

Boys Basketball

Madison La Follette — the Class A winner in its first-ever appearance!

Clintonville — the Class B winner in a "comeback" that started a year ago after a second-place finish!

Marathon — the Class C winner for the third year in a row, a record-tying achievement!

That, in capsule form, is a summary of the WIAA's 62nd annual State Boys Basketball Tournament — another exciting spectacle played in front of six consecutive sellout audiences (more than 70,000 people in all) at Madison on March 17-18-19.

La Follette shot an unbelievable record-breaking .634 and piled-up an amazing 38-20 margin in the second and third quarters to defeat favored Eau Claire Memorial, 65-48, and cap a Cinderella performance that started after a 10-8 regular-season record.

Clintonville blazed a blistering 24-12 advantage in the opening quarter and went on to defeat Prairie du Chien, 91-70, to cap a season which saw the Truckers lose only three times — all to Class A schools.

Marathon won a pulsating overtime decision, 53-52, over favored and previously unbeaten Oostburg.

La Follette won seven straight tournament games and became the first school since Wausau (nine losses) in 1960 to win a Class A title with so many defeats.

Clintonville won its last 15 games of the season. Marathon won 97 games in 100 tries over the last four years (two of the losses this year). None of the three champions won conference titles this year. La Follette finished only fourth in the Big Eight, Clintonville shared second in the Bay and Marathon's two losses cost it the Marawood championship.

La Follette fashioned its victory on fantastic shooting, 28 of 44 attempts, good enough to erase the .622 by Janesville Parker in its 1971 title game. Outstanding defense and an edge in rebounding added to La Follette's superiority in the title game over an Eau Claire team which finished second for the second straight year and for the fourth time since winning the championship in 1955.

With Mike Jirschele making eight of 11 from the field in the first quarter, Clintonville got off to an amazing start and held commanding leads throughout its contest with Prairie du Chien. The half time difference was 48-32, and it was 67-48 after three periods. The difference, which reached 20 points as early as halfway through the second quarter, once was 22 points (at 72-50) early in the final period.

The Marathon-Oostburg contest was a thriller from start to finish. Few points ever separated the two as the score was tied 13 times and lead changed hands on nine occasions. A basket by Ken Hanke and a free throw by Andy Berens gave Marathon an overtime edge the champions never lost.

Fall Creek (24-0) and Prentice (23-0), both losers in the State C semifinals, and Oostburg (24-0) were the only unbeaten schools in the State Tournament.



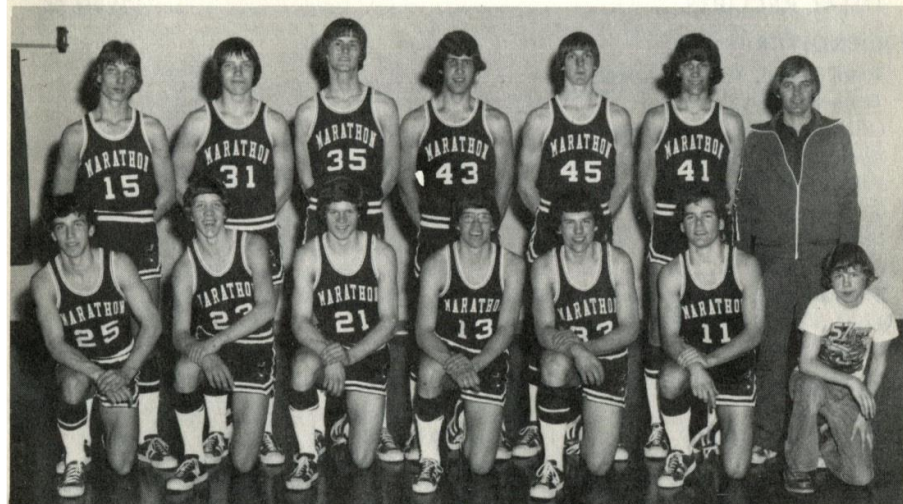
MADISON LA FOLLETTE — STATE BOYS BASKETBALL (A) CHAMPIONS — 1976-77

From left, front, Kevin Reis, Dave Grubb, Pete Sheild, Ross Anderson, Jeff Lichtie, Randy Cararella; back, Asst. Tom Knoche, Dan Pecoskey, Tom Yentz, Steve Harris, Mark Levenick, Pete Rortvedt, Steve Gothard, Dan Grubb, Coach Pete Olson.



CLINTONVILLE — STATE BOYS BASKETBALL (B) CHAMPIONS — 1976-77

From left, front, Mgr. Mike Westphal, Coach Carl Bruggink, Mgr. Tim Patrick; back, Mike Jirschele, Randy Schmoll, Tim Schwartz, Duane Knaack, Mark Shingler, Jim Torborg, Joe Mauel, Tom Viergutz, Marc Gay, Dean Knaack, Tom Schroeder, Steve Reinke, Dave McCarthy, Scott Erdmann.



MARATHON — STATE BOYS BASKETBALL (C) CHAMPION — 1976-77

From left, front, Doug DeLaporte, Alan Erdman, Donald Viegut, Aaron Erdman, Ken Hanke, Mike Seubert, Mgr. Tom Goings; back, Vilas Zimmerman, Bob Kaldunski, Andy Berens, Gary Burish, Guy Ringle, Paul Seubert, Coach Tom Weinkauff.

State Box Scores

Class A Championship

MADISON LA FOLLETTE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Pete Sheild	8-11	3-4	Craig Smith	9-18	0-0
Steve Gothard	4-5	1-2	Dave Morley	3-5	4-4
Mark Levenick	8-9	2-2	Kirk Etten	3-9	0-0
Tom Yentz	0-8	1-3	Dave Hanson	3-10	0-1
Ross Anderson	5-6	2-2	Kevin Schnack	2-5	0-0
Pete Rortvedt	0-0	0-0	Pieter Graaskamp	0-0	0-0
Dave Grubb	1-2	0-0	Jeff Wahl	1-1	0-0
Steve Harris	2-2	0-0	Jeff Dick	0-0	0-0
Dan Grubb	0-0	0-0	Carl Chaput	0-0	0-0
Dan Pecosky	0-0	0-0	Mike McMillion	1-1	0-0
Jeff Lichte	0-0	0-0	Jeff Feirn	0-0	0-0
Kevin Reis	0-1	0-0	Randy Davis	0-1	0-0
TOTALS	28-44	9-13	TOTALS	22-50	4-5

Score by quarters:						
Madison La Follette	12	23	15	15	—	65
Eau Claire Memorial	16	12	8	12	—	48

Officials: Duane Kleinschmidt and Bob Coy
Field Goal: Madison La Follette .636; Eau Claire Memorial .440
Rebounds: Madison La Follette 29; Eau Claire Memorial 20
Personal Fouls: Eau Claire Memorial 12; Madison La Follette 8
Free Throw Averages: Madison La Follette .692; Eau Claire Memorial .800
Attendance: 12,204

Semifinals

NEENAH	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	MADISON LA FOLLETTE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Scott Voiss	2-6	0-0	Pete Sheild	5-6	0-0
Gary Prichett	4-9	0-0	Steve Gothard	3-5	0-1
Tim Skalmoski	3-14	1-2	Mark Levenick	4-8	7-8
Bob Bricco	5-7	0-1	Tom Yentz	1-5	3-8
Chip Cianciola	5-10	2-3	Ross Anderson	3-9	2-2
Tom Patt	0-2	0-0	Pete Rortvedt	1-5	0-0
Tom Hanley	0-1	2-2	Steve Harris	0-0	0-0
Keith Cowling	0-1	0-0	Dave Grubb	0-0	0-0
John Etten	0-0	0-0			
TOTALS	19-50	5-8	TOTALS	17-38	12-19

Score by quarters:						
Neenah	9	14	6	14	—	43
Madison La Follette	15	10	8	13	—	46

Officials: Wayne Gates and John Gruden
Field Goal: Neenah .380; Madison La Follette .447
Rebounds: Neenah 37; Madison La Follette 25
Personal Fouls: Neenah 19; Madison La Follette 12
Free Throw Averages: Neenah .625; Madison La Follette .632
Attendance: 12,204

EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	BROOKFIELD EAST	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Dave Morley	0-0	3-6	Carl Erck	7-11	1-2
Craig Smith	8-16	1-3	Mike Gardner	1-5	2-2
Kirk Etten	2-3	2-2	Jim Kessenich	4-10	4-5
Kevin Schnack	1-8	4-4	Don Adams	1-7	1-2
Dave Hanson	2-9	0-0	Ken Cameranesi	2-4	0-3
Pieter Graaskamp	2-4	2-4	Rob Dailey	1-4	0-0
Jeff Dick	0-0	0-0			
Jeff Wahl	0-3	0-0			
TOTALS	15-43	12-19	TOTALS	16-41	8-14

Score by quarters:

Eau Claire Memorial	8	9	14	11	—	42
Brookfield East	8	10	12	10	—	40

Officials: Gordon Bass and Fred Kinney

Field Goal: Eau Claire Memorial .349; Brookfield East .390

Rebounds: Brookfield East 35; Eau Claire Memorial 31

Personal Fouls: Eau Claire Memorial 14; Brookfield East 14

Free Throw Averages: Eau Claire Memorial .632; Brookfield East .571

Attendance: 12,204

Quarterfinals

MADISON LA FOLLETTE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	MILWAUKEE TECH	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Steve Gothard	5-7	0-0	Willie Gardner	8-17	2-4
Pete Sheild	5-10	1-3	Louie Gorenc	1-8	0-0
Mark Levenick	2-3	3-5	Matthew Johnson	1-5	0-0
Tom Yentz	0-3	0-0	Mike Maben	8-14	3-5
Ross Anderson	3-9	3-4	Ernest Montgomery	3-10	1-4
Pete Rortvedt	6-14	2-2	Tim Long	0-2	0-0
Steve Harris	1-4	0-0	Juan Sanchetz	0-1	0-0
Dave Grubb	0-1	2-3	Pat Anglin	0-0	0-0
Kevin Reis	0-1	0-0	Frank Jenkins	0-0	0-1
Dan Grubb	0-0	0-0	Steve De Vougas	0-0	0-0
Jeff Lichte	0-0	0-0	John Mack	0-0	0-0
Dan Pecoskey	0-0	0-0			
TOTALS	22-52	11-17	TOTALS	21-57	6-14

Score by quarters:

Madison La Follette	17	16	9	13	—	55
Milwaukee Tech	12	11	18	7	—	48

Officials: Roger Heesacker and Al Breitlow

Field Goal: Madison La Follette .423; Milwaukee Tech .368

Rebounds: Milwaukee Tech 48; Madison La Follette 36

Personal Fouls: Milwaukee Tech 18; Madison La Follette 17

Free Throw Averages: Madison La Follette .647; Milwaukee Tech .429

Attendance: 12,204

NEENAH	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	JANESVILLE CRAIG	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Scott Voiss	2-5	4-5	Rich Green	6-14	1-3
Greg Prichett	4-7	3-5	Mike Mills	4-6	0-0
Tim Skalmoski	7-16	4-5	Brad Mair	6-8	0-0
Bob Bricco	5-10	5-7	Mark Martin	2-6	0-0
Chip Cianciola	4-8	4-4	George Lynch	3-10	3-4
Tom Hanley	1-5	0-0	Jim Paulson	0-0	0-0
Tom Patt	0-0	0-0	John Furrer	1-1	0-0
John Etten	0-1	0-0	John Curtis	0-3	0-2
Keith Cowling	2-4	0-0	Kevin Seibert	0-2	0-1
Steve Stoesz	0-0	0-0	Scott Ludois	0-1	0-0
Scott Rank	0-0	0-0	Steve Sperry	1-3	0-0
Larry Henkel	1-1	1-2	Al Kraus	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	26-57	21-28	TOTALS	23-54	4-10

Score by quarters:

Neenah	19	21	10	23	—	73
Janesville Craig	8	9	16	17	—	50

Officials: Pete Adler and Al Parker

Field Goal: Neenah .456; Janesville Craig .426

Rebounds: Neenah 43; Janesville Craig 32

Personal Fouls: Janesville Craig 22; Neenah 14

Free Throw Averages: Neenah .750; Janesville Craig .400

Attendance: 12,204

EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	DE PERE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Craig Smith	7-15	2-4	Bob Van Deurzen	4-12	5-8
Dave Morley	2-5	0-1	Russ Huxford	2-4	4-6
Kirk Etten	12-14	4-8	Bob Coenen	11-17	2-2
Dave Hanson	4-11	0-0	Tom Van Deurzen	4-9	2-2
Kevin Schnack	4-11	1-2	Dave Martin	3-8	2-2
Pieter Graaskamp	0-0	0-0	Todd Dickinson	0-0	0-0
			Karl Schmidt	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	29-56	7-15	TOTALS	24-50	15-20

Score by quarters:

Eau Claire Memorial	18	17	15	15	—	65
De Pere	10	18	19	16	—	63

Officials: Doug Holt and John Heineke

Field Goal: Eau Claire Memorial .518; De Pere .480

Rebounds: Eau Claire Memorial 34; De Pere 32

Personal Fouls: Eau Claire Memorial 17; De Pere 14

Free Throw Averages: Eau Claire Memorial .467; De Pere .750

BROOKFIELD EAST	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	HAMILTON (SUSSEX)	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Carl Erck	5-11	4-4	Neal Anderson	2-8	0-0
Mike Gardner	6-10	7-11	Paul Thorpe	5-16	1-2
Jim Kessenich	4-5	0-0	Scott Vandenberg	5-14	1-3
Dan Adams	4-8	2-3	Jim Thorpe	1-2	0-0
Ken Cameranesi	2-2	4-5	Rollie Pearson	4-5	2-3
Rob Dailey	1-2	0-0	Terry Youngbauer	2-5	3-4
Kurt Kuechler	0-0	0-0	Tony Taubner	0-0	0-0
Jeff Newbauer	0-0	0-0	Bruce Pearson	2-5	0-0
Joe Przbylski	0-0	1-2	Tim Patterson	0-1	0-0
Kevin Corcoran	0-0	0-0	Larry Patterson	1-1	0-0
Eric Johnson	1-2	0-0	Tod Moore	0-0	0-0
Jeff Paro	0-0	0-0	Tim Schweiger	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	23-40	18-25	TOTALS	22-57	7-12

Score by quarters:

Brookfield East	12	20	10	22	—	64
Hamilton (Sussex)	8	6	14	23	—	51

Officials: Bob Dawson and Stan Lueck

Field Goal: Brookfield East .575; Hamilton (Sussex) .386

Rebounds: Brookfield East 32; Hamilton (Sussex) 32

Personal Fouls: Hamilton (Sussex) 22; Brookfield East 12

Free Throw Averages: Brookfield East .720; Hamilton (Sussex) .583

Attendance: 11,716

Class B

Championship

CLINTONVILLE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PRAIRIE DU CHIEN	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Joe Maue	8-16	5-7	Todd Stevens	3-8	3-7
Duane Knaack	1-2	0-0	Jan Waller	11-19	2-2
Mark Shingler	4-12	10-15	Dave Weber	2-8	0-1
Tom Schroeder	1-7	3-4	Scott Reilly	4-12	0-0
Mike Jirschele	11-20	9-12	Brian Slaght	4-9	5-9
Kean Kasper	1-1	0-0	David Jaynes	0-1	0-0
Marc Gay	4-7	2-2	Jim Nack	1-6	0-0
Pete Bessette	0-0	0-0	Brian White	5-8	0-1
Tim Schwartz	0-0	0-0	Carl Shedivy	0-1	0-0
Randy Schmoll	0-1	0-0	Scott Elvert	0-0	0-0
Steve Reinke	0-0	0-1	Mike McCoy	0-1	0-0
Tom Viergutz	1-1	0-0	Tom Herried	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	31-67	29-41	TOTALS	30-73	10-20

Score by quarters:

Clintonville	24	24	19	24	—	91
Prairie du Chien	12	20	16	22	—	70

Officials: Dick Bailey and Irv Madsen

Field Goal: Clintonville .463; Prairie du Chien .411

Rebounds: Clintonville 60; Prairie du Chien 41

Personal Fouls: Prairie du Chien 29; Clintonville 21

Free Throw Averages: Clintonville .707; Prairie du Chien .500

Attendance: 12,204

Semifinals

CLINTONVILLE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	LADYSMITH	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Duane Knaack	2-8	0-0	Mick Fuchs	4-4	2-2
Joe Maul	8-12	3-5	Mark Lovett	4-14	2-6
Mark Shingler	8-15	1-5	Mike Morgan	12-19	8-10
Tom Schroeder	6-8	3-6	Jeff Pooler	0-3	2-2
Mike Jirschele	10-19	9-16	Brad Potter	5-12	2-2
Marc Gay	2-4	0-0	Chris Lee	1-7	4-4
Pete Besette	0-3	1-2	Lee Hinze	1-4	0-0
Kean Kasper	0-1	0-0	Scott Bingham	0-0	0-0
Tim Schwartz	0-0	0-0	Jay Frick	0-0	0-0
Steve Reinke	0-0	0-0	Rick Morgan	0-1	0-0
Tim Viergutz	0-0	0-0	Mark Rongstad	0-1	0-0
Randy Schmoll	1-2	0-0	Scott Austad	0-1	0-0
TOTALS	37-72	17-34	TOTALS	27-66	20-26

Score by quarters:

Clintonville	28	15	20	28	—	91
Ladysmith	18	18	13	25	—	74

Officials: Glenn Nyboe and Jim Buelow

Field Goal: Clintonville .514; Ladysmith .409

Rebounds: Clintonville 50; Ladysmith 47

Personal Fouls: Ladysmith 24; Clintonville 21

Free Throw Averages: Clintonville .500; Ladysmith .769

Attendance: 12,204

SLINGER	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PRAIRIE DU CHIEN	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Bobby Scherr	4-10	5-7	Todd Stevens	5-13	0-0
Jeff Schroer	0-5	2-2	Jan Waller	4-15	3-5
Greg Jonas	7-16	0-1	Dave Weber	4-14	0-0
Al Konrath	3-7	0-0	Scott Reilly	7-14	2-4
Jeff Wolf	5-12	0-2	Brian Slaght	6-13	7-12
Robb Schulz	6-10	5-6	Jim Nack	2-4	0-1
Dale Scherr	5-8	0-3	Brian White	3-6	0-0
Tom Zurn	0-1	0-0	David Jaynes	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	30-69	12-22	TOTALS	31-79	12-22

Score by quarters:

Slinger	18	17	21	16	—	72
Prairie du Chien	16	11	24	23	—	74

Officials: Tom Baum and Bernie Barribeau

Field Goal: Slinger .435; Prairie du Chien .392

Rebounds: Prairie du Chien 60; Slinger 47

Personal Fouls: Slinger 22; Prairie du Chien 20

Free Throw Averages: Slinger .571; Prairie du Chien .545

Attendance: 12,204

Class C Championship

MARATHON	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OOSTBURG	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Gary Burish	1-2	1-3	Tim Nyenhuis	1-3	2-6
Paul Seubert	10-15	4-6	Dave Vander Ploeg	8-18	3-5
Andy Berens	3-7	4-6	Brian Nyenhuis	3-4	6-6
Ken Hanke	3-12	3-4	Tim Potter	4-10	1-2
Doug Delaporte	3-7	0-0	Scott Ongna	1-4	0-0
Robert Kaldunski	0-3	1-2	Robin De Pagter	1-2	0-0
Don Viegut	0-1	0-0	Jim Swart	2-4	0-0
TOTALS	20-47	13-21	TOTALS	20-45	12-11

Score by quarters:

Marathon	16	12	8	12	—	5	—	53
Oostburg	17	13	6	12	—	4	—	52

Officials: David Korpela and Richard Wussow

Field Goal: Marathon .426; Oostburg .444

Rebounds: Marathon 36; Oostburg 31

Personal Fouls: Oostburg 19; Marathon 14

Free Throw Averages: Marathon .619; Oostburg .632

Attendance: 12,204

Semifinals

OOSTBURG	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FALL CREEK	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Tim Nyenhuis	0-2	0-0	Klark Schwoch	4-10	0-0
Dave Vander Ploeg	7-18	2-2	Brad Lapoint	1-6	0-0
Brian Nyenhuis	9-18	7-8	Gene Meyer	6-18	5-5
Tim Potter	3-6	2-3	Jim Steinke	2-10	2-2
Scott Ongna	0-0	0-0	Dennis Badman	2-5	0-0
Robin De Pagter	1-1	0-0	Kent Stelter	3-6	0-0
Jim Swart	3-4	3-4	Kevin Dekan	0-2	0-0
Mike Clark	0-0	0-1	Russ Nicol	0-0	0-0
Bruce Lammers	0-0	0-0	Keith Peuse	0-0	0-0
Tom Vander Ploeg	0-0	0-0	Bruce Anderson	0-0	0-0
Jay Grosshuesch	0-0	0-0	Don Hahn	0-0	0-0
Dan Wynveen	0-0	0-0	Arty Schroeder	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	23-49	14-18	TOTALS	18-57	7-7

Score by quarters:

Oostburg	19	15	6	20	—	60
Fall Creek	10	17	8	8	—	43

Officials: Myron Gipp and Duane Wolden

Field Goal: Oostburg .469; Fall Creek .316

Rebounds: Oostburg 40; Fall Creek 29

Personal Fouls: Fall Creek 15; Oostburg 11

Free Throw Averages: Oostburg .778; Fall Creek 1.000

MARATHON	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PRENTICE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Gary Burish	7-9	8-10	John Petersen	6-16	1-2
Paul Seubert	3-15	4-5	Mark Wildberg	3-17	2-4
Andy Berens	4-11	3-4	James Hoogland	0-0	0-0
Doug Delaporte	3-6	0-0	Scott Heikkinen	3-5	3-3
Ken Hanke	2-7	8-10	Guy Novotny	4-11	1-2
Don Viegut	0-1	0-0	Wayne Ostling	3-7	1-2
			Jerry Steinbach	1-3	0-0
			Randy Jones	4-6	0-0
TOTALS	19-49	23-29	TOTALS	24-65	8-13

Score by quarters:

Marathon	12	13	16	20	—	61
Prentice	10	11	14	21	—	56

Officials: David Kersten and Tom Frieder

Field Goal: Marathon .388; Prentice .369

Rebounds: Marathon 47; Prentice 35

Personal Fouls: Prentice 23; Marathon 14

Free Throw Averages: Marathon .793; Prentice .615