

# Boys Basketball

Milwaukee Tech in Class A, Elkhorn in Class B and Niagara in Class C won championships in the WIAA's 64th annual State Boys' Basketball Tournament at the University of Wisconsin Field House in Madison March 15-16-17.

Tech defeated La Crosse Central, 67-65, Elkhorn defeated Prairie du Chien, 79-66, and Niagara defeated Melrose-Mindoro, 62-55, in the title games.

It was the first championship for Milwaukee Tech which was making only its third appearance (but second in the last three years) in the State Tournament. It was only the second appearance in the State for Elkhorn but its second in a row — and its second championship in a row. Likewise, it was only Niagara's second appearance and first in 43 years since finishing second in 1936-B.

The Class A Championship game was a great one. The lead changed hands 11 times and the score was tied five times in the first half before the John Mack-led Tech team left with a 34-32 lead. Coach Win Parkinson's cagers kept that lead until halfway through the final period when Tony Ghelfi's only basket gave Central a 59-59 tie. Central twice thereafter took the lead but a basket with 1:34 to go by Dan Magno made it 64-63 for Tech which stayed in front the rest of the way. Central had several chances in the waning seconds to go ahead or tie but lost the ball, the last time via a missed shot with only a couple seconds to go.

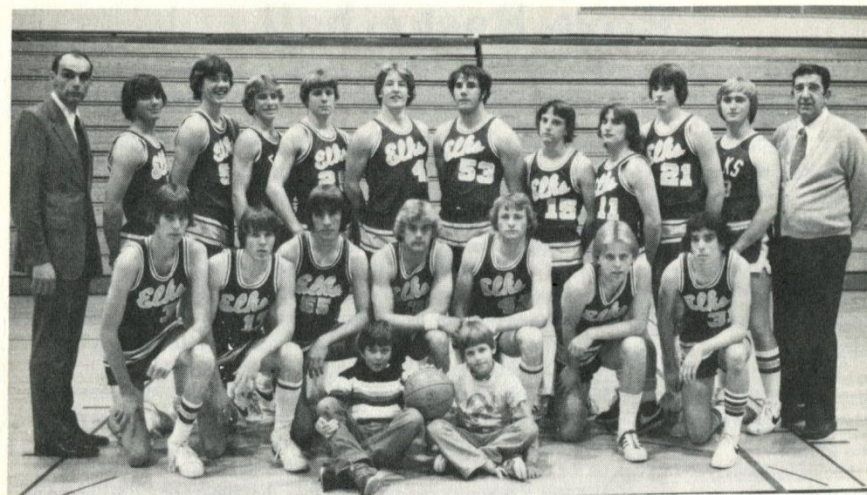
The most unlikely champion, on the basis of record, was Elkhorn in Class B which had a 6-12 record for the regular season (playing many Class A schools) and didn't get over the .500 mark at 13-12 until it won the State title contest. Coach Fred Suchy's cagers were a tough team in the championship contest as they overcame a 17-14 first quarter deficit to take a 37-33 halftime lead. They stretched it twice to 13 points in the third quarter before Prairie du Chien cut the difference to within 59-54 in the final period. Then they won going away, much of their offense coming on long outlet passes for easy baskets.

Niagara survived a third quarter that was almost unbelievable for both teams in winning the Class C



**MILWAUKEE TECH — BOYS' BASKETBALL (CLASS A) CHAMPIONS — 1978-79**

From left, front, Manager Dave Knopick, Dan Magno, Kerry Antoniewicz, Manager Bruce Marciniak; second row, Manager Jeff Groshek, Dave Morbeck, Steve Miller, Tom Kane, Mike Quesnell, Carl Karch; third row, Coach Win Parkinson, Rodney King, Jeff Brezovar, Bob Gottheardt, Steve DeVougas, John Mack, Ray Jackson, Dan Schulz.



**ELKHORN — BOYS' BASKETBALL (CLASS B) CHAMPIONS — 1978-79**

From left, front, Managers Jeff Lewis and Paul Thielke; kneeling, Kevin Slattery, Tom Wales, Dave Opitz, Jeff Tresley, Jeff B. Anderson, Bart Brellenthin, Joe Breidenbach; standing, Assistant Coach Jerry Nettesheim, Eric Larsen, Jeff D. Anderson, Ron Boss, Paul Sabin, Jay Yanke, Dale Kleyn, Brad Wales, Barry Baker, Scott Staeder, Brad Wessel, and Coach Fred Suchy. Not pictured — Don Peters and Mark Lockhart.



**NIAGARA — BOYS' BASKETBALL (CLASS C) CHAMPIONS — 1978-79**

From left, Manager Ingmar Gutberlet, Larry Kuchinski, Dan Stark, Tom Ruechel, Doug Cretton, John Olson, Rob Olson, Shawn Staples, Joe Zawada, Bob Pultz, Joe Doucette, Pat Thibert, Gary Zychowski, Coach Terry Youren.

Championship and finishing the year with 24 wins in 25 starts, the only loss in overtime at the end of the regular season. Despite the one-sided score at the finish of the title game, Coach Terry Youren's champions were down by 33-32 at halftime and by 37-36 after three periods (each team had four points in the third period and Niagara made only one of 20 from the field that period). They slipped some more to 41-37 with 5:45 to play but then charged down the stretch, igniting that comeback with 14 straight points (six by Larry Kuchinski) to take a 51-41 lead with 2:56 to play. The difference dropped to three points with 1:46 to play but that's as close as Melrose-Mindoro got in the final minutes.

South Milwaukee, which finished the year 22-3, was led by Mack with 60 points for the tournament, 29 of them in the title game. La Crosse Central, which lost only twice in 25 outings, was topped by Jim Keeler with 73 points for the three games and 22 in the championship game. Bart Brellenthin led Elkhorn's scoring in the title game with 29 points, and he also topped Class B with 47 points, six more



than his teammate, Jeff B. Anderson. Carl Shedivy had 38 points for Prairie du Chien, 16 in the title contest. Prairie finished 19-6 for the year. Rob Olson had 44 points in leading Niagara in its two games, and Niagara finished the year with a 24-1 record. Olson had 19 points in the title game. Dale Christopherson had 17 points for Melrose-Mindoro (21-3 for the season) in the title game.

No schools went unbeaten through the entire season, including tournaments. But two schools — Onalaska and Pardeeville — did not lose their first games of the season until the last step before the State Tournament in the Sectional finals.

## State Box Scores Class A Championship

### MILWAUKEE TECH. 67 — LA CROSSE CENTRAL 65

**MILWAUKEE TECH (15-19-17-16-67)** — Steve DeVougas 7-16-3-3 17, John Mack 12-19-5-8 29, Ray Jackson 1-5 1-2 3, Jeff Brezovar 2-7 1-2 5, Dan Magno 2-6 3-4 7, Tom Kane 3-5 0-2 6.

**TOTALS** — 27-58 13-21 67 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 15 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 35 (John Mack 14)

**LA CROSSE CENTRAL (14-18-15-18-65)** — Kevin Carroll 2-7 1-1 5, Jim Keeler 6-12 10-11 22, Steve Korger 5-8 0-1 10, Don Kube 6-13 1-1 13, Derrick Kroll 4-8 1-2 9, Tony Ghelfi 1-1 0-0 2, Jay Heinecke 2-2 0-0 4.

**TOTALS** — 26-51 13-16 65 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 16 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 32 (Kevin Carroll 11)

**OFFICIALS** — Bob Coy and Jim Kemerling

## Semifinals

### LA CROSSE CENTRAL 73 — HAMILTON (SUSSEX) 69

**LA CROSSE CENTRAL (19-24-13-17-73)** — Kevin Carroll 7-15-0-0 14, Jim Keeler 10-16 3-5 23, Steve Korger 3-6 3-5 9, Don Kube 5-12 2-3 12, Derrick Kroll 5-12 0-0 10, Tony Ghelfi 2-5 1-2 5, Jay Heinecke 0-1 0-0 0.

**TOTALS** — 32-67 9-15 73 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 19 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 45 (Kevin Carroll 11, Steve

Korger 12)

**HAMILTON (SUSSEX) (14-12-21-22-69)** — Jeff Kroneberg 2-4 0-0 4, Dan O'Rourke 8-20 0-2 16, Paul Taubner

1-8 0-1 2, Tim Patterson 1-6 1-2 3, Terry Youngbauer 18-21 5-9 31, Wayne Battle 5-9 0-0 10, Irv Waupoose 1-3 1-3 3, Jim Schramek 0-3 0-0 0.

**TOTALS** — 31-74 7-17 69 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 16 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 49 (Don O'Rourke 11)

**OFFICIALS** — Bob Schoen and Gerald Eilola

### MILWAUKEE TECH 66 — EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL 48

**MILWAUKEE TECH (16-24-16-10-66)** — Steve DeVougas 5-9 1-2 11, John Mack 9-20 3-5 21, Ray Jackson 3-4 0-0 6, Jeff Brezovar 2-3 0-0 4, Dan Magno 3-6 0-0 6, Tom Kane 5-7 4-4 14, Kerry Antoniewicz 1-1 0-0 2, Carey Gillon 0-0 0-0 0, Bob Gottheardt 0-0 0-0 0, Cornelius Robinson 1-3 0-0 2, Mike Quesnell 0-1 0-0 0, Steve Miller 0-0 0-2 0.

**TOTALS** — 29-54 8-13 66 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 13 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 31

**EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL (16-10-10-12-48)** — Brad Hoffman 4-9 4-5 12, Randy Etten 5-10 0-1 10, Tim Owen 1-2 0-0 2, Mark Schnack 2-6 2-2 6, Kevin Weaver 4-11 2-3 10, Brian Hoffman 2-4 0-0 4, Cam Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Dan Dyer 0-0 0-0 0, Scott Thalacker 1-2 0-0 2, Kent Kurth 1-4 0-0 2, John Wensel 0-0 0-0 0, Bart Hill 0-0 0-0 0.

**TOTALS** — 20-48 8-11 48 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 12 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 30

**OFFICIALS** — Dave Keliher and Charles Lowe

## Quarterfinals

### LA CROSSE CENTRAL 64 — BROOKFIELD EAST 58

**LA CROSSE CENTRAL (13-10-24-17-64)** — Kevin Carroll 4-8 1-1 9, Jim Keeler 11-19-6-6 28, Steve Korger 4-9 0-3 8, Don Kube 4-12 1-3 9, Derrick Kroll 2-2 2-2 6, Tony Ghelfi 1-2 0-0 2, Jay Heinecke 1-2 0-0 2, Tom White 0-0 0-0 0.

**TOTALS** — 27-54 10-15 64 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 21 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 33 (Jim Keeler 10)

**BROOKFIELD EAST (11-17-17-13-58)** — Dan Kessenich 4-15 5-7 13, Andy Gardner 5-9 0-1 10, Andy Matter 8-14 3-5 19, Perry Wilcox 1-2 3-5 5, J.C. McMullen 2-8 4-4 8, Wally Sauthoff 1-3 1-2 3, Greg Trasser 0-0 0-0 0, Mike Kuhn 0-0 0-0 0.

**TOTALS** 21-51 16-24 58 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 15 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 32 (Andy Matter 10)

**OFFICIALS** — Rollie Krahn and Alex Nigro

### MILWAUKEE TECH 53 — CLINTONVILLE 50

**MILWAUKEE TECH (10-13-10-20-53)** — John Mack 3-9 4-6 10, Steve DeVougas 5-13 0-0 10, Ray Jackson 1-4 0-0 2, Dan Magno 4-6 2-2 10, Jeff Brezovar 3-7 2-5 8, Tom Kane 6-11 1-2 13, Kerry Antoniewicz 0-0 0-0 0.

**TOTALS** — 22-50 9-15 53 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 19 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 35

**CLINTONVILLE (13-8-12-17-50)** — Pete Besette 5-8 2-2 12, Colny Gretzinger 0-3 4-5 4, Steve Fritz 3-8 4-4 10, Klan Kasper 5-9 4-4 14, Dave Klegin 3-4 2-3 8, Dave Arneson 0-2 2-2 2.

**TOTALS** — 16-34 18-20 50 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 13 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 19

**OFFICIALS** — Tom Sempf and John Page

### EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL 47 — MANITOWOC LINCOLN 46

**EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL (14-7-10-11-5-47)** — Brad Hoffman 6-16 2-2 14, Randy Etten 6-10-2 14, Tim Owen 4-10 3-4 11, Mark Schnack 0-7 2-4 2, Kevin Weaver 2-7 0-0 4, Brian Hoffman 0-0 0-0 0, Cam Jackson 1-2 0-0 2.

**TOTALS** — 19-52 9-12 47 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 12 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 36 (Brad Hoffman 11)

**MANITOWOC LINCOLN (16-8-6-12-4-46)** — Rob Severson 0-2-2-2, Al Halla 6-17-6 18, Brad Jergenson 4-13 0-0 8, Mike Eukart 4-8 0-2 8, Don Fogltanz 1-4 0-0 2, Andy Mertz 4-7 0-0 8, Ron Cislser 0-2 0-0 0.

**TOTALS** — 19-53 8-10 46 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 12 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 36 (Al Halla 11)

**OFFICIALS** — Jim Mulchay and Ralph Jagodzinski

### HAMILTON (SUSSEX) 72 — BURLINGTON 56

**HAMILTON (SUSSEX) (13-21-14-24-72)** — Jeff Kroneberg 1-6 1-2 3, Dan O'Rourke 8-17 1-2 17, Paul Taubner 2-4 9-10 13, Tim Patterson 5-13 0-0 10, Terry Youngbauer 8-11 4-5 20, Wayne Battle 3-3 0-0 6, Irv Waupoose 1-1 0-2 2, Dan Wnuk 0-0 0-0 0, Al Nielson 0-0 0-0 0, Tom Smith 0-0 1-2 1, Jim Schramek 0-0 0-0 0, Mike Bori 0-0 0-0 0.

**TOTALS** — 28-55 16-21 72 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 11 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 38

**BURLINGTON (14-12-15-15-56)** — John Weimer 2-9 0-1 4, Dave Lee 1-7 2-2 4, Mark Seymour 7-10 1-4 15, Jeff Kohout 9-18 0-0 18, Bob Hozeska 0-0 0-1 0, Dan Lee 5-9 1-2 11, Dave Edmundson 2-4 0-0 4, Todd Hill 0-0 0-0 0, Scott Vondra 0-0 0-0 0, Chris Weidert 0-0 0-1 0, Dennis Kennealy 0-0 0-0 0.

**TOTALS** — 26-57 4-11 56 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 15 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** 32

**OFFICIALS** — Jim Doden and Dennis VandenAvond

## Class B Championship

### ELKHORN 79 — PRAIRIE DU CHIEN 66

**ELKHORN (14-23-19-23-79)** — Jeff B. Anderson 8-16 5-8 21, Paul Sabin 2-5 3-4 7, Scott Staedter 3-7 0-0 6, Bart Brellenthin 13-22 3-4 29, Eric Larsen 4-5 6-10 14, Jeff D. Anderson 1-1 0-0 2.

**TOTALS** — 31-56 17-26 79 — **TOTAL FOULS** — 16 — **TOTAL REBOUNDS** — 42 (Jeff B. Anderson 13)

**PRAIRIE DU CHIEN (17-16-14-19-66)** — Bruce Reilly 4-11 2-4 10, Bruce White 5-10 0-0 10, Brad White 3-8 0-0



6, Brent Hutchens 1-14 0-0 2, Carl Shedivy 8-17 0-4 16, Tom Herreid 4-9 2-2 10, Jeff Nack 4-6 4-4 12, Paul Mazera 0-2 0-0 0, Jeff Panka 0-0 0-0 0.

TOTALS — 29-77 8-14 66 — TOTAL FOULS — 21 — TOTAL REBOUNDS — 46 (Brad White 16)

OFFICIALS — Curt Robinson and Bill Wendelberger

### Semifinals

#### PRAIRIE DU CHIEN 89 — FREEDOM 71

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN (19-17-22-31-89) — Bruce Reilly 5-9 2-5 12, Bruce White 2-9 2-3 6, Brad White 5-11 2-2 12, Brent Hutchens 5-9 5-7 15, Carl Shedivy 7-14 8-10 22, Tom Herreid 4-8 1-2 9, Paul Mezera 0-0 0-0 0, Jeff Nack 0-1 8-8 8, Jim Ariss 1-1 0-0 2, Bill Konichek 0-0 0-0 0, Jeff Panka 1-2 1-2 3.

TOTALS — 30-64 29-39 89 — TOTAL FOULS — 22 — TOTAL REBOUNDS — 50 (Bruce White 12, Brad White 13)

FREEDOM (22-13-14-22-71) — Ken Gonnering 1-3 4-4 6, Dean Jadin 3-8 1-1 7, Bob Van Eperen 3-8 5-6 11, Randy Van Camp 4-10 2-2 10, Jay Vande Wettering 8-15 4-4 20, Dave Bowers 4-11 3-5 11, Bill Van Boxtel 0-2 1-2 1, Bill Misco 0-1 2-2 2, Tom Springstroh 0-1 0-0 0, Steve Bartels 0-0 0-0 0, Mark Wildenberg 1-2 0-0 2, Bruce Konkle 0-0 1-2 1.

TOTALS — 24-61 23-28 71 — TOTAL FOULS — 29 — TOTAL REBOUNDS — 36 (Bob Van Eperen 10)

OFFICIALS — Jerry Berseth and John Schaaf

#### ELKHORN 61 — PARK FALLS 39

ELKHORN (12-15-11-23-61) — Jeff B. Anderson 7-16 4-5 18, Paul Sabin 1-4 0-1 2, Scott Staedter 7-10 2-2 16, Bart Brellenthin 6-16 6-8 18, Eric Larsen 1-4 0-2 2, Tom Wales 0-0 0-0 0, Jeff D. Anderson 0-0 1-2 1, Kevin Slattery 0-0 2-2 2, Joe Breidenbach 0-1 0-0 0, Don Peters 1-1 0-0 2, Dale Kleyn 0-0 0-0 0, Mark Lockhart 0-0 0-0 0.

TOTALS — 23-52 15-22 61 — TOTAL FOULS — 17 — TOTAL REBOUNDS — 51 (Jeff B. Anderson 16, Scott Staedter 12)

PARK FALLS (7-10-7-15-39) — Bill Daniels 2-5 0-2 4, Rob Michalski 4-11 3-5 11, Dave Greenwood 6-10 1-4 13, Tom Armstrong 2-11 2-6 6, John Gerlach 1-10 0-0 2, John Morgan 0-0 2-2 2, Paul Kemper 0-0 0-0 0, Jon Patterson 0-0 0-0 0, Mike Roach 0-0 0-0 0, Rory Michalski 0-0 1-2 1, Mark Little 0-0 0-0 0, John Gustafson 0-1 0-0 0.

TOTALS — 15-48 9-21 39 — TOTAL FOULS — 19 — TOTAL REBOUNDS — 30 (Rob Michalski 10)

OFFICIALS — Ken Dobbs and Bob Shutter

### Class C Championship

#### NIAGARA 62 — MELROSE-MINDORO 55

NIAGARA (20-12-4-26-62) — Doug Cretton 5-10 6-8 16, John Olson 3-9 1-2 7, Rob Olson 4-13 11-13 19, Bob Pultz 1-5 3-4 5, Larry Kuchinski 4-17 3-4 11, Joe Zawada 0-0 0-0 0, Pat Thibert 0-4 4-6 4.

TOTALS — 17-58 28-37 62 — TOTAL FOULS — 20 — TOTAL REBOUNDS — 56 (Doug Cretton 16, John Olson 13)

MELROSE-MINDORO (16-17-4-18-55) — Eric Nordstrom 7-17 0-0 14, Dale Christopherson 7-13 3-6 17, John Frank 3-8 1-1 7, Terry Blaken 1-11 2-4 4, John Becker 4-12 1-3 9, Tim Kunes 1-1 2-4 4, Garry Ronke 0-2 0-0 0, Terry Jones 0-0 0-0 0.

TOTALS — 23-64 9-18 55 — TOTAL FOULS — 25 — TOTAL REBOUNDS — 44 (Eric Nordstrom 12)

OFFICIALS — Norm Johnson and Wayne Kelliher

### Semifinals

#### MELROSE-MINDORO 69 — PALMYRA 54

MELROSE-MINDORO (9-17-21-22-69) — Eric Nordstrom 9-19 3-5 21, Dale Christopherson 5-10 4-4 14, John Frank 10-15 2-7 22, Terry Blaken 2-10 1-2 5, John Becker 3-6 0-3 6, Tim Kunes 0-0 1-2 1, Terry Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Garry Ronke 0-0 0-0 0, Barry Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Larry Ronke 0-0 0-0 0, Robert Pfaff 0-0 0-0 0, John Proft 0-1 0-0 0.

TOTALS — 29-61 11-23 69 — TOTAL FOULS — 16 — TOTAL REBOUNDS — 53 (Eric Nordstrom 22, John Frank 14)

PALMYRA (14-5-16-19-54) — Mike Lewis 2-6 4-6 8, Tom Schroeder 9-25 1-2 19, Paul Seifert 6-12 5-6 17, Bill Wickland 1-13 0-0 2, Todd Bealhen 0-0 2-2 2, Britt Minton 1-5 0-1 2, Gary Northey 0-2 0-0 0, Ron Lewis 1-1 2-2 4, Keith Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Ken Hahn 0-0 0-0 0, Jeff Vukodinovich 0-0 0-0 0.

TOTALS — 20-64 14-19 54 — TOTAL FOULS — 19 — TOTAL REBOUNDS — 40 (Paul Seifert 10)

OFFICIALS — Vern Peterson and George St. Catherine

#### NIAGARA 84 — ST. CROIX FALLS 49

NIAGARA (21-19-19-25-84) — Doug Cretton 8-15 2-4 18, John Olson 3-5 0-0 6, Rob Olson 11-21 3-3 25, Larry Kuchinski 6-15 0-1 12, Bob Pultz 1-6 0-0 2, Joe Zawada 1-2 4-5 6, Shawn Staples 3-5 0-0 6, Pat Thibert 1-3 3-4 5, Joe Doucette 0-1 0-0 0, Gary Zychowski 0-0 2-2 2, Dan Stark 1-2 0-0 2, Tom Ruechel 0-1 0-0 0.

TOTALS — 35-76 14-19 84 — TOTAL FOULS — 20 — TOTAL REBOUNDS — 52 (Doug Cretton 12, Rob Olson 14)

ST. CROIX FALLS (6-14-12-17-49) — Mark Vanderwerf 3-5 1-2 7, Tom Greaner 2-6 1-2 5, Steve Edling 1-10 3-3 5, Mike Northquist 4-7 4-6 12, Jeff Parks 1-5 0-0 2, Bob Davy 1-8 4-5 6, Tim Jacobson 2-3 0-0 4, Kurt Tebben 0-0 1-3 1, Dave Anderson 0-2 0-0 0, Jeff Erickson 2-2 0-0 4, Scott Nelson 0-1 0-0 0, Jeff Anderson 1-3 1-2 3.

TOTALS — 17-52-15-23 49 — TOTAL FOULS — 19 — TOTAL REBOUNDS 37

OFFICIALS — Ken Wilderman and Richard O'Neill