0	0-0
Leon Wilkosz	0-0	0-0	Brian Frostman	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	32-76	14-22	TOTALS	26-65	7-20

Score by quarters:

Marathon	21	13	17	27	—	78
Kohler	14	11	16	18	—	59

Officials: Tom Freider, Lindy DeNamur

Field Goal Averages: Marathon .421, Kohler .400

Rebounds: Marathon 52, Kohler 52

Personal Fouls: Kohler 19, Marathon 16

Semifinals

MARATHON	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	WASHBURN	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Bruce Koeller	4-13	0-0	Peter Sneed	3-8	0-0
Wayne Sessions	3-7	4-6	Gary Copperud	4-8	4-6
Andy Berens	3-6	2-3	Bill Doucette	1-7	4-4
Paul Seubert	5-12	1-2	Scott Foss	7-14	8-9
Claude Seubert	2-5	3-3	Jeff Bellile	3-9	0-3
Mike Lensmire	1-2	3-5	Larry Bodin	0-2	0-0
Tom Hack	1-5	4-4	Tom Bodin	0-0	0-0
Gary Burish	1-2	0-0			
TOTALS	20-52	17-23	TOTALS	18-48	16-22

Score by quarters:

Marathon	13	10	14	20	—	57
Washburn	8	19	9	16	—	52

Officials: Richard Wussow, David Korpela

Field Goal Averages: Marathon .385, Washburn .375

Rebounds: Marathon 41, Washburn 33

Personal Fouls: Marathon 22, Washburn 21

KOHLER	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	NORTH CRAWFORD	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Jack Ehren	2-6	2-4	Dick Iverson	2-4	3-4
Bob Weeden	0-3	0-0	Dave Lomas	0-1	0-0
Jeff Wolf	4-10	6-8	Jim Iverson	5-9	0-0
Joe Erickson	2-4	1-3	Jerry Campbell	2-11	0-1
Jim Reilly	2-4	1-2	Bob Larson	1-7	0-0
Rob Gier	0-1	0-1	Mike Walsh	0-2	4-6
TOTALS	10-28	10-18	TOTALS	10-34	7-11

Score by quarters:

Kohler	2	3	9	16	—	30
North Crawford	6	6	6	9	—	27

Officials: Gerald Peck, Willis Valett

Field Goal Averages: Kohler .345, North Crawford .294

Rebounds: Kohler 29, North Crawford 27

Personal Fouls: North Crawford 17, Kohler 15