

Boys Basketball

Neenah in Class A, Elkhorn in Class B and Colfax in Class C won championships in the WIAA's 63rd annual State Boys Basketball Tournament at the University of Wisconsin Fieldhouse in Madison March 16-17-18.

As capacity crowds watched each session, Neenah defeated Beloit, 58-49, Elkhorn defeated Park Falls, 81-53, and Colfax defeated Pardeeville, 75-61, in the title games.

It was the year of the comeback in the State Tournament of 1978. More than half of the contests saw teams fashion big leads in the first half, then be overtaken by their opponent in the second half. The most memorable of these kinds of wins came in the Class A finals in which Neenah erased a seemingly insurmountable 18-point deficit (31-13 in the second period) to win on the strength of full court pressing, improved field goal shooting, success at the free throw line but, more than anything else, some amazing courage and determination against overwhelming odds. The Rockets, who finished the year with a perfect 26-0 record, shot .409 in the title game and were let by Tim Skalmoski with 19 points and Tom Patt with 17 while foul-plaquet Tony Carr had 17 to lead Beloit. Skalmoski made six straight points in the final period, the last two giving Neenah a permanent lead (49-45) with 2:54 to play.

Elkhorn, led by Bob Hann with 21 points, built a five-point lead over Park Falls in the first quarter and never was in serious trouble. Hann also has 17 rebounds as he and his teammates shot at a .586 clip. Colfax was down, 10-2, halfway through the first quarter but was back in the game by the time the period ended and stretched its lead to a dozen points at one time. Steve Obermueller with 25 points led the winners who shot .525. Elkhorn finished with a 19-6 season record while Colfax was 23-2 for the year.

Pardeeville lost its only game of the season (after 24 wins) in the C championship game. Except for Neenah, which finished unbeaten, and Fall Creek (23 wins), no other teams had perfect records going into the State Tournament.



NEENAH — BOYS BASKETBALL (CLASS A) CHAMPIONS — 1977-78

From left front, Jim Prosser, Tim Skalmoski, Mike Kreklow, Jeff Harding, Jim Johnson, Tom Patt, Scott Rank; back, Asst. Tom Berven, Asst. Rich Paske, Tim Stoesz, Larry Henkel, Kevin Rohoe, Keith Crowling, George Crist, Mgr. Jim Chambers, Coach Ron Einerson. (Photo by Zernicke)



ELKHORN — BOYS BASKETBALL (CLASS B) CHAMPIONS — 1977-78

From left, front, Mgr. Vicki Cali, Fred Suchy, Scott Jones, Bob Hann, Darrin Davey, Neil Watson, Mgr. Kerry Johnson; back, Asst. Jerry Nettesheim, Joe Breidenbach, Bart Brellenthin, Jeff Anderson, Dave Opitz, Kevin Slattery, Mike Mol, Tom Wales, Joe O'Connor, Mark Boursenske, Bill Morrissey, Coach Fred Suchy.



COLFAX — BOYS BASKETBALL (CLASS C) CHAMPIONS — 1977-78

From left, front, Mgr. Dan Maukstad, Mark Lofthus, Greg Dobbs, Steve Cook, Robbie Railton, Bob Fehr, Jay Miller, Mgr. Dave Winget; back, Coach Richard Diener, Craig Johnson, Jeff Luer, Steve Obermueller, Mike Kiekhafer, Tom Prince, Todd Knutson, Asst. Doug Russell.

State Box Scores

Class A Championship

NEENAH	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	BELOIT MEMORIAL	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Mike Kreklow	1-8	0-0	Todd Curtis	2-4	2-2
Tom Patt	4-12	9-10	Mike Farr	2-5	0-1
Tim Skalmoski	6-9	7-8	Bob Grady	6-13	0-0
Keith Cowling	3-6	0-0	Tony Carr	6-16	5-6
Larry Henkel	1-4	5-6	Jeff Freitag	5-10	0-0
Jim Johnson	1-2	1-3	Richard Kinkade	0-0	0-0
Jim Prosser	2-3	0-0	Mike Vance	0-1	0-0
George Crist	0-0	0-0	Harvey McKinney	0-0	0-0
Totals	18-44	22-27	Jeff Crowley	0-0	0-0
			Marvin McDonald	0-0	0-0
			Terry Harrell	0-0	0-0
			TOTALS	21-49	7-9

Score by quarters:

Neenah	12	14	7	25	—	58
Beloit Memorial	23	12	6	8	—	49

Officials: Jerry Berseth and Bob Dawson

Field Goal Averages: Neenah .409; Beloit Memorial .429

Rebounds: Neenah 32; Beloit Memorial 29

Personal Fouls: Neenah 11; Beloit Memorial 21

Free Throw Averages: Neenah .815; Beloit Memorial .778

Attendance: 12,204

Semifinals

BELOIT MEMORIAL	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Todd Curtis	0-1	0-0	Paul Schulz	6-14	0-0
Mike Farr	2-6	1-2	Tim Sullivan	1-7	0-0
Bob Grady	8-13	0-0	Rob Schneeberg	9-16	6-8
Tony Carr	8-17	4-4	Dan Hancock	5-12	1-1
Jeff Freitag	4-8	6-6	Barry Sweeney	0-1	0-0
Richard Kinkade	0-1	0-0	Doug Zimmerman	1-2	0-0
			Roger Bohn	0-2	2-2
			Doug Dhein	0-1	0-0
TOTALS	22-46	11-12	TOTALS	22-55	9-11

Score by quarters:

Beloit Memorial	12	19	10	14	—	55
Wisconsin Rapids	11	13	14	15	—	53

Officials: Lindy De Namur and Ken Wilderman

Field Goal Averages: Beloit Memorial .478; Wisconsin Rapids .400

Rebounds: Beloit Memorial 35; Wisconsin Rapids 25

Personal Fouls: Beloit Memorial 12; Wisconsin Rapids 11

Free Throw Averages: Beloit Memorial .917; Wisconsin Rapids .818

CLINTONVILLE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	NEENAH	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Pete Bessette	7-16	0-1	Mike Kreklow	5-8	7-7
Joe Mauel	2-15	0-2	Tom Patt	2-4	3-4
Mark Shingler	4-5	2-4	Tim Skalmoski	7-15	6-7
Kean Kasper	3-10	3-4	Keith Cowling	4-12	1-2
Steve Reinke	4-7	0-0	Larry Henkel	4-6	5-5
Colny Gretzinger	1-4	2-2	Jim Johnson	1-2	0-0
Steve Fritz	2-2	1-3	George Crist	0-0	0-0
Dave Klegin	0-0	0-0	Jim Prosser	0-0	0-0
Al Hogen	0-0	0-0	Scott Rank	0-0	3-4
Rick Wunsch	0-1	0-0	Jeff Harding	0-0	0-0
John Mijal	1-1	0-0	Tim Stoesz	0-0	2-2
TOTALS	24-61	8-16	Keith Rohoe	0-1	0-0
			TOTALS	23-48	27-31

Score by quarters:

Neenah	10	18	17	28	—	73
Clintonville	11	11	8	26	—	56

Officials: Dave Kersten and Bob Schoen

Field Goal Averages: Clintonville .393; Neenah .479

Rebounds: Clintonville 35; Neenah 39

Personal Fouls: Clintonville 24; Neenah 15

Free Throw Averages: Clintonville .500; Neenah .371

Attendance: 12,204

Quarterfinals

MADISON WEST	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	BELOIT MEMORIAL	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Dave Hill	0-3	0-0	Todd Curtis	2-3	0-0
Tim Stracka	13-24	11-12	Mike Farr	3-4	0-0
Terry Roach	3-15	5-6	Bob Grady	15-20	0-2
Jeff Carl	2-6	0-0	Tony Carr	9-21	1-4
Lloyd Harris	5-17	0-0	Jeff Freitag	6-10	404
Kevin Holten	0-0	0-0	Richard Kinkade	0-2	2-2
Pat Gilbert	0-0	0-0	Harvey McKinney	0-2	0-0
Charles Olson	0-0	0-0	Mike Vance	0-0	0-0
Naranjo Carson	0-0	0-0	TOTALS	35-62	7-12
Mark Disrud	1-2	0-0			
Larry Godding	0-0	0-0			
TOTALS	24-67	16-18			

Score by quarters:

Beloit Memorial	20	22	18	17	—	77
Madison West	8	26	13	17	—	64

Officials: Roger Heesacker and Richard O'Neill

Field Goal Averages: Madison West .358; Beloit Memorial .565

Rebounds: Madison West 48; Beloit Memorial 29

Personal Fouls: Madison West 14; Beloit Memorial 16

Free Throw Averages: Madison West .889; Beloit Memorial .583

BROOKFIELD CENTRAL	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Mike Schumacher	4-7	2-3	Paul Schulz	5-13	2-2
Mark Sorenson	3-8	1-2	Tim Sullivan	4-10	3-5
Tom Holman	0-4	0-0	Rob Schneeberg	3-6	10-10
Bob Marshall	5-16	2-3	Dan Hancock	5-10	4-6
Darryl Weatherspoon	7-9	0-1	Barry Sweeney	0-1	2-2
Mark Rudolph	3-6	2-3	Roger Bohn	0-0	0-0
Brad Niswonger	0-1	0-0	Doug Zimmerman	1-3	7-8
Bob Krantz	0-1	0-0	Doug Dhein	1-1	0-0
Mike Mooney	0-1	0-0	Mark Sweeney	0-0	0-0
Tom Straus	0-0	2-2	Tim Anderson	0-1	0-0
Mike O'Leary	0-0	0-0	Greg Spencer	0-0	0-0
Don Kindt	0-0	0-0			
TOTALS	22-53	9-14	TOTALS	19-45	28-33

Score by quarters:

Wisconsin Rapids	12	12	15	27	—	66
Brookfield Central	14	14	7	18	—	53

Officials: Dick Bailey and Irv Madsen

Field Goal Averages: Brookfield Central .415; Wisconsin Rapids .422

Rebound: Brookfield Central 28; Wisconsin Rapids 39

Personal Fouls: Brookfield Central 20; Wisconsin Rapids 11

Free Throw Averages: Brookfield Central .643; Wisconsin Rapids .848

CLINTONVILLE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	RACINE CASE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Pete Bessette	1-7	4-5	Tony Clark	2-9	1-2
Joe Mauel	10-15	7-11	Craig Wilsman	7-16	1-2
Mark Shingler	4-6	0-0	Mark Jaskulske	5-9	3-3
Kean Kasper	6-10	1-3	Jay Kolls	3-7	0-0
Steve Reinke	1-2	2-2	Chris Wilsman	4-11	2-3
Colny Gretzinger	3-3	2-3	Dave Bauman	1-4	2-2
Steve Fritz	0-0	0-0	Mike Williams	0-0	0-0
Dave Klegin	1-1	0-0	Doug Thornton	0-1	0-0
Rick Wunsch	0-0	0-1	Jim Bassindale	0-1	0-0
Al Hogen	0-0	0-0	Pat Polster	0-0	0-0
John Mijal	0-0	0-0	Tom Wemmert	1-1	0-0
Duane Knaack	0-0	0-0	Tim Veit	0-1	0-0
TOTALS	26-44	16-25	TOTALS	23-60	9-12

Score by quarters:

Clintonville	12	18	20	18	—	68
Racine Case	23	15	7	10	—	55

Officials: John Gruden and Jay Buckley

Field Goal Averages: Clintonville .591; Racine Case .383

Rebounds: Clintonville 31; Racine Case 36

Personal Fouls: Clintonville 14; Racine Case 22

Free Throw Averages: Clintonville .640; Racine Case .750

HOMESTEAD	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	NEENAH	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Steve Spicer	4-8	2-4	Mike Kreklow	4-6	2-2
Fred Stemmeler	7-16	2-2	Tom Patt	2-6	0-1
Dave Nussbaum	7-8	1-1	Tim Skalmoski	9-14	6-13
Dan Doedens	5-10	0-0	Keith Cowling	9-12	0-0
Dean Rennicke	7-12	0-0	Larry Henkel	2-3	0-1
Brian Jefferson	0-2	0-0	Jim Johnson	2-7	2-2
Dave Eschrich	0-2	0-0	George Crist	0-0	0-0
Roger Morgan	0-0	0-0	Jim Prosser	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	30-58	5-7	Jeff Harding	0-0	0-0

Score by quarters:

Neenah	25	18	8	15	—	66
Homestead	17	16	16	16	—	65

Officials: John Heineke and Norm Johnson

Field Goal Averages: Homestead .517; Neenah .583

Rebounds: Homestead 31; Neenah 28

Personal Fouls: Homestead 13; Neenah 11

Free Throw Averages: Homestead .714; Neenah .526

Attendance: 12,204

Class B Championship

ELKHORN	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PARK FALLS	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Jeff Anderson	4-9	1-2	Dave Greenwood	6-12	2-5
Neil Watson	6-9	3-4	Wayne Morgan	1-1	0-0
Bob Hann	9-16	3-3	Dan Gehrman	3-6	2-6
Bart Brellenthin	3-5	0-0	John Hall	6-17	5-7
Darrin Davey	8-13	2-4	Ron Isham	2-3	0-0
Fred Suchy	0-1	1-2	Paul Warren	0-1	0-0
Scott Jones	1-1	0-0	Dave Herbst	1-1	0-0
Dave Opitz	2-2	0-0	Robbie Michalski	1-3	2-2
Bill Morrissey	0-0	0-0	Tom Armstrong	0-1	2-2
Mike Mol	1-1	1-2	John Gustafson	0-1	0-0
Tom Wales	0-0	2-2	Keith Schmidt	0-0	0-0
Mark Bourenske	0-1	0-0	Bill Daniels	0-1	0-0
TOTALS	34-58	13-19	TOTALS	20-47	13-22

Score by quarters:

Elkhorn	19	18	21	23	—	81
Park Falls	10	9	14	20	—	53

Officials: Leon Jacques and Bill Mueller

Field Goal Averages: Elkhorn .586; Park Falls .426

Rebounds: Elkhorn 43; Park Falls 24

Personal Fouls: Elkhorn 18; Park Falls 15

Free Throw Averages: Elkhorn .684; Park Falls .591

Attendance: 12,204

Semifinals

PARK FALLS	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	WINNECONNE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Dave Greenwood	4-13	6-7	Mike Larson	10-23	2-2
Robbie Michalski	2-6	0-0	Vauhgn Noffke	0-1	0-0
Dan Gehrman	4-9	0-3	Randy Wulff	2-6	2-2
John Hall	9-15	6-7	Guy Geerdts	0-1	0-0
Ron Isham	2-7	0-0	Terry McDaniel	11-19	5-5
Dave Herbst	1-1	0-0	Mike Ver Kuilen	0-3	0-0
Wayne Morgan	1-4	0-0	Jim Messerschmidt	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	23-55	12-17	TOTALS	23-53	9-9

Score by quarters:

Park Falls	12	12	15	14	5	—	58
Winneconne	12	16	14	11	2	—	55

Officials: Pete Adler and Al Parker

Field Goal Averages: Park Falls .418; Winneconne .434

Rebounds: Park Falls 34; Winneconne 32

Personal Fouls: Park Falls 12; Winneconne 15

Free Throw Averages: Park Falls .706; Winneconne 1.000

ELKHORN	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	WISCONSIN DELLS	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Jeff Anderson	2-7	1-2	Greg Schultz	2-6	5-6
Neil Watson	6-10	0-1	Rick Tschoeke	0-1	2-4
Bob Hann	10-13	3-4	Mark Thompson	2-6	5-6
Bart Brellenthin	3-7	2-2	Tim Buss	7-13	3-4
Darrin Davey	4-8	7-9	Tom Kutzke	6-16	0-0
Fred Suchy	0-0	0-0	Ken Funmaker	1-3	1-2
Scott Jones	0-0	0-0	Gary Thundercloud	1-1	0-0
Dave Opitz	0-1	0-0	Dan Runde	0-0	1-2
Bill Morrissey	0-0	0-0	Tom Baggot	0-0	0-0
Mark Bourenske	0-0	0-1	Mike Delmore	0-0	0-0
Mike Mol	0-0	1-2	Gary Fisk	0-0	0-0
Tom Wales	0-0	0-0			

TOTALS

Score by quarters:

Elkhorn	19	15	8	22	—	64
Wisconsin Dells	13	13	10	19	—	55

Officials: Duane Wolden and Vern Peterson

Field Goal Averages: Elkhorn .543; Wisconsin Dells .413

Rebounds: Elkhorn 28; Wisconsin Dells 34

Personal Fouls: Elkhorn 15; Wisconsin Dells 17

Free Throw Averages: Elkhorn .667; Wisconsin Dells .708

Attendance: 12,204

Class C Championship

COLFAX	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PARDEEVILLE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Bob Fehr	2-10	3-4	Russ Bortz	5-15	0-0
Mark Loftus	7-11	2-2	Geoff Satina	3-7	0-0
Greg Dobbs	3-4	0-0	Mark Bortz	6-6	4-6
Jay Miller	8-19	0-0	Randy Cross	3-18	1-2
Steve Obermueller	10-15	5-5	Steve Jacobson	10-28	2-3
Mike Kiekhafer	1-1	1-2	Tim Bortz	0-1	0-0
Craig Johnson	0-0	0-0	Tim Cross	0-0	0-0
Tim Prince	0-0	0-0	Toby Branton	0-0	0-0
Robbie Railton	0-0	0-0	Joel Hammond	0-1	0-0
Todd Kuntson	1-1	0-0	Tim Harris	0-0	0-0
Steve Cook	0-0	0-1	Todd Fischer	0-0	0-0
Jeff Luer	0-0	0-0			
TOTALS	32-61	11-14	TOTALS	27-78	7-11

Score by quarters:

Colfax	16	22	18	21	—	75
Pardeeville	18	16	8	19	—	61

Officials: Doug Holt and Otto Puls

Field Goal Averages: Colfax .525; Pardeeville .345

Rebounds: Colfax 39; Pardeeville 48

Personal Fouls: Colfax 12; Pardeeville 16

Free Throw Averages: Colfax .786; Pardeeville .636

Semifinals

FALL CREEK	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PARDEEVILLE	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Bruce Anderson	2-8	2-2	Russ Bortz	5-7	0-0
Kent Stelter	7-13	0-0	Geoff Satina	2-5	1-3
Arty Schroeder	4-12	9-10	Mark Bortz	4-7	5-5
Kevin Dekan	6-11	0-0	Randy Cross	2-7	2-3
Ross Nicol	0-4	0-0	Steve Jacobson	8-19	3-5
Rick Johnson	2-7	0-0	Tim Bortz	2-2	1-2
Glenn Knudtson	0-1	0-0			
TOTALS	21-56	11-12	TOTALS	23-47	12-18

Score by quarters:

Pardeeville	18	16	8	16	—	58
Fall Creek	10	12	15	16	—	53

Officials: Glenn Nyboe and Rollie Krahn

Field Goal Averages: Fall Creek .375; Pardeeville .489

Rebounds: Fall Creek 34; Pardeeville 32

Personal Fouls: Fall Creek 17; Pardeeville 16

Free Throw Averages: Fall Creek .917; Pardeeville .667

COLFAX	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	COLEMAN	FG-FGA	FT-FTA
Bob Fehr	5-14	4-5	Bill Rocheleau	3-10	0-0
Mark Lofthus	4-11	7-8	Karl Wunderlich	1-3	0-0
Greg Dobbs	1-2	0-1	John Maedke	3-7	1-1
Jay Miller	6-13	0-1	Brian Hettinga	8-14	0-0
Steve Obermueller	8-12	2-2	Gary Wondrash	8-14	1-1
Mike Kiekhafer	0-4	1-3	Greg Gering	4-8	0-0
			Mik Babcock	0-0	2-2
TOTALS	24-56	14-20	Ron Beaty	0-1	0-0
			TOTALS	27-57	4-4

Score by quarters:

Colfax	4	16	18	24	—	62
Coleman	10	18	12	18	—	58

Officials: Philip Hardacre and Jack Coughlin

Field Goal Averages: Colfax .429; Coleman .474

Rebounds: Colfax 36; Coleman 32

Personal Fouls: Colfax 10; Coleman 22

Free Throw Averages: Colfax .700; Coleman 1.000