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INTRODUCE TIGERS — Marshall cheerleaders not only gave introductory cheers for their Tigers before the Marshall-Austin state tournament game, they also held these huge namecards high so there would be no mistake who their favorites are. The cheerleaders are (left to right) Dana Mercie, Susan Rehkamp, Sandy Peterson (the Tiger), Eleanor Rose, Lynn Peterson and Susan Hedenstrom. Lucy photo.

More Proud Of Your District Championship **TIGERS**

The City of Marshall Is Extremely Proud of Your Accomplishments In Winning the 1963 District 9 Basketball Championship, Our Best Wishes Go With You Into Region 3 Tournament.

1963 Tiger Team
 COACHES
GLENN MATTKE and GEORGE KORVER

- * JOHN NEFSTEAD
- * TERRY PORTER
- * LOREN JOHNSON
- * DENNIS SCHROEDER
- * SANDY MacDONALD
- * BUTCH OTTEN
- * DAVE WEBB
- * MARION PARADIS
- * JOHN KIRSCHT
- * BRIAN MURPHY
- * DICK LARSON
- * DAVE MARKELL

Marshall Preps Take Cautious Approach

The performance of the Marshall High School basketball team is stirring up a lot of talk among its host of fans, "but it's a reserved type of excitement," says Coach Glenn Mattke, who also is taking a cautious approach to the situation.

In his fifth year at Marshall after five years at St. Peter, Mattke never has had a district basketball championship team "and I want it so badly I'd give my right arm for it."

Marshall fans can remember some good teams of the past that never survived the rigors of tournament eliminations and the same memories haunt Mattke.

Biggest school in District Nine, Marshall hasn't had a state tournament entry since 1942 when it was runnerup to Buhl's champions.

An unofficial member of the Southwest Conference, in which it ranks second to Windom this season, Marshall currently has a 12-1 record, including winning its last 10 straight contests. It is host to Montevideo in its next game Friday night.

MATTHE SAYS his team is looking no farther than the District Nine tournament "in which there will be plenty of competition" from such teams as undefeated Milroy, Ivanhoe, Canby, Lake Benton, Tyler and Tracy, "just to name a few."

He refuses to comment about Region Three, pointing out, "It would be silly to look ahead to the region and then get knocked off in the first round of the district."

District Nine will be making its tournament pairings Thursday with five teams to be seeded. Twelve other schools will vie in a trio of subdistricts for the other three district berths.

HIGH SCORING forward for Marshall is John Nefstead, a 6-foot-1 185 pound all-state football player "who by hard work and determination has developed into a standout basketball player, too." Showing good mobility and spring, Nefstead is averaging around 20 points a game, including close to 30 in the last six games.

Sandy McDonald, a 6-foot-3 rebounder of excellence, is at center, with Dennis (Big Red) Schroeder, 6-foot-2½, at the other forward. A pair of fine playmaking guards are Perry Porter, 5-11, and Loren (Whitey) Johnson, 5-9. The guards score well, too, with Porter averaging close to 20 and Johnson about 11.

goal shooting and 69 per cent free-throw wise."

Marshall's only loss of the season was to Luverne and among its most important triumphs are those over Rochester, one of the Big Nine Conference leaders, and Jackson, a District Seven standout.

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Dave Webb, a 6-foot-1 performer and regular last year who became ill after the football season, has recovered and rates as sixth man. Other reserves are Daryl Otten, Marion Paradis, Brian Murphy, Dave Markell, Dick Larson and John Kirscht.

MATTHE SAYS, "the basketball I have seen is every bit as good as it has been. Teams seem to shoot a lot better and it isn't because defenses have let down. We've been averaging 71 points a game but only because we've been able to average 50 per cent in our field



AND NOW HUTCH . . . AT ST. PETER — Marshall high school's District Nine champions knelt for this picture after being awarded the championship trophy after copping the title game from Milroy Saturday evening, 63-48. Kneeling in front are Capt. John Nefstead (40), holding the trophy, and Loren (Whitey) Johnson (30). In row two

(left to right) are Denny (Red) Schroeder (42), Dave Webb (20), John Kirscht and Marion Paradis. In row three (left to right) are Sandy MacDonald (32), Terry Porter and Dick Larson. Standing (left to right) are Dave Markell, Daryl (Butch) Otten (34), Brian Murphy and head coach Glenn Mattke. Lucy photo.

SEASON'S RECORD - WON 20, LOST 1

Marshall 87, Tyler 54
Marshall 54, Redwood Falls 49
Marshall 41, Luverne 72
Marshall 79, Pipestone 65
Marshall 71, Canby 47
Marshall 49, Rochester (John Marshall) 47
Marshall 71, Lake Benton 47
Marshall 96, Jackson 62
Marshall 61, Tracy 48
Marshall 87, Redwood Falls 60
Marshall 66, Canby 49

Marshall 90, Pipestone 74
Marshall 77, Tracy 53
Marshall 76, Montevideo 52
Marshall 54, Minnesota 31
Marshall 85, Worthington 63
Marshall 74, Slayton 63
Marshall 55, Clarkfield 53
Marshall 54, Cottonwood 39
Marshall 58, Ivanhoe 54
Marshall 63, Milroy 45



DISTRICT NINE CHAMPIONS — The 1962-63 edition of Marshall high school's basketball team, the highest scoring in history, also has achieved the best record. After winning the District Nine championship Saturday by downing Milroy, 63-45, the Tigers move on to the Region Three tournament at St. Peter Friday. Kneeling above (left to right) are manager Dan Simpson, head coach Glenn Matkke,

manager Larry Drager and manager Jay Wiltrout. The squad (left to right) is Brian Murphy, John Kirscht, Marion Paradis, Capt. John Nefstead, Dave Webb, Sandy MacDonald, Dennis (Red) Schroeder, Dick Larson, Terry Porter, Daryl (Butch) Otten, Loren (Whitey) Johnson and Dave Markell. Lucy photo.

Marshall high school's Tigers, getting stiff opposition all the way, went by three District Nine opponents last week to annex their first title in ten years.

The Tigers, who have always had a rough time getting out of the district—particularly in recent years, copped their eighth crown and will compete in the Region Three tournament for the first time since 1953.

Friday the Tigers, in the region opener, face a Hutchinson club with an even more impressive win streak than their own. Hutch, after dropping their opener, has won 19 in succession. Marshall has taken their last 18 in a row and are the possessors of a 20-1 record.

The Tigers played their best ball in January and through mid-February. During that span they set a new school scoring record of 96 (against Jackson, who won in District Seven last week) and went over 80 points in three other games.

However, a week before they were to enter district play, most of the squad was hit by the flu-bug at one time

or another. Although none of the team was absent for any district game, a few were just getting back into shape when the playoffs started last week.

That district championship Marshall won Saturday, after experiencing many anxious moments from Cottonwood, Ivanhoe and finally Milroy (for the title), was very satisfying in more ways than one for coach Glenn Matkke.

It was his first district crown in his ten years of coaching — five at Marshall and five at St. Peter (District 13). He had come close on occasions but his clubs could never quite pick up all the marbles before last Saturday.

Coach Matkke will take the highest scoring team in Marshall high school history to the region tournament. Already they have surpassed the previously high total of 1,382 points that the 1955-56 club accumulated in 21 games. That outfit averaged 65.7 points per contest.

This 1962-63 team averaged over 70 points a game before entering district play and, although not reaching the scoring heights of their 18 regular

season games, still will take a 68.9 per game average to St. Peter. In 21 games they have tallied 1,448 points.

Veteran coaches in District Nine rate the current edition of the Tigers as the best-balanced club this district has seen in ten years. The Tigers usually have at least three—and often more—in double figures.

The Tigers feature the strong rebounding trip of Capt. John Nefstead, Denny (Red) Schroeder and Sandy MacDonald up front with guards Terry Porter and Loren (Whitey) Johnson setting up the attack and also giving the club valuable outside shooting. All but Nefstead are juniors.

Seniors Dave Webb and Darryl (Butch) Otten have often come off the bench to spell one of the regulars up front for a rest or when one of them gets into foul trouble. They both have made valuable contributions in these roles.

Junior Brian Murphy and senior Marion Paradis are the relief men in the backcourt.

Attendance at the 1963 District Nine tournament — exclusive of the three sub-district tournaments — was the best in history according to H. E. Frisby, Supt. of Schools, Ivanhoe, secretary of the district committee.

A combination of ideal weather plus an excellent slate of games right on through the championship contest between Marshall and Milroy brought in this all-time attendance figure.

Some 9,649 fans witnessed the seven district games with the largest crowd, of course, taking in the championship contest. Attendance last Saturday was 2,461.

Here is a breakdown of the district:

- Marshall - Cottonwood game at Minneota (March 2) drew 1,301.

- Ivanhoe - Lake Benton game at Tyler (March 2) drew 1,060.

- Canby-Tyler contest at Ivanhoe (March 4) was viewed by 1,027 persons.

- Attendance at the Milroy-Hendricks game at Cottonwood (March 4) was 946.

- In the first semi-final game (March 5) at Tracy between Marshall and Ivanhoe attendance was 1,463.

- Attendance at the other semi game between Milroy and Canby (March 7) was 1,491.

- And 2,461 saw Saturday's final game.

However, attendance in the three sub-district tournaments was down a little from previous years. Coupled with the district attendance figures, total attendance was 13,163 — the second best figure in history. The high total of just over 14,000 was set in 1959.

This year's sub-district (nine games) drew a total of 3,514 persons. Here is the breakdown:

- The three games at Lake Benton (Sub-District One) drew 1,547.

- At Minneota (Sub-District Two) attendance was 918 (three games also).

- Ivanhoe, the Sub-District tournament Three site, drew a total of 1,049.

Tigers Burst Milroy Bubble 63-45 for District Title

By Dan Simpson

Coach Glenn Matkke's Marshall Tigers earned their way to the Region 3 playoffs for the first time in ten years by dump-

ing Milroy 63-45 last Saturday night at Tracy. The Tigers snapped Milroy's winning streak at 20 straight, giving the Spartans their first setback this season. The triumph also gave Mar-

shall their 20th victory in 21 starts along with their 18th straight win.

Marshall took the runner-up award last year, losing to Lake Benton in the district finals 84-76. They had no intentions of going home a loser again. The champions played their best game since entering the tournaments. The Marshall cagers finished the evening with a hot 53 per cent field goal percentage hitting 20 attempts out of 38 chances.

The Spartans led 16-12 at the end of the first period before Marshall took over. The Tigers, sparked by Terry Porter, sank 14 out of 23 attempts for a sizzling 61 per cent from the floor at the half and retained the lead 36-29.

Porter, who has been in somewhat of a scoring slump during the latter part of the season, broke loose against the Spartans. Terry netted 16 of his 19 points during the first half.

Probably the biggest surprise performance for the Bengals came from Red Schroeder. The 6'2" junior forward, noted for his rebounding abilities, decided to shoot and as a result finished the evening with 13 point performance. Red played an outstanding defensive game also. He allowed Milroy's Joe Dolan to score only one field goal through him. Dolan, by the way, scored 20 points against the Tigers.

Although the Tigers did cool off the second half, it didn't help the Spartans any. Marshall started the half real strong. Schroeder swiped the ball from the Spartans when they first got possession for an easy layup. Milroy no sooner got the ball to their half of the court before Whitey Johnson intercepted a pass. Whitey was fouled while driving in for the layup but did sink both free throws.

The Tigers only got off 15 shots the second half mainly because of their control game when Milroy went into the press. The Bengals sank six of those attempts for 40 per cent.

Milroy had a cool evening, abetted by the rigid defensive job by the Tigers. The Spartans were on target only 14 times out of 52 attempts for a cold 27 per cent from the floor. Joe Dolan, the only Spartan to hit double figures, showed the

Some fans will probably wonder why, with attendance at the final game totalling 2,461, they couldn't get tickets at the gate.

Many people are under the assumption that Tracy's Municipal building (Armory) has a capacity of 3,000 seats. It doesn't.

Regulations by the State Fire Marshal's office have cut the capacity to where,

even with aisle seats, the capacity is a little over 2,300.

Supt. Frisby said a meeting of the district committee was called Tuesday in hopes of ironing out some of the ticket problems.

Even without yesterday afternoon's game with Hutchinson, the 1962-63 edition of Marshall high school's Tigers is the highest scoring team the school ever had.

Before Hutch, the Tigers already had amassed more points than the club that held the previous high.

The old record was 1,382 which the 1955-56 team accumulated. This year's club had poured in 1,448 before the Hutchinson game.

The highest per game average which the 1955-56 team set will also be rewritten. Through the Tigers' first 21 games — including Saturday's District Nine championship tilt with Milroy — the team had averaged 68.9 points a contest.

effects of the hounding by the Marshall cagers. Dolan made only six out of 23 attempts from the floor. He scored 20 points of Milroy's final tally.

Marshall will meet Hutchinson, the District 12 champion, in the Region 3 playoffs. Hutchinson broke away from a 25-23 halftime lead to clobber Ollivia 65-39 for the crown. If Marshall should eliminate Hutchinson, they will meet the winner of district 11 (Granite Falls) and district 10 (Fairfax).

MARSHALL: 63

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Porter	7	5	4	19
Johnson	3	9	4	15
Nefstead	3	6	2	12
Schroeder	6	1	2	13
MacDonald	1	2	2	4
Webb	0	0	1	0
Otten	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	20	23	15	63

MILROY: 45

	FG	FT	PF	TP
DeRuyek	0	2	4	2
Edwards	1	2	4	4
Dolan, J.	6	8	4	20
Zwach	3	2	4	8
Flesner	3	2	2	8
Beebout	0	1	3	1
Dolan, K.	1	0	1	2
TOTALS	14	17	22	45
Marshall	12	36	45	63
Milroy	16	29	31	45

For the first time in two weeks Marshall coach Glenn Mattke finally got some sleep.

District tournaments place enough pressure on coaches but Glenn had many of his club ailing from the flu-like disease that invaded Marshall about three weeks ago.

Illness hit the Tigers after they had waxed Worthington, 85-63, on Feb. 16. They missed center Sandy MacDonald against Slayton six days later but rattled the Wildcats with a 47-point second half.

But against Clarkfield four days after that, coach Mattke found himself with just one healthy regular—guard Loren (Whitey) Johnson. Terry Porter missed the game entirely with a sore throat and the rest of the regulars were sub-par physically.

Then, going into the district, the team was jittery throughout most of the Cottonwood game (they won it, 54-39) and had to come from behind to beat a very good Ivanhoe club, 58-54.

Although they played and—beat Milroy—in the finals Saturday, the Ivanhoe-Marshall game probably was for the district championship.

Ivanhoe had the more balanced club—and it was certainly true in district play. Although Milroy played well in spurts, they lacked consistency. Marshall stayed with them through their spurts—and won the game.

Judging from district play Ivanhoe had the second best club in the district. They battled the Tigers all the way before losing in the last two minutes.

Milroy and Cottonwood had good first halves against Marshall but broke in the final 16 minutes.

Coach Mattke knew Milroy had an excellent ball player in Joe Dolan who can—and did—everything for the Spartans. He put John Nefstead, best defensive man of his front three, on him at the start. But Yogi picked up two quick fouls in the first quarter so Glenn assigned Schroeder to Dolan.

"Red really did a job on him (Dolan)," coach Mattke said after the game. "He blocked a lot of his attempts and kept him outside most of the evening."

Coach Mattke said he knew Porter and Schroeder were ready for the big game Saturday.

"They were keyed up . . . and could hardly wait to get onto the court. And what ball they played. But the whole team played well—particularly on defense," coach Mattke said.

Although Marshall led by at least ten points throughout most of the last half, coach Mattke wasn't ready to write Milroy off until late in the game. In fact when there were 11 seconds left! With the clock ticking off

those last few remaining seconds, an elated coach Mattke suddenly poked his right elbow into assistant coach Korver's side and exclaimed, "We're in!"

Winning this year's district crown, naturally, was very satisfying for Glenn. It was his first in ten years of coaching.

Before coming to Marshall, Glenn coached at St. Peter but his good Saint ball clubs were always knocked off by New Prague who featured one Ron Johnson—who went on to be a Minnesota cage All-American—in the post. Johnson also holds the State Tournament record of scoring an even 100 points in the three games.

Things became even more exasperating when he moved to Marshall. In three of his five seasons here, coach Mattke's teams have been seeded number one. This was his first club to come through for him.

In those other two years when his club was rated number one, the Tigers ran into a couple of torrid outfits—Minnesota in 1960 and Lake Benton last year—and were stopped despite having good shooting evenings themselves.

The year in between—1961—coach Mattke had another good club that could have, perhaps, gone further than they did but one of the key players was injured in an accident a few days before their first district game.

It was very understandable why coach Mattke was very worried two weeks ago today when eight of his varsity were absent from school because of that flu-like disease.

Some of coach Mattke's fellow faculty members were kind of worried what would happen if Marshall won the district championship.

In an interview with Ted Peterson of the Minneapolis Tribune and with this writer, coach Mattke stated, "I'd give my right arm to win the district."

"How many right arms can you (Mattke) give away," they quipped.

Monday Glenn was going about his teaching duties with both arms firmly attached to rightful sockets.

Milroy's starting backcourt due in the 1961-62 season don't feel they could have made this season's edition of the Spartans as starter.

Kenny Johnson and Gary Peterson were regulars for the two seasons preceding the one that ended for Milroy Saturday but neither feels, because of the continued improvement shown by Darrell DeRuyck and Jerry Edwards, he could have made the first quintet.

There were probably more outstanding individual ball players in District Nine than in many years.

Marshall and Ivanhoe were the best balanced although Milroy wasn't far behind. But there were clubs dominated by one or more players.

Probably all of the 17 District Nine coaches could—and would—have found a spot for Milroy's Joe Dolan in the starting fives.

The most prolific scorer among the district cages was Russell's Tom (Senator) Mundt. Mundt, despite standing just 5-11, still could hold his own on the boards and on four occasions tallied 30 or more points in a ball game.

Cottonwood had two such standout individuals in guard Bill Magnuson and center Kenny Cravens. Magnuson made the Raiders' offense go and was a good outside shot. Cravens worked the inside and rebounded well against opponents taller than he was.

Lyle Kraft of Canby—and he'll be back next year—played two fine games in the district just like he had performed during the regular season. Kraft, a real hustler, is a deadly outside shot but will drive when given the room. He averaged around 20 points a game.

Hendricks' Ralph Siverston was another one of the high scorers in district play

this year. He averaged around 20 a game also.

The afore-mentioned players played standout ball consistently throughout and carried their club to successful seasons.

Ivanhoe coach John Antognozzi had two good boardmen in Gregg Gropel and Clark Spanton who could each get him at least 15 points a game apiece.

Coach Antognozzi also had a tremendous outside shooter in junior guard Jim (Red) Herhusky whose 38 points in a district quarter-final game against Lake Benton was the high point total by any district player this year. And he'll be back next year also.

But Marshall, with what district coaches call the best-balanced club in ten years, won the district title. All but one starter scored over 20 points in a single game. Often the Tigers had four in double figures for a game.

In Orbit—

WE WON . . . WE WON — Marshall high school's cheerleading brigade really went wild when the final buzzer sounded giving the Tigers a 63-45 win over Milroy for the District Nine championship Saturday. Bounding off the floor in a gleeful state is Eleanor Rose, right. Other cheerleaders showing their enthusiasm are (left to right) Susan Hedenstrom, Dana Mercie, Sandy Peterson (in Tiger suit), Lynn Peterson, Susan Rehkamp and Miss Rose. Lucy photo.





For the Victors Cheers

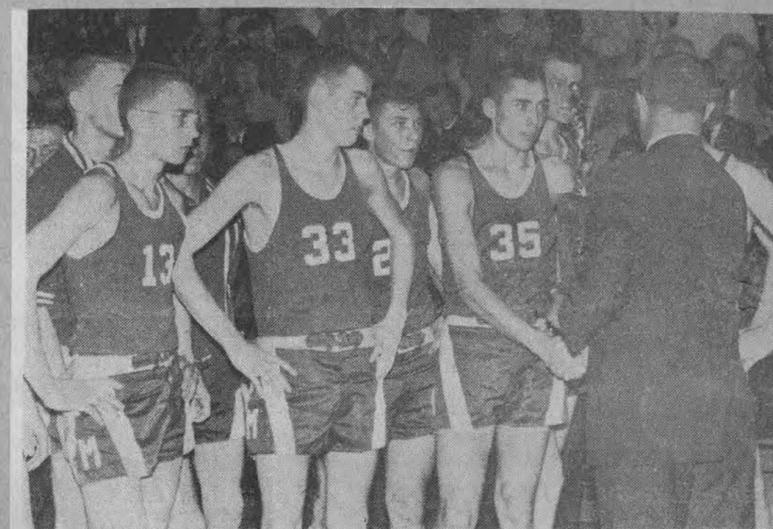


For the Vanquished Tears



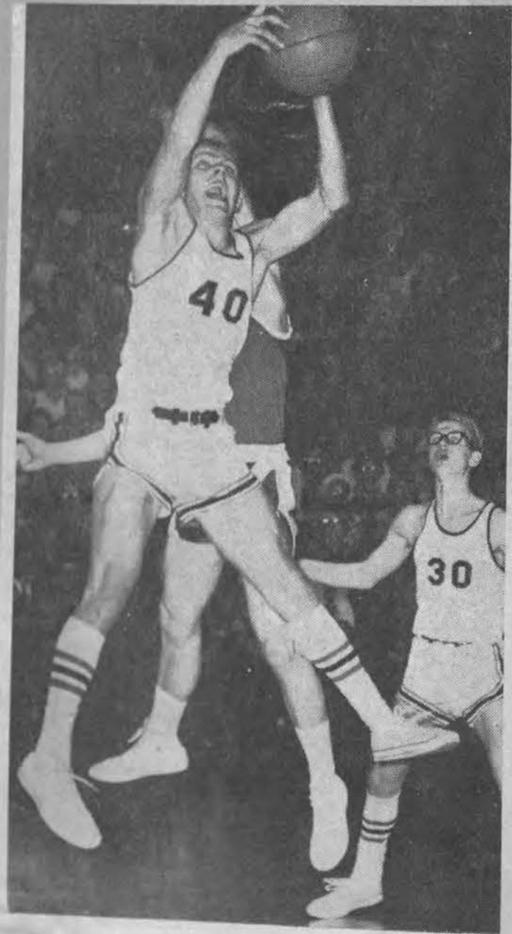
John "Yogi" Nefstead, Marshall Tigers captain, accepts the district championship trophy as the rest of the team applauds.

Photo by Jack Cook.

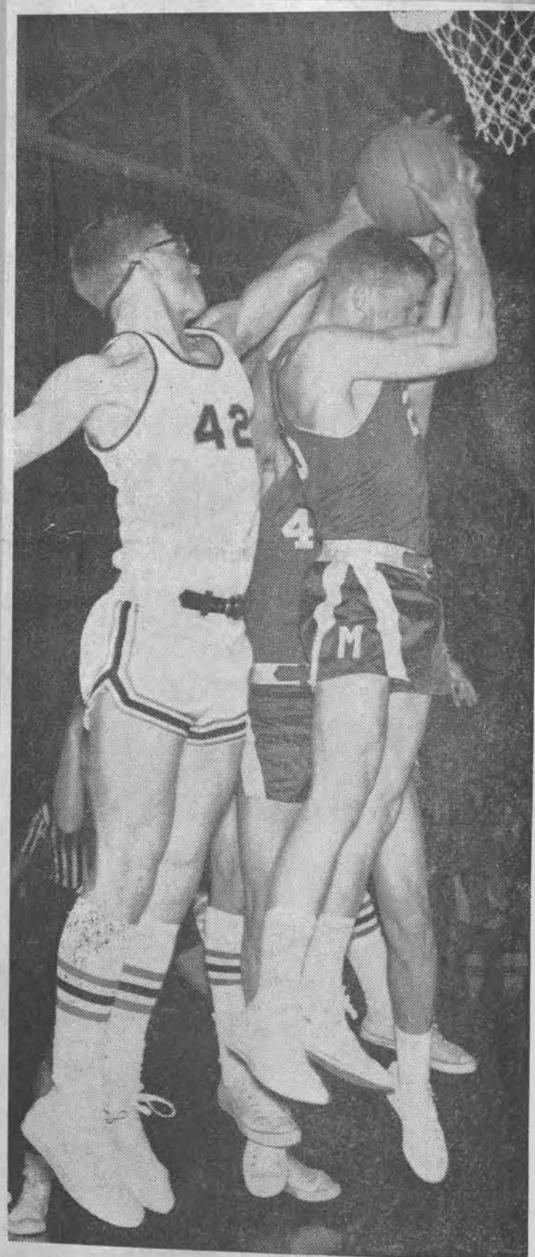


A tired and dejected Milroy team comes forward to receive their runner-up trophy following the district title game.

Photo by Duane Rose.



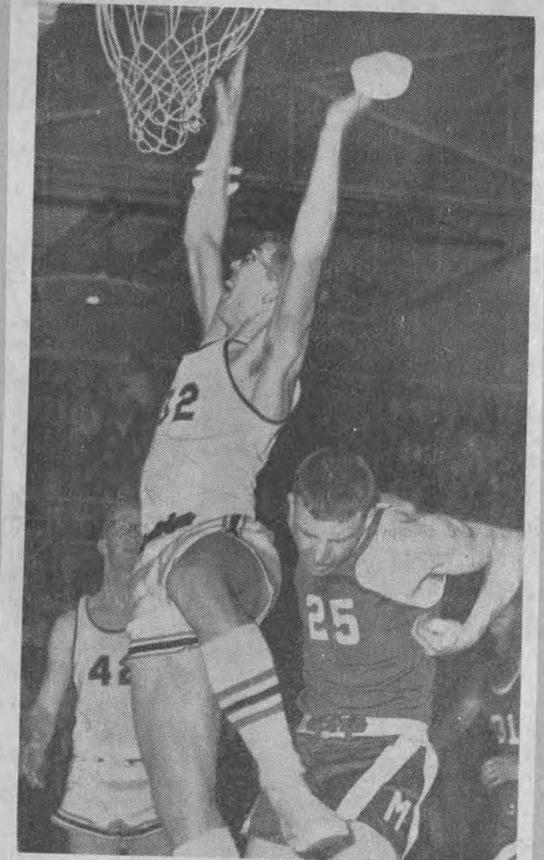
"Yogi" Nefstead goes high for a rebound as he has a Milroy player blocked out. Whitey Johnson waits for the pass out.
Photo by Jack Cook.



Red Schroeder gets a long arm over Ken Zwach's head to break up a rebound attempt.
Photo by Duane Rose.



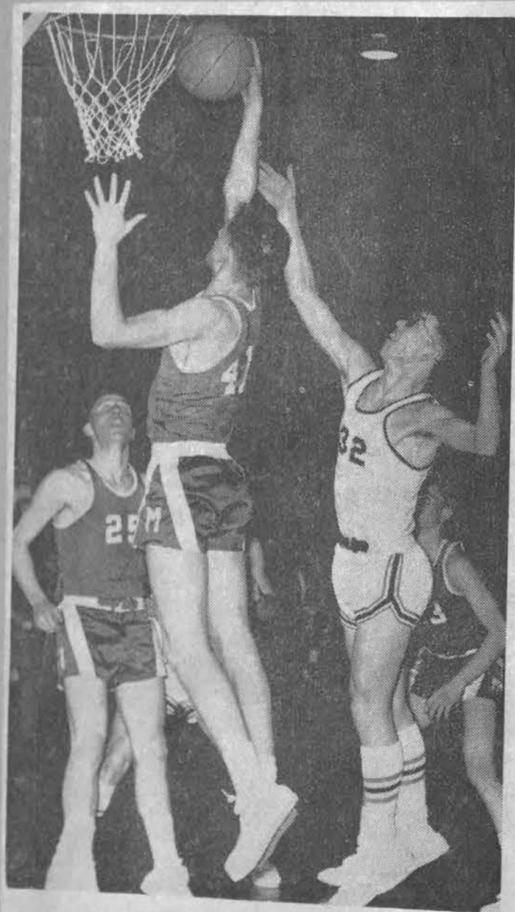
The whole story is told in this photo, as the scoreboard reads Marshall 63, Milroy 45, and Coach Glenn Mattkke embraces Whitey Johnson at the final buzzer.
Photo by Jack Cook.



Sandy MacDonald goes in for a lay-up as Milroy's Ken Zwach strains to keep from fouling him.
Photo by Duane Rose.



This is what a foul looks like — sometimes. Unidentified Milroy player has a firm grip on Whitey Johnson's wrist as he goes up for a shot.
Photo by Duane Rose.



Dennis Flesner, Milroy 41, gets around Marshall's Sandy MacDonald for a lay-up shot in this photo.
Photo by Jack Cook.



Getting up in the air in this picture is Red Schroeder on a successful lay-up. Edwards of Milroy is underneath.
Photo by Jack Cook.



DISTRICT NINE CHAMPIONS—Gordon Getty (left), Supt. of Schools, Tyler, and chairman of the district committee, presented the District Nine championship trophy to Capt. John Nefstead (40) of Marshall high school. Looking on (left to right) are Denny (Red) Schroeder (42), Dave

Webb (clapping his hands), John Kirscht, Dick Larson (partially hidden behind Kirscht) and Marion Paradis. The Tigers, in taking their 18th straight and 20th in 21 starts, whipped Milroy for the 1963 title, their first since 1953.
Loev photo.

And First One for Coach Glenn Matthe —

Bengals Stagger Milroy, 63-45, for First Crown in Ten Years

BY MORGAN BRANDRUP
Messenger Sports Editor

TRACY — The so-called "jinx" has been broken.

The number-one seeded club in District Nine — Mar-

shall high school — won the title by dropping Milroy here Saturday, 63-45.

The Tigers did it by bottling up a good Spartan team with one of their best defensive

showings of the season. They held Milroy without a field goal for more than nine minutes into the second half.

The "jinx" refers to the fact that no team, seeded

number one, has ever gone on to win the district crown since 1951. That is history now.

The Tigers won their eighth title — and first since 1953 — by waiting for the good

shots . . . and hitting them.

After a 22-point second quarter had given them a 36-29 halftime lead, Marshall came out in a zone which Milroy couldn't crack. In fact, they could get only six shots against them in the next eight minutes.

Marshall, midway in the third period (4:07 left), methodically worked the ball around looking for the good, inside shot. Milroy, however, still bunched their defense to protect the inside. The Tigers did not venture an outside shot . . . as the clock ticked off almost three minutes without a point being scored.

With 1:11 left in the stanza Milroy went into a full-court press and, with 52 seconds left, John Nefstead was fouled and his free throw changed the score (45-31) for the first time in more than three minutes. This was also the third period score.

The Tigers continued to work the ball well over the timeline but missed, seeing Denny (Red) Schroeder and Sandy MacDonald open underneath on some occasions.

But Milroy was forced to

foul and Marshall took advantage of their charity opportunities. They made 12 of 17 free throws during this interlude.

The Spartans, however, had the hearts of Marshall's fans thumping — particularly in the first half. After a first quarter where the lead changed hands four times, Milroy, with a spurt, took a 16-12 lead after one period.

Milroy, with Joe Dolan, Kenny Zwach and Dennis Flesner doing yeoman work, more than held their own on the boards and were getting second and third cracks at field goals.

Zwach out-fought Marshall's front three of Nefstead, MacDonald and Schroeder and banked in three follow-up shots. But, when the Tigers started controlling the boards in the second period for the rest of the game, Zwach was blanked from the field.

Terry Porter, who had tough luck in his shooting the past six games, came through for the Tigers in the championship. It was his 14-point second quarter that broke the backs of the Spartans.



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Milroy With You All The Way, Fellows

Marshall Comes From Far Back to Nip Hutchinson

By Dan Simpson

A second-half comeback at St. Peter during the region three playoffs gave Marshall a 54-52 decision over Hutchinson last Friday. The Marshall cagers trailed at the end of the first three quarters before finally overcoming the Tigers of Hutchinson. At one point they trailed by 14 points.

The effectiveness of Marshall's Whitey Johnson at the free throw line during the fourth quarter, was the deciding factor that gave the district nine representatives the triumph. Whitey sank six of Marshall's 12 points that quarter, all of them from the line. After Terry Porter made a set shot to tie it up 48-48, Hutch got desperate and started going for the ball which resulted in foul trouble.

Marshall was hot from the line. They hit 77 per cent of their free throws (20 out of 26). Hutchinson, on the other hand, had few chances because Marshall only had seven team fouls against them. Hutch sank only two out of seven chances for 29 per cent.

It was a different story, however, from the floor. Although both teams were hot, Hutch shot a better percentage. They sank 25 out of 44 attempts on target for 57 per cent from the floor. Marshall sank exactly half of their field goals hitting 17 out of 34 chances.

Hutchinson, sparked by the performances of Mark Linder and Carl Moehring, didn't get off many shots the second half. Lindner, who averages close to 20 points a game, made six field goals out of 13 attempts the first half. He got only two shots in the second half. Moehring, 6'4½" center, gave Matt-ke's Tigers plenty of trouble. Moehring was deadly accurate, sinking seven out of eight attempts the first half and three out of five shots the final half. Linder scored 14 points for Hutchinson while Moehring stuffed

in 20 points. They were the only two to break double figures for the district 12 crown holders.

Marshall, hounded by the aggressive Hutch defense, had somewhat better balance in the scoring. Porter was high for the Marshall cagers. He tallied seven of his final 17 points during the third quarter to help pull his teammates out of a six point deficit. Johnson finished with 14 points. John "Yogi" Nefstead, prevented from driving the baseline, was forced to pot from the outside. Yogi finished with 13 points.

MARSHALL: 54

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Porter	6	5	2	17
Johnson	3	8	0	14
MacDonald	0	2	0	2
Nefstead	4	5	1	13
Schroeder	3	0	3	6
Webb	1	0	1	2
TOTALS	17	20	7	54

HUTCHINSON: 52

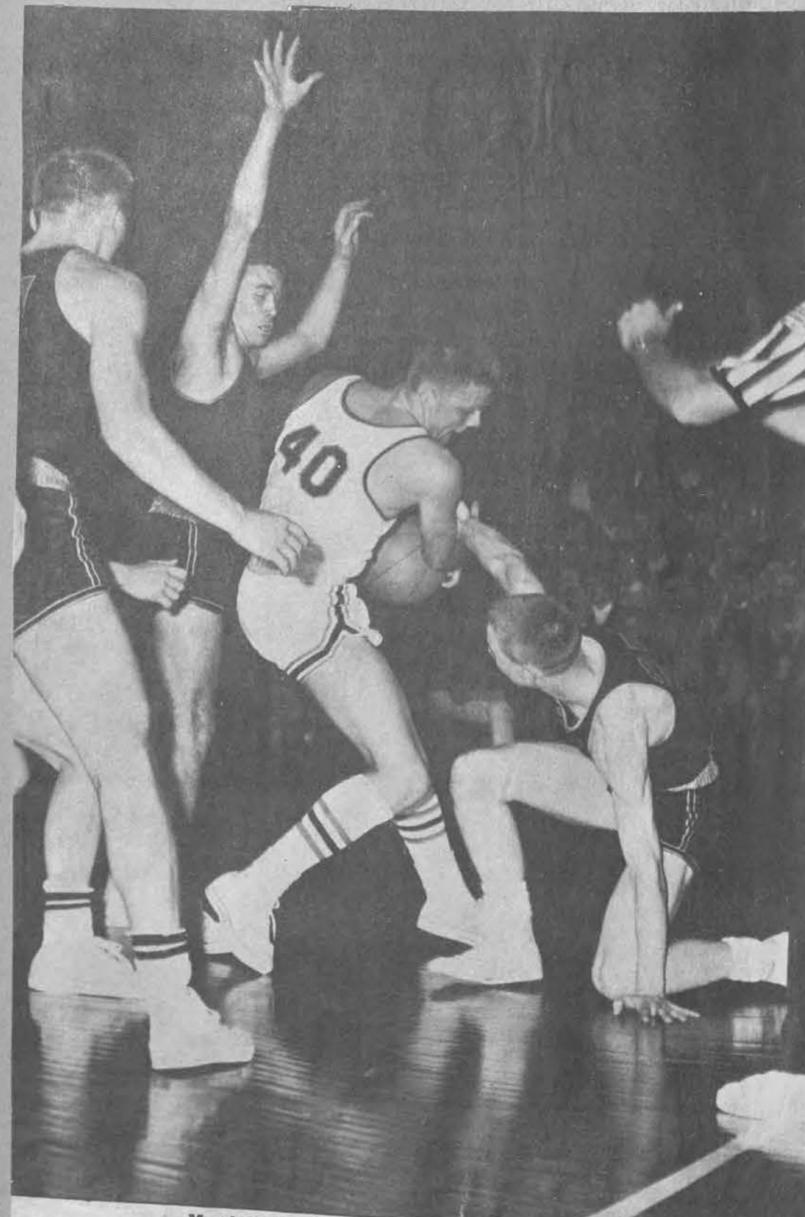
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hoelt	1	0	5	2
Ziemer	3	1	2	7
Moehring	10	0	2	20
Linder	7	0	2	14
Totushek	1	0	5	2
Haugen	3	1	2	7
Peterson, B.	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	25	2	18	52
Marshall	12	28	42	54
Hutchinson	17	34	44	52

SALES LEAGUE

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Andy's Recreation	25	11
Social Security	24	12
Bankers Life Co.	24	12
National Guard	21	15
Nelson Garage	19	17
Lyon County Tire	18	18
Curwick Garage	18	18
Marshall Lanes	17	19
Schwan's Dairy	15	21
Marshall Trailer Sales	14	22
Southwest Aviation	12	24
Moberg Oil	9	27

Top Ten

B. Jones, 177; L. Wilson, 173.
B. Holm, 170; F. Strom, 167;
J. Percy, 166; G. Brosseau
166; D. Labat, 166; L. Stefferud,
165; G. Barron, 164; D. Boe, 162.



Yogi Fights for Ball in Rough Action

Marshall Tops Hutch to Enter Finals

ST. PETER — Loren (Whitey) Johnson made six personal free throws in the last quarter here Friday afternoon to put Marshall's Tigers into the Region 3 finals tonight.

And few young men were ever called upon in such a crucial atmosphere which the semi final game was. Each charity toss played an important part in Marshall's come from behind victory over Hutchinson, 54-52.

Here is what Johnson's free throwing accomplished:

- His first pair with 2:59 left in the game broke a 48-48 tie.

- Second set came with Hutchinson trying to get the ball with Marshall in a semi stall. Whitey was fouled by Hutch's Mark Linder with 1:09 left and made two more on a 1-1 situation to give the Tigers (Marshall's variety) a 52-48 lead.

- After Linder hook shot Hutch within 2 again with 48 seconds left, these Tigers were still forced to foul to get possession again. They fouled Whitey and, with 9 seconds left, the 5-9 guard meshed another pair.

It was Marshall's free throwing ability — prevalent in their great success—that brought them their nineteenth straight victory and 21 in 22 games. The Bengals made 20 of 25 attempts — 80 per cent.

Hutch had more success from the field, and outfield goaled Marshall by eight, 25-17. They made only two free throws — and lost the game.

Marshall, with a victory, becomes a region three finalist for the first time in ten years. Tickets for tonight's championship game with Granite Falls, were scheduled to go on open sale to the public at 10 a.m. Students, parents of the ball players and season ticket holders have their chance to purchase tickets starting at 9 a.m. at the Marshall High School office.

Marshall hasn't been behind

too often this year and for as great a distance as yesterday's but Hutchinson kept in front for more than three quarters of the game. Marshall led twice at 7-6 and their last lead, before Johnson's clutch free throwing was at 9-8 with 3:26 left in the first quarter.

Hutchinson made good use of their big man, 6-4½ Carl Moehring, who had the best day of his career. The spindly was following missed shots and was deadly with a turn around jumper from short range. For the 32 minutes Moehring made ten of 16 field goal attempts for 20 points, high for both teams.

Moehring, with help from Linder's six first half buckets, shot these Tigers (both teams were these Tigers) into a 34-28 halftime lead. Moehring got 14 of those points.

Hutchinson's defensively minded ball club didn't permit the Tigers too many attempts from the field. In the first 16 minutes, Marshall took just 20 shots and made nine.

Hutch's biggest lead in the second half was 42-33 midway in the third period, but five straight points (a jumper and free throw by Porter and a leftside setter by John Nefstead) brought the Tigers within four at 42-38 with 2:57 left in that stanza.

Moehring hit another turn-around jumper for a six point Hutch lead, but Porter's long set shot and a 25 foot jumper at the gun, brought Marshall within two at 44-42 at the conclusion of three quarters.

Hutch maintained that two point lead for awhile, and had it up to four on two occasions, but Dave Webb's only shot of the game — right corner jumper — got his club within two at 48-46 with 5:06 left. Webb came off the bench to play stand-out ball on each entry.

The two teams were cautious in this final period with Hutch's shooting cooled off and Nefstead and Denny "Red" Schroeder played ex-

cellent defensive ball in addition to getting rebounds.

After Linder gunned one that fell short, Marshall came down court and Porter's set shot from almost 30 feet brought the Tiger's their first deadlock with their District 12 opponents since early in the game. Porter's tying bucket came with 4:31 left.

This set the stage for Whitey Johnson's free throwing under the excessive vocalizing of the fans.

Although Marshall didn't get too many shots, (36 percentage wise, they had a good afternoon. They didn't take too many bad attempts and made 17 of them for 47 per cent.

Hutchinson's version of the Tigers shot 53 per cent (25 of 47) but got only six free throw opportunities, as Marshall played good defense without fouling.

MARSHALL (54)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Nefstead	4	5	1	13
Schroeder	3	0	3	6
Webb	1	0	1	2
MacDonald	0	2	0	2
Porter	6	5	2	17
Johnson	3	8	0	14
Totals	17	20	7	54

HUTCHINSON (52)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Linder	7	0	4	14
Totushek	1	0	5	2
Haugen	3	1	2	7
Moehring	10	0	2	20
Hoelt	1	0	5	2
Ziemer	3	1	2	7
Totals	25	2	20	52

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4
Marshall	12	28	42	54
Hutchinson	17	34	44	52

7:30 P.M., Tonight at St. Peter —

Tigers Face Granite Falls' Size in Championship Tilt



Hero Whitey Gets Ride from Teammates

ST. PETER — After getting by against Hutchinson in their opener yesterday, Marshall high school's Tigers run up against the tallest team competing in this year's Region Three tournament in the championship game.

The Bengals will go after their first regional championship in 21 years — the last one was captured in 1942 — in a 7:30 p.m. date with the Kilowatts here tonight at Myrum Memorial Field House on the Gustavus Adolphus College campus.

In breaking Hutch's win-streak at 19 — and finishing them for the season — Marshall ran their own streak up to 19 and season's record to 21-1.

Granite, which toppled the District 10 winner, Fairfax, last night enters the contest with an 18-4 record.

The Kilowatts will start off with a front three that average just under 6' 3" per man. And, in one of the corners, Granite will have Maurice (Butch) Berg, a little under 6-3, who sports a per-game average in the low 20's.

In the post will be 6-5 John

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TIGERS



Eyes on the basket. Whitey Johnson goes up high for a lay-up against Granite Falls.

Photo by Duane Rose

Tigers Had It In The Clutch to Take Region 3 Crown



Victorious Marshall Tigers receive Region 3 Trophy After Stopping Granite

Marshall Whips Granite Falls

for State Berth

52-47 Victory Gains Crown

By BILL McGRANE
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

ST. PETER, Minn.—Marshall overcame a distinct disadvantage in height Saturday night to come from behind for a 52-47 victory over Granite Falls to win the Region Three high school basketball championship and a berth in the state tournament.

Trailing 26-24 at the half, the Tigers from District Nine came on to outscore Granite 15-8 in the third period to build a 39-34 lead.

Granite Falls, the District 11 champion, rallied on the shooting of Bruce Haugland to pull within 45-44 with slightly less than two minutes remaining. But Marshall went over the top when John Nefstead made two free throws with 2:10 left for a 47-44 lead.

AFTER THAT the Tigers assured their victory by hitting five free throws as Granite Falls fouled in desperately attempting to gain control.

Nefstead led Marshall to a 15-12 first-period lead but Granite Falls bounced back to outscore the Tigers 14-9 in the second period for its halftime lead. Haugland, with eight of his 20 points in the second quarter, led the Granite rally.

Granite Falls' rebounding edge, led by 6-foot-4 Larry Cole and 6-3 Maurice Berg, suffered a fatal blow when Berg picked up his fifth foul just 19 seconds into the fourth quarter.

After that Nefstead and Dennis Schroeder pulled down an equal share of rebounds for Marshall.

IN THE FINAL and decisive period, it was Terry Porter, a rangy guard, who won for Marshall. Porter scored basket but added six vital free throws without a miss in that final eight minutes. In all, Marshall made 11 free throws in the final session.



Best Coach in Minnesota Gets a Victory Ride at Region Tourney

Coach Mattke, coach of the Region 3 champion Mar-
shalls, may have been the happiest man in Min-
nast Saturday night when his team beat Gra-
nites to qualify for the state tournament. Above,

Coach Mattke gets a victory ride on the shoulders of
some of his exuberant players.

Photo by Don Moon.



THE BIG MOMENT—Accepting the Region 3 basketball
tournament trophy in behalf of the Marshall Tigers is
John (Yogi) Nefstead, Marshall captain. Ralph Brynelson,
Cottonwood superintendent and chairman of the regional
committee, made the presentation after Marshall defeated

Granite Falls at Gustavus Adolphus Saturday night, 52-47.
Shown in the above picture are (left to right) Dave Webb,
Terry Porter, Dick Larson, Nefstead, Coach Glenn Matt-
ke and Brynelson.
Locy photo.



TOASTING VICTORY — Engaging in some tournament
talk and toasting Saturday night's regional championship
game were three Marshall Tigers pictured above. C. M.
Porter poured the milk. The MHS athletes are (left to

right) Brian Murphy, Terry Porter and Dave Markell.
The trio met at the Porter home Sunday morning.
Messenger photo.

Porter was Marshall's high
scorer with 18 points and
Nefstead added 15.

Marshall brings a record
of 22 victories and one de-
feat into the state tourna-
ment. Granite Falls finished
18-5. A Myrum Field House
crowd of 3,400 watched the
championship game.

Marshall (52)		Granite Falls (47)	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Nefstead 6	3 4 15	Berg 7	3 5 13
Schroeder 6	2 4 14	Haugland 9	2 3 20
McDonald 0	1 0 1	Cole 3	3 4 9
Webb 0	1 1 1	Hamre 0	0 0 0
Porter 5	8 2 18	Lundell 2	0 2 4
Johnson 1	1 1 3	Knudson 0	0 4 0
		Minelli 0	1 1 1
Totals	18 16 12 52	Totals	19 9 19 47
Marshall	..... 15	9	15 13-52
Granite Falls	..... 12	14	8 13-47



We Did It!!



REVERSE LAYUP — Yogi Nefstead got loose from two Granite Falls players in the third quarter of the championship game at Gustavus Adolphus Saturday night and scored a field goal on a reverse layup. With 2:41 left in the quarter, the layup put Marshall ahead 37-31. Granite Falls players are (left and right) Larry Cole and John Hamre, 6-4 and 6-5 respectively. Nefstead, 6-½, and is many pounds lighter than these two Granite behemoths. Upon seeing the size of the Granite team, Marshall football coach Tom Musser said, "No wonder we couldn't run against that Granite Falls line last fall." Messenger photo.



YOGI DRAWS FOUL—After smoothly maneuvering past Granite Falls' Carl Lundell (No. 25) in the final minutes of the Championship game Friday night, Yogi Nefstead was fouled and almost knocked down as he went in for a layup. Marshall led by a scant 45-44 at the time. Then, with 2:10 showing on the scoreboard, Yogi coolly dropped both free throws. Others in the photo above are (left to right) Sandy MacDonald, Red Schroeder and Granite Falls' captain, Maurice Berg. The Kilowatts captain carried a per game average of almost 25 in the Little Sioux Conference race. Red Schroeder, whom the Kilowatts foolishly left unguarded in the second half, hit four field goals during the Tigers' drive for victory. Messenger photo.



THIS ONE MISSED—Terry Porter, whose 18 points led the Tiger attack in their victory over Granite Falls Saturday night, missed this soft jumper in the second half of the championship game. But during the fourth quarter Terry was deadly from the free throw line as he meshed six free throws in six chances. Shown in the picture are (left to right) Carl Lundell, Red Schroeder, Maurice Berg, Bruce Haugland, Porter and Larry Cole. Messenger photo.



THE STOUT HEARTS

Well, and how did YOU like the job the Tigers did down at St. Peter?

I have been trying to come up with the best descriptive phrase I can find and about the best I can do is not a very elegant expression. But it does describe the kind of performance Glenn Mattke's cool characters turned in.

I call it "guts basketball" and I hope readers will not be offended. It's the best term I can think of for it.

A couple weeks ago I wrote that I was impressed by the poise the Tigers had shown all year. That goes double now.

It is not every bunch of youngsters that can look a 14-point deficit in the eye, cinch up their trunks a bit tighter and go to work on it. And it is considerably fewer who would get the job done all the way.

Also, it is not every basketball team that can give away the height that the Tigers spotted Granite Falls and beat the good tall team. And make no mistake about it, Granite was a good team. It is my opinion that they are a better team than the Austin Packers who made it from Region 1.

So, maybe it would be better to say the Tigers had "courage" but I prefer to use the crude but perhaps more descriptive term.

BIG RED

It sure did everybody a lot of good to see big Red Schroeder take over in the two regional battles. Red is always rough on those boards and plays a lot of floor game. But he usually doesn't score much. But he came in with six precious points against Hutchinson and when Johnson was being smothered against Granite, the red-head dumped in 14. Red played about as tough as anybody could ask, and he did it against classy competition.

FREE RIDE

The Tigers usually don't show much emotion after a winning ball game but they cracked up after beating Granite. Glenn Mattke got his first free ride on the shoulders of his stalwarts and was maybe the happiest coach in Minnesota. They tell me there was some little shenanigans in the dressing room too. And the fans really

inned all over the place.

GRACIOUS LOSERS

Granite Falls supporters showed that they know how to lose gracefully, even when a lot of young hearts were heavy.

The Granite cheer leaders brought along a banner which read "Region 3 Champions." I expect they had it ready to unfurl right after they had won the game.

But when Marshall won it, the Kilowatt youngsters carried the banner across and gave it to the Marshall rooters. You can't beat stuff like that. It seems to me quite often that adults could take some lessons in courtesy and graciousness from a lot of the "terrible teenagers" they are always fretting about.

AND THE HELPING HAND

The Granite Falls coaching staff also showed their caliber after the game. They were quick to congratulate Coach Mattke and all his players. But they did more than that.

Marshall had not scouted the Austin team and Granite had, and had some firsthand information on the Packers. So what did they do? They gave Mattke the "book" on Austin, to help him map his game strategy.

That's the kind of "buddy system" that makes everybody feel better. Sometimes we all are likely to get a bit browned-off at the way things go but it's impossible to stay that way for long. Because about the time you are convinced that everybody is out for what they can get, along come some guys like those characters at Granite Falls to prove how wrong you are.

GENEROUS TREATMENT

Did you see the fine spread the Tigers got in the Minneapolis Tribune Tuesday morning? It was a nice job and the Trib didn't spare the photos or the space.

FREE RIDE

Bill McGrane wrote the story about Police Chief and Mrs. Chet Wiener, "top cage fans," and about the team members. John Croft, one of the Tribune's ace photographers, made the photos.

It's really a dandy spread and it might not hurt to let the Tribune know we all appreciate it.

MORE ASPIRIN, QUICK!

The guy with the biggest

headache in Marshall this week would have to be Merrill Olson, high school principal. Oley has the job of satisfying 1,500 fans with about 400 or so tickets—and that ain't easy!

Oley said he started getting telephone calls for tickets when he got home about midnight last Saturday.

"I'd have got some earlier than that if I'd got home earlier," he said.

The ticket situation for competing teams at the state tournament is anything but good and I intend to dig into it a little and see what goes on.

CHANNEL 12, MANKATO

For those who can't get to the tournament, it will be televised over Channel 12 at Mankato. All Thursday afternoon and evening games, all Friday and Saturday evening games will be aired.

Also, WCCO radio will broadcast all games, with Dick Enroth at the mike, and John Kundla doing the color.

And Marshall's KMHL will broadcast all tournament games, with Glenn Maran at the mike.

Mattke's Battlers Topple Granite Height for Title

By Dan Simpson
Marshall earned their way to the state tournament for the first time in 21 years with a thrilling 52-47 triumph over Granite Falls, the district 11 champs last Saturday for the Region 3 championship.

Marshall, who hit a mild 36 per cent from the floor the first half, was down 26-24 at the half-way mark. John Nefstead and Red Schroeder sent the Bengals on their winning pace the third quarter with 3 field goals each. Terry Porter sank all six of his free throws and a field goal for good measure to assure his club a trip to Williams arena.

Granite had plenty of reason to feel big. The Kilowatts had only one man under six feet tall. They also had history on their side. Granite had edged

in double figures. Porter was high for the Tigers with 15 points. Yogi Nefstead finished with 15 points. Red Schroeder delivered another fine performance with 13 points.

Only two men broke double figures for the Kilowatts. Bruce Haugland was high man with 20 points. Berg followed him with 13 points.

The triumph enabled Marshall to go on to the state tournaments. Their first game will be Thursday against Austin, region 1 champions. It will be the first time Marshall has gone to state since 1942. It so marks the third time in the schools' history that the feat was accomplished. The first was in 1923.

The victory over Granite so marked several other features. This is the first region

Marshall Bumps Granite Falls, 52-47, for First State Tournament Berth Since '42



COACH GETS RIDE—Coach Glenn Mattke joyously pummels Tiger Dave Webb (No. 20) in the above photo as the victorious Tigers carried their coach from the floor after winning a trip to the state basketball tournament Saturday night. This was Mattke's first regional championship team

in his 10-year coaching career. in the picture above are (left to right) Webb's Butch Otten, John Kirscht, cheerleader Eleanor Rose and Dick Larson. Later the team treated Mattke more roughly. The F. threw him in the shower!

Marshall's Talent Free Throw Pays Off

GAN BRANDRUP
Tiger Sports Editor

TER — Again using excellent free throwing Marshall again came out — but a little late — to topple all for the Region 3 Saturday evening. The

Marshall overtook the day before at four and a half ft in the game, the topped Granite with eight points at the second half and in front of the rest of the Kilowatts led session, 28-26.

Instead hit a turnover for the tying 26) just 14 seconds second half started. (Red) Schroeder or a layup on a bucket and Marshall lead since early end quarter.

Porter, who was to pressure free throws stanza without a over now and long charity and long a 31-26 Marshall 0:01 left.

Larry Cole, Granite's 6-4½ center, finally broke the ice for the Kilos with a southpaw jumper with 5:11 to go. But the streak had done its damage and Marshall had at least a one-point lead the rest of the way although the verdict was in doubt until Porter hit two free throws with 54 seconds left in the game for a 49-44 Tiger advantage.

However, there is no doubt that Marshall will be the Region Three representative Thursday in the state meet and will tangle with Austin (Region One) at 2 p.m. on the Williams Arena floor.

Marshall makes its first tournament appearance in 21 years and third in history this weekend. Last time the Tigers represented the region was in 1942 when they were runners-up to Buhl. The 1924 club was the other Marshall entrant.

Granite made use of their superior height and weight advantage to overcome Marshall's 15-12 lead at the end of one period. With Cole and 6-3½ Maurice (Butch) Berg controlling the boards, the Kilowatts were getting second and third tries at buckets despite the efforts of Nefstead, Schroeder, Sandy MacDonald and Dave Webb.

But a big factor in the game came when Berg picked up his fourth foul with about five minutes left in the third period. Berg, who's not afraid to shoot, scored 13 points in the first half. And that was his total for the game also. Berg fired 21 times and made five.

Berg sat out the rest of the quarter and was replaced by big (6-5) John Hamre, who had the size but wasn't as mobile. Marshall's rebounding picked up as a result.

A long jumper by Bruce Haugland got Granite within three again but a reverse lay-up and turn-around jumper by Nefstead more than offset a Granite free throw and Marshall led 39-32 with 1:36 left in the third period.

But, the Tigers also had one regular sitting out with four fouls — Schroeder — who had been guarding Berg.

Berg was forced back into action with Marshall holding a 39-34 quarter lead — but didn't stay around long. He fouled out just 19 seconds after the fourth period started.

Through Haugland's efforts Granite was not about to give up. He dropped four long-range jumpers during the next eight minutes and each

of them kept the pressure on.

Marshall ran into stagnation itself and didn't change their "39" on the scoreboard until Porter meshed two free throws with 4:28 left. Haugland and Carl Lundell, in the meantime, had brought Granite within one.

Porter's free throws upset Marshall's lead to three but Haugland popped again from 25 feet and the Tigers' lead with one again at 41-40 with 4:16 left.

Schroeder came driving in off the left side and literally threw the ball up as he was passing underneath the hoop. It went in and Marshall led by three again.

Cole's two free throws brought Granite within one again but Porter, after driving down the left side, hit a short jumper for a 45-42 advantage. There was 3:01 left.

Now, after Haugland zeroed one in again, Marshall's free throwing took over. Nefstead put down two for 74-44 lead with 2:10 left. Granite came down and got within scoring range but Cole was called for being in the lane too long.

Marshall went into a semi-stall like the Hutchinson game the day before and Porter was fouled. On a one-and-one situation Terry made two with 54 seconds left and a 49-44 Marshall advantage.

Thirteen seconds later the same situation came up again and Porter again was true on both tries. With 41 seconds left it was 51-44, Marshall.

For the second straight game Marshall was second-

best in the number of field goals produced — but they won the game. Granite put through 19; the Tigers, 18.

The Tigers, however, more than took advantage of the 19 fouls called on Granite. They dropped 16 of 26 attempts and nine of them came in that last period.

Outside of Haugland, Granite didn't get too many outside shots with Loren (Whitey) Johnson and Porter putting the clamps on Granite's guards.

Still the Kilos, thanks to their height, got more than enough shots in close. For the full 32 minutes they tried 64 and made just 19 — 29 per cent. Marshall took only 41 shots and made 18 for 44 per cent.

MARSHALL (52)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Nefstead	6	3	4	15
Schroeder	6	2	4	14
MacDonald	0	1	0	1
Webb	0	1	1	1
Porter	5	8	2	18
Johnson	1	1	1	3
Totals	18	16	12	52

Granite Falls (47)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Berg	6	3	5	15
Haugland	8	2	3	18
Cole	3	3	4	9
Hamre	0	0	0	0
Knutson	0	0	3	0
Lundell	2	0	3	4
Minelli	0	1	1	1
Totals	19	9	19	47

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4
MARSHALL	15	24	39	52
GRANITE	12	26	34	47



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State Tourney Facts, Figures

REGION	TEAM	RECORD	COACH	COLORS	NICKNAME
1	Austin	17-3	Ove Berven	Scarlet-White	Packers
2	Wells	18-5	Lloyd Stussy	Purple-Gold	Wildcats
3	Marshall	22-1	Glenn Mattke	Orange-Black	Tigers
4	Anoka	18-6	Bill Wanamaker	Maroon-Grey	Tornadoes
5	Bloomington	21-2	Dan Snyder	Green-White	Bears
6	Sauk Centre	20-3	Bill Selisker	Moroon-White	Mainstreeters
7	Cloquet	21-2	Ben Trochil	Purple-White	Lumberjacks
8	Bemidji	21-2	Bun Fortier	Blue-White	Lumberjacks

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Wide Open Tourney on Tap After All

★ **DELANO'S CLOSE BUT** losing game with Bloomington in the Region Five basketball finals last Saturday gave the State Tournament starting Thursday an entirely different advance complexion.

Because this region has turned out more cage champions than others, its representative in the finals too often is placed in the favorite's role before a game is played.

The Lake Conference now is accepted as the most rugged competitive organization in the state.

When Bloomington finished on top in the regular schedule, its team became highly regarded throughout the state. It gained more prestige by rolling through to its district title.

By beating Minneapolis Central in the semi-finals last Friday, too many got on the Bears' bandwagon to go all the way in the state.

In stepped a gang of fighters from Delano. They hadn't looked too impressive in beating Sauk Rapids in the semis. Many who saw them that night figured they would be pushovers for Bloomington in the finals.

Not only did Delano make life miserable for the Lake champions, but they came within one shot of upsetting them.

That 42-40 decision quickly eliminated the talk of cinch champions. The seven other finalists took heart. "Yes, Bloomington can be beaten" was the cry that went up all over the state.

All of which has made this tournament a wide open affair with no one conceding anything to any rival.

Bloomington's first opponent Thursday night is Cloquet of Region Seven. This area has turned out its share of champions over the years and is considered a formidable machine this year.

Psychology plays such an important part in the outcome of prep sport events. In the State Basketball Tournament, the first game usually is the toughest for teams that haven't played in Williams Arena before. The boys are tense and at times do not play up to the limit of their ability.

If Bloomington had come through with a decisive win over Delano in the region finals, it could have come into this meet with a decided advantage in public backing.

The fact that Delano proved that the Bears aren't invincible, puts an entirely different light on the 1963 showdown.

And don't be surprised if Cloquet follows the same effective pattern that Delano used last Saturday to deflate Bloomington.

Listen, Mr. Weather Man! Let's not overdo this late wintry blast with the State Basketball Tournament at hand.

CHARLES JOHNSON Lowdown on Sports



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WRITING OUT LOUD by Bill Boni

The 50th Renewal Is the 51st Tourney

One of the athletic world's better examples of the survival of the fittest went into its 50th renewal today (that's a trick phrase, by the way; that still means it's the 51st state tournament, but it's the 50th renewal since Fosston gave what was then and still is now Region 8 the first champion in 1913).

Reference is, of course, to the high school basketball tournament — a cinch sellout in spite of the fact all championship games are to be televised; a top sports page topic no matter how many games the Twins lose, or how many runs the Yankees score, or how badly Sonny Liston wrenches his knee.

(For the benefit of cynics who wonder whether Sonny really DID wrench his knee, I can recall a skeptical editor who, in the first days of Babe Ruth's fatal illness, speculated whether this might have been cooked up to coincide with release of Bill Bendix's movie, *The Babe Ruth Story*. The editor was not available for comment when Ruth died two days later.)

It's Still a Wonder to Trochil

The coaches of the eight contending teams, eight coaches and eight teams surviving of 490 starters, give a good cross-section. There is a guy like Ben Trochil, who is only 29 and in his first year as head coach at Cloquet got all the way to the big one ("this is still a wonder to me, when I know there are men who have devoted all their careers and never made it").

There is a man like Ove Berven, who can look down from his considerable personal height to reflect that this is the 14th trip he has made to a state tournament with an Austin team.

There is a man like lanky, quick-spoken Don Snyder of generally favored Bloomington ("he makes Bernie Bierman look like an optimist," ran one characterization), and who was quick to duck out from under the favorite's role by pointing out that "there are two teams from the North that are tremendous — Bemidji, which has its fastest, quickest team ever, and Cloquet, which has five starters who are its fastest and quickest ever, and then three reserves who are not only fast but tall."

Austin "Runs More Than Usual"

By the time you read this, somebody already may be down in the consolation bracket ("if you think we're so strong," Cloquet's Trochil said to Bloomington's Snyder, "why don't we arrange right now that we go in the winners' bracket and you in the consolation?"). Even so, at Wednesday's luncheon given by the Minneapolis chamber, which all the coaches agreed is an annual highlight for the tournament teams, there were words of interest to be heard. Taking them numerically by region, they dropped such pearls as these:

BERVEN—"We run a little bit more than usual. My tallest starter is Harry Musser at 5-11, but we generally refer to him as the fellow whose sister is queen of Austin." (This was quickly proved to be more than a fabrication when Berven introduced his squad, captained by 6-4 Bruce Miller, who is listed in the program as 6-3).

LLOYD STUSSY, Wells—Introduced as a man who teaches a speech class and the debating team, Lloyd grinned weakly and said: "I've had laryngitis for the last three weeks," then introduced 1962 All-Stater Alan Redman and also called Greg Alger "at 5-4 the biggest little man on the team". Coaches and statistics appear to differ. In the program Alger is listed as 5-7. He looks smaller.

Marshall "Uses All Styles"

GLENN MATTKE, Marshall (introduced as coach of the only unbeaten 1963 team, the team's lone loss came in December)—"We use all styles. We started the season running, slowed up a bit when we got into the tournaments—but we'll go if we get the chance."

BILL WANAMAKER, Anoka (labeled an "optimistic coach who's not surprised to be in the tournament and wouldn't be surprised to win it all")—"We come in with the poorest record. Everybody lists the teams, then they say, 'And then there's Anoka.' But our kids don't feel that way. They figure the December losses don't really count."

SNYDER—"We're from the suburbs, and a little new in the city. But we hope to tape up and be there."

Sauk Centre "Much Like '61 Team"

BILL SELISKER, Sauk Centre (second trip as coach, plus one as a player)—"We're about the same physically as our team of two years ago (which finished third). The boys hustle, and the defense is comparable. Undeclared? Yeah, we were undefeated — till we lost our first game."

TROCHIL—"When I was going to Bemidji State, I used to watch (Bun) Fortier's teams play, and I would wish to myself that some day I might have a bunch of boys who could run like that. Our biggest starter is 6 feet 1 (Dennis Breitbarth)." He didn't say Cloquet has scored as high as 95 points.

BUN FORTIER, Bemidji—"We've run in the past. But this year, with our material, we're pretty deliberate and not pressing, not going after the other team. Anoka (Bemidji's first-round opponent) had a real advantage in being able to scout Bemidji twice, and has an advantage in having been on the floor before."

And as Grant Johnson, state high school league president, put it:

"I'm sure when you young men go home this Sunday you'll all still be champions in the eyes of your fans."

Regions 5, 7 Gobble Most of Tourney Titles

IF YOU ARE OF A MIND TO TRY TO DOPE THE probabilities in the high school basketball tournament starting Thursday you may start with this: Fourteen of the 20 most recent tournaments have been won by teams from Region Five centering in Minneapolis and Region Seven centering in Duluth.

That is where the strength lies much of the time.

In that stretch of 20 years Region Two, Four, Six and Eight have each won a single championship. Thanks to Austin, twice a winner, Region One has two titles. Region Three has not had a champion in 32 years.

Glencoe last won for that region in 1931. Region Five, which includes Minneapolis and suburbs and an area extending about 90 miles west and northwest, has been the strongest region in the state. Moreover, it is increasing strength more rapidly than other regions.

This is so because of the growth of suburban high schools in numbers and enrollment.

The Lake Conference is pulling away from the Minneapolis league because of a healthier sports atmosphere created by more sports-minded parents and superintendents resulting in larger sports and physical education staffs and programs.

But the Minneapolis league remains strong. It is likely to win a state tournament at any time a Lake Conference team does not qualify.



CULLUM'S COLUMN by Dick Cullum

State Tourney May Have Opening Round Surprises

By JIM BYRNE
 Minneapolis Star Staff Writer
 Minnesota's \$138,000 High School Basketball extravaganza begins Thursday at Williams Arena.

(Total receipts for the 1962 state tournament won by St. Louis Park were \$138,765.56)

Eight teams are primed for the occasion, but no one is certain who the champion will be around 10:15 p.m. Saturday night.

Ove Berven, Austin coach, will be the dean of the tournament as far as the coaches are concerned. He's coached the Packers 24 years and this is the 14th time he's had a team in the big classic.

"Look for every one of the opening round games to be very close," Berven says. "There will be a surprise of two in the opening round. There always are."

Have Chance

"Lots of the fans are looking to the Bloomington-Cloquet game for a tip off on things to come in the tournament. There are good reasons for it. But I think we all have a chance."

Austin plays Marshall in tomorrow's opening game at 2 p.m. and the Anoka-Bemidji contest follows.

Bloomington and Cloquet clash at 7:30 p.m. and the Wells-Sauk Centre contest completes the program.

"Can't remember playing Marshall in basketball as long as I've been coaching at Austin," added Berven. "I'd say the game is a toss up."

"Marshall has a balanced team just like we have and its defense is good. We're running more than usual. When our practice began we didn't have a returning regular from last year. They all

looked like runners. So we stuck with the running game."

Two Arrive

Marshall and Bemidji arrived at the Curtis Hotel team tournament headquarters Tuesday. Both teams reported bad driving conditions because of the recent snow fall.

By noon today, the other six teams were scheduled to check in. Then all eight teams were to attend the civic luncheon in their honor, also a sellout, at the Capp Towers Hotel.

Coach Bun Fortier rushed his Bemidji team over to Vocational High School for

a workout 15 minutes after the players had been assigned their rooms yesterday.

"Haven't seen Anoka play," said Fortier. "But they're the Region Four champion and they must be a good ball club. That's usually a strong region."

Asked if he thought his team would like to play Bloomington again if the opportunity came, Fortier said "Yes. But we're not thinking of that right now."

Bill Wanamaker, the Anoka coach, scouted the Region Eight tournament which Bemidji won to qualify for the state.

"Bemidji was the only team in that tournament which didn't run and press," says Wanamaker, who may have the darkhorse.

"Bemidji reminded me a lot of the Alexander Ramsey team we defeated in the first round of the region. I'd say they were dead even as far as size is concerned.

"They (Bemidji) have two big boys in Bill Rabe and Gary Suman. Ramsey and Robbinsdale had big men against us too."

Winners tomorrow play semifinal games Friday night and losers enter the consolation round Friday afternoon. Finals are Saturday.

Bloomington, Cloquet Top Meet Choices

IT IS TOO LATE TO BE THE FIRST TO SAY THAT the winner of the first round game between Cloquet and Bloomington will win the state basketball tournament.

But, for full enjoyment of the action, one should go there committed to an opinion; so that's the opinion repeated here.

Between these two Bloomington has the advantage of having played the floor several times recently, but no other perceptible advantage.

Cloquet may counter that by presenting a style of aggressive defense beyond anything Bloomington has had to cope with this season.

This has to be a great game.



CULLUM'S COLUMN
 by Dick Cullum

'Eating With Tears in Their Eyes'

STATE TOURNEY HUNGER AWESOME

By HERM SITTARD
 Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

"I've seen girls stand at our counter eating to beat the band—with tears running down their cheeks because their team lost," the man said.

Speaking was Lyle Griggs, who for years has handled the food concession at Williams Arena during state high school basketball tournaments.



Griggs

Griggs was on hand again at 2 p.m. today for the resumption of that annual epidemic of enthusiasm—with Austin meeting Marshall before more than 18,000 screaming fans in the tourney opener.

"The tournament," observes Griggs, "is the county fair, the state fair, the carnival—all rolled into one."

"I think the basketball tournament outruns university events for excitement—so does my staff."

After screaming, yelling, cheering and stomping awhile in the stands, the teenagers—and they occupy most of the arena's 18,023 seats—suddenly discover that they are hungry, and head for one of Griggs' 10 food counters.

Griggs had a crew of 80, most of them university students, on hand today serving hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee, milk, soft drinks, candy,

peanuts—and cigarettes if the customer has a beard.

"If the customer has a beatnik beard," Griggs comments with a grin, "he'd better have some grey in it."

"We feel that we have to keep cigarettes on hand for coaches and other adults. Last year we sold only 1,000 packs. It's just a convenience for the adults."

Griggs says the hunger that afflicts the screaming teenager is an awesome thing. Take hot dogs, for instance. At the 1962 tournament, Griggs' hungry customers consumed some 16,000 hot dogs.

Now the hot dog served over Griggs' counters isn't just an ordinary hot dog. It's a plump, juicy wiener nearly six inches long and an inch in diameter.

Unfortunately, Griggs' hot dogs do not come linked together. If they did, some enterprising students could link Williams arena to the Minneapolis city hall—with hot dogs, end to end.

The menu of the tournament-goers will consist of a total of 16,000 hot dogs, washed down by 10,000 cups of coffee, 8,000 cartons of milk and 32,000 soft drinks. The fans also will consume 10,000 candy bars, 10,000 bags of peanuts, and 18,000 ice cream sticks.

All this, mind you, does not dissuade them from working their way through some 13,000 boxes of popcorn—enough to fill three trucks with the white morsels.

Some Familiar Patterns Seen in State Field

THERE ARE SOME FAMILIAR ASPECTS TO THE state high school tournament field after all.

The return of Bemidji and Austin alone is enough to give it a familiar look. They have played in more tournaments than other schools.

It sounds familiar to hear followers of the high schools say Regions Five and Seven teams rate high.

Cloquet, from Region Seven, is said to be stronger than last year's good team and Bloomington, of Region Five, is typical of teams from this region.

LEADERS MEET EARLY

IT IS A FAVOR TO THE REST of the field that Cloquet and Bloomington face each other in the first round.

Some foresee that as the "championship game."

If it is true, as many say, that Cloquet is Bloomington's strongest opponent in the lower bracket, then it is to Bloomington's advantage to approach this issue in a first-round game. Bloomington will have the advantage of knowing the floor, having played four games there in two weeks, whereas Cloquet may need the first game to get adjusted to huge Williams Arena.

Bloomington may be pleased to get one of the tournament's toughies while fresh since Bloomington's weakness, if any, is that it lacks reserve strength.



CULLUM'S COLUMN
 by Dick Cullum

The Old Gripe: Five Foul Rule Doesn't Belong

IT IS A CONSTANT PUZZLE TO THE LAY OBSERVER to understand how men in the governing position in basketball can watch such an event as the state high school basketball tournament without realizing something should be done with the rules.

Year after year, when the tournament comes to that moment of delightful hysteria in which the two best teams compete for the championship, the final decisive moments of this great game are dominated wholly by the fear of disqualification implanted in the minds of the players,



CULLUM'S COLUMN
 by Dick Cullum

or by actual disqualification of key players.

There should be some other way to settle the championship than by counting the number of fouls on certain players as against the rules which say, "five fouls and out."

There must be more to basketball than that.

There must be some way in which these fine, clean sportsmen can play the game through to the limit of their ability.

But the rules of basketball say, "No."

Marshall Fitting Member of State Champion List

THE 51ST EDITION of the State High School Basketball Tournament has been committed to the archives of memories. Marshall is a very fitting addition to the lore.



BILL HENGEN
Roaming Around

There should be little room for quibbling about the abilities, desires and all-out efforts turned in by both Marshall and the losing Cloquet players. The 75-74 finish was a stem-winder.

There were some points of interest Saturday which are worth reviewing:

- Marshall's decision to play Cloquet at its own game of hustle was a calculated risk. For two previous nights Cloquet had resembled a relay team and the fast pace over three straight games finally provided a miniature crack in the offense which Marshall capitalized upon.
- The shooting was uncanny. Tom Porter and John Nefstead hit for 60 per cent or better for the winners; Dave Meisner and Mike Forrest, at 53 per cent, made it an appropriate last-second finish.
- When it was over, the rebounding abilities of Nefstead, the lone starting senior, became all-important. It was his work under the basket which, as the saying goes, "made all this possible." Like Marshall winning its first basketball title in the school's history.
- The ghost of all tournaments, the shrill sound of a whistle, for a while threatened to haunt the final game. Meisner was handicapped by his fourth foul 17 minutes after the contest started. But Cloquet's 12 missed free throws also hurt.
- The plaudits deservedly go to the winner. Yet with the closeness of the outcome even Marshall would not begrudge the feeling that it was an "either-way" finals.
- The basketball coaching fraternity can embrace the performances by both Ben Trochilil of Cloquet, in his first season as head coach, and Marshall's Glenn Mattke.
- The best summation rests in Trochilil's after-game statement: "We didn't lose, really. I guess Marshall won, but we didn't lose."

Average, good, best

IT NOW MUST be about time to retire the old phrase which is dusted off and used about State tournament time that "this doesn't look like a good tournament."

It is a rare year in which it rings true. Yet the prep playdowns never have been advertised as perfection.

The fact that year after year a game or two is not the best played has little to do with the over-all picture. Take a team of youngsters who are unaccustomed to 18,000-plus screaming fans, a big floor like Williams Arena and the pressure of three straight days of play if fortunate enough to reach the finals and consider the difference in situations.

This is one small vote for the abilities of the players who can take all things considered almost in stride and provide the entertainment that they do.

80 Tense Tourney Cagers Await Gun

Another story on Page 19

Eighty sweaty - palmed young men will face a howling, yowling mob today in the University of Minnesota's Williams arena, but they won't mind it a bit. Indeed, they wouldn't trade the experience for anything.

The 80 are the members of the 8 state tournament basketball teams and the mob they'll face will be made up of some 18,000 shrieking fans, many of whom will be friendly.

The 3-day battle for the state crown got under way at 2 p. m., with Austin facing Marshall. At 3:30 p. m. Anoka and Bemidji will take over. Tonight it will be Bloomington against Cloquet at 7:30 and Wells against Sauk Centre at 9.

What do young basketball players do during the last few hours before they face their opponents and possible elimination before the roaring crowd? Most of them walk.

Some milled about the lobby the Curtis hotel this morning. Others went downtown to see the sights and forget, for the moment at least, about the pressures and tensions that go with a state tourney.

Seven of the 10 Wells players got their baptism to the big show last year and things seemed a trifle more relaxed in their quarters. Center Dick Wanzek was reading the funnies while reserve guard Dave Stussy studied a telegram.



WELLS basketball players Dick Wanzek, left, and Dave Stussy read a telegram from "one of Dave's admirers." —Staff Photo.

he'd received earlier in the morning.

"It's from some girl friend," said Dave's dad, Lloyd Stussy, who happens to be the coach of the Wells team.

"You can say it's from one of Dave's admirers," joked Steve Prescher, who goes into the game "when we need some good, rugged rebounding," according to the senior Stussy.

Perhaps the chief item of

concern was forward Chuck Schultz's health. He has had a cold for three weeks and Stussy called in a doctor to examine Schultz this morning.

As the doctor stuck a thermometer under Schultz's tongue, Prescher said, "If he's got a fever, we'll tell him he'll be tonight."

Schultz didn't have a fever, but even 98.6 would be a heck of a shooting average.

By BILL McGRANE
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

ROCHESTER, Minn.—The word for Austin is "run." Time was when Ove Berven's state tournament-wise packers (this is their 14th appearance as Region One champions under Berven) played a precise game of patterns hubbed around a big man.

That time, in fact, ran 23 straight seasons — and with solid success.

It is significant, then, to consider the 1962-63 Packers, who figure that the best way to get there is on the gallop. Berven's reasons for such a radical style change are as sound as you would expect.

"We don't have the one big man this year. We have a couple of boys with fairly good size (Al Berg and Bruce Miller, both 6-foot-3), but not the big pivotman.

"We also have a couple of good movers at guard (Dave Hartman and Harry Musser). They like to look for the fast break."

The current Packers have to be boldly experimenting with defensive changes. Their regional championship victory over Plainview came a mixture of zone and man-to-man—with far better results from the latter. Also, they play a good press.

Decided on the boards. If Berg and Miller find rebounding room, Austin can run and Berven's fortunes will be decided on the boards.

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By MERRILL SWANSON
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

WORTHINGTON, Minn.—Wells will rely on balance and experience in an effort to improve on its third-place finish in the State Tournament last year.

Coach Lloyd Stussy of the Region Two champions has seven members back from his tournament team of last year.

"Anybody can score," Stussy said. "We can play any offensive or defensive style or pattern. We have pretty good height (only one starter stands less than six feet) and we are reasonably strong on rebounds."

Wells' tournament squad will be made up of starters Tom Schultz, 6-0; Chuck Schultz, 5-11; Richard Wanzek, 6-4; Alan Redman, 6-1 and Gary Feist, 6-2, plus reserves Mike Miller, 6-1; Dave Stussy, 5-8½; Steve Alger, 5-11; Larry Sonnek, 6-1; Gary Whitcomb, 6-0; Greg Alger, 5-4, and Steve Prescher, 6-3.

Here is Stussy's appraisal of his starters:

Alan Redman, guard — "He can do it all, even play center. He was a center on the sophomore team. Offensively he can shoot long, drive and rebound; and he's a standout defensive player as well as the team leader."

Tom Schultz, guard — "He's got good hands, which makes him a good playmaker and fine shot. He can shoot from any place, and fool a lot of people with his passing."

Richard Wanzek, center — "He plays good defense for a tall kid. He's an all-around basketball player who can score if we need him to. He has good speed, is a high jumper in track."

Chuck Schultz, forward — "Even though he's not too tall, he's a good, strong rebounder. He also has a good shot."

Gary Feist, forward — "He's fast for a big kid, and uses his size well for rebounding. He can shoot if we need him to."

By DWAYNE NETLAND
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

You'll get a kick out of watching Anoka in the state tournament this week.

It plays basketball the way the purists meant the game to be played — setting up plays with a deliberate offense, sticking close to the other fellow in a man-to-man defense and pursuing every rebound as though the final score hinged on possession.

THIS IS NOT to imply the Tornados are a super team. They lack an individual who can hit 20 points consistently, and at times they appear to dip into some unexplainable trance for several minutes.

"I don't know if it is inconsistency," offered coach Bill Wanamaker, "or the belief we can't seem to play well unless the game is close. We went through some bad periods in both our Region Four victories — bad enough to nearly cost us the game."

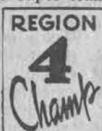
For all that, however, Anoka is a pleasure to watch. It is a well-balanced team, illustrated by the fact that every player led the team in scoring at least three times this season. It can run if the opening develops, or play a controlled offense.

"DEFENSE IS really our strong point," says Wanamaker, who has won the district and one regional title in his four years as head coach. "I thought we played well defensively all season."

Forwards Jerry Hayes (6-foot-1) and Phil Johnson (6-4) are good shots from anywhere within range. Center Tom Erickson (6-4) is a hard working, able rebounder who also can score. Guard Bill Erickson (6-1) is a fine playmaker and shot, while the other guard, 6-1 Rich Syring, contributed one clutch basket after another in the regional tournament. Hayes is the leading scorer with a 12-point average. Syring has averaged 11.

Anoka's record is 18-6, including six tournament victories.

SIZEUPS OF REGIONAL CHAMPS



State Cage Tourney Field Completed

By TED PETERSON
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

Cloquet, Bloomington, Marshall, Sauk Centre and Bemidji flashed to regional basketball championships Saturday night, to complete the field of eight teams to play for the title in the 51st annual State High School Tournament in Williams Arena, starting Thursday.

Qualifying as the Region Seven champion for a second straight year, Cloquet's smaller, fast-moving cagers subdued Chisago City at Hibbing 83-56. That decision also erased the last undefeated team in the state, with the Chisago City string snapped at 21 in a row.

Bloomington's Lake Conference champions added the Region Five title at Williams Arena, but not until after getting a huge scare in edging underdog Delano 42-40. It is the first time a Bloomington team has qualified for the State Tourney.

Returning to the State Tourney after an absence of 21 years will be Marshall as it collected the Region Three crown at Gustavus Adolphus college with a 52-47 triumph over strong Granite Falls.

Sauk Centre is the Region Six champion after jolting Wheaton 59-48 in Region Six play at Concordia college at Moorhead.

Back after a year's absence is another familiar State Tourney figure, Bemidji, which roared to the Region Eight championship at the University of North Dakota with a 73-57 Thief River Falls.

Wells, another of last year's State Tourney entries, Austin and Anoka

won regional titles earlier in the week. A duel between Austin and Marshall opens the state meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, with Anoka and Bemidji clashing at 3:30 p.m. Bloomington and Cloquet match baskets at 7:30 p.m., and Wells and Sauk Centre follow to complete the first round.

Bloomington (42)		Delano (40)	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Ottendahl 7	13	Janicula 5	13
Yager 4	11	Gallus 0	0
Loft 3	0	Raskop 3	1
Kelly 4	0	Ditty 7	4
Dover 1	2	Kuklok 1	0
		Fink 1	0
Totals 19	49	Totals 17	64
Bloomington	14	11	5
Delano	8	13	11

Sauk Centre (59)		Wheaton (48)	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Schmitt 6	3	Kentz 4	0
De Sch'ke 0	0	Riddle 0	0
Deerman 0	0	Fabel 2	0
Trafna 2	4	Moser 0	0
Hentz 0	0	Schultz 5	2
Michels 3	0	Boe 5	0
De Sch'ke 1	2	Satter 0	0
Neal 2	8	Hennen 6	2
Moyer 0	1	Hoffman 0	0
Gilbert 4	2	Hoffman 0	0
Ripka 0	0	Totals 22	46
Totals 20	19	Totals 19	59
Sauk Centre	10	8	19
Wheaton	10	18	6

Chisago City (56)		Cloquet (83)	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Munton 7	4	Forrest 7	3
Frierson 0	4	Walton 6	5
Peterson 6	5	Brithbarth 2	1
Buckner 6	3	Hunter 1	1
B'kocky 0	2	Boyer 7	4
Gibson 1	0	Nerosus 0	2
Giese 0	5	Meisner 6	2
Stone 1	0	Gilde'ster 2	4
		Manson 1	0
		Zelen 0	0
Totals 17	22	Totals 22	48
Chisago City	9	21	13
Cloquet	26	24	12

Marshall (52)		Granite Falls (47)	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Nefstead 6	3	Berg 5	3
Schroeder 6	2	Haugland 9	2
McDonald 0	1	Cole 3	4
Webb 0	1	Home 0	0
Porter 5	8	Lundell 2	0
Johnson 1	1	Knaudson 0	4
		Minelli 0	1
Totals 18	16	Totals 19	19
Marshall	15	9	15
Granite Falls	12	14	8

Bemidji (73)		Thief River Falls (57)	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Suman 8	12	Klungness 4	0
Warford 4	7	Olsen 6	4
Rabe 3	1	Lindberg 4	4
Agator 3	1	Aune 3	2
Hanson 3	2	Jensen 2	0
Dow 2	4	Lorenson 1	0
D. Farrier 0	0	Nelson 1	0
Johnson 0	0	Anderson 2	2
Totals 23	27	Totals 23	22
Bemidji	21	17	18
Thief River Falls	17	20	8

2:00 P.M.

AUSTIN (Region One)

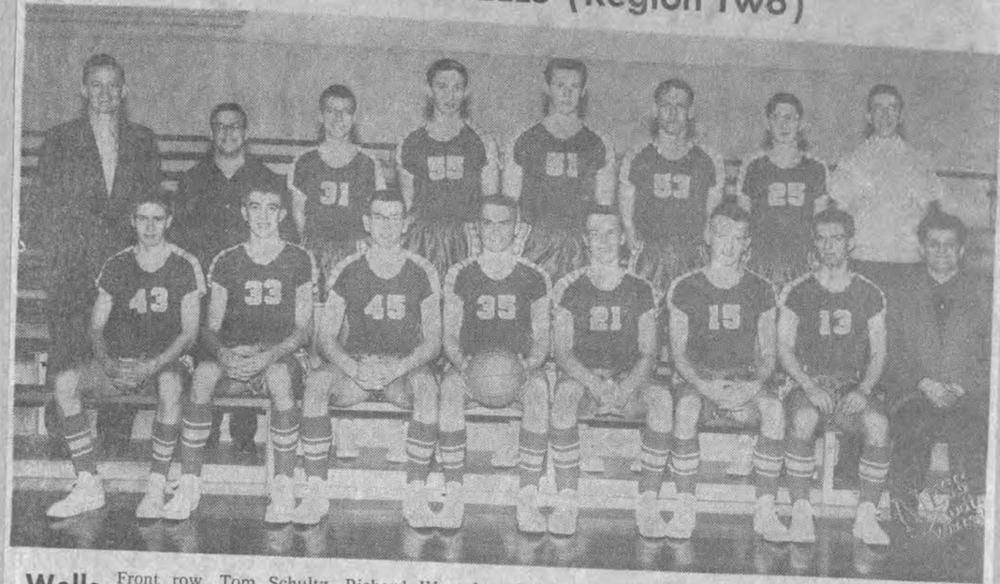


Austin Front row, left to right, Harry Musser, Dave Hartman, Wally Osterholt, Mike House, Tom Nelson and Charlie Granholm; back row, Richard War-

manen, manager; Richard Yonke, Bruce Miller, John Baudler, Al Berg, Steve Schmitt, Tom Grimley and Bill Orcutt.

9:00 P.M.

WELLS (Region Two)



Wells Front row, Tom Schultz, Richard Wanzek, Gary Feist, Alan Redman, Mike Miller, Charles Schultz, Dave Stussy and coach Lloyd Stussy; back row, assistant coach Wayne Unke, manager Charles

Loegering, Greg Alger, Larry Sonnek, Steve Prescher, Gary Whitcomb, Steve Alger, and manager Donald Saucke.

vs.

MARSHALL (Region Three)



Marshall Front row, left to right, Dan Simpson, Coach Glenn Mattke, Larry Drager, Jay Wilttrout; back row, Brian Murphy, John Kirscht, Marion

Paradis, John Nefstead, Dave Webb, Sandy MacDonald, Dennis Schroeder, Dick Larson, Terry Porter, Daryl Otten, Loren Johnson and Dave Markell.

vs.

SAUK CENTRE (Region Six)

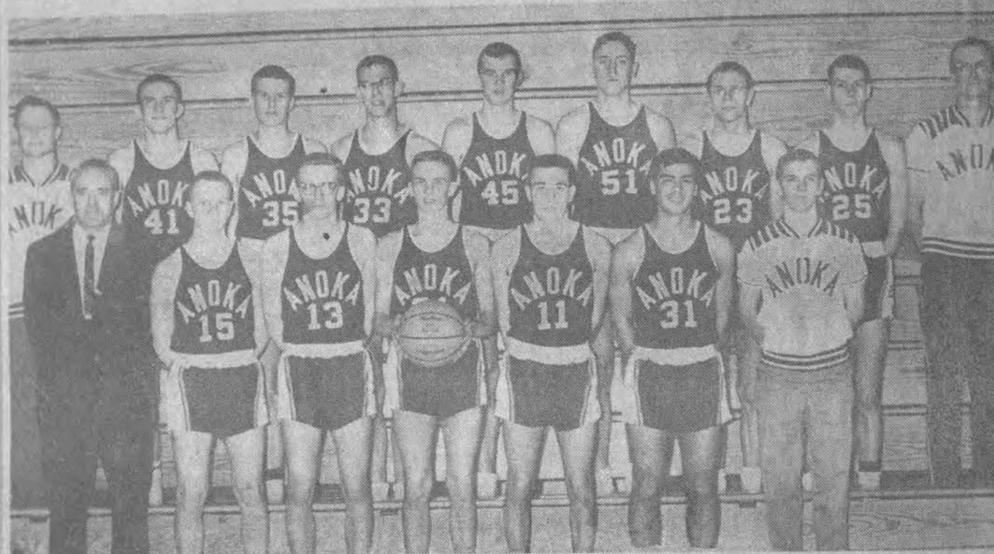


Sauk Centre Front row, manager Ken Borgmann, Jim Ripka, Tom Kane, Gary Gilbert, Bill Henry, Tom Mayer, David Determan and Sam Weisser; back row, Dave Schwanke, Tom Trutna,

Allen Mickelson, assistant coach Harry Hanson, Coach Bill Selisker, Joe Schmiesing, Don Schwanke and Dick Neal.

3:30 P.M.

ANOKA (Region Four)

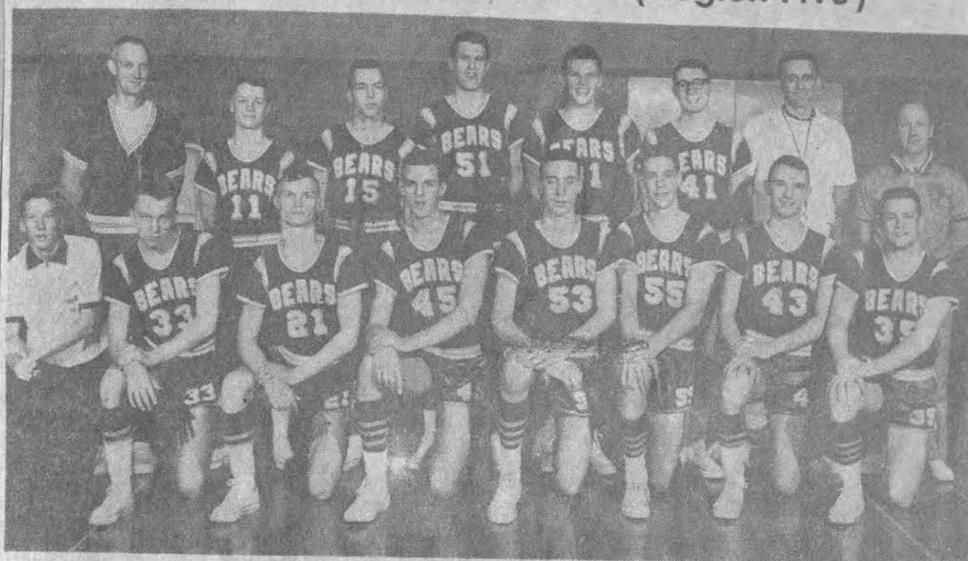


Anoka Front row, left to right, athletic director Jack Campbell, Rod Alferness, Ron Peterson, Jay Wellberg, Larry Vetsch, Robert Fenwick and Manager Dave Brock; back row, Coach William Wanamaker.

Bill Erickson, Rod Tooley, Jim Tobin, Phil Johnson, Tom Erickson, Jerry Hayes, Dick Syring and assistant coach Gordon Nelson.

7:30 P.M.

BLOOMINGTON (Region Five)

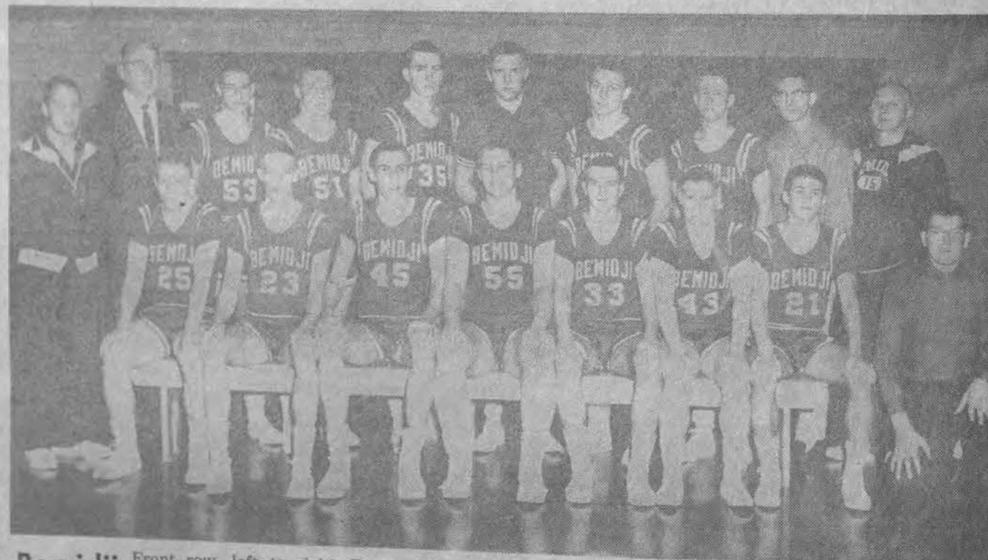


Bloomington Front row, left to right, Manager Tom Ochs, Steve Robey, Jim Kelly, Robin Carlson, Ron Hubbs, Bob Kerr, Mike Thorson,

Jon Soucek; back row, Coach Don Snyder, Robert Kelly, John Dover, Ken Last, Tom Otterdahl, Joe Yager, assistant coaches D. L. Smith and Charles Nelson.

vs.

BEMIDJI (Region Eight)

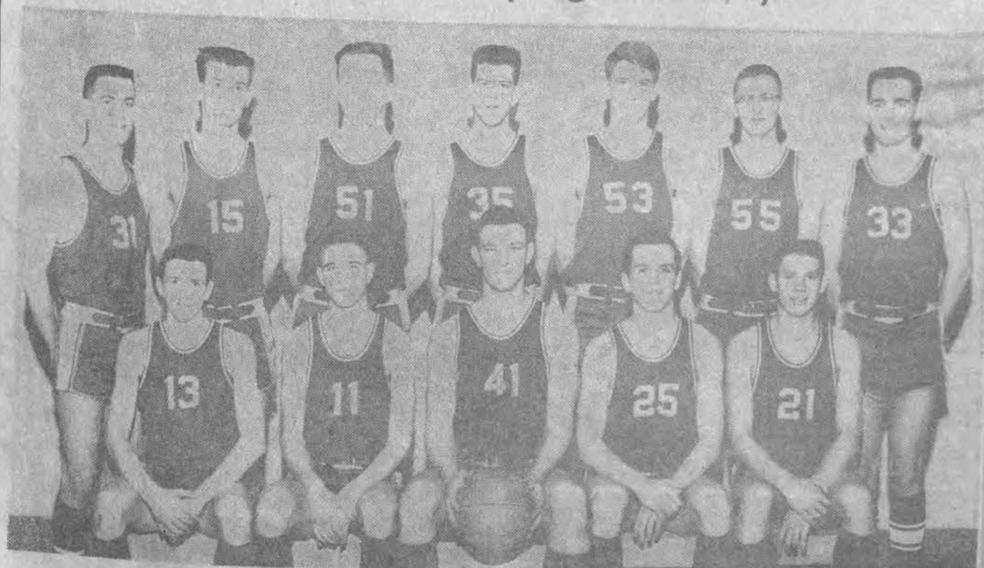


Bemidji Front row, left to right, Roger Johnson, John Warford, Gerry Suman, Bill Rabe, John Dow, Marvin Hanson, Dennis Aguiar and Jeff Musberger; back row, assistant coach Jack Luoma,

athletic director K. W. Wilson, Bob Saeger, Bob Fortier, Dennis Burgess, Howard Hoganson, Dick Fortier, Wally Peterson, manager Darrell Heggie and Coach Clarence Fortier.

vs.

CLOQUET (Region Seven)



Cloquet Front row, Dave Meisner, Richard Boyer, Dennis Breitbarth, Mike Forrest and Gary Welton; back row, Steve Mangan, Tom Price, Jay Gilde-

meister, Keith Hunter, Bill Noreus, Bill Erickson and Craig Zeien.



Main St. Scene Marshall assistant coach George Korver (left) chats downtown with Tiger cagers Dennis Schroeder and Sandy MacDonald. The athletes were the toasts of the town after winning the Region Three title for the first time in 21 years.



Canine Fan Even the dogs are fans in Marshall. Nancy Waller holds a pooch named "Willie." Players, left to right, are Brian Murphy, Dave Webb and Butch Otten. At right is student manager Dan Simpson.



Look Pretty! A camera and a chance to see their teammates photographed at the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce luncheon for the state high school tournament basketball teams, brought together Tom Otterdahl of Bloomington, left, and Dave Meisner of Cloquet. They'll be opponents in the 7:30 clash tonight at Williams Arena.



CLOQUET ACES. Forward Mike Forrest, left, and guard Dave (Mouse) Meisner will be in Cloquet's starting lineup tonight when the Lumberjacks face the Bloomington Bears at 7:30 p. m. in a first-round state tournament cage game at Williams arena. Forrest is an all-state football player while Meisner made the all-state cage team a year ago.—Staff Photo by Don Spavin.

Bloomington Must Slow Cloquet

Winner May Be State Champ

By KEN MURPHY
Staff Writer

Can Bloomington hold its poise against Cloquet's tremendous pressing pressures and fast break?

Can Sauk Centre overcome Wells' experience, speed and shooting with its slower, set style of action?

Close to 19,000 fans will be in Williams Arena tonight to get the answers as the first round of the Minnesota high school basketball championship tournament winds up.

Bloomington and Cloquet clash at 7:30 p. m. in a game already tabbed in some quarters as the first round "title game" and Wells meets Sauk Centre at 9 p. m.

Bloomington's pressure-defying specialists, who have grabbed most of the close ones all season, will depend upon rebounding and pattern basketball to hold the clawing, pressing, smaller Cloquet team at bay.

Rated the No. 1 team in the state by the sports writers, Bloomington puts a 20-game winning streak and a 22-2 record on the line as it attempts to uphold the prestige of the Lake conference and Region 5, a region which has won 4 of the last 11 championships and 12 titles since this tournament began in 1913.

Cloquet, which scoffs at a foe's height edge, has been called the fastest team ever to come into the state. The rebounds it misses because lack of size are offset by steals on dribbles, pass interceptions and just by knocking the ball away.

Wells, a veteran team which started well, slumped and recovered at the right time to hit a peak for tournament play and Sauk Centre are well matched in height.

Coach Lloyd Stussy's Wells quintet is back with four of five starters from a year ago, including Alan Redman, who played well enough to gain all-state honors.

Sauk Centre has a star in Joe Schmiesing, a 6-3 scorer, who forms the core of that team's attack and one who handles much of his team's rebounding. The Mainstreeters have made a habit in recent games of pulling them out with breath-taking rallies after falling well behind.

Today's winners meet Friday at 7:30 and 9 p. m. in the semifinals and today's losers meet Friday at 2 and 3:30 p. m. in the consolation round. The consolation game will be played Saturday at 6 p. m., the third place game is set for 7:30 p. m. and the championship at 9 p. m.



TONIGHT'S PIVOTMEN. Dennis Breitbarth, left, Cloquet's 6-1 senior center, looks over three other pivotmen—all of whom stand 6-4—at Wednesday's state cage meet luncheon in Minneapolis. The others are Wanzek and Mickelson face each other at 9.—Staff Photo.

Rebounding Artists in Personal Duels—

Centers Key Men in Tonight's Tilts

By GLENN REDMANN
Staff Writer

There have been occasions this high school basketball season when the starting centers of Bloomington, Cloquet, Sauk Centre and Wells have had to take back seats offensively to teammates of much smaller stature.

The players in question are Kent Last of Bloomington, Dennis Breitbarth of Cloquet, Alan Mickelson of Sauk Centre and Dick Wanzek of Wells.

But tonight, the stakes will be higher than they have been, and it is a good bet that the quartet of pivotmen will play key roles as they attempt to lead their respective teams into Friday's semi-finals.

Breitbarth, a 6-1 senior who saw considerable tournament action for Cloquet last year, tangles with the 6-4 Last in tonight's 7:30 p. m. tilt in Williams arena.

Wanzek and Mickelson come to grips at 9. Both are 6-4 seniors. Wanzek, like Breitbarth, played in last year's tournament as an alternate with Gary Feist.

A prime example of Breitbarth playing second fiddle came in the Lumberjacks' 83-56 victory over Chisago City last Saturday for the Region 7 title.

In that contest, the husky rebounding specialist scored only five points while Mike Forrest, Dick Boyer, Gary Welton and Dave Meisner—all smaller—tallied in double figures.

"That's a case of statistics not telling the true story," said Breitbarth's coach, Ben Trochilil. "Dennis did a tremendous job on the boards for us and without him, our little guys wouldn't have gotten off half their shots."

Mickelson's coach, ex-Hamline and St. Cloud State cager Bill Selisker, echoes Trochilil's words when he talks of red-haired Alan. "Joe Schmeising and Dick Neal may score more than Mickelson," said Bill, "but Alan makes up for his lack of scoring by being a top-notch rebounder."

The crew-cut Wanzek has been one of

Wells' hardest workers, according to veteran coach Lloyd Stussy.

Dick, a slender, crew-cut 185-pounder, and Feist, his 6-2 alternative, have naturally played in the shadow of Wells' ace forward Alan Redman, who has averaged over 20 points per game.

"Wanzek and Feist have done a good, all-around job for us," said Stussy. "They are steady players who have enough experience to size up a situation pretty well and play accordingly. Rarely do either of them play a poor game."

Bloomington coach Don Snyder gave Last quite a send off at Wednesday's pre-tourney luncheon. "You'll see a lot of this boy during the tournament," said Snyder. "He has played a lot of basketball for us this season."

While Don admitted that all too often Last has been overshadowed by the play of 6-2 Tom Otterdahl, 6-0 Joe Yager and 5-7 Bob Kelly, he also pointed out that these same players consider husky Ken to be the key man to their successes.

'Serious' Cloquet Has Job to Be Done: 'Beat Bloomington'

By TED PETERSON
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

There is a big difference that should be considered in measuring the title chances of the Wells and Cloquet teams which make a second straight appearance in the state high school basketball tournament opening Thursday in Williams Arena.

That would be revealed in almost identical statements Tuesday by coaches Ben Trochilil of Cloquet and Lloyd Stussy of Wells.

"LAST YEAR," says Trochilil, "it was a big thrill for the boys just to get to the state tournament. They're glad to be back, of course, but this time it's all serious business with a job to be done—beat Bloomington."

"There's not quite the excitement there was a year ago," Stussy said. "That doesn't mean the desire isn't there—because it is. Things are more serious for the team. Their determination to make a better showing starts off with Sauk Centre."

Last year Cloquet lost out in the first round to South St. Paul and from there went on to win the consolation title. Wells bowed to South St. Paul in the semifinals and then defeated Danube for third place.

Both Wells and Cloquet are in the bottom bracket,

which plays Thursday night. Cloquet meets Bloomington at 7:30, with Wells and Sauk Centre following.

THE TOURNAMENT gets underway with the Austin-Marshall match at 2 p.m., and Anoka and Bemidji tangle at 3:30 p.m.

Trochilil might have touched on the entire theme for the state tournament when he said, "You can bet your bottom dollar we're going to run. Both the fast break and the press have worked well for us all season and we'll stick with it."

Such teams as Bemidji, Anoka, Bloomington and Sauk Centre favor a deliberate offensive pattern. Wells does, too, but is quick to move into both the fast break and press as are Marshall, Austin, and Cloquet.

It is quite possible that Cloquet is in the tournament with the best shooting percentage, in excess of 50 per cent for its five regulars.

While Cloquet won't start anyone over 6-foot-1, it has some tall performers on the bench in Bill Noreus and Keith Hunter, both 6-4, and Bill Erickson and Jay Gilmeister, both 6-3.

BLOOMINGTON has 6-4 Ken Last and 6-1 Mike Thorson in the starting lineup, but it has Robin Carlson and Robert Kerr, both 6-6, and

Roger Hubbs, 6-5, on the bench.

Marshall will be at a decided height disadvantage against Austin with Sandy McDonald at center being 6-2½ and John Nefstad (6-1) and Dennis Schroeder (6-2) at the forwards. The Austin front line will have Bruce Miller and Al Berg, both 6-4 and Wally Osterholt, 6.

Bemidji and Anoka will be well matched in height. Bill Rabe and Jerry Suman of Bemidji both are 6-4. That's the height of two Anoka starters, too, Phil Johnson and Tom Erickson. In the other positions Anoka is taller.

SAUK CENTRE will have a bigger front line than Wells with Allen Mickelson, 6-4, at center and Joe Schmeising, 6-3, and Tom Trutna, 6-2, at forwards. The Schwanke twins, both 6-1, also are likely to see considerable tourney action for Sauk Centre.

Richard Wanzek is tallest of the Wells cagers at 6-4 with Gary Feist and Alan Redman standing 6-2 and 6-1, respectively.

Basketball Supplants Sinclair Lewis in Sauk Centre

By JIM KLOBUCHAR
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SAUK CENTRE, Minn. — It is a safe assumption that Sauk Centre has made its peace with Sinclair Lewis.

If you want evidence you might stand in a downtown intersection in a tourist's stance and regard billboard-size street signs, in gleaming kelly green, identifying the corner of Original Main Street and Sinclair Lewis Ave.

If you did it Sunday afternoon, though, you would have been

smacked by a firetruck leading a triumphant caravan that escorted the Region Six basketball champions back to Gopher Prairie.

"The town," cracked Sauk Centre's droll young athletic director, Dick Schmitz, "is branching out. For the last few years we had two main industries, dairy farming and Sinclair Lewis."

"We have now diversified and added basketball as our third industry."

Except that today, on the eve of Sauk Centre's second State Tourna-

ment appearance in three years, it ranks first without dissent.

The community long since has recovered from the literary dissection the late author performed decades ago, regards it now with rolling good humor, commercial interest and a left-handed civic pride.

But its most affectionate pride today is reserved for a quiet farmboy named Joe Schmeising, a plucky accident victim named Tom Trutna, a 27-year-old coach and the rest of a basketball team which Schmitz warmly characterized this way:

"We're just as clumsy as two years ago, but just as bruising and just as stubborn."

Clumsy? Well, it was a deliberate exaggeration. It was meant to say a team does not have to win ribbons for finesse, to dazzle an opponent with fancy steps, to be a winner.

It might not have surprised the old Bernie Bierman crony, Dal Ward, for example, to hear that Schmeising headed for his milking chores on the family farm Sunday afternoon not long after the victory celebration.

Schmeising is a powerful 6-foot-3 athlete who is being vigorously sought

by the University of Minnesota and other schools as a football lineman.

"He's one of the few left," said Ward—now talent hunting for Colorado—"who still shows you humility and common sense when he's being chased by scouts."

For lean Tom Trutna, his role as a starting forward against Wells today cannot help but recall the week two years ago when he attended the team as a student manager—his basketball career scarred by an accident.

The boy suffered a fractured pelvis when he fell from a wagon-load of corn and was run over.

"He wouldn't quit," said crew-cut Bill Selisker, the Mainstreeter coach. "When a boy overcomes something like that because he's got the will to do it, you know you can depend on him. And we do."

Is Sauk Centre still the typical small town of mid-America? When it raises a basketball team that has the courage to win a triple overtime in the district tournament after having apparent victory snatched away twice by last second baskets, or wins a regional title after trailing by 12 points in the third quarter, you can judge the testimony for yourself.



iggles Over a Malt It was a panic when Sauk Centre coeds congregated at the Theater Cafe over the inevitable malted milk balls. From left are Susan Berscheit, 16, Geraldine Hinnenkamp, 14, and Gayle Fuchs, 15.



Better Than Fiction Beneath the familiar street signs that identify Sauk Centre as a museum piece of American literature, Mayor Ed Gebeke (left) congratulates coach Bill Selisker and player Tom Kane. Young Kane is distantly related to the late Sinclair Lewis, who used Sauk Centre as the setting for his novel, "Main Street."

Town Spirit in Wells Flows Deep But Doesn't Bubble Over

By MERRILL SWANSON
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

WELLS, Minn.—Wells accepted its second straight entry into the state high school basketball tournament with cosmopolitan restraint unique for a community of less than 3,000 people.

It was a "we've been there before" attitude,

steeped heavily with determination, and it drew praise from a man who is a fine judge of athletic psychology.

"It's a good thing," said football coach John Drugg. "Last year everybody was up on a cloud after we won the Region title. I think the team felt it, and might have been overly excited."

"But this year everybody

has their feet on the ground—and that seems to be the attitude of the team."

This town reaction is doubly important in Wells, because athletics is a community endeavor. Not only is everybody a fan, but each does his part.

One farmer, for example, traveled over 200 miles to "scout" a team Wells was

to play the next weekend. And the American Legion provides rides home for athletes after practice.

"It was tough for the kids to get home—particularly the ones who lived on farms," said Legion club manager Howard Gottberg.

"So about 20 or 30 fellows donated their time and their cars to get the athletes home after prac-

tice. It's not much, but we like to feel we're doing our part."

And Wells, of course, backs its team with fan support.

"Last year during state tournament time we had trouble keeping enough firemen in town," said blacksmith Dick Clark. "I'm sure we'll have the same trouble this year."

Clark played basketball for Wells under coach Lloyd Stussy, and spoke for the entire community when he said, "We're plenty proud of Stussy. They call him the fox around here, and it fits."

"He made his mistakes, but he learned from them. Now he's always working during the game to correct

the mistakes the players make. This is a good basketball team with good teamwork."

That "teamwork," Gottberg said, has had an effect on the community.

"Stussy teaches sportsmanship as well as basketball," he explained. "I think the team shows both when its playing, and the

town seems to follow the example.

"I think we're a better community because of our athletic teams."

(OTHER PREP Tourney Stories: FORTIER Slaps Critics of State's Cagers; DELANO Scare Could Help Bloomington — both on Page 28).

Wells Starters 'Read All About It'



Region Two champions, from left, Alan Redman, Chuck Schultz, Dick Wanzek, Gary Feist, Tom Schultz

Region Trophy Inspection



Minneapolis Tribune Photos by Merrill Swanson
LARRY SONNEK, LEFT, MIKE MILLER INSPECT W. R. VOGELSANG'S POLISH JOB
Vogelsang said, 'I've been cleaning up after athletes for 21 years'

THAN AT HOME'

Bad Weather Greeted Bemidji

Bemidji residents are rather accustomed to ideal winter conditions.

Coach Ben Fortier figured he had a complaint when he pulled into Bemidji on Tuesday afternoon.

Last weekend we ran into a terrific storm during the regional tournament in Grand Forks. When we headed for Bemidji, we figured we'd run into a snow storm.

The team had a short practice at Bemidji High School in the early morning. Fortier said his boys were in good luck.

They were to the tournament opening

Thursday at Williams Arena, Fortier said, "We're the only team here from Region Eight. We hope to be a good representative."

One other team, Marshall of Region Three, arrived at 7:30 p.m. after a treacherous five hours in making the 160-mile trip.

With no chance to practice Tuesday, Coach Glenn Mattke put his team through a chalk talk session in mapping strategy for the tourney opener against Austin at 2 p.m. Thursday.

"We figure it will be a real good game with the winner naturally the team that plays the best ball. We just love being here and we hope to make the most of it."



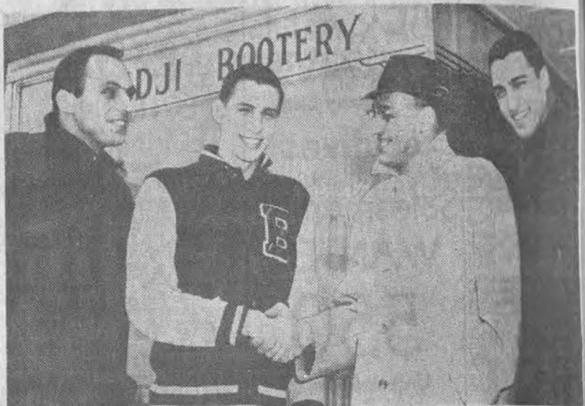
Photos by Mike Lien, Red River Scene

Sure-Handed Joe Sauk Centre basketball star Joe Schmiesing performs expertly on the family farm while older brother Izzy kibitzes. Izzy played in the state tournament with Sauk Centre two years ago and helped win a share of the Northern State Conference title for St. Cloud State this season.

MEET BEMIDJI'S REGION 8 CHAMPS



TAKING timeout following the busy regional weekend for refreshments at Paul's Pantry, where waitress Gloria Quern served them, are Lumberjacks cagers from left to right: center Bill Rabe, Bob Fortier and Wally Peterson reserve guards and John Dow the front line first reserve.



GERRY SUMAN comes by his 6-foot-5 height naturally. Here he is being congratulated by his father Joe Suman Sr., who runs a shoe store in Bemidji where Gerry, second from the left works in his spare time. On the left is brother Joe who played on the Lumberjack team back with Ray Cronk in 1956-57. Joe still holds the Bemidji State one year scoring record of 408 points. On the right is Dave Suman who was the sixth man on the 'Jacks 1959 team.



MARV HANSON, pictured on the right, stopped by the Beltrami County jail Sunday to visit his parents who are attending the jail while Sheriff John Cahill is on vacation. Marv's dad, Willie Hanson, is a deputy sheriff and he along with Mrs. Hanson miss very few ball games unless duty calls. They can't get down for the state tourney but have their TV set geared up. Also pictured on the left is Bob Saeger a sophomore and John Warford in the middle. Bemidji Coach Bun Fortier rates Warford and Hanson as two of the 'Jacks most improved players. Neither had a steady starting job until about a month ago. Warford is the squad's defensive ace.



BEMIDJI'S LUMBERJACKS HEAD DOWN BELTRAMI AVENUE IN THEIR HOME TOWN BEFORE TAKING OFF FOR STATE TOURNEY
 L-R: Jeff Musbrugger, Wally Peterson, Dick Fortier, Bob Fortier, John Warford, Manager Darrell Heggie, John Dow, Roger Hanson, Bob Saeger, Gerry Suman, Bill Rabe, Dennis Burgess, Denny Aguiar, Marv Hanson
 More Bemidji photos — page 11F.

Proud Bemidji Lets Cagers' Record Talk for Team

the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Minn.—The region who used to Bemidji Coach Bun Fortier for his pre-game routine merrily admitted he was wrong Wednesday.

fan's prerogative, questioned Fortier's practice of by-passing squad free throw warmups just before the game.

Against Thief River Falls in the Region 8 title game last Saturday, Bemidji hit 27 for 33 for the foul line.

Caulfield promptly recanted.

This is the town where

the long, harsh winter is soothed by warm anticipations of another Bemidji appearance in the state tournament.

And yet Bemidji's almost automatic tours to Williams Arena have spawned basketball-loving townspeople here. Bemidji is proud of its record, but not blustery about it—and it resents the suggestion that

competition in its region is less than robust.

The Bemidji rebuttal to that is simply to ask for an honest examination of its team's state tournament performance.

The point is pretty well taken. No matter what its eventual fate, Bemidji usually floors a state tournament team that is smartly-drilled, disciplined and

unflustered.

It is a reasonable bet that the team Fortier sends against Anoka Thursday afternoon will impress state tournament thousands that way.

"We've been through enough state tournaments to know that these things are unpredictable," said city postmaster Art Breen. "But I think this is a Be-

midji team that could go all the way. Bun Fortier has done one of his best jobs this year in bringing his squad to a tournament peak."

Fortier has put more talented groups into the state tournament, but few if any could match his 1963 team's defensive tenacity.

Thirteen times this season Bemidji limited opponents to 40 points or less. Only five opponents in 23 (Bemidji won 20) went over 50 points.

It's scoring ringmaster is the 6-foot-4 Gerry Suman, a calm, thoughtful veteran just turned 17, who leads by performance.

"I think there is something to this matter of pride in Bemidji's record," he said.

"I think most of the kids are conscious of it. But it's something you feel rather than talk about."

The record does the talking. Bemidji is in the state tournament for the 22nd time.

And it has to apologize to nobody for being there.



Flagged Down That pennant held by Gerry Suman of Bemidji isn't the only souvenir that school's team hopes to pick up in the state basketball tournament opening today at Williams Arena.

And willing listeners to such a suggestion at the civic welcoming luncheon at Capp Towers hotel Wednesday were, left to right, Bill Rabe, Dennis Aguiar and Marv Hanson.



HERE is a coach's dream. Bemidji Coach Bun Fortier is shown with his identical twins Bob and Dick. Both boys played regularly on the undefeated football team last fall. Bob on the left is a 197-pound guard while Dick on the right quarterbacked the team. Both are sophomores who will be heard from on the cage court also. Dick is the third guard while Bob is a front line reserve.

Ready or Not,

State Tourney Opens Today

Bloomington Coach Glum

By TED PETERSON
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

Reactions of the coaches of the eight teams participating in the 51st annual State High School Basketball Tournament opening today in Williams Arena ran the gamut of everything from "tongue-in-cheek" pessimism to effervescent optimism Wednesday.

Most pessimistic was Don Snyder of Bloomington, who has been vociferous for weeks in striving to shake off a label as the state title favorite. At the other extreme was smiling Bill Wanamaker of Anoka, a relative neophyte in state coaching ranks who was completely enthused over his team's chances.

BUT NONE COULD leave anything less than an impression they had high hopes of pulling through today's first round of play that starts with Austin and Marshall at 2 p.m.

Anoka and Bemidji will be matching shots at 3:30 p.m., with Cloquet and Bloomington dueling at 7:30 p.m., following which the Sauk Centre, Wells contest completes the first day of play.

"We're scared to death," said Snyder. "Cloquet is the quickest, fastest five man team, plus three reserves, coming out of the north country in 25 years. I'll pick Cloquet by 15 points and hope it isn't more. They just overpower you—run you right back into the locker room. But we'll show up."

The personable, poised Wanamaker in speaking of his Anoka team said, "You know we have worn a 'dark moice' label in at least the last five of our games and we're still in there. So look out for Anoka. Bemidji has a real fine team, but we think we can go all the way... if we play good ball, of course."

OVE BERVEN of Austin, bringing a team into the state tournament for the 14th time in the 24 years he has been at that school, had an interesting observation.

PARK'S HOLM Upper Bracket Strong

By JIM BYRNE
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

Lloyd Holm coached St. Louis Park to the State High School Basketball Tournament championship last year.

He's had a close eye on the state situation this season.

After studying his reports from all sections of the state he sees "a well balanced field with four very strong teams in the upper bracket."

"I have reports from friends in the Duluth, St. James and Marshall areas," Holm said today. "They all say the teams from those areas are strong."

These observers have seen Austin, Wells, Cloquet, Bemidji, Marshall and Sauk Center in action.

"Cloquet has the press and Sauk Center and Bloomington have good height," said Holm. "Bloomington goes into the tournament with two losses, the same as we did last year."

"I know Wells and Austin have good teams. I haven't had a chance to see Anoka."

Holm also coached Duluth Denfeld to the state title in 1947. Thus, Holm knows well the day by day general programs the coaches and teams entered in the state tournaments—set up.

LAN AHEAD No Frenzy in Confident Cloquet

JACK CONNOR
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

Cloquet's 9,013 citizens naturally proud of their Seven high school

basketball regions. The hon-linger wates to a te of their member- were the state tournament

year, so the experience of novel. There were cards in windows or ers across streets Sun- after the team re- from Hibbing, where it won the crown with an 83-

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56 shellacking of Chisgo City.

An estimated 2,000 Cloquet followers, however, caravanned to Hibbing to "wish along" Coach Ben Trochllil's charges. As many as can get tickets will journey to Minneapolis for the state tourney opening Thursday.

"We're so confident we

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phoned a Minneapolis hotel last Saturday and made our reservations," said the mother of Mike Forrest, the Lumberjacks' 5-11 leading scorer.

"And if I look like a raccoon, with rings around my eyes, it's because we haven't been able to sleep nights around here," she added.

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John Boyer, father of Dick, who led Cloquet's scoring with 18 points in the region final, said, "I fed him a steak today. But if we win in Minneapolis I'll buy the whole team steaks."

Gary Welton, 5-10 guard who had 17 points Saturday night, was eating cake Sunday. It was his girl

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friend's birthday and Marlene Trettel was sparing no effort to fete him.

Coach Trochllil probably will carry his good luck piece to the tourney—a hand-carved hand-painted wooden lumberjack with axe in hand. It's the gift of Pete Trygg, manager of lumber at a match manufacturing plant in Cloquet.

Trochllil admitted he wasn't certain he could win a berth in the state tourney until the 23-point victory in mid-season in the first game with Duluth Central.

"We were stuttering up to then," he said. "I feel that was the turning point."

His two tallest boys on the team are reserves, Jay Gildemeister at 6-3 and Keith Hunter at 6-4. "So we're not helpless for bench strength," Trochllil observed.

Cloquet's No. 1 fan, "Peanuts" Holmberg, will be on hand to root for his boys Thursday when the Lumberjacks open against Bloomington in the state tourney.

Before Saturday's Region 7 final against Chisago City, he predicted a victory by 81-53. The actual score of 83-56 was close enough.

So far this season Holmberg has never missed a Cloquet game. For his support the team got together recently and presented him with a plaque.

"We've got good morale," says Coach Trochllil. The opener against Bloomington? "We take 'em as they come, tough or easy."

"If hard running and good scoring balance can win, you've got to rate us a chance," he concluded.

CLOQUET TAKES VICTORY IN STRIDE



COACH BEN TROCHLLIL, WIFE JOAN
He gets congratulatory kiss after victory



DICK BOYER (LEFT), DAVE MEISNER
Hand carved lumberjack is good luck charm



BILL NOREUS (LEFT), DENNIS BREITBARTH
Listening to sports news on the radio



Photos by Norman Nelson Jr., Cloquet Pine Knot
GARY WELTON (LEFT), MARLENE TRETTEL
Gets piece of girl friend's birthday cake

Austin, Wells, Anoka Figure

It's a New Season Again

By TED PETERSON
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

Austin, Wells and Anoka—the first three teams to qualify for the state basketball tournament opening Thursday in Williams Arena—all have a common denominator.

That would be not only a desire to win the title in the 51st annual title classic, but also a good chance to achieve that goal.

All three coaches, veterans Ove Berven of Austin and Lloyd Stussy of Wells, who have been directing prep teams for 25 or more years, and Bill Wanamaker of Anoka, a considerably younger member of the fraternity, are quick to point out the state tourney brings up "a new season."

They said the same thing at the conclusion of regular season campaigns as they readied their teams for a win or else existence in district and regional eliminations. All three are happy with the response of their teams to the situation.

BERVEN, who has his 14th team in the tournament in 24 years, says, "A reputation is a fine thing to have, but it is absolutely worthless once you step on the state tournament floor to play a school that has every bit as much right to be there as you do."

Austin, entering the tournament with a 16-3 record, has a team different than past Berven entries. Somewhat lacking in height, Austin has more speed than any other Berven team.

And speaking of speed, the fast break offense and pressing defense could well be a vital part of the three day state meet from the time Austin opens the state meet at 2 p.m. Thursday against the Region Three entry.

Bruce Miller, 6-foot-4, handles the center position for Austin with Al Berg, 6-4, and Wally Osterholt, 6, at the forwards; Harry Musser, 5-11, and Dave Hartman, 6-2, at guards.

If experience is going to be a factor, Wells could be a potent entry since all of Stussy's primary performers were members of last year's state tourney squad. The Wells season mark of 18-5 also is a bit misleading since four of its losses were by a total of just six points.

GARY FEIST, 6-foot-2 center, was a regular last year and so were Alan Redman, 6-1 forward and Tom Schultz, 6-foot guard. In fact Redman gained all-state tourney honors. Charles Schultz, cousin to Tom; Dick Wanzek, Mike Miller and Dave Stussy, the latter son of the coach, were reserves last year. Wanzek, a junior, is tallest Wells cager at 6-4.

Wanamaker, coach at Anoka since 1959, is right at home at that school since he was a former star there in his prep days.

The Anoka starting average height is just under 6-foot-2, with Bill Erickson, 6-4½ at center the tallest. Jerry Hayes, 6-1; Phil Johnson, 6-2½; Bill Erickson, 6-1, and Rich Syring, 6, are other starters. Anoka enters the tournament with an 18-6 record.

All teams will be in Minneapolis by Wednesday for the annual Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce welcoming luncheon in the ballroom of the new Capp Towers Motel at noon. Sports, radio and television figures will interview coaches of the eight participating teams.

Austin Takes Region Title In Stride—16th in 33 Years

By BILL McGRANE
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

AUSTIN, Minn. — If the basketball emotions in this southern Minnesota city of approximately 30,000 seem a bit mixed, you must pardon them.

Ove Berven's Packers won their 14th Region One high school basketball championship over the weekend, defeating Plainview. The feat was greeted in Austin with-out much of a flourish.

You see, that meant Austin had won the region title for the 16th time in the 33 years that there has been a Region One.

At the fire station, observers said that the 1962-63 team bears markings suspiciously similar to those of the '34-35 bunch.

"YOU HEAR talk that this is a weak Austin team," said one fellow. "And I guess they've been up and down."

"Well, that '35 bunch started slow... darned near didn't make it into the tournament. And they won it all."

The firehouse crew pointed out a trophy that stood above the television set.

"City baseball championship team. Dave Hartman won that trophy for us with his pitching when he was 12 years old."

Hartman, now 17, is a junior who plays guard on Berven's state tournament-bound basketball team.

HE IS A BRIGHT, handsome young man who stands 6-foot-2 and shoots a funny,

little "off-the-hip" jump shot, like Indiana's Tom Bolyard, a Big Ten star.

"I'm not much good on a regulation jump shot," admits Dave.

Mrs. William Hartman, Dave's mother, is proud of her son's basketball (and baseball, softball and football) skills, but is equally pleased that he is a district officer in the Fellowship Methodist Church.

Dave's father holds the distinction of playing on an Austin team that did not go to a state tournament—1936-1937.

Julie Ann Hartman, 8, dotes on her older brother, but gets a bit peevish at basketball games, says Mrs. Hartman.

"HER FEELINGS are hurt when she sees David out on the floor and he doesn't come over to talk to her."

The tournament assignment has caused a shuffling of the work schedule at the Nelson Grill, an Austin restaurant. Second fry cook Harry Musser has drawn temporary leave of absence to continue his work as regular guard on the basketball team.

Harry's a senior, but he's playing his first year at Austin. The Mussers lived in Mason City, Iowa, last year, where Harry was No. 6 man on a team that this year is favored to win the Iowa title.

Before that they lived in Wells, Minn., the Region Two representative in this year's tournament.

Alan Redman, the star of

the Wells team, is an old ninth-grade pal of Harry's.

"HE CALLS him on the phone all the time," says Georgiann Musser, Harry's older sister. "You should see the phone bill!"

Georgiann is one of the few attractions in Austin that can break the concentration of Berven's basketball team. She is 20 years old, a sophomore at Austin Junior College, and very lovely. She is the reigning "Miss Austin."

Information On Tickets For Tourney

Following is the latest information from Principal Merrill T. Olson on tickets for the state basketball tournament:

IF MARSHALL PLAYS IN FRIDAY NIGHT'S SEMI-FINALS — Students may purchase tickets in Marshall between 9 and 10 a.m. Friday. Bus rides will be available for every 36 students who sign up for each bus. They will return right after the game and should be home about 2:30 a.m. Saturday. Student and band buses will leave Marshall at 11 a.m. Any student listed as staying over in Minneapolis will have to buy tickets to Friday night game from George Rindelaub, who will be set up in Room 325 at the Curtis hotel. Tickets will have to be obtained before 11 a.m. Friday.

NO ADULT TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MARSHALL FOR FRIDAY OR SATURDAY GAMES. Mr. Rindelaub will sell adult tickets at the Curtis hotel, Room 325, on a first come-first served basis. There have been 82 futures sold which will be held. There will be not more than 182 available. Sale closes at 11 a.m.

IF MARSHALL WINS THE SEMI-FINAL GAME AND PLAYS IN THE FINAL SATURDAY NIGHT — The same ticket procedure will be followed.

IF MARSHALL PLAYS IN THE CONSOLATION ROUND FRIDAY — The game will be at 2 p.m. If enough students are interested, a student bus will be made up, ticket sale starting at 8:30. The band bus will leave at 9 a.m. Adult tickets to the consolation round may be purchased at the field house gate on Friday afternoon.

Tigers Face Austin In First State Meet Start in 21 Years

BY JACK COOK
The Broadway musical "Dam Yankees" of a few years ago featured a song hit entitled "Ya Gotta Have Heart."

The Marshall Tigers, champions of Region 3, can adopt that number as their official fight song anytime they want to—and nobody will argue with them.

The Tigers scrapped their way into the state tournament last week and will meet the

Austin Packers, perennial champions of Region 1, in the opening tourney game at 2 p.m. Thursday.

They did it the hard way—with a display of "guty" (you should pardon the expression) basketball that saw them come from behind in both regional games against favored opponents.

They edged Hutchinson in the opener for a breath-stopping

cliff-hanger by a score of 54-52, after being down as much as 14 points at one time in the second quarter.

In the championship game they topped a tall and talented Granite Falls team that was heavily favored, and they came out from under a 26-24 half-time deficit to win by 52-47.

(See Dan Simpson's stories of games on sports page.)

It will be the first Marshall entry in a state tournament since 1942 when the Tigers, an underdog all the way in that one, went to the championship game before losing a 30-29 heart-breaker to repeat-champion Buhl. The 1942 Tigers earned their way into the title round by trouncing St. Paul, Washington and Hopkins.

In many respects, the 1963 entry is much like the team of 21 years ago. Lacking real height, they make up for that with poise and coolness under fire, refusal to fold up with the pressure on, great coaching and accurate shooting.

For Coach Glenn Mattke, the trip to the state classic will add another "first." This is Mattke's first district championship, first regional title, and of course, his first trip to the state.

There's only about one other "first" a coach can experience in one season. And it's a lead pipe cinch Mattke and his stalwarts know what that is—and are taking dead aim at it.

It is true that Austin has been in the big show more times than any other school. But a look at their state tournament record does not indicate that they hold up their percentage when the number of their appearances is considered. Down in Region 1, the Packers are known not only as perennial region champs but also as "often a bridesmaid but seldom a bride."

There has been some tendency around the state to assume that as soon as Austin gets into the state meet, everybody else should roll over and play dead. It is hard to imagine the Tigers playing dead for anybody.

It is a fact that Austin is not a miracle team and may not be as good a team as Granite Falls. And Ove Berven, Austin coach, is a great one for sure, but he did not write the book. In short, Austin can be had, the same as any other team.

Conference, Luncheon, Practice —

Busy Day for Tigers Today

After a rousing pep-fest yesterday afternoon, Marshall high school's Region Three champions left for the 1963 State Tournament. They will be berthed at the Curtis Hotel until Sunday.

Marshall left a day early because of Monday evening's snowfall which dropped more than seven inches around the area. Poor road conditions, coupled with an extensive schedule today, made Tuesday's trip a necessity.

The Tigers were to attend a press conference at 11 a.m. today followed by a noon luncheon at the Capp Towers Hotel sponsored by the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce. The Minneapolis Rotary club will host the Region Three champions, Marshall.

Eight sports writers and announcers will interview the coaches participating in the meet. Vern Mikkelsen, former Minneapolis Laker great, is general chairman of the program.

Under State High School League rules, competing teams cannot stay at a Twin City hotel until the Wednesday before the tournament opens.

However, Supt. of Schools L. M. Frey asked for and received confirmation for the Tigers to come in a day early because of the poor road conditions. With today's heavy schedule the Tigers would have had to leave Marshall between 5 or 6 a.m.

This afternoon the Tigers were to take the Williams Arena floor for a 45-minute practice session from 4:15-5 p.m. No other competing team was able to watch.

The Tigers will be out-reached by the Packers — but that is nothing new for them. They have been looking up at superior height all season and all through the tournaments. They will not be topped in height by Austin as much as they were by Granite Falls.

The Packers have a good won-loss record but not quite as good as Marshall's. Some comparison may be made from games played against Rochester. Austin split in two games with the Rockets, both by close scores. Marshall beat Rochester at Williams arena, also by a close score.

Coach Mattke's strategy plans got a boost through a generous gesture by the Granite Falls coaching staff after the title game at St. Peter last Saturday. Granite had scouted Austin and when Marshall won their way to the state meet, the Granite coaches turned over their information to Mattke. That will help plenty in meeting a team he hasn't seen play.

The Tiger team left for Minneapolis Tuesday afternoon, right after a big pep rally. There was a sizable group on hand to see them off. The team — all teams — will headquarter at the Curtis hotel and will eat their meals there. They will have a chance to work out on the Williams arena floor, as will all other teams in the tournament. The fact that the Tigers have played on the big floor in beating Rochester is considered in their favor.

Marshall 65 Austin 63

The Tigers opened up the state tournament against the many-times winner of Region one and familiar entry in Williams Arena, the Austin Packers. Marshall was forced into overtime for the first time this season but beat the Packers 65-64, thanks to a field goal and a couple of clutch free throws by Terry Porter.

After Al Berg had sank a field goal to move the Packers ahead 63-61 in overtime, Terry ported a jumper to tie it up and then proceeded to sink two free throws to hand the game to the Tigers.

The Bengals had little trouble before the latter part of the second half. Marshall led 21-12 at the end of the first quarter and maintained the leading margin at the half 42-29.

Austin still trailed at the sound of the horn ending the third period, 54-45, but came up strong in the last quarter, hitting seven field goals out of 13 chances as well as sinking all four attempts from the line to tie it up 61-61.

Scoring was well balanced on both clubs. Al Berg (16), Bruce Miller (21) and Dave Hartman (16) paced the Packers in their losing effort.

Porter, Johnson and Nefstead were the high men for Marshall with 25 points, 17 points, and 15 points respectively.

Austin was a little cool from the floor, sinking only 25 field goals out of 63 chances for 38 per cent. The Tigers were close to their average potting 24 chances out of 51 tries for 47 per cent. The six additional fouls by the Packers probably cost them the game giving Marshall 26 chances from the line out of which they made 17. With only 13 fouls called against Marshall, Austin had only 19 attempts from the line out of which they sank 13.

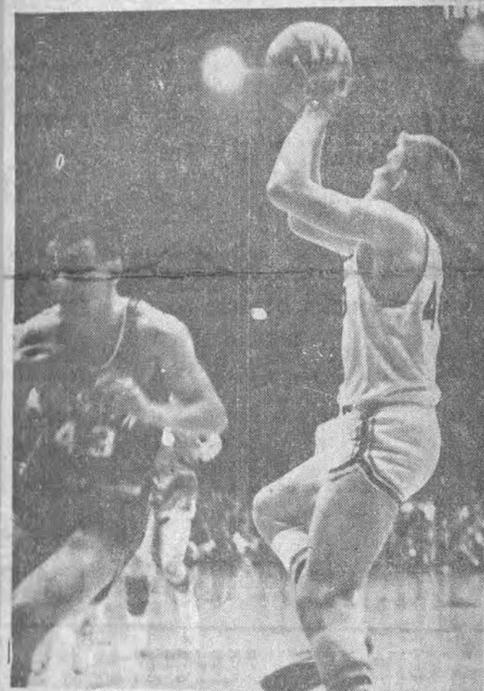
MARSHALL: 65

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Porter	6	13	3	25
Johnson	8	1	1	17
Nefstead	6	3	2	15
Schroeder	4	0	2	8
MacDonald	0	0	5	0
Webb	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	24	17	13	65

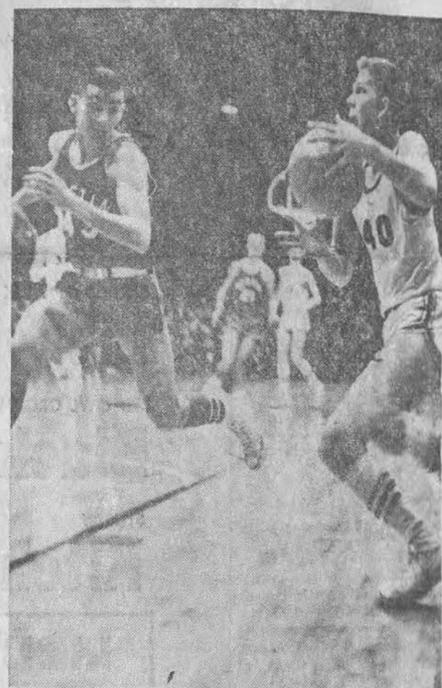
AUSTIN: 63

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hartman	3	0	3	16
Musser	3	2	5	8
Berg	7	2	3	16
Osterholt	1	0	5	2
Miller	6	9	1	11
Grimley	0	0	2	0
House	0	0	0	0
Granholm	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	25	13	19	63

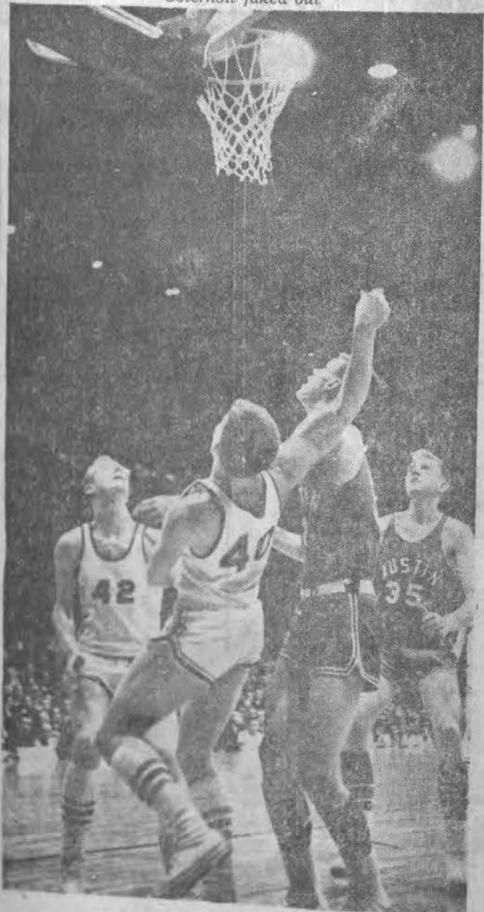
Marshall	21	42	54	61
Austin	12	29	45	61



NEFSTEAD GOES UP IN THE AIR
Osterholt faked out



JOHN NEFSTEAD (40) DRIBBLES IN
Austin's Walt Osterholt (43) comes up



THE BALL'S IN THE HOOP
AND MARSHALL GOES ON TO VICTORY



Dennis Schroeder (42) of Marshall and Harry
Musser (11) of Austin watch

Anoka Coach May Have Tipped Hand In Pre-Game Warmup

JACK COOK

Matke thinks Anoka coach may have tipped hand in the warm-up before the Anoka-semi-final game last night.

Basketball fans have been what prompted to come out with a defense against the after playing most all year. Matke is line of strategy in Monday after-

ached the Anoka team before the game and could notice a couple he said. "Sometimes watch a team warm get a line on what an coach may have been on.

ached the Tornados, looked a little tired. when they were taking they were lining up from outside - and aren't coming close. I think they'd be missing shots on purpose, unless are trying to pull my

he said he got the im- that Anoka was look- Marshall at Cloquet, could have been their foe had beaten Marshall. I don't know that this Matke said, "but this way I figured it or guess- whatever you want to figured that Wanama- looking right by us worked his boys out pressing defense, that used all the time. The looked a bit ragged, as been working pretty

I thought "Well, if he show me that his kids hitting on outside shots try a zone on him and that happens." Our boys like to play a zone but when we decide to do how we could always go the man-to-man if the kids work." The Tigers came out in that zone defense. Did it here's how well it work-

Tornados didn't score a goal in the entire second They made two free and those with over 5 points in the quarter. that stretch Marshall 10 points without a re- where the first quarter ended at 14-13 for Marshall, ers held a 33-15 edge at and the fat was in

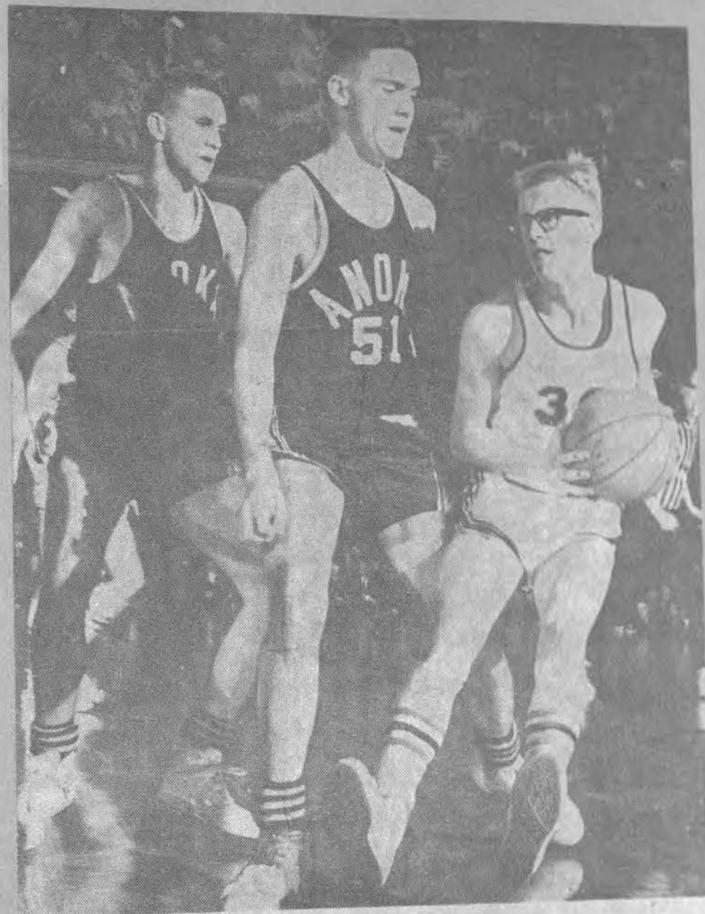
ould be pointed out-and that Anoka posted the field goal percentage in years, with a 20.3 per cent. But it should also be pointed out that a good part of poor shooting was the

result of the zone that surprised and shook the Anoka team. And the zone also forced the Tornados into numerous technical errors.

So the zone worked so well that Matke was able to rest his regulars a good share of the second half, which may have been a factor in their superb play against Cloquet.

And what a job those reserves did!

"What pleased me was being able to put the bench in there," Matke said. "They deserved a chance to play and they looked real good. All but one of them got at least a shot at the basket. And it was the only tournament semi-final game I can remember where a coach was able to play all 12 of his men."



Star Photo

APPLYING the brakes is Marshall's Loren Johnson (30) white) as he stops before Bill Erickson (41) and Tom Erickson (51) in Friday's semifinals of the State High School Tournament. Johnson finished with 12 points.

was the only rager to hit double figures for Anoka and he barely did so. Hayes tallied six of his 10 points from the free throw line.

Marshall showed quite a contrast in comparison to their opponent. The Bengals sank 43 per cent of their field goals (21 out of 49) and missed only six chances at the line for 76 per cent. Porter, Nefstead and Johnson were high scorers again with 17, 14 and 12 points respectively.

The closest Anoka came to the Tigers was at the end of the first quarter, 14-13. Marshall led 33-15 at the half and doubled Anoka's output the 3rd period 54-26.

MARSHALL: 61

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Porter	5	7	2	17
Johnson, L.	1	2	0	12
Nefstead	4	6	2	14
Schroeder	4	1	1	9
MacDonald	1	0	2	2
Webb	0	3	3	3
Otten	1	0	3	2
Larson	0	0	0	0
Murphy	0	0	0	0
Paradis	0	0	0	0
Kirscht	0	0	0	0
Markell	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	21	19	14	61

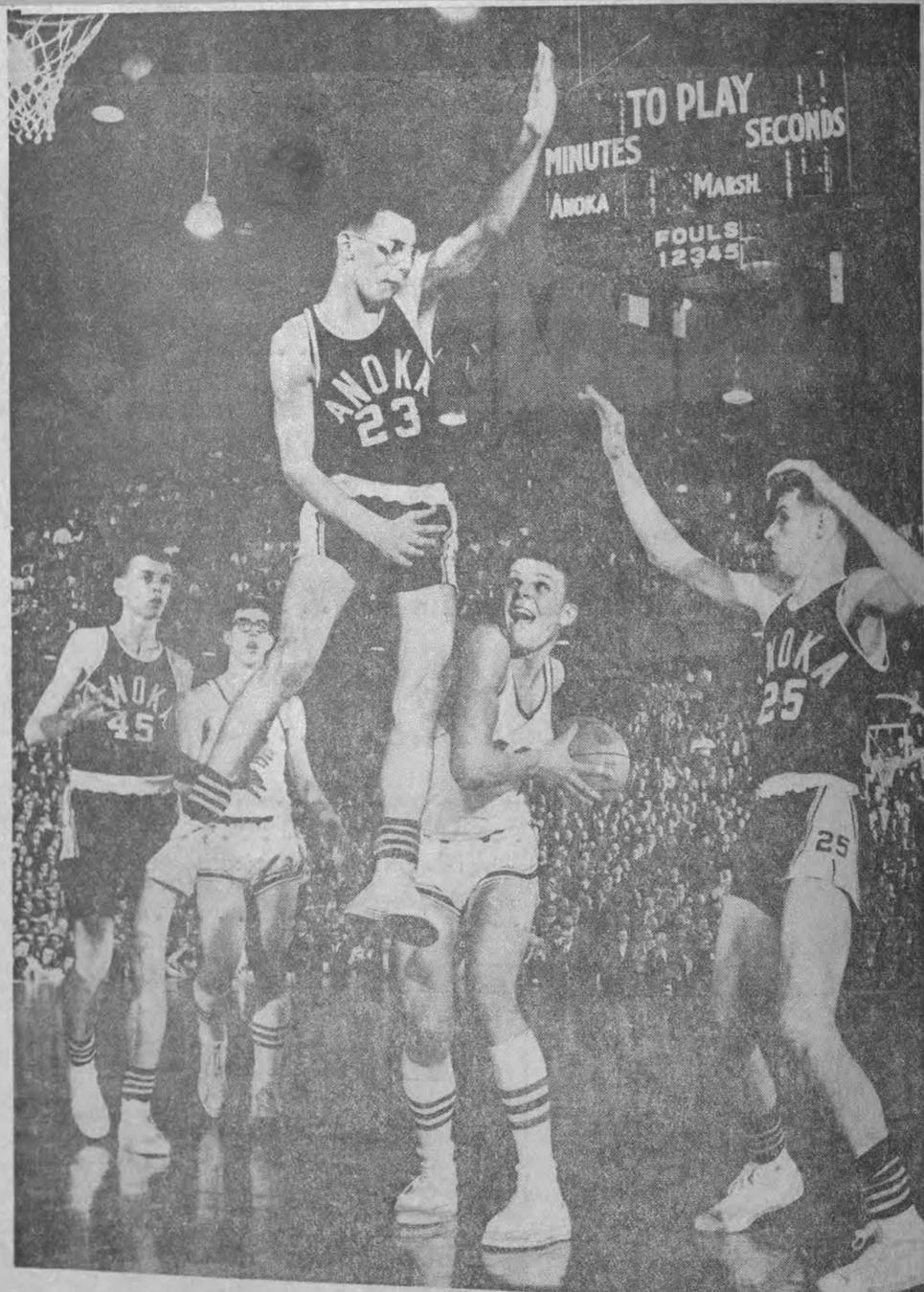
Marshall 61 Anoka 35

The Anoka Tornados were Marshall's second victim. The Tigers had no trouble eliminating Anoka 61-35. The Tornados had only one man in double figures and he picked up most of his points at the line.

Anoka, who had bumped Be- midji 54-48 in the first round of the tourney, were cold from the floor, hitting only 23 per cent of their field goals. The Tornados were just as frigid from the line, sinking only seven free throws out of 21 attempts for 33 per cent. Jerry Hayes, 6-foot senior forward,

ANOKA: 35

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Erickson, B.	2	0	1	4
Syring	3	0	4	6
Hayes	2	6	1	10
Johnson, P.	1	1	1	3
Erickson, T.	3	0	2	6
Tobin	0	0	3	0
Vetsch	0	0	2	0
Fenwick	2	0	4	4



Marshall's John Nefstead expresses smug satisfaction as Anoka's Jerry Hayes goes for fake

Minneapolis Tribune Photo by John Croft

Marshall 75

Cloquet 74

By Dan Simpson
The championship game favored Cloquet after the Lumberjacks had whipped Blooming- ton 26-7 and Sauk Centre 87-26. However, Marshall had the edge throughout most of the contest.

The Tigers started off right in the first quarter with cool-headed play and balanced scoring. Nefstead (6), Porter (7), Schroeder (4), Johnson (3) and Nefstead (2) kept the Cloquet defense honest the first period as Marshall led 22-21 at the end of the horn. Mike Forrest (12) and Dave Meisner (6) gave the power of the Cloquet back.

The second quarter left the Lumberjacks with the edge, out- scoring Mattke's cagers 22-21. Marshall's scoring still was spread out evenly. Yogi potted 10 points and Schroeder added two more field goals. Porter (6) and Johnson (6) kept the Lumberjacks busy in the second quarter.

Forrest added seven more points and Gary Welton tallied five for Cloquet. Meisner got foul trouble and, consequently, only had two free throws. Yogi Gildemeister, Richard Boyer and Dennis Breitbarth tallied eight more points to help Marshall up 43-43 at the half.

The Tigers got the edge again in the third period 61-59. Marshall's ace scorers carried the load. Nefstead, Porter and Johnson each tallied six points. Forrest kept Cloquet alive with 10 points, Meisner (2), Gildemeister (2) and Welton (4) added the other eight points for the Lumberjacks.

Free throws gave the championship to the Tigers in the fourth quarter. They sank four of five attempts from the line while Cloquet hit only one of four chances. The Lumberjacks outdid Marshall from the floor, however.

Cloquet sank seven out of 19 chances from the floor. Marshall had five accurate shots out of 13 tries.

Red Schroeder was the big hero despite the fact he was the lowest man in double figures for the Bengals. Red sank two free throws for the winning one point edge, with 15 seconds to go.

Nefstead, Porter and Johnson were the other Tiger cagers high in double figures. They had 21, 22 and 19 points respectively. Yogi was a real Tiger under the boards, snagging 13 rebounds for Marshall.

Marshall was hot from the floor sinking 30 field goals out of 64 attempts for 47 per cent. They missed only seven free throws (15 for 22) for 68 per cent.

Cloquet hit 29 out of 60 attempts from the floor for 48 per cent but fell behind at the line. The Lumberjacks hit only 59 per cent of their free throws (16 for 27). Forrest (29), Meisner (16), and Boyer (10), were high men for Cloquet.

MARSHALL: 75

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Porter	8	6	1	22
Johnson	8	3	3	19
Nefstead	9	3	3	21
Schroeder	4	3	3	11
Webb	1	0	2	2
MacDonald	0	0	4	0
Otten	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	30	15	16	75

CLOQUET: 74

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Meisner	7	2	4	16
Welton	3	3	3	9
Breitbarth	2	2	0	6
Boyer	3	4	3	10
Forrest	13	3	4	28
Gildemeister	1	2	1	4
Hunter	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	29	16	16	74
Marshall	22	43	61	75
Cloquet	21	43	59	74

EARLY DECISION

Cloquet Coach Chose Speed

By DWAYNE NETLAND
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

The first decision Ben Trochil made as the new Cloquet head basketball last December shaped the course of his state tournament season.

Trochil had a choice of whether to stress height or speed. He chose the running game, and because of it, Cloquet's tallest players, 6-foot-4 Keith Hunter and 6-3 Jay Gildemeister, were consigned to the bench.

"I wasn't sure which style of play to use," Trochil recalled Wednesday. "As I was walking from home over to the gym for our opening game against Duluth Denfeld I made up my mind to let the kids run again this year."

Hunter and Gildemeister still see occasional action, but Cloquet's tallest starter is 6-1 Dennis Breitbarth. Cloquet shot 53 per cent this season. Trochil has

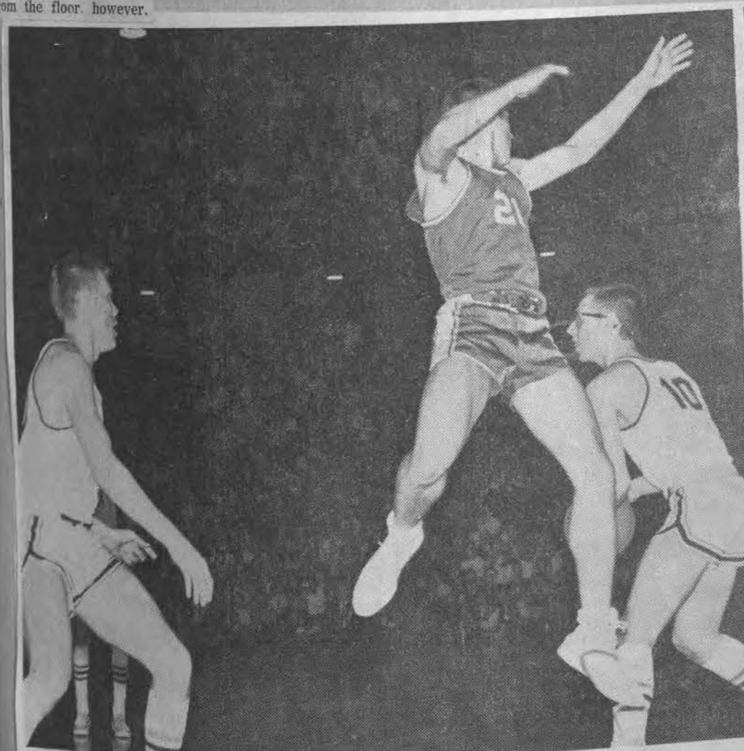
scouting reports of Bloomington, his first round foe tonight, from three games. Two of them were turned in by an old college chum who watched the Bears in District 18.

Bloomington re-activated four members of its coaching staff in preparation for Cloquet. "We wanted our kids to get a stiff workout against the press," Coach Don Snyder explained, "so we had D. L. Smith, Shorty Cochran, Buster Radebach and Charlie Nelson running against our first team. Those coaches were in great shape."

Nelson claims Cloquet is the fastest high school team he has seen in 25 years of basketball.

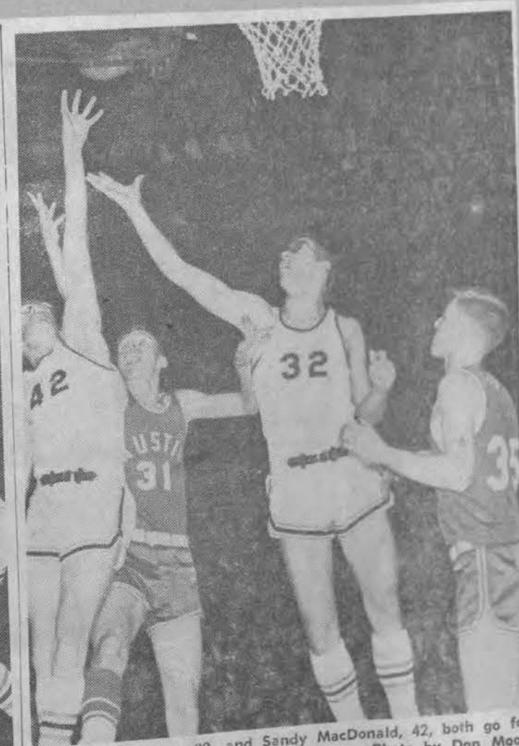
Bloomington's players showed up at the tournament luncheon yesterday at the Capp-Towers with

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Where'd he go? Terry Porter, 10, has just faked Gary Weldon of Cloquet into a flying leap that left Porter open for a pass-off.

Photo by Duane Rose



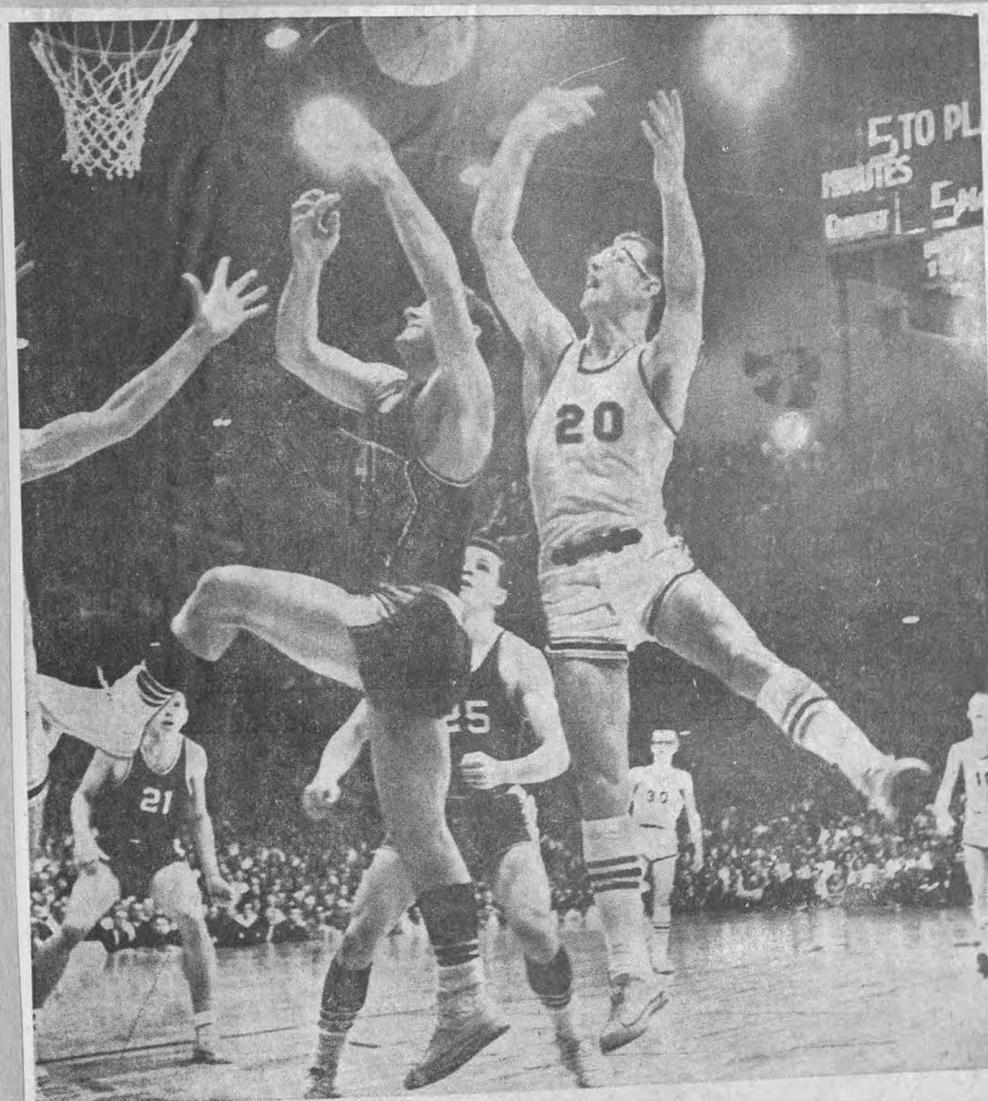
Red Schroeder, 32, and Sandy MacDonald, 42, both go for a rebound in the Austin game.

Photo by Don Moon



Marshall's Dennis Schroeder shoots; teammate John Nefstead blocks Cloquet's Mike Forrest from basket

Minneapolis Tribune Photo by John Creitz



Fancy Dance Steps Help As They Go For a Rebound

Showing some fancy footwork as they go for a rebound in the championship game are Dennis Breitbarth of Cloquet, 41, and Dave Webb of Marshall, 20.

No. 25 behind Breitbarth is Mike Forrest, Marshall, 30, is Johnson, and 10 is Terry Porter.—Photo courtesy of St. Paul Pioneer Press, by Buzz Magnuson.

Cloquet, Anoka, Marshall, Sauk Centre Gain

By LEW FERGUSON
 MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Cloquet's basketball team is very much like an angry sea: It keeps coming at you in relentless waves and there's not much you can do about it.

The effervescent Lumberjacks, who had to settle for the consolation championship last year, Thursday night swarmed over bigger Bloomington and left the Bears sprawled in their dust, 82-57.

One could not help but believe Cloquet had won the Minnesota high school championship in this 51st annual tournament. Bloomington very likely is the second best team in the meet.

Three other semifinalists, Anoka, Marshall and Sauk Centre, may offer strong verbal rebuttal to such a statement, but it is doubtful they will offer as stern a challenge on the court.

Marshall in Overtime
 All three sprang mild upsets in Thursday's first round to gain to the championship semifinals. Anoka stunned Bemidji 54-48, Marshall shaded Austin 65-63 in overtime, and Sauk Centre rebounded back Wells, the third-place team a year ago, 64-58.

Tonight's semis pit Marshall against Anoka and Cloquet against Sauk Centre. The consolation semifinals this afternoon have Austin facing Bemidji and Wells playing Bloomington.

Bloomington made the fatal mistake of not being able to force Cloquet to play a more deliberate game. The Bears even tried at times to run with the Lumberjacks. They came out a pitifully poor second.

Dave Meisner and Mike Forrest, Cloquet's gnarl-like leaders, sped around and over Bloomington for 59 points between them, considering the feats of these two speed demons, Bloomington played creditably well.

Snyder Ate Words
 Chances are, few other tourney teams could have held their composure as well as the Bears did in the face of the go-go-go tactics of the Jacks.

Bloomington Coach Don Snyder, who lost his hopes of becoming the first coach in history to win both the Wisconsin and Minnesota state championships, was disappointed but far from ashamed of his team's showing. "I had said Cloquet should be favored by 20 points," he said. "I'm just sorry I was so accurate. They really come after you. We had hoped to make them play slower, but we failed."

Cloquet's Ben Trochill said he knew the Jacks "would have to get them to running" in order to win. This they did.

Tonight, Sauk Centre challenges the Lumberjacks. The Mainstreeters had difficulty handling Wells' pressing defense and Cloquet may drive them nutty.

Austin Down 16
 Anoka and Marshall are strikingly similar teams whose strength lies in their defense, poise and calculated offenses. Both displayed remarkable stamina.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Here are boxscores of Thursday's first round games in the Minnesota High School basketball tournament:

Marshall G F T
 Nefstead 6 3-5 15
 Schroeder 4 0-0 8
 MacDonald 0 0-0 0
 Porter 6 13-15 25
 Johnson 8 1-4 17
 Webb 0 0-2 0
Totals 24 17-26 65
 Austin G F T
 Hartman 8 0-0 16
 Berg 5 2-2 12
 Miller 8 9-11 25
 Musser 3 2-4 8
 Osterholt 1 0-2 2
 Grimley 0 0-0 0
 House 0 0-0 0
Totals 25 13-19 63
 Marshall 21 21 12 7 4-65
 Austin 12 17 16 16 2-63

Personal fouls: Marshall, Nefstead 2, Schroeder 2, Mac Donald 5, Porter 3, Johnson, Austin, Hartman 3, Berg 3, Miller, Musser 5, Osterholt 5, Grimley 2.
 Day attendance — 18,552.

ina and courage in refusing to fold when adversity set in.

Austin scared the daylight out of Marshall with a valiant rally from a 16-point deficit to force an overtime. The Packers, once down 40-24, finally tied it at 61-all on Dave Hartman's great solo drive for a layup. Austin hit the first goal in the overtime and appeared on its way to victory. But Terry Porter rallied the Tigers. His basket tied it at 63-63 and his two free throws won it with four seconds left in overtime.

Porter and Austin's Bruce Miller each bagged 25 points. Loren Johnson added 17 for Marshall, while Hartman had 16 for Austin.

Anoka trailed Bemidji 38-34 entering the fourth quarter, but the Tornados hit 8 of 12 shots in the final period to win. It was tied 46-46 before Anoka's Bill Erickson scored six points in the final two minutes to win it for the Tornados.

Gerry Suman got 20 points for Bemidji and Rich Syring led Anoka with 17.

Cloquet All the Way
 Cloquet had a 23-14 first-quarter lead and 37-29 halftime edge, but Bloomington rallied to pull within three in the third stanza. Another Cloquet flurry restored the 9-point lead by the end of the third, 60-51. Bloomington never got closer than eight the rest of the way.

Meisner hit 11 of 22 shots and shared 30 points, while Forrest sank 12 of 20 and finished with 29 tallies. Bobby Kelly got 17 to pace Bloomington.

Sauk Centre overcame an 8-point Wells lead in the first quarter to trail only 38-37 at halftime. The Mainstreeters then broke on top at 42-40 and once led 58-50 before

Wells spurred near the end to make it close. Reserve Dave Schwanke put it out of range for Sauk by hitting his team's last six points. His layup with 22 seconds left made it 62-58.

Joe Schmiesing led Sauk Centre with 16 and Gary Gilbert got 13. Tom Schultz netted 18 and Alan Redman 17 for Wells.

Thursday's two sessions drew 37,272 to Williams Arena—18,720 in the evening and 18,552 in the afternoon.

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 Night attendance: 18,720.

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 Feist 3 0-0 6
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 T. Schultz 8 2-2 18
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Bruce Bennett

Cloquet's Mission Began Season Ago

MINNEAPOLIS—This is the day Cloquet's basketball team has waited a year for. A year ago, they felt they were the best team in the state tournament but a first round tumble cost them a chance for the championship.

It was little consolation to the Lumberjacks that they didn't give up and earned the consolation title. Now they have battled all the way back and only Marshall's fine Tigers stand between this team of destiny and its prize. Eight of the Lumberjack players were on the tournament team last year.

It is now 3 p.m. Saturday, six hours before the big game. Ben Trochill had a chalk talk with his team at noon and five hours from now they'll head for spacious Williams Arena.

"We don't want to get out there too early," he smiled. "Thursday, before our game with Bloomington, we did get there too soon. The kids were like sated lions, waiting to get on the floor."

The weather here is hardly "basketball weather," for those of you who are used to tromping through snow banks to the gym. It is sunny, bright and nearly 50. The weatherman is just breaking me in easy for the next three weeks in Florida. Actually, it would be a beautiful day to sit at Memorial Stadium and watch a football game.

Paul Dietzel, the Army football coach, spoke at the coaches dinner at the Hotel Leamington this noon. He is interested in Chet Anderson, Central's great fullback. The Military Academy is increasing its football recruiting; the humiliation of four straight losses to Navy has dug deep at West Point.

The lobbies of downtown hotels here are like walking ticket offices. Everywhere you go, there is someone asking: "Any extra tickets?" You just have to know the right people. I picked up two at the regular price. They'll fluctuate up and down the rest of the day. You just have to be in the right place at the right time.

Both coaches in the championship game, Cloquet's Trochill and Marshall's Glenn Mattke, are from Morton, Minn., a tiny farming community (pop. 624) in the southwestern corner of the state.

But this isn't the first time the same community has spawned the brains for the title game. Remember 1950 when Duluth Central beat Robbinsdale, 42-40 for the crown? Coaching the Trojans then was Roy Morien; now an insurance executive on the West Coast. Guiding the Robins was Ed Kernan, now basketball coach at Northland College at Ashland, Wis. Both are from Two Harbors and played under Cy Magnuson.

Cloquet's mighty mites have so dominated this tournament that all little guys have taken heart. The best players have been of the pint size variety.

Want evidence?

After Mike Forrest and Dave Meisner, the check list looks like this: Loren Johnson and Terry Porter, a pair of junior guards from Marshall. It has been their sharpshooting that has enabled the Tigers to reach the finals. They are 5-9 and 5-11, respectively.

Bobby Kelly, another junior, is Bloomington's best hands down. He's only 5-7. Sauk Centre's Gary Gilbert is 5-10; he bombed long jump shots that gave Cloquet fits Friday.

Bemidji's Mar Hanson (5-9) and Denny Aguiar (5-7), completing the list of little guys. Next to these, Joe Vatalaro looks big. Yep, he is here.

It's hard to tell whether Cloquet or Marshall will have the advantage tonight if the referees continue their whistle-happy ways.

The excessive fouling helped Cloquet Friday in that Sauk Centre's big men, Joe Schmiesing and Al Mickelson, were troubled by personals and benched for a while, helping even things up on the boards.

Generally, excess fouling helps Cloquet, but consider this: Marshall has cashed in 73 free throws out of 100 tries in the first two games. They're good opportunists. Cloquet, meanwhile, hasn't been sharp at the free throw line since the District 26 tourney.

Tonight's game matches look-alike teams. Both have tough little sharpshooters in the backcourt; Denny Breitbarth and John Nefstead will trade muscle underneath and juniors Dick Boyer and Gary Welton are standoffs against Dennis Schroeder and Sandy McDonald of the Tigers.

Cloquet will spot some height on the boards, but when haven't they? They haven't backed away yet, and shouldn't tonight.

A prediction? Cloquet 77, Marshall 68.

Wanamaker: Scouting Bemidji Paid Off

It was, sighed Bill Wanamaker, well worth the trip. Wanamaker is the Anoka basketball coach, and he was referring to his 600-mile round trip last weekend to scout Bemidji in the Region Eight tournament at Grand Forks, N.D.

"I got a look at Bemidji on both Friday and Saturday nights," said Wanamaker after Anoka had beaten the Lumberjacks 54-48 Thursday in the opening round of the state tournament.

"It really helped. It gave

us a chance to set up our defense, and to get a reasonable idea of what offensive stuff might work."

Wanamaker looked over at Bill Erickson, the Anoka guard who scored six points in succession to pull the Tornadoes away from a 46-46 tie.

"I've never seen an athlete put out more than Erickson," he said. "That drive-in shot near the end was a good example. He wore out a pair of shoes this season, and he has

floor burns over parts of his back."

Erickson thought back over his drive-in shot, and smiled softly.

"I saw a little opening just after I crossed mid-court," he explained. "I was sure Tom Erickson's man would pick me up. But he stayed with Tom, and that gave me the chance to drive right on up the middle."

Bemidji Coach Bun Fortier leveled a strong blast at the officiating after the loss.

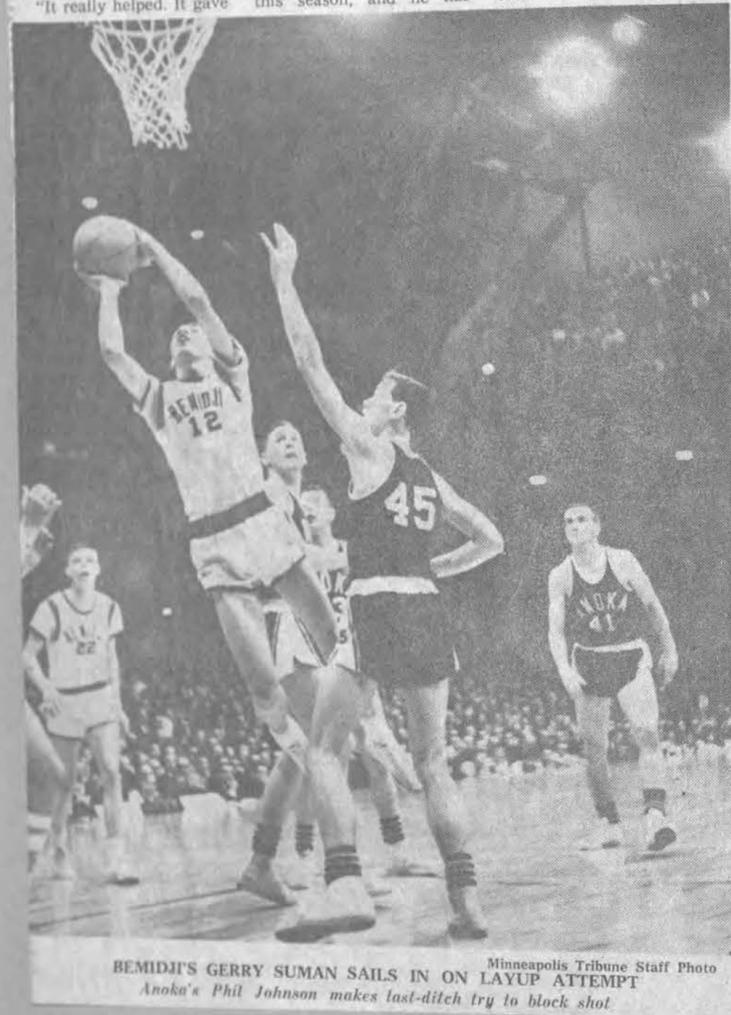
"We were getting clobbered all over the floor, and they called nothing," Fortier said while pacing the corridor outside his team's dressing room.

"We didn't get a free throw in the last quarter. That means Anoka went a quarter in a tough, even game without a foul. I don't see how it could be done."

"At one point in the last period we had a 40-34 lead. (Gerry) Suman went up for a layup with Anoka players hanging all over him. Jump ball. It was the turning point of the game."

Despite his bitterness, however, Fortier had warm praise for Anoka.

"They've got a good team," he said. "I have a lot of respect for them. But that doesn't excuse the officiating."



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BEMIDJI'S GERRY SUMAN SAILS IN ON LAYUP ATTEMPT
Anoka's Phil Johnson makes last-ditch try to block shot

Shortenders Beat Tourney Regulars Out

PRIOR TO THIS YEAR'S State High School basketball tournament Austin had sent 22 teams into the event and Bemidji had sent 21.

Prior to this year's tournament Anoka had qualified one team and Marshall two.

So what happened yesterday afternoon? The two strangers, and decided shortenders, knocked the only tournament regulars in this year's field into the consolations.

Upstart Marshall eliminated highly favored Austin in overtime and upstart Anoka outfinished equally favored Bemidji.

There is no town left in the tournament which had previously been here more than twice and no one which has ever won a championship.

COACHING EXCELLENT

AN IMPRESSION OF THE EARLY STAGES of the action in Williams Arena is that the coaching is excellent, the execution no better than average.

The boys had been told what to do but the playing personnel lacked some of the sparkle of other years.

The afternoon games could not have been more thrilling to the spectators; but they were somewhat less interesting to college recruiters.

TWO GOOD GUARDS

THE CLEVER PERFORMANCE OF Marshall's two little guards, Terry Porter and Loren Johnson, illuminated the afternoon action, Porter for his scoring, and both for their effective floor play.

Marshall nearly cut it too fine by starting too early to protect a lead instead of continuing the kind of aggressive play which had made the lead seem safe. Consequently they had to survive in overtime.

Now Anoka vs. Marshall in the semifinal round offers some mighty interesting speculation.



CULLUM'S COLUMN
by Dick Cullum

MARSHALL, AUSTIN IN CORONARY FINISH

Arena: Orderly Madhouse

By HERM SITTARD
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

You could have heard a bomb drop — almost — as Marshall and Austin went into overtime Thursday in the state basketball tournament.

Tension was near the breaking point for some 18,000 screaming, stomping fans in Williams arena.

Then it happened.

An Austin player fouled Terry Porter, a Marshall guard. On the Marshall bench the Tiger cheerleaders were practically hysterical.

They flopped forward to the shiny arena floor like a row of rag dolls and rumbled the floor with air fists.

"C'mon Terry!!" shrieked Dana Mercie, 16.

With just four feverish seconds left to play, Terry lifted her with two free

throws that gave the Tigers their 65-63 victory.

Hugs for All

The cheerleaders—Eleanor Rose, 15; Lynne Peterson, 17; Susie Hedenstrom, 15; Susie Rehkamp, 17, and Dana Mercie, 16—bounded straight into the air, screamed and hugged each other and anyone else within grabbing distance, including this reporter.

Then they rushed onto the floor to smother team members with congratulations.

The Tigers played the kind of game that would make any cheerleader hoarse. During breaks in the game, Marshall's five cheerleaders and their Tiger mascot raced onto the floor to lead Tiger fans.

The Tiger, Sandy Peterson, 16, ran out with a cheer sign labeled "Tiger

5 CHEERLEADERS YELL UP A STORM

chant," then stood on her head to start the cheer, and cartwheeled to cue the cheer pattern. A junior, Sandy's been Marshall mascot four years.

Her mother sewed the furry orange and black tiger suit over a pair of pajamas for Sandy four years ago. "We used to draw whiskers on my face," said Sandy. "Then mother sewed on my Dad's pipe cleaners."

Wes Marks Heard

Prominent in the Marshall rooting section was leather-lunged Wes Marks, 17-year-old tenor saxophone player. Wes sounded like a foghorn blasting away in Duluth Harbor when he shouted "go-go-go" into his big black megaphone.

"The tournament," confessed Dana, "is so big-time it scares me! But it's

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MARSHALL'S TIGER, SANDY PETERSON, CHEERS TEAM
With Eleanor Rose (at left) and Dana Mercie

WHAT THEY SAID: SEIKKULA: CLOQUET FASTER THAN IN 1962

CLOQUET

Mike Forrest: "I think Aurora-Hoyt Lakes had a better all-around team than Bloomington. When we played them in the regional it was the same type of game, but Bloomington didn't have the team speed that Aurora did."

Dave Meisner: "I was No. 6 man on our team last year, but I'd rather be a starter. It was tough coming in cold off the bench. I felt I didn't hit the first couple of shots I took I wasn't helping the team. This year I'm more relaxed, and maybe shooting little better because of it."

Dennis Breitbarth: "We can run even better than we did tonight. Rather than really turning it on we concentrated more on patterns against Bloomington, and it paid off."

Dick Boyer: "Putting two men on (Bobby) Kelly as he was trying to get the ball in play really helped. We knew we'd have to stop his floor play to win."

Gary Welton: "We've never really forgotten that opening-round loss last year to South St. Paul. The team made a vow to come back this year and make up for it. In the state tournament that first game means so much."

SEIKKULA: CLOQUET FASTER THAN IN 1962

Bob Seikkula, who coached Cloquet of the State Tournament a year ago and then resigned to take the Minneapolis Henry job, said Thursday night the Lumberjacks are faster than they were last year.

"The juniors we brought down here in 1962 are a little more mature, and they've added some speed," said Seikkula after he watched his old team whip Bloomington 82-67.

"Dennis Breitbarth and Dave Meisner are playing about the same. Mike Forrest looks much better. He is more effective around the basket than he was for me. Meisner is great, of course."

"I wanted to start Meisner last year, but he gambled a little too much on defense. He was more valuable to us as a pinch-hitter."

Seikkula obviously enjoyed Cloquet's victory. "It was a pleasure to watch them," he said. "It's like seeing your own sons after a year's absence. They played some great basketball tonight."



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Marshall's John Nefstead, left, Terry Porter match grins with Coach Glenn Matkko

WHAT THEY SAID

MARSHALL

John Nefstead: "I thought my shot just before the gun ending the fourth quarter would be good. It was off line just a fraction."

Dennis Schroeder: "It's tough to see the other team cutting your lead away like that. I'd almost rather go into the halftime rest tied than with a 42-29 lead."

Sandy MacDonald: "We were a little nervous at the end, but that was nothing new. Our last four games have gone right down to the wire."

Terry Porter: "We weren't trying to hold the ball in the second half. It's just that we had that lead, and we wanted to make sure the shot was a good one. We got a little too cautious."

Loren Johnson: "Austin executed its press very well. But it was one defensive man against the dribbler. And in that situation the guard should beat his man. Porter helped by breaking away near midcourt for the pass."



Johnson MacDonald Miller Hartman

AUSTIN

Bruce Miller, center: "We were outbounded badly in the first half. Marshall got the inside position and held onto it. We outbounded them in the second half, but it wasn't enough."

Dave Hartman, guard: "Marshall scrapped awfully well. Their guards killed us with outside shooting." On the jump shot he took with 40 seconds left in regulation time that might have won it for Austin: "I had a good block and a clean shot. I just missed it, that's all."

Harry Musser, guard: "We fell too far behind. Did we play well? Not well enough, I guess."

Wally Osterholt, forward: "We were terrible . . . we've never fallen behind like that all season."

Tom Grimley, reserve who was charged with the foul that provided Marshall's winning margin: "I wanted to stay clear of him (Terry Porter) as he shot. I thought I did. I didn't want to foul him."

Cloquet 82, Bloomington 67

Cloquet's perpetual-motion Lumberjacks used speed and sparkling shooting to rip into the semifinals with an 82-67 ouster of Bloomington.

Starting out in high gear, Cloquet trailed at 8-5 and 10-9 in the opening quarter before Richard Boyer hit a free throw, Dave Meisner two fielders and Dennis Breitbarth another to open a 16-10 margin. Cloquet was a front-runner the rest of the way.

IT WAS 23-14 at the end of the first period and 37-29 at halftime.

Bloomington fought back in the third period and sliced the margin to 43-39 on a field goal by little Bobby Kelly. The Bears kept within that three-point range for a spell, but Cloquet turned loose its big guns, Meisner and Mike Forrest, for two fielders and a 49-43 edge.

Going into the final quarter it was 60-51 for Cloquet. With 6:17 left, Tom Otterdahl of Bloomington dropped out of the game with five fouls, and, before the contest was over, he was joined by two mates, Joe Yeager and John Dover.

BLOOMINGTON committed 29 fouls. They resulted in 26 Cloquet gift tosses, most of them in the second half as the Bears fouled trying to interrupt Cloquet's dash tactics.

Meisner an All-State tournament guard for Cloquet in last year's meet, poured in 11 field goals and 8 free throws for 30 points. Forrest, All-State halfback in football, had 12 field goals and 5 free throws for 29.

Bob Kelly paced the Bears with 17, followed by Otterdahl with 15.

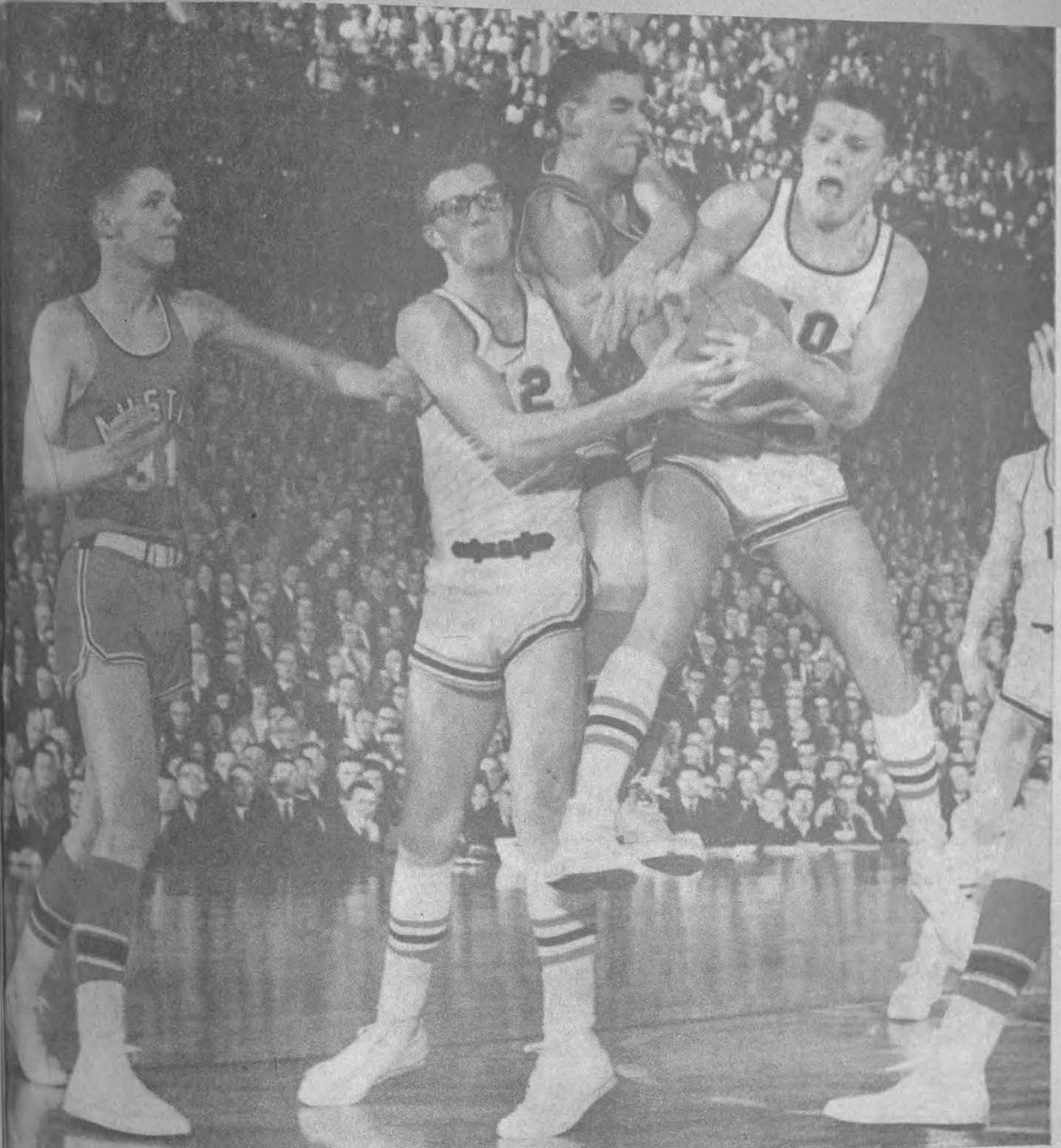
Surprisingly, Cloquet was somewhat off in its shooting with 27 of 64 shots for 42.2 per cent. Its average coming into the tourney was 53 per cent.

Bloomington connected on 26 of 71 shots for 36.4 per cent and outbounded the shorter Lumberjacks 47-23.

Bloomington (67)		Cloquet (82)	
Player	fg	ft	fg
Yaser	5	2	5
Otterdahl	5	5	12
Leal	6	2	9
Dover	3	0	5
B. Kelly	7	3	17
Soucek	0	1	1
J. Kelly	0	0	0
Kerr	1	0	2
Thornson	0	0	0
Robey	0	0	0
Zelen	0	0	0
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Totals	26	10	21

Free throws missed—Otterdahl 2, Leal 1, B. Kelly 5, Bayer, Forrest 5, Breitbarth, Gildemeister, Meisner 4.
Officials—Glenn Gummie, Dore Powers.



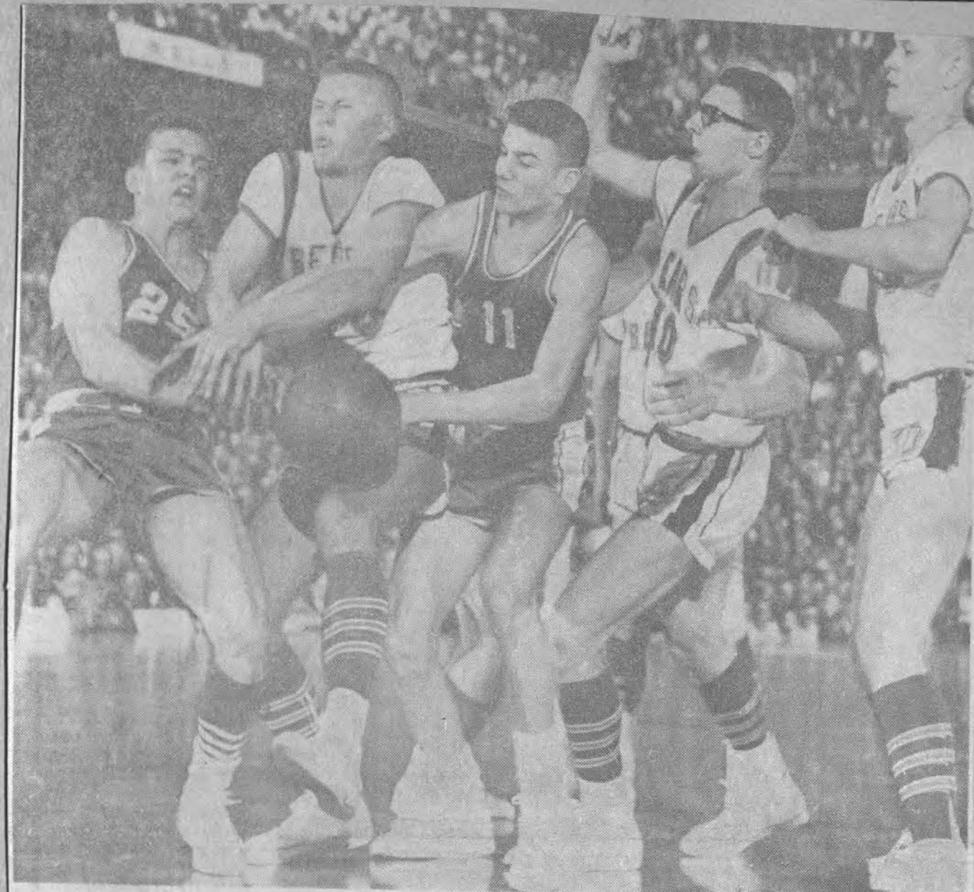
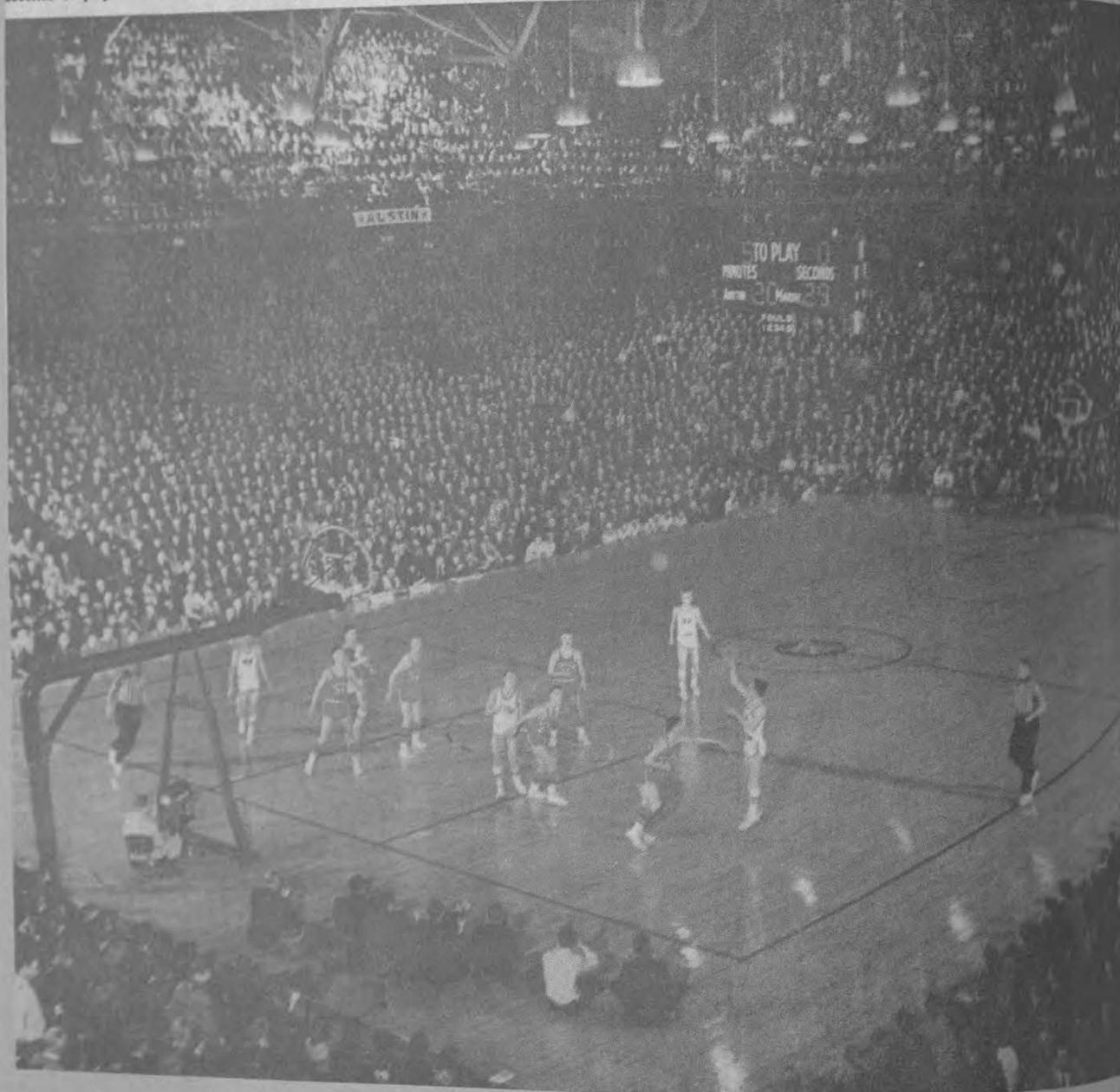
Marshall's Dennis Schroeder (glasses, left) and John Nefstead take a rebound away from Austin's Walter Osterholt.

18,552 See First Game Go Into Overtime

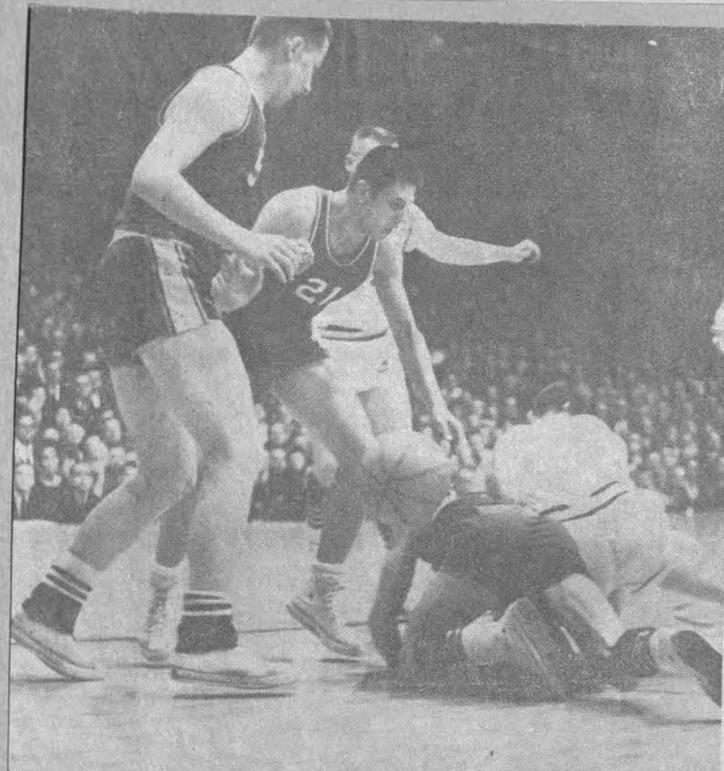
Marshall and Austin battled into an overtime but the final outcome wasn't settled until the last four seconds of play in the first game of the Minnesota

High School Basketball Tournament at Williams Arena. Marshall's 65-63 victory set the crowd of 18,552 (below) off to a howling start. The noise con-

tinued as Anoka set back Bemidji, 54-48 to complete the afternoon session.—Minneapolis Star photo by Wayne Bell.



Minneapolis Star Photo by Wayne Bell
CLOQUET'S MIKE FORREST (25) AND RICHARD BOYER (11), KEN LAST (IN WHITE) OF BEARS
 Coming up to assist are Joe Yager (40) and Tom Otterdahl (30) of Bloomington



Minneapolis Tribune Staff Photo by John Croft
Scrambling Cloquet's Dave Meisner (dark jersey) and Bloomington's Joe Yager (40) dive after a loose ball in Thursday night's first round State Tournament game. Watching (left to right) are Jay Gildemeister and Gary Welton of Cloquet and the Bears' Bobby Kelly (partly hidden). Meisner, known by his teammates as the "Mouse," did quite a bit of scrambling for the Lumberjacks — he scored 30 points.

Trochlil: We Had to Make Them Play Our Game

"I knew in order to win we'd have to get them running. Unfortunately, that's just what happened."

The speaker was Ben Trochlil, Cloquet's smiling rookie head coach after his 82-67 late tournament victory Thursday night over Bloomington.

"We had to make them play our game," Trochlil went on. "I thought we'd be able to run against them and get our share of points. But I was afraid their passing and rebounding would hurt us if they were allowed to use their normal pattern."

Trochlil, however, was not impressed by Cloquet's 42.2 per cent shooting.

"Our season average was 53," he said. "I figured we'd have to match that to beat Bloomington."

But there was nothing wrong with the shooting of Dave Meisner, who scored 30 points, and teammate Mike Forrest, who added 29.

Meisner can run and

shoot like that all day and night," Trochlil said. "I knew some people thought his outside shooting was sensational tonight, but he's been going that for us all season."

"Forrest did more than score 29 points. He was a tremendous rebounder. I was worried that Bloomington would really hurt us on the boards, but we held up pretty well. A big reason for that was Forrest."

Trochlil had some trouble

keeping the Lumberjacks in their dressing room before the game started.

"We arrived at Williams Arena a little early," he said. "The kids were chomping at the bit. They wanted to come up on the floor at 6:45. I've never seen a team so fired up for a game."

Meisner had his bruised foot attended by University trainer Lloyd Stein after it was over.

"It didn't bother me much," he said.

"But I wanted to make sure it was all right for Friday."

A SPECIAL REASON

Anoka Eases Sting of '48

Anoka had a special reason for wanting to win Thursday's first-round game against Bemidji.

"We've set an Anoka record now," explained forward Phil Johnson after the game. "The last time our school was in the state tournament (in 1948), we were eliminated in the first round. So we wanted this one."

And what about Marshall in one of tonight's semifinals? "They are pretty good shooters," said Johnson.

"I hope we can play a little

tougher defense (than Austin did) against Marshall," said Bill Wanamaker.

The Anoka coach said he told his team to keep playing the way they were when Bemidji had a six-point lead in the third quarter. "I told them they were playing good ball and that the law of averages would work out, and our shots would start to drop."

Wanamaker had high praise for "quarterback" Bill Erickson who didn't score until the final minutes and then came through with the six points which broke the final tie.

No one was prouder of Bill than his older brother, Dick, who is an assistant freshman coach for the Gophers. "He

scored when it counted, didn't he?" said Dick.

Of tonight's semifinalists only Marshall ever made the finals — and that was back in 1942. Sauk Centre, in its previous tourney appearance two years ago, won in the first round and then lost to eventual champion Duluth Central.

Cloquet has been here twice before, in 1948 and 1962, and lost both times in the first round.

So 1963 could be a different story for everyone.

Cloquet: We're All Business This Year

"That's the way to go, Mize," said Mike Forrest as he hugged his Cloquet basketball teammate, Dave Meisner, following Thursday's state tournament victory over Bloomington.

"He got 30 points," enthused Forrest. But Michael was a pretty fair sharpshooter himself last night as he wound up with 29 points.

"Yes, we were keyed up, I guess," said Forrest. "We didn't want to let Bloomington's coach (Don Snyder) down. He said on television before the tournament we could beat Bloomington by 15 points."

The final score was Cloquet 82, Bloomington 67.

There was quite a difference between this year and last, when Cloquet also was in the tourney but was eliminated in the first round.

"Then," recalled Forrest, "we were so thrilled to be in the tournament we forgot what we came for. This time we're all business. We'll be that way tonight, too. We want to win."

Meisner said "We never get tired running," when asked about the wearing effects of their fast break and full court press.

"The kids just like to run," said Ben Trochlil. "We have a seventh-grade team which is already using the fast break and the press."

Speaking of a press, Sauk Centre was bothered by that type of defense when Wells employed it in last night's final game. And now the Main Streeters face the prospect of combatting Cloquet's much tougher press.

"A press has bothered us all year," admitted Art Schmitz, Sauk Centre athletic director.

"We've just got to try to slow them down and not

'SMALL TOWN' TOURNAMENT

The team which wins the 1963 state high school basketball championship won't exactly come from a metropolis.

Population-wise, tonight's four semifinalists total slightly over 30,000 persons. Anoka is the biggest with 12,200 and Sauk Centre the smallest with 3,573. Cloquet has a current population of 9,013 and Marshall of 6,881.

TOURNAMENT TIRADE

Officially, They Came to Lose

By JIM KLOBUCHAR
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

At 2 p.m. Thursday a referee named Lefty Gilleland flipped the ball for the opening tipoff of the State High School Basketball Tournament.

Ten seconds later, a voice from the balcony identified Gilleland, imperially but raucously, as "a cabbage head official."

LEFTY THUS won the referees' honorary ear for drawing the first foul of the state tournament.

Before the routine chaos of the afternoon was over a crowd of 18,552 at Williams Arena:

Marshall survived a 65-60 overtime battle with Austin.

Anoka survived a 54-48 slugger with Bemidji.

The referees simply survived.

But it was a struggle. It always is.

For better than two quarters of the opening game, Gilleland and his striped-vest partner, Dick McWaters, in relative serenity, were spared all but the harmless garden variety catcalls and sneers.

"HOW CAN you call Harry for traveling," screamed Bonnie Majerus, from the Austin rooster section. "He hardly EVER travels."

Gilleland and McWaters looked dispassionate.

"Stop evening up those calls," howled a Marshall moppet.

McWaters and Gilleland were undisturbed.

But it got sticky in the screeching final moments when Austin flung the game into overtime. And then, with four seconds remaining of the extra period, McWaters made the decision from which mere mortals might shrink.

HE CALLED a foul on Austin's Tom Grimley, and the dams broke.

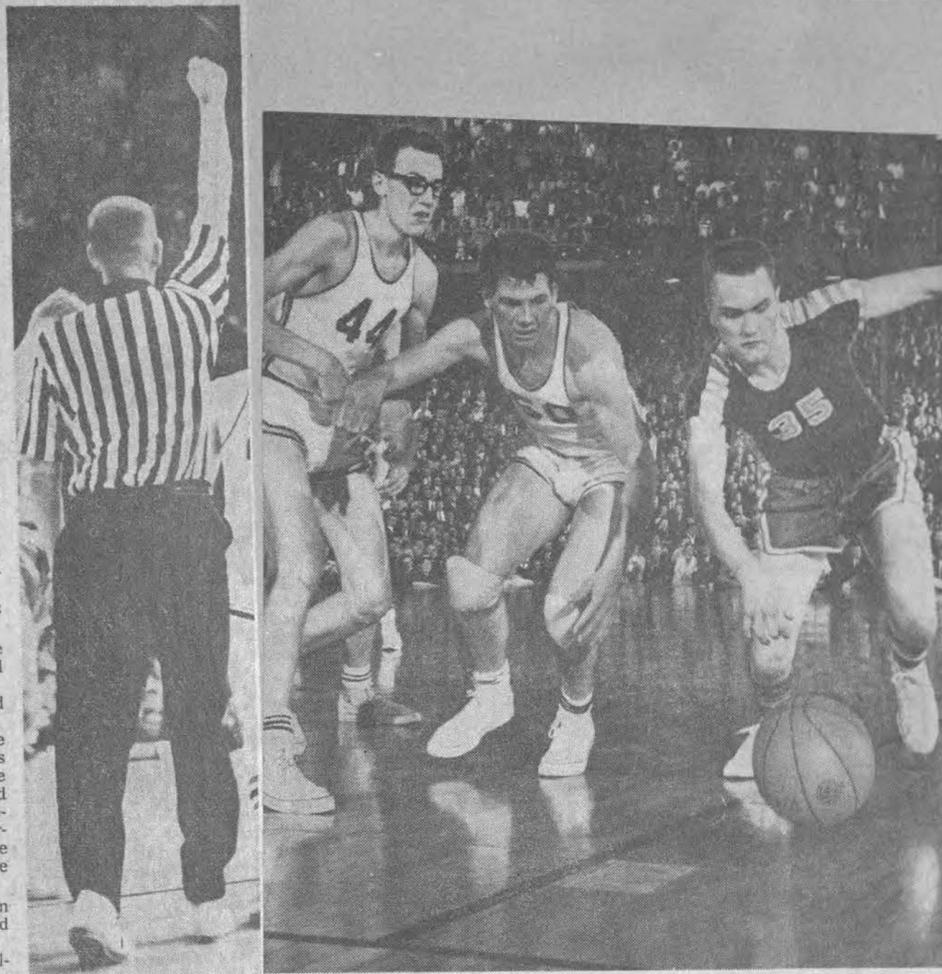
High in the upper balcony, fireman Lawrence LeBlanc of Minneapolis, assigned to maintain order, tucked his ears into his collar.

"Nobody," he said, "could pay me enough to wear a whistle on a day like this."

Marshall's Terry Porter went to the line, scored on both free throws and won the game.

McWaters and Gilleland retired to seclusion.

"IN THE TRADE," mumbled the University of Minnesota's Pat Mueller, "you describe that as a 'guts call.' A lot of people might have let that one ride and took the easy road. McWaters saw it and he had to call it."



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DICK McWATERS Marshall-Austin game

DRIBBLING DOWN THE FLOOR is Alan Redman (35) of Wells, guarded by Sauk Centre's Tom Trutna (44) and Joe Schmiesing (50) in Thursday night's State High School Basketball Tournament action

Star Photo by John Croft

at Williams Arena. Sauk Centre came back from an early deficit up to win 64-58 after beating back a furious last period Wells rally.



Minneapolis Tribune Staff Photo by Powell Krueger

ANOKA CHEERLEADERS' ARMS FORMED VICTORY SIGNS AFTER BEMIDJI GAME Anoka's 51-18 win pleased Jane Durr (left) and Sue Riegler

It Will Be First Title for Champion

ANOKA VS. MARSHALL

By JIM BYRNE
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

New faces are in vogue as Marshall, Anoka, Cloquet and Sauk Centre move into tonight's semifinals of the State High School Basketball tournament at Williams Arena.

Not only is each shooting to bring the school its first state championship, but previously representatives of the four schools have had state entries only a total of six times.

Marshall, which has had teams here twice before, draws Anoka at 7:30 p.m. Anoka was here once before. Cloquet, which has also had two previous bidders, meets Sauk Centre in the second game. The Main Streeters have had only one earlier entry.

There were 18,552 spectators on hand when Marshall eliminated Austin 65-63 in overtime and Anoka defeated Bemidji 54-48 in Thursday's afternoon entertainment.

Another 18,720 saw Cloquet whiz by Bloomington 82-67 and Sauk Centre stun Wells 64-58 in the night attractions.

Winners tonight meet for the 1963 crown Saturday night.

Schmiesing grabbed a rebound and made a long pass to Schwanke, who made the game-clinching basket (62-58) with 25 seconds to go.

Tom Schultz and Wells held the authority in the first half when the Region Two champs swung between four and eight-point leads.

But the bigger Sauk Centre cagers wore down Wells physically and on the boards. They took over for good early in the last quarter.

Marshall used both good shooting and balanced scoring to build a commanding lead over Austin and go on to victory.

Guards Terry Porter and Loren Johnson provided the best shooting for the winners. John Nefstead and Dennis Schroeder blended points. At halftime, when Marshall led 47-27, Porter had 15 points, Nefstead 10, Schroeder 8 and Johnson 9.

That was a prelude to Austin's fourth quarter rally and Porter's two winning free throws with four seconds remaining in the overtime.

Bruce Miller, Austin's husky center, led the Packers and warned of things to come by making six points while Austin shaved Marshall's lead to 45-39 early in the third quarter.

CLOQUET BEST, SELISKER SAYS

"I would have to say Cloquet is the best team in the tournament," said Coach Bill Selisker, whose Sauk Centre team faces the task of taking on the Range favorites in one of tonight's semifinals at Williams Arena.

"But sometimes, you know, the best teams don't win. So . . ."

CLOQUET VS. SAUK CENTRE

Shortly after Minnesota Track Coach Jim Kelly arrived, Cloquet began dashing to a well-earned victory over Bloomington. Cloquet seemingly had the Bears so well scouted that Bloomington's offense failed to reach its normal momentum consistently.

Cloquet shot 59 per cent the first half in pulling away to a 37-29 lead. Mike Forrest and Dave Meisner were well on their way to 29 and 30-point totals, respectively.

Bloomington was forced to go to its bench more than ever before this season, both in the first and second halves. Momentary injuries to Bob Kelly and John Dover as well as fouling troubles forced the issues.

But the reserve strength wasn't there to cope with Cloquet's burning speed and fierce offensive power and defensive press.

Ken Last and Kelly helped Bloomington shave Cloquet's lead to 42-39 during Bloomington's strongest moments of the second half. But Forrest, Meisner, Dick Boyer and Dennis Breitbarth had the answers.

Joe Schmiesing and Don Swanke carried the load as Sauk Centre refused to fold and rallied to defeat Wells. Schwanke made the last six points for the winners and Schmiesing the two previous ones.

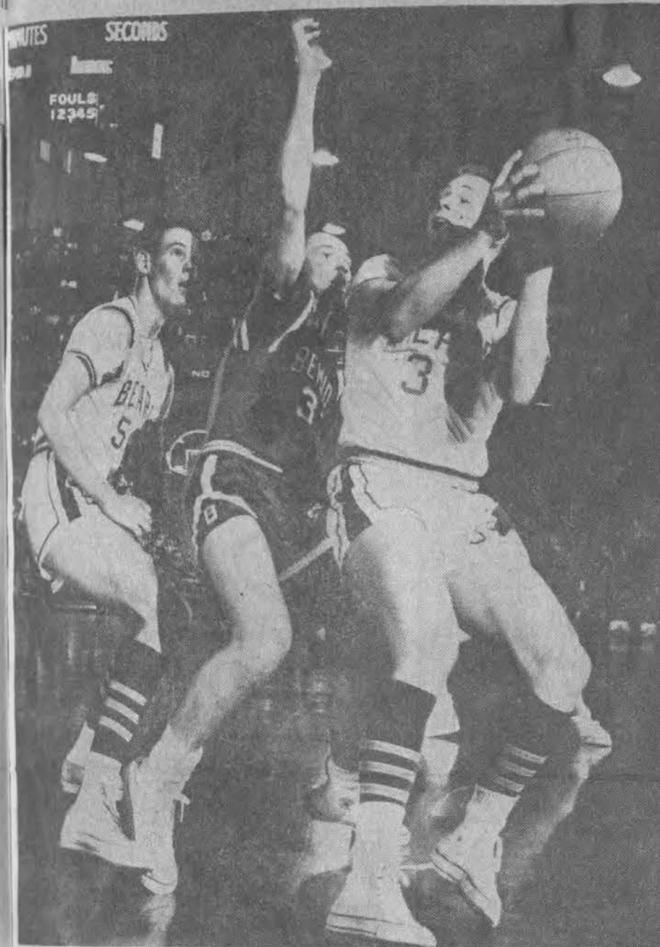
But Nefstead gave Marshall a 59-55 cushion with 2:07 left in quarter four. Hartman's two baskets tied the count 61-61 with five seconds to go forcing the overtime.

Bill Erickson put Anoka in command the last 1:57 with his free throws, two baskets and an interception against Bemidji. Bill's two free throws sent the Tornadoes ahead for good 48-46.

He grabbed the ball under his defensive basket and raced down the floor again to score a field goal. Then before making his last basket, Bill's interception brought Anoka possession at a vital moment.

Bill Rabe and Gerry Suman enabled Bemidji to carry an edge in rebounding throughout the game. Its defense for three quarters limited Anoka's Jerry Hayes to four points during that time. Hayes has been a 14-16 point man all season.

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Minneapolis Tribune Photo by John Croft
BLOOMINGTON'S JON SOUCEK POISES FOR SHOT ATTEMPT
John Dow of Bemidji defends and Bears' Ken Last awaits result

Fortier Sees Dark Future for Basketball at Bemidji

Bun Fortier, the balding pundit who coaches Bemidji's basketball teams, looked around the familiar corridors of the Williams Arena dressing room area Saturday night and mused:

"I'm afraid you won't be seeing us around this place for a few years. It'll probably be a while before Bemidji is back in the state tournament again."

Fortier was speaking as the Lumberjacks were packing their grips following their 43-42 loss to Bloomington in the consolation game.

"We've been at the top of our talent cycle for several years now," Fortier said. "But we'll be going down, starting next year. The personnel will be a little scarce for several seasons."

Bemidji loses its two big boys, Bill Rabe and Gerry Suman, by graduation. "Next year we won't have a man over six feet," Fortier said. "I'm convinced you need size to win—and the big boys don't come along very often."

Fortier is keenly aware of the competition that

Bemidji's new hockey program will offer next season.

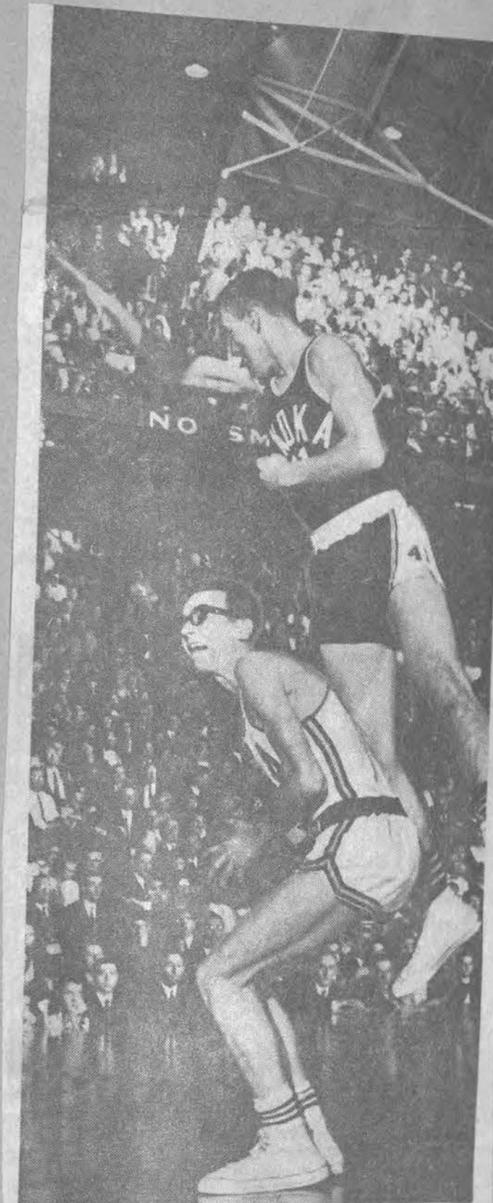
"We'll probably lose only one or two good basketball prospects a year to hockey," he said, "but that's enough. It's bound to hurt us. What would Cloquet, for instance, be if Dave Meisner had decided to play hockey instead of basketball?"

The Bemidji coach had no complaints over his loss last night to Bloomington.

"Both teams played poorly," he explained, "so how can you feel badly over losing out on a trophy? We had a good year. I'm satisfied."

Bloomington's Don Snyder, meanwhile, bowed out of coaching with his narrow victory.

"Imagine shooting 26 per cent and beating a team like Bemidji," he said. "We haven't really played good ball since the district tournament, but I'm happy the boys gave me an opportunity to go out with a victory."



Minneapolis Tribune Photo by John Croft
SAUK CENTRE'S TOM TRUTNA GRIMACES
Anoka's Bill Erickson went for fake, crashed on Trutna

WINS THIRD PLACE

Sauk Centre Rallies to Overtake Anoka

A magnificent rally that erased a 12-point deficit in the final period carried Sauk Centre's Mainstreeters to third place in the 51st state high school basketball tournament with a 56-54 victory over Anoka's Tornados.

Early in the final period Anoka, shaking off some of the shooting lethargy that had resulted in its resounding loss Friday night to Marshall, worked into a 45-33 lead.

(MAINSTREETERS too tired for victory ride — Page Four.)

But Dick Neal, Gary Gilbert and Tom Trutna all hit for Sauk Centre and it trailed 45-39 with 5:34 to go. Bob Fenwick, Anoka reserve, made a trio of free throws, but they were sandwiched between another Trutna fielder, a two pointer by Joe Schmiesing and a pair of free throws by Neal.

That left Sauk Centre behind only 48-45 with 3:33 left. Jerry Hayes picked up two fielders, one at 3:10 and another at 2:41, and it was 50-49 for Anoka. Schmiesing's basket with 2:14 to go put Sauk Centre into its first

lead, 51-50, since early in the contest.

Two more gift shots by Jay Wellberg returned the lead to Anoka, but Schmiesing made a free throw and it was 52-52 with 1:15 remaining.

A drive-in shot by Gilbert with one minute left and Neal's two free throws with 48 seconds to go shoved Sauk Centre ahead 56-52. Anoka's last effort was a Tom Erickson field goal with 42 seconds remaining.

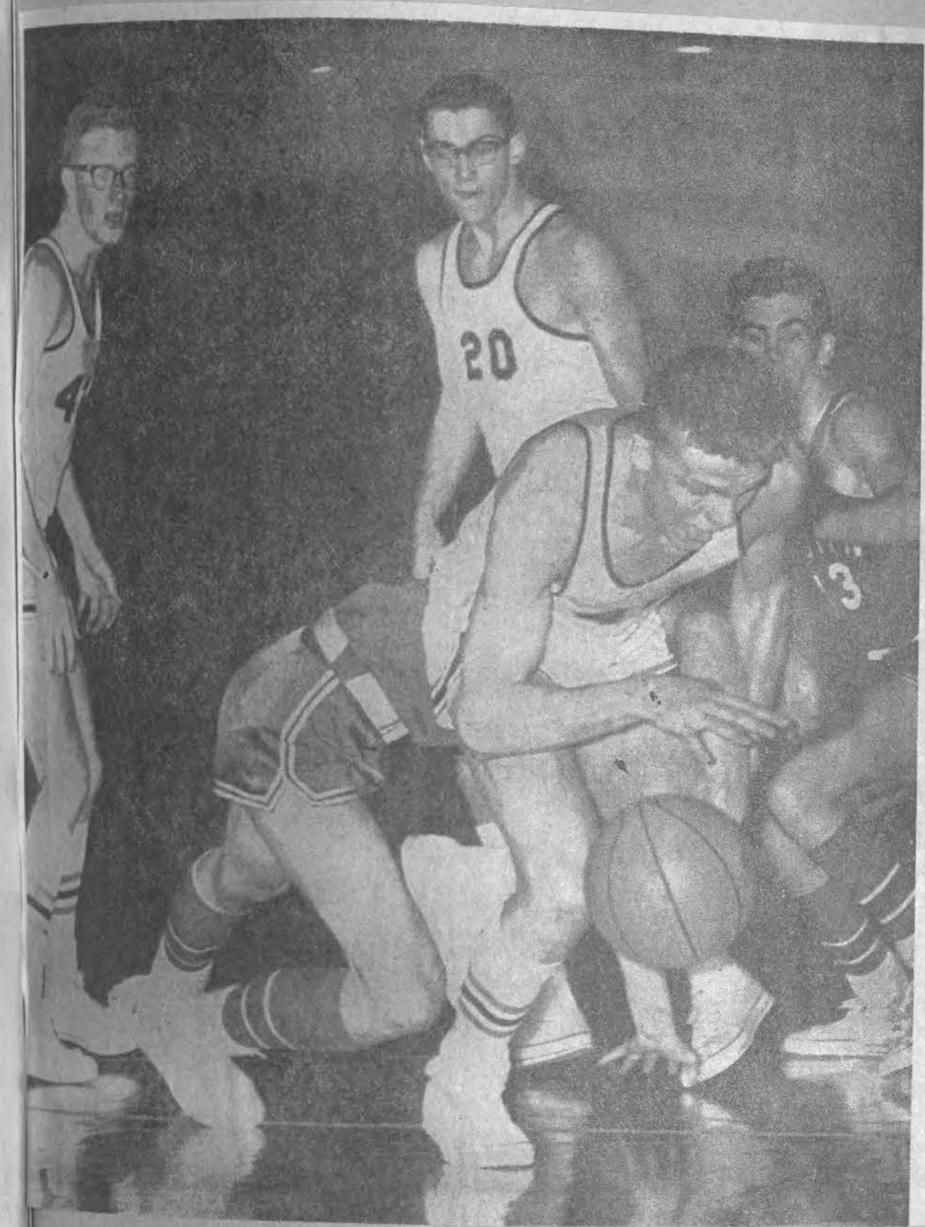
Anoka took command in the first period by working into a 19-8 lead, but Sauk Centre started to come to life in the second session and the Tornados' lead was reduced to 34-27 at the half.

Neither team could brag about its shooting percentage in the game, Sauk Centre making 19 of 58 for 32.8, Anoka 13 of 34 for 38.2

Sauk Centre (56)	Anoka (54)
fg	fg
ft	ft
tp	tp
Rebounding	Rebounding
Shooting %	Shooting %
Free throws	Free throws
missed	missed
Officials	Officials



DICK BOYER (11), DAVE MEISNER (13)
Cloquet's Meisner scored 30 points



AT RIGHT
Out of a scramble in Austin-Marshall game comes John Nefstead as teammates Dennis Schroeder (42) and Dave Webb (20) watch admiringly.—Staff photos.

Bloomington Edges Bemidji

Bloomington made it two straight victories over Bemidji this season by defeating the Lumberjacks 43-42 in the State Tournament consolation finals Saturday night at Williams Arena.

The Bears did it with their lowest shooting percentage of the season—26 per cent.

(COACH FORTIER says Bemidji won't be back in journey for a while—Page Four.)

Joe Yager provided Bloomington's winning margin with a back-handed layup shot with 43 seconds remaining.

That gave the Bears a 43-

40 margin, which Bemidji's Garry Suman cut 12 seconds later to 43-42 on a layup basket. Suman was fouled on the play but missed the free throw which would have tied the score.

BEMIDJI gained possession with 16 seconds left. Bill Rabe tried a last-second shot which Bloomington's tiny Bobby Kelly partially blocked.

Bloomington had beaten Bemidji 53-43 at Bloomington last Feb. 9. This one came a good deal tougher.

Plagued by cold shooting and some erratic floor play, the Bears struggled through

the first half and went into the dressing room trailing 22-18. Bemidji's alert defense held Ken Last, Bloomington's 6-foot-4 center, without a point during the first two periods.

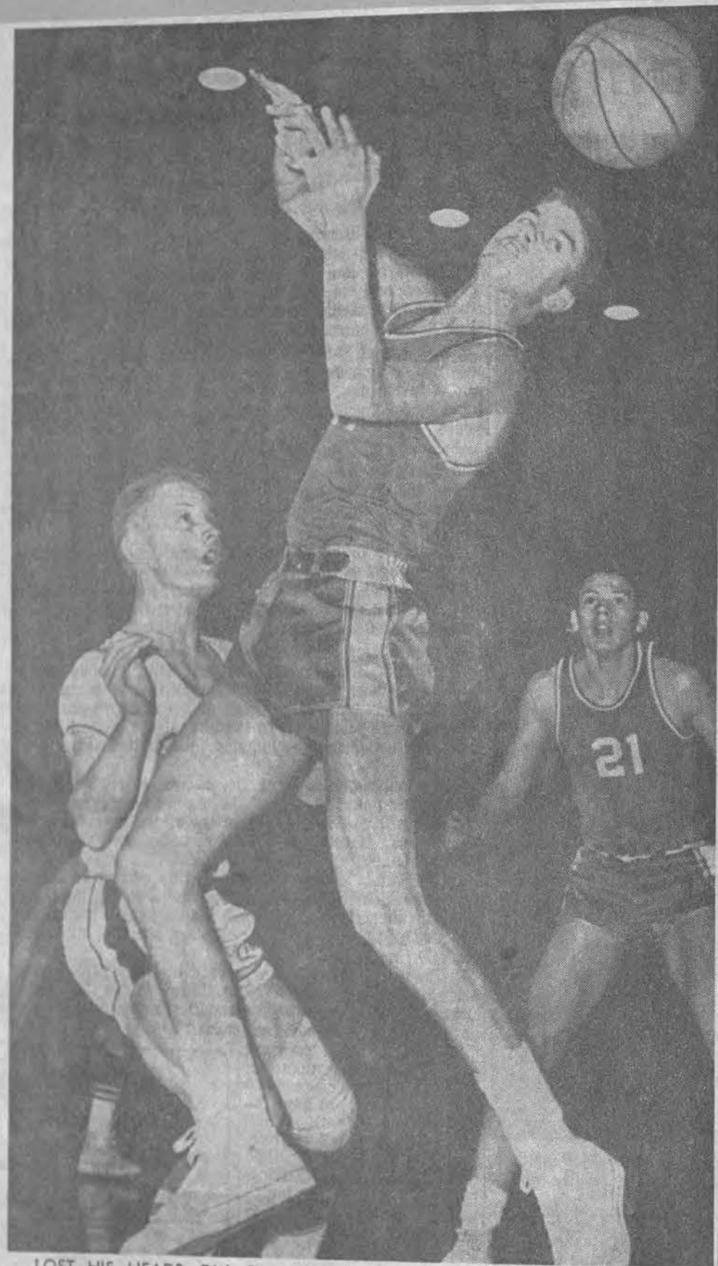
A third-period spurt led by Last and Kelly put Bloomington back into contention. The Bears took over the lead for the first time at 29-27 on Last's two free throws.

BLOOMINGTON carried a 34-33 lead into the fourth period, before Suman sparked a Bemidji rally. Suman scored 8 of his 14 points in the final quarter, giving the Lumberjacks their last lead 40-39.

Kelly fired in a long jump shot to put Bloomington up 41-40. The Bears attempted to stall out the final two minutes, with Yager breaking away for his basket which provided the 43-40 margin.

The victory gave Bloomington a final season's record of 24-3. Bemidji finished 20-4.

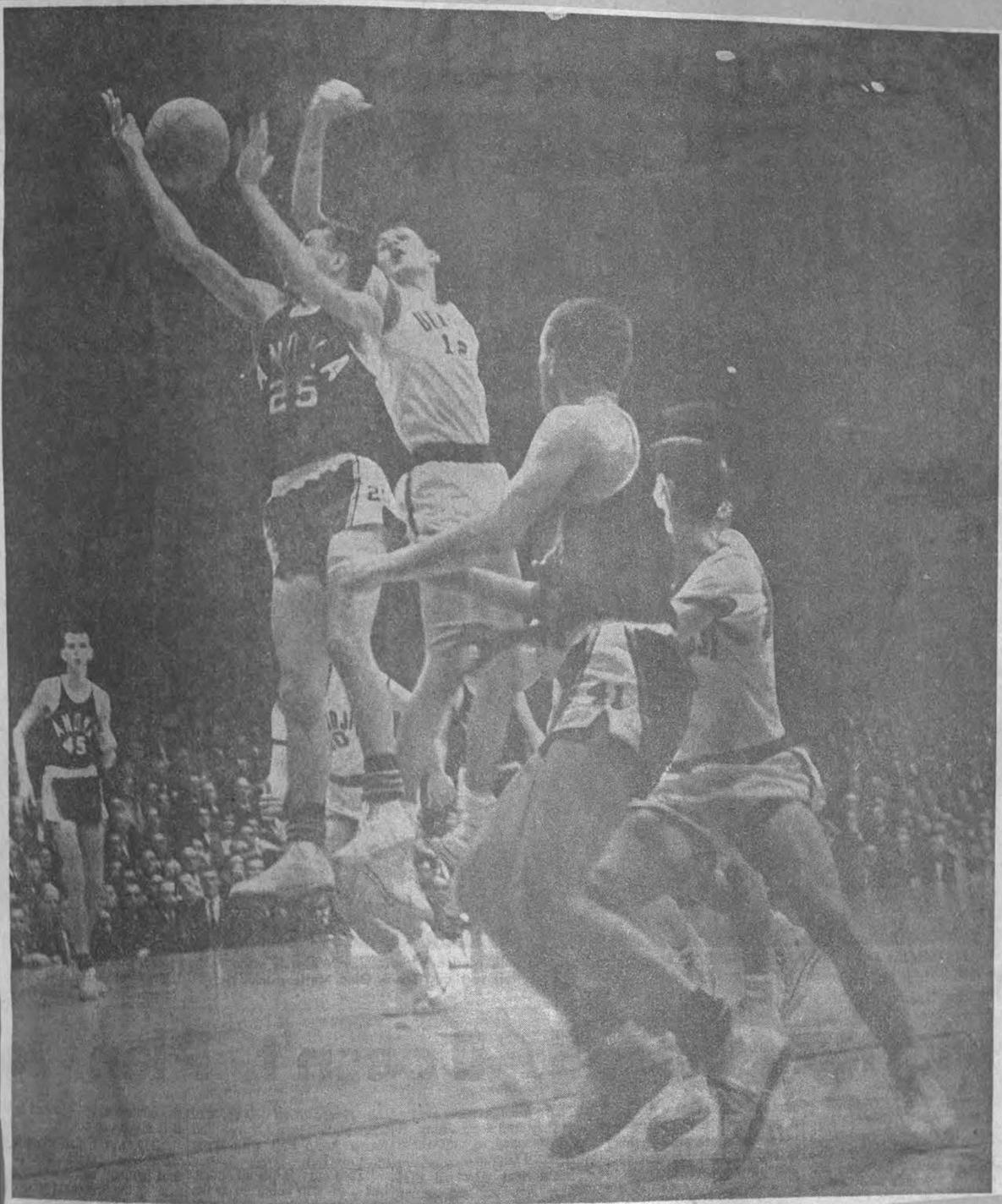
Bemidji (42)	Bloomington (43)
fg	fg
ft	ft
tp	tp
Rebounding	Rebounding
Shooting %	Shooting %
Free throws	Free throws
missed	missed
Officials	Officials



LOST HIS HEAD?—Dick Boyer, Cloquet's 6-foot forward, seems to feel the ball is something of his own as he tries to reach back over his shoulder for it. Others in action are Tom Otterdahl of Bloomington (white jersey) and Boyer's teammate, guard Gary Welton (21). —AP Photo.

ABOVE

Bemidji's Gerry Suman looks as though he is trying to pull off head of Anoka's Dick Syring in this high-up action. Camera freezes others ready to move.



AT LEFT

It's Suman again as he goes up for jump shot, leap apparently catching Anoka's Phil Johnson (45) and Bill Erickson (41) by surprise.

Tournament Tough Grind

The pressure, physical and emotional, of the three-day state basketball tournament was reflected by coaches of teams in preliminary games Saturday night at Williams arena.

Coach Don Snyder of Bloomington, whose team won the consolation title over Bemidji, said, "I think both teams were tired out there . . . but it's nice to wind up with a winner, you bet!"

Snyder, who gives up the Bloomington basketball job to concentrate on his role of athletic director, said, "It's tremendous working with a group of boys."

Bill Selisker, whose Sauk Centre Mainstreeters beat Anoka, capped his third year as the Sauk Centre coach with the third place trophy.

In comparison with Snyder,

who drops the coaching reins at Bloomington, Selisker plans to continue coaching for a long time. He's only 27. But he quipped, "Maybe I won't last very long if they are all like this!"

Selisker credited "good desire and good determination" for the success of his team this year. Selisker felt it took a while for his cagers to get rolling against Anoka. After losing an 87-81 thriller to Cloquet in semifinals the night before, Selisker said, "I expected a letdown, but not that much!"

Selisker credited Sauk Centre's press with its rally from a 45-33 deficit with seven minutes to play. "We kept Anoka from their pattern plays, kept the pressure on them," he said.

Bloomington, finished with

a 23-3 log, while Sauk Centre, third place winner over Anoka, closed with a 21-4 record.

Four of Snyder's five starters are seniors. "I believe Ken Last (6-4 Bloomington center) will be a good Big Ten football player . . . and Joe Yager—he's an A student—will be a fine guard for some team . . . of course, Bobby Kelly, another outstanding college prospect, is only a junior . . ."

Snyder's 20-year coaching career included the Wisconsin State championship at St. Croix Falls in 1950 . . . He had teams in the Wisconsin and Minnesota State tournaments twice each . . . St. Croix Falls in 1950 and 1954 in Wisconsin, and Winona in the Minnesota tournament prior to this year's Bloomington team . . .

Losing coaches Ben Fortier of Bemidji and Bill Wanamaker of Anoka looked almost as tired as their ball players as they talked about their set-backs after the games.

"It was not a well-played game," said Fortier. "Bloomington, like us, made a lot of mistakes. We lost to them by 10 at Bloomington in February but should have won this one. We lose our tall players, so it could be quite awhile before we get back to another state tournament."

Wanamaker said: "Better luck next year, I guess. We were way ahead and let them off the hook. I know one thing—our kids were dead tired at the end—it has been quite a grind for them."

Bemidji ended its season with a 22-4 record while Anoka, which came into the tournament with the poorest record in the field, ended 19-8.

Marshall Wins State Cage Title

Marshall's red-headed forward, Dennis Schroeder, calmly sank two free throws with 15 seconds left in the game to pull the Tigers into a 75-74 lead and the Region 3 five held off the Cloquet Lumberjacks to win the 1963 Minnesota State High School league basketball championship at Williams arena Saturday before 18,474 fans.

Details in Sports section.

Mattke Elated; Doesn't Plan to Quit

By GLENN REDMANN
Staff Writer

It took Marshall Coach Glenn Mattke nearly five minutes before he could collect his thoughts after Saturday night's rousing upset victory over Cloquet to give the Tigers the 1963 State High School basketball championship.

But when he did, the 34-year-old mentor smiled as only a winner could as he said: "This is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me and it was worth every

ounce of sweat that went with it these past few weeks."

Asked if there was anything to reports that he was considering a premature finish to his 10-year cage coaching career, Mattke answered: "I've thought about it, especially the past few days."

Later, the tall, square-jawed Morton, Minn., native admitted that it would be pretty hard to quit when four of his starting five return next year including All-Staters Terry Porter and Loren Johnson.

"These kids gave me everything they had for so long, it would be hard to quit them now," said Glenn.

Mattke was elated that Porter, Johnson and senior John Nefstead were picked for the All-State team, but said several of his other squad members were all-state too so far as he was concerned.

Glenn was especially high in his praise of 6-2 forward Dennis Schroeder, who came up with two key free throws with 15 seconds left to put

the Tigers ahead 75-74, and then hauled in a key rebound for a jump ball with three seconds left.

"That guy is an all-stater, but I'm not going to make any issue about it," said Mattke. "I know picking these teams is not easy. Most every team picked has to leave some deserving boy off."

The red-haired Schroeder, with his arm draped around the shoulders of teammates Nefstead and Porter, said his first free throw which tied

the contest at 74-74 looked as if it might pop out.

"Boy, was I glad when it went back down through that basket," he said. "After making the first one, I wasn't worried a bit about the second one."

Mattke said that the game could have gone either way and he could not think of a turning point.

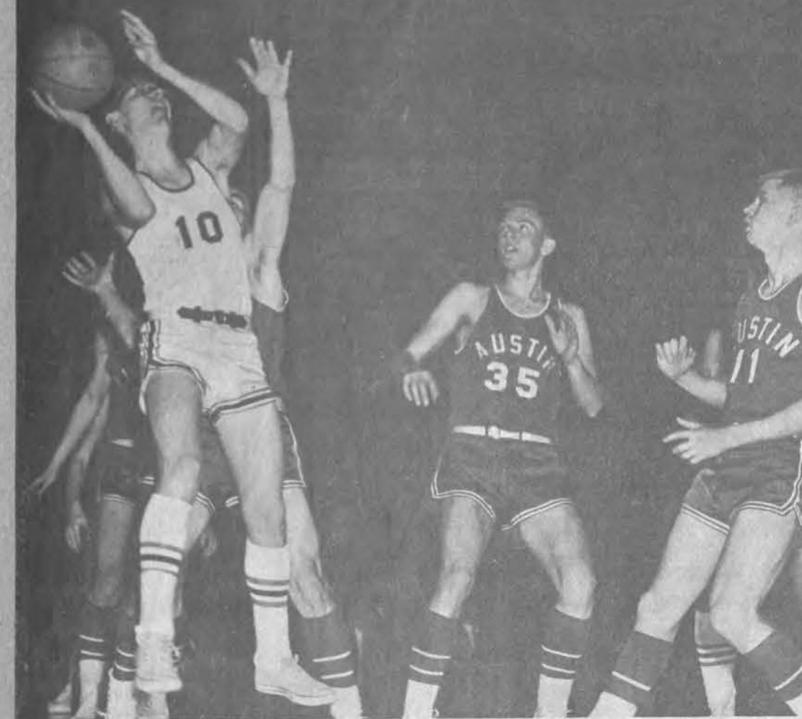
"At halftime, we told our kids that we were satisfied with their offensive play, but we asked them to buck up on defense. I guess they did.

didn't they? It didn't as if Cloquet scored much."

Mattke was right. The Lumberjacks were held to points the second half, hitting 43 in the first 18 minutes of play.

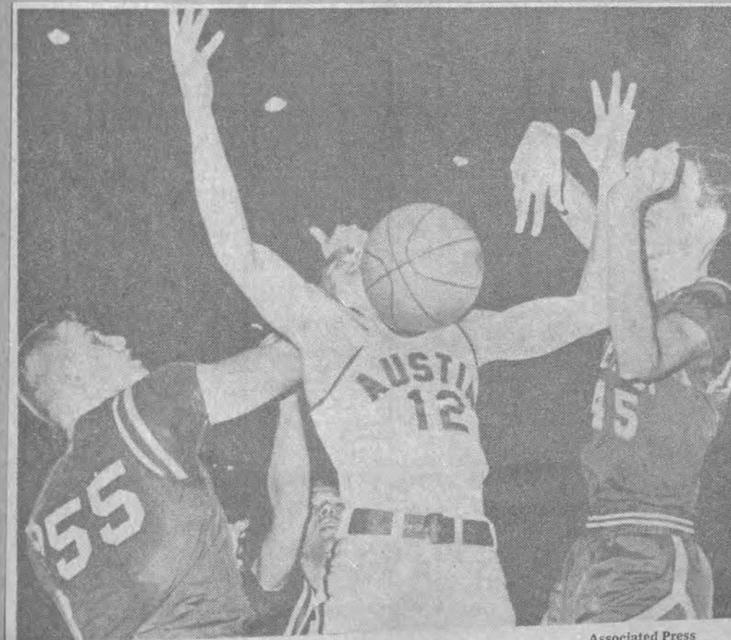
The Marshall coach complained that with 15 seconds left and Cloquet in possession after Schroeder's free throws, the Tiger strategy was to keep the

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EASY LAYUP—Austin's Bruce Miller (No. 35) and Harry Musser (No. 11) appear to be afraid of fouling Marshall's Terry Porter in the above photo. Porter drew Wally Osterholt into so many fouls early in the game that the Packers became

wary of his sneaky moves. During the state tournament game, which Marshall won, Porter hit 13 free throws including two which won the game in an overtime period. Locy photo.



Associated Press

CHARLIE GRANHOLM (12) of Austin, Minn., leaps in the air for a shot which goes awry because of the defensive work of Bemidji's Bill Rabe (55) and Gerry Suman (45). But Granholm gets

the ball in falling. This action occurred in the fourth period of Friday's consolation semifinals of the Minnesota High School Basketball Tournament in Williams Arena. Bemidji won 71-53.



Minneapolis Tribune Staff Photo

Squeeze Play

Joe Schmiesing of Sauk Centre finds his path to the basket blocked by Michael Forrest (No. 25) and Jay Gildemeister (No. 51) of Cloquet in Friday night's State Tournament game. In the background is Richard Boyer of Cloquet (No. 11).

WHAT THEY SAID

ANOKA

Bill Erickson: "It wasn't a question of mental attitude, I don't think. We just couldn't hit the basket. We played a whole quarter (the second) without a field goal. That killed us."

Tom Erickson: "Don't sell Marshall short — they're awfully good. Their guards shoot well, but that's the way they're set up. Their 'picks' are terrific."

Dick Syring: "I've never been picked off so well. You couldn't see it coming and when you did it was too late. That Nefstead picked me off as I tried to cover Porter. I couldn't get to Porter in time to block the shot."

Jerry Hayes: "We weren't thinking in that first half. The shots they did miss, we forgot to block on, so they rebounded well. That Schroeder and Nefstead were great rebounders. Schroeder's tip-ins under the basket really hurt."



Schroeder Porter Hayes T. Erickson

MARSHALL

Dennis Schroeder: "The idea of our zone was to keep Anoka away from the basket. It worked better than any of us dared to hope."

Sandy MacDonald: "We were really surprised when the coach (Glenn Mattke) came down after warmup shots and told us we'd play the zone. I don't know if that was a psychological device on his part or not, but we assumed all day that we'd play a regular man to man defense."

Terry Porter: "That was amazing, pulling off to a lead like that. Every time I looked up at the clock I'd have to blink to see if it was true. The main thing was to keep Anoka from getting a spurt early in the third period. We did it."

Loren Johnson: "We watched both Cloquet and Sauk Centre win their Thursday games over television in our hotel rooms. That's not a very good way to scout other teams, so tonight we're going upstairs here and take a real good look at them."

John Nefstead: "The reason we don't like to play the zone defense is that we feel we're good enough to each play against one man and beat him. The man to man served us well all season. I'm sure Anoka felt we'd play it again tonight. They acted a little surprised when they saw the zone."

Finals Coaches Respect Foes

By DICK GORDON
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

Here is what the principals and other interested parties had to say late Friday night regarding tonight's 9 p.m. jackpot game in the 1963 State High School Basketball Tournament:

Bennett Trochlii, Cloquet coach — "Marshall is a very well-coached team. They have a good offense and they know how to work it. They really set up their picks."

Glenn Mattke, Marshall coach — "Cloquet's press is very good but it shouldn't bother us too much . . . I hope."

Bill Selisker, Sauk Centre coach whose team fought Cloquet down to the wire before losing one of last night's semifinals 87-81 — "Our game could have gone either way. But I still think Cloquet will win the tournament."

Bill Wanamaker, Anoka coach whose cagers lost to Marshall in the other semi 61-35 — "Well, the roof really fell in. Yes (in reply to a question) if Marshall shoots like they did against us, they can beat Cloquet, too. In fact, that will be quite a shooting game."

And when someone suggested that Marshall's hot shooting would even beat Ohio State, Wanamaker nodded his head in agreement.

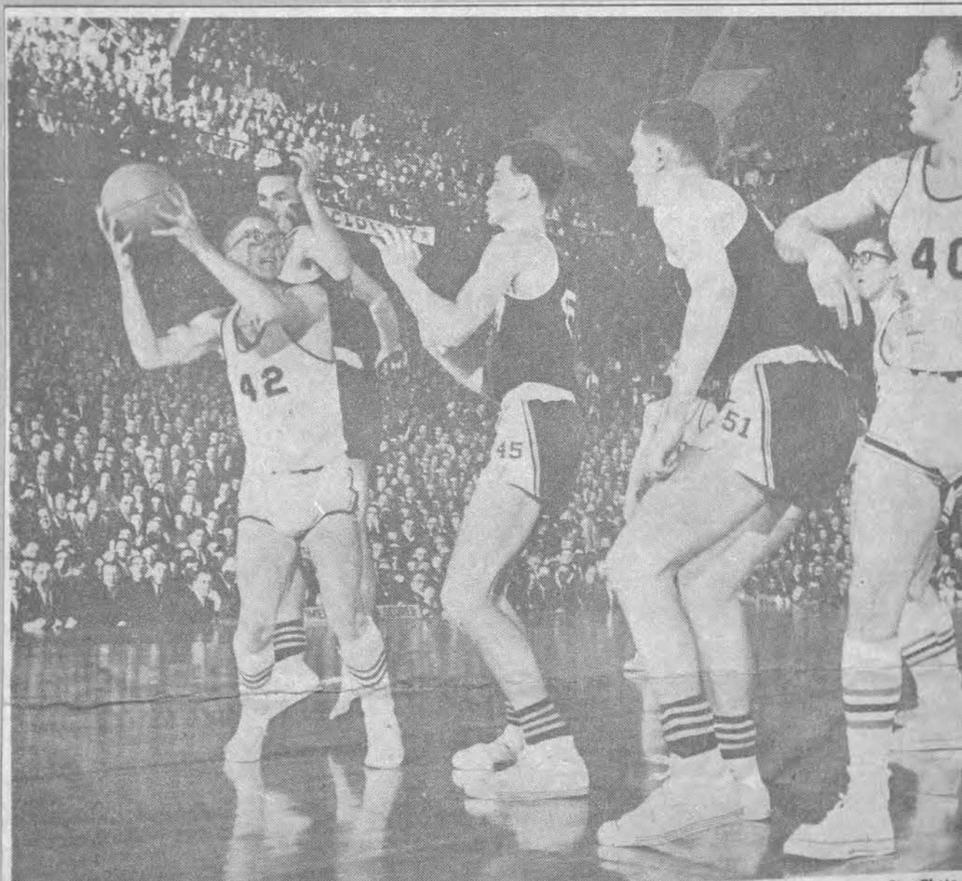
Dennis Breitbarth, Cloquet center — "I guess we took Sauk Centre too lightly. We can't be proud of that victory although we're still happy. But we've got to play better to beat Marshall."

John Nefstead, Marshall forward — "Both Pipestone

and Hutchinson pressed us hard and it didn't seem to bother us. I don't think we'll panic now. But we've got to beat them on the boards."

Trechlii again — "We weren't shooting too well against Sauk Centre. But they had something to do with that and you can't really complain about scoring 87 points. But our defense fell apart. No one was quick except Dave Meisner. But it wasn't because we were tired. Three games in a row won't bother us. So we'll press and run again against Marshall. That's the only way we play."

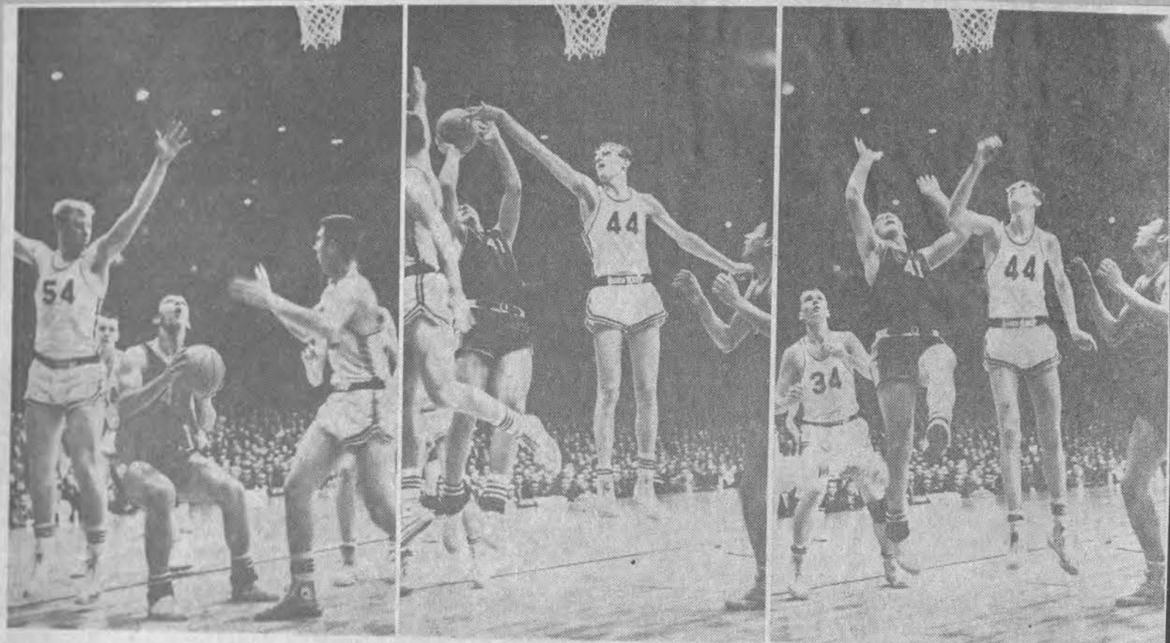
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DENNIS SCHROEDER (42 white) of Marshall had to shoot past Phil Johnson (45) and Tom Erickson (51) of Anoka in Friday's State High School Tournament semi-finals. At the right is John Nefstead (40) of Marshall. Schroeder scored nine points.

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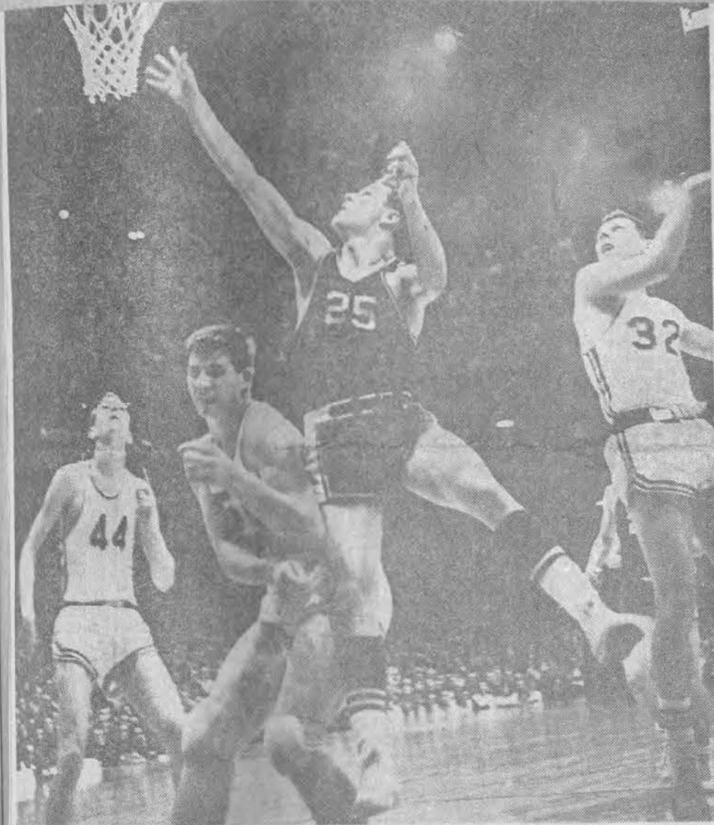


Cloquet's Dennis Breitbarth (41) gets set for shot, is guarded closely, moves to take shot, lets



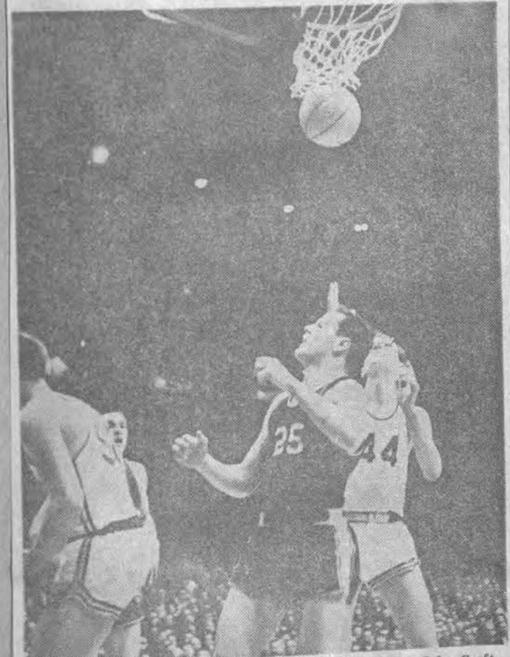
go, battles for own rebound, tries to shoot again and is fouled.

—Star photos by John Croft



FORREST LETS FLY WITH THE BALL
Tom Mayer (32 white) of Sauk Centre at right

... IT'S A BASKET



Star Photos by John Croft
BALL WRINKLES THE TWINE
Two points in Forrest's 21 total

Marshall-Cloquet A Shooting Finale

Marshall, one of Minnesota's southwestern farm communities, is back in the finals of the State High School Tournament—just like 21 years ago in its last previous trip to prep basketball's bonanza.

Cloquet, a lumber town from the northeastern part of the state, has a team in the finals for the first time in history.

Marshall, although it employed a zone in Friday night's semifinal victory over Anoka, usually goes with the orthodox man-to-man defense.

Cloquet, as has been the case all season as well as in its two tourney victories, will rely on go-go tactics and tire-

less pressing defense on a full-court basis.

So much for the contrast. In common is the fact that the finalists' two youthful coaches Marshall's Glenn Mattke and Cloquet's Bennett Torchil are long-time friends, and both graduates of Morton, Minn., high school.

Matke was a classmate of Torchil's brother and Glenn's sister used to date Bennett.

Both Mattke and Torchil seem to have taught their charges how to fire the ball through the hoop from anywhere on the floor.

The two teams averaged over 50 per cent in floor marksmanship this season.

While its regulars have been playing at Williams Arena, Marshall has been hitting at a near 50 per cent clip, mainly by long-range bullseyes.

Cloquet, while not swishing them as consistently as before the tournament, still has totaled an amazing 169 points in two victories here over Bloomington and Sauk Centre.

So it could be the "shoot-iest" championship game in tournament annals.

Marshall has lost only to Luverne in the third game on the schedule. Mattke's boys have since won 21 straight games for an over-all 24-1 record.

Cloquet dropped a couple of close ones to Proctor and Duluth Central and has won all the rest—including a return game with Central—for a 23-2 showing.



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CLOQUET'S MIKE FORREST (25) AND RICHARD BOYER (11), KEN LAST (IN WHITE) OF BEARS
Coming up to assist are Joe Yager (40) and Tom Otterdahl (30) of Bloomington



Star Photo by John Croft
DRIBBLING DOWN THE FLOOR is Alan Redman (35) of Wells, guarded by Sauk Centre's Tom Trutna (44) and Joe Schmiesing (50) in Thursday night's State High School Basketball Tournament action at Williams Arena. Sauk Centre came from behind an early deficit to win 64-58 after beating back a furious last period Wells rally.

Wanamaker: Scouting Bemidji Paid Off

WHAT THEY SAID

MARSHALL

John Nefstead: "I thought my shot just before the gun ending the fourth quarter would be good. It was off line just a fraction."

Dennis Schroeder: "It's tough to see the other team cutting your lead away like that. I'd almost rather go into the halftime rest tied than with a 42-29 lead."

Sandy MacDonald: "We were a little nervous at the end, but that was nothing new. Our last four games have gone right down to the wire."

Terry Porter: "We weren't trying to hold the ball in the second half. It's just that we had that lead, and we wanted to make sure the shot was a good one. We got a little too cautious."

Loren Johnson: "Austin executed its press very well. But it was one defensive man against the dribbler. And in that situation the guard should beat his man. Porter helped by breaking away near midcourt for the pass."



Johnson MacDonald Miller Hartman

AUSTIN

Bruce Miller, center: "We were outrebounded badly in the first half. Marshall got the inside position and held onto it. We outrebounded them in the second half, but it wasn't enough."

Dave Hartman, guard: "Marshall scrapped awfully well. Their guards killed us with outside shooting." On the jump shot he took with 40 seconds left in regulation time that might have won it for Austin: "I had a good block and a clean shot. I just missed it, that's all."

Harry Musser, guard: "We fell too far behind. Did we play well? Not well enough, I guess."

Wally Osterholt, forward: "We were terrible . . . we've never fallen behind like that all season."

Tom Grimley, reserve who was charged with the foul that provided Marshall's winning margin: "I wanted to stay clear of him (Terry Porter) as he shot. I thought I did. I didn't want to foul him."

It was, sighed Bill Wanamaker, well worth the trip. Wanamaker is the Anoka basketball coach, and he was referring to his 600-mile round trip last weekend to scout Bemidji in the Region Eight tournament at Grand Forks, N.D.

"I got a look at Bemidji on both Friday and Saturday nights," said Wanamaker after Anoka had beaten the Lumberjacks 54-48 Thursday in the opening round of the state tournament.

"It really helped. It gave us a chance to set up our defense, and to get a reasonable idea of what offensive stuff might work."

Wanamaker looked over at Bill Erickson, the Anoka guard who scored six points in succession to pull the Tornados away from a 46-46 tie.

"I've never seen an athlete put out more than Erickson," he said. "That drive-in shot near the end was a good example. He wore out a pair of shoes

this season, and he has floor burns over parts of his back."

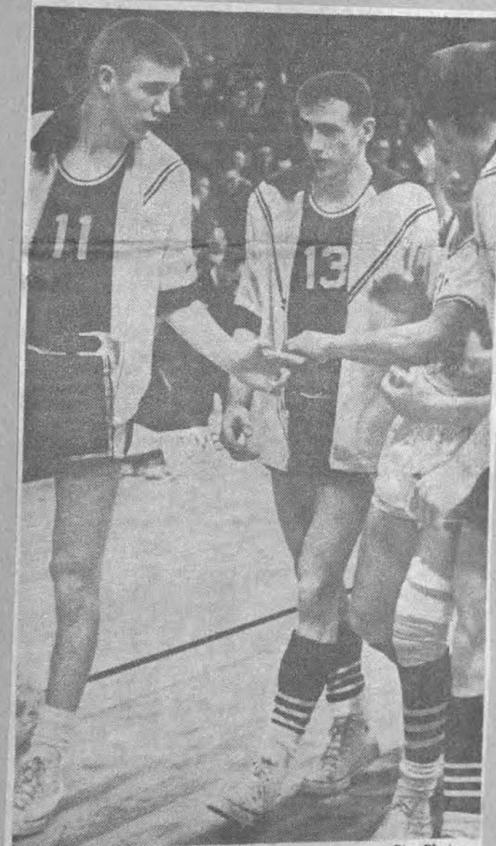
Erickson thought back over his drive-in shot, and smiled softly.

"I saw a little opening just after I crossed midcourt," he explained. "I was sure Tom Erickson's man would pick me up. But he stayed with Tom, and that gave me the chance to drive right on up the middle."

Bemidji Coach Bun Fortier leveled a strong blast at the officiating after the loss.

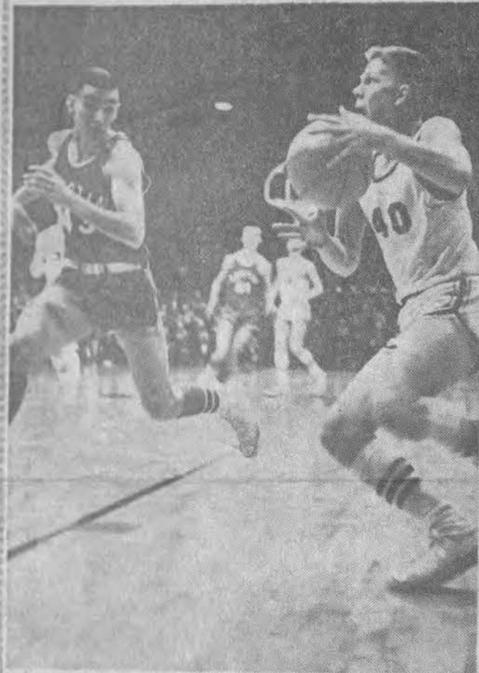
"We were getting clobbered all over the floor, and they called nothing," Fortier said while pacing

Wanamaker
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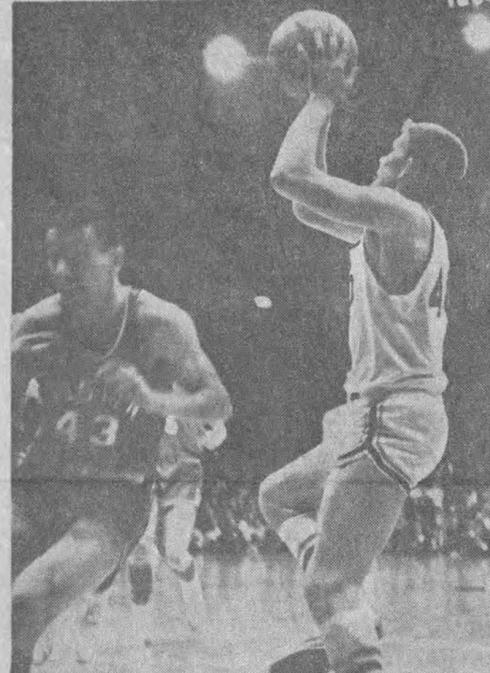


Star Photo
DICK BOYER (11), DAVE MEISNER (13)
Cloquet's Meisner scored 30 points

DRIVING FOR A MARSHALL BASKET



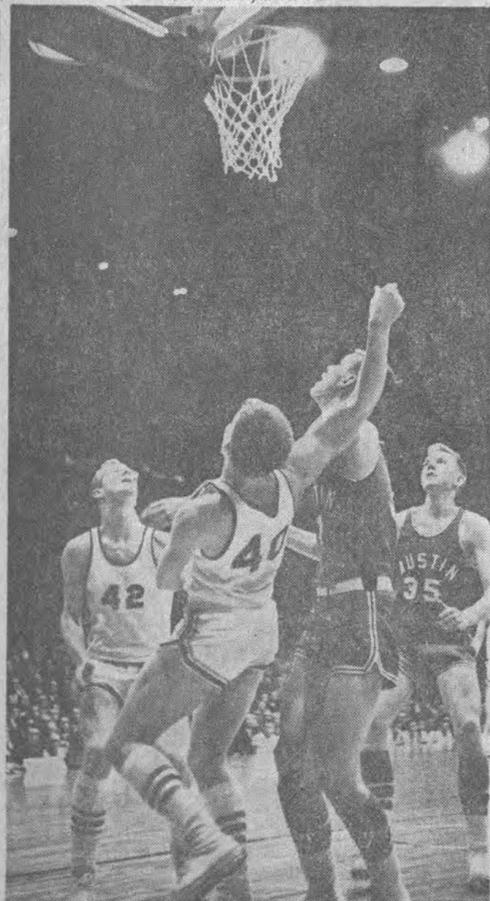
JOHN NEFSTEAD (40) DRIBBLES IN
Austin's Walt Osterholt (43) comes up



NEFSTEAD GOES UP IN THE AIR
Osterholt jaked out



AL BERG (31) TRIES TO BLOCK SHOT
Dennis Schroeder (42) of Marshall and Harry Musser (11)
of Austin watch



Star Photos by John Croft
THE BALL'S IN THE HOOP
And Marshall goes on to victory

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNEY STRIFE



STRUGGLING FOR THE BALL are Cloquet's Jay Gilde-
master (50), Bloomington's Robert Kerr (54, with ball),
and Mike Forrest (arms encircling Kerr) of Cloquet.

Star Photo
Reaching in toward the action is Joe Yager (40) of Bloom-
ington while the Bears' Jon Soucek (34) and Bob Kelly
(10) wait outside.

Anoka 54, Bemidji 48

Bill Erickson, a 6-foot-2 guard, proved a take-charge performer for Anoka's Tornados in felling the Bemidji Lumberjacks 54-48 in a late-game rally.

WITH the score dead-locked 46-46 with 1:47 remaining, Erickson popped in a pair of free throws for the go-ahead points.

Then he slashed in through the Bemidji array for a clinching fielder at 1:17 and added still another field goal with 28 seconds remaining for a 52-46 lead.

Thus it took Erickson just one minute, 19 seconds to count six of his eight points in the game. After Erickson's performance, a John Warford field goal for Bemidji was offset by two free throws by Anoka's Dick Syring for the final margin.

Bemidji held a 15-13 first-period lead, but Anoka tied 29-29 at intermission on Syring's last-second field goal from mid-court.

It was tied 33-33 when Bemidji ran off five straight points on a Warford long shot and free throw and a side shot by Gerry Suman.

Bemidji led 38-34 into the final quarter, then pulled into a six-point advantage on Bill Rabe's shot.

Anoka roared back with six straight points on baskets by Tom Erickson, Syring and Jerry Hayes to tie the score 40-40 with 5:11 remaining.

The teams traded baskets until Bill Erickson hit his hot streak to clinch things for the Tornados.

ANOKA played its five starters without substitution as Syring contributed the top total of 17. Suman sparked Bemidji with 20.

In shooting, Anoka made 23 of 47 shots for 48.8 per cent, Bemidji 20 of 47 for 42.3. Anoka outrebounded Bemidji 24-22.

Anoka (54)		Bemidji (48)	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Hayes	2 2 8	Suman	8 4 20
Johnson	6 1 313	Warford	5 1 11
T. Erickson	4 0 7 8	Rabe	2 3 1 7
Syring	7 3 1 17	Aguiar	2 0 2 4
B. Erickson	3 2 3 8	Hansen	1 0 0 0
	Owe	0 0 0 0	
Totals 23 8 10 54		Totals 20 8 9 48	
Anoka	.....	13	14 7 20-54
Bemidji	.....	15	12 11 10-48

Free throws missed—Johnson, T. Erickson, Syring, Suman, Rabe, Hansen.
Officials—Tom Mahoney, Sula Lundgren.

WHAT THEY SAID

BEMIDJI

Gerry Suman, forward: "I just hope Anoka goes all the way now. I guess that's about all I can say about that game."

Dennis Aguiar, guard: "They moved the ball and kept an eye open for the open man."

Bill Rabe, center: "We lost . . . I don't know how, but we lost. I guess there isn't much else to say."

John Warford, forward: "They're a good team . . . They kept hustling. I hope they keep going now. It's just tough to take, that's about all."



Syring B. Erickson Aguiar Suman

ANOKA

Phil Johnson: "Gerry Suman is the finest high school player I've ever competed against. He had every shot. I'm glad I don't have to meet him again."

Bill Erickson: "The last basket I scored, that one which gave us a six-point lead, came on a perfect pass from Jerry Hayes. That pass won the game for us."

Jerry Hayes: "Once we caught up to Bemidji I felt we could win. The problem was catching up."

Tom Erickson: "Bemidji did a better job on the boards than Ramsey, and Ramsey was a good, strong rebounding team."

Rich Syring: "That long shot just before halftime? I was just across the mid-floor mark. I think it was the first time I've tried a two-handed shot all season."

Shortenders Beat Tourney Regulars Out

PRIOR TO THIS YEAR'S State High School basketball tournament Austin had sent 22 teams into the event and Bemidji had sent 21.

Prior to this year's tournament Anoka had qualified one team and Marshall two.

So what happened yesterday afternoon? The two strangers, and decided

shortenders, knocked the only tournament regulars in this year's field into the consolations.

Upstart Marshall eliminated highly favored Austin in overtime and upstart Anoka outfinished equally favored Bemidji.

There is no town left in the tournament which had previously been here more than twice and no one which has ever won a championship.

COACHING EXCELLENT

AN IMPRESSION OF THE EARLY STAGES of the action in Williams Arena is that the coaching is excellent, the execution no better than average.

The boys had been told what to do but the playing personnel lacked some of the sparkle of other years.

The afternoon games could not have been more thrilling to the spectators; but they were somewhat less interesting to college recruiters.

TWO GOOD GUARDS

THE CLEVER PERFORMANCE OF Marshall's two little guards, Terry Porter and Loren Johnson, illuminated the afternoon action, Porter for his scoring, and both for their effective floor play.

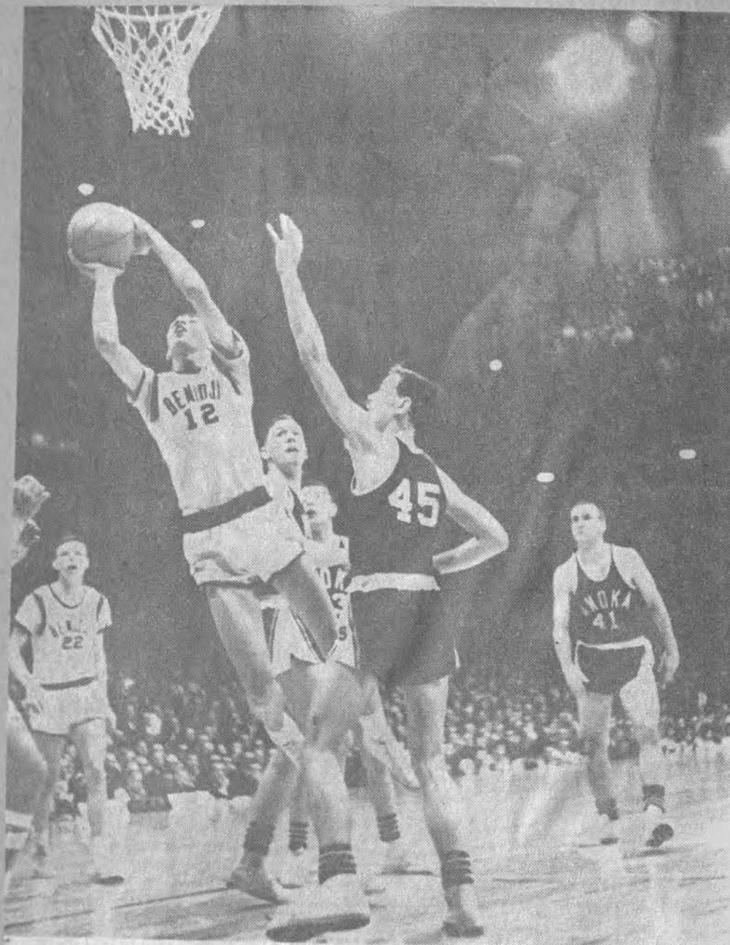
Marshall nearly cut it too fine by starting too early to protect a lead instead of continuing the kind of aggressive play which had made the lead seem safe. Consequently they had to survive in overtime.

Now Anoka vs. Marshall in the semifinal round offers some mighty interesting speculation.



CULLUM'S COLUMN

by Dick Cullum



BEMIDJI'S GERRY SUMAN SAILS IN ON LAYUP ATTEMPT
Anoka's Phil Johnson makes last-ditch try to block shot

Nervous? Hero Porter Wasn't

By DWAYNE NETLAND
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

Marshall's Terry Porter didn't feel he was under any particular pressure to make both free throws with four seconds left of the overtime Thursday against Austin.

"One was all I needed," smiled the junior guard, who dropped both foul line efforts to give Marshall a 65-63 victory in the state tournament opener.

"My first thought was that I was in a one-and-one situation," Porter continued. "That meant I had to make the first one. When I saw the official hold up two fingers I relaxed a little. Anyone ought to make one out of two."

Porter got his free throw opportunities when Referee Dick McWatters called Austin's Tom Grimley for hitting his wrists on a 35-foot shot.

"I was fouled, no question about it," Porter said. "I didn't know if the officials would see it or not. The shot I took wasn't a very good one; but we didn't do a very good job of setting it up. With 10 seconds left we were still dribbling around near mid-floor."

Coach Glenn Mattke, naturally pleased over the victory, couldn't forget that his Tigers blew a 16-point lead (40-24).

"We had a great first half," Mattke said. "We were getting about the same shots in the last two periods, but they weren't going in. I think we played it too conservatively in the second half, too. We were holding the ball just a little too long before going for the shot."

Then Mattke recalled that Marshall missed three straight one-and-one free

throws late in the fourth quarter, and shook his head sadly.

"If we had lost, those missed free throws would have been the reason," he said. "We've been a good free throw team all season, too. There was no reason that game should have gone into overtime. Miss-

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MARSHALL'S JOHN NEFSTEAD (40) DRAWS COMPETITION ON LAYUP TRY
Austin guard Al Berg (31) leaps in attempt to block shot

Hero

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ing those free throws gave Austin its chance."

Austin coach Ove Berven took the loss quietly.

"I thought we had them in the overtime," he said. "The breaks were finally starting to even up. Everything was falling into their hands in the first half, but we started to pick up a few loose balls there at the end."

IT HAPPENS MORE OFTEN THAN NOT; AND OLD state tournament buffs know it well.

Year after year a team of little renown makes an unimpressive showing in the first round of play, but wins because its opponent is also tense and jittery in the early excitement.

Then this team which faltered to its first victory grows up with the tournament. Its early tension relaxed, it displays talents no one could have suspected on the first look. It goes on to another victory, this one well-earned by excellent performance.

It goes into the final game and fans who had been wondering how the pre-tournament favorite could possibly be tested on Saturday night now perceive that they have a championship final which measures up to the finest standards of this tournament.

And so it will be tonight.

The Marshall team which no one would have believed at first capable of testing flashy Cloquet has grown up in the heat of competition. It was a tremendous team in its overwhelming defeat of Anoka last night.

It belongs exactly where it is — in the championship game.

But Cloquet probably remains a slight favorite.

Cloquet beat smart, rugged opposition in outfinishing Sauk Centre last night. Sauk Centre was able to move the ball easily against Cloquet's press. Sauk Centre took most of the rebounds and must have taken four out of every five jump balls.

But, in the end, Cloquet's blistering pace and spurts of hot shooting carried it through.



CULLUM'S COLUMN

by Dick Cullum

Trochlil: 'Guessed Wrong, Thought They Would Tire'

By BILL McGRANE
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

"What happened?" wheezed Ben Trochlil. "I'll tell you what happened—those Sauk Centre boys wanted to win that game."

Trochlil's Cloquet Lumberjacks had just defeated Sauk Centre 87-81 Friday night in Williams Arena to earn a spot in the state tournament finals against Marshall.

To say that Trochlil is relieved is understatement at its height.

"We guessed wrong," he said.

"We didn't figure they'd be able to stay with us... we thought their big men would tire. But they didn't and it seemed like whoever they used played his head off. Their reserves killed us, too." (Sauk Centre's reserves scored 33 of the "Streeters" 81 points).

Trochlil said the Lumberjacks lacked the quickness that carried them past Bloomington Thursday night.

"Miesner (Dave) was the

only quick man we had. A press is only as good as your quickness. We didn't have it tonight, so they were able to get free for the shots.

"And our shooting was horrible... It must have been the worst of the year (36.8, compared to a 53.0 season's average.)"

Trochlil lauded the play of center Dennis Breitbarth for staying with Sauk Centre's big men, Joe Schmiesing and Al Mickelson. "And Miesner did very well, considering the tight defense they put on him.

"People started believing we had a super press," Trochlil concluded. "Maybe the kids got to thinking that, too. I guess the only people that didn't believe it were the Sauk Centre boys."

Bill Selisker, Sauk Centre coach, said his team deserved "all the credit in the world" for staying with the Lumberjacks.

"Dick Neal did a great job on that Miesner," he added. "And he was able to bring the ball through their press. Our kids were very high — they knew they'd have to run with them and they did. That was a real effort—Cloquet is terribly fast and they never let up."

Selisker said foul trouble prevented him from using Schmiesing and Mickelson more than half the game, but that the reserves carried on in grand style.

"They made 13 of our field goals — that's fantastic bench support."

The High Price of Pressing



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CLOQUET STARS SEEK WEARY REST AFTER DEFEATING SAUK CENTRE FOR FINALS BERTH
Dennis Breitbarth (left), Mike Forrest and Dave Meisner discuss narrow escape

But Cloquet Is Big Hurdle in Finals

By JIM BYRNE
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

Marshall will be out to bring Region Three its first State High School Basketball championship since Glencoe did in 1931 tonight at Williams Arena.

Cloquet, the very worthy representative from the Region Seven title stronghold, will be the opposition.

Game time is 9 p.m. and both teams qualified by winning semifinals Friday night on the Gopher floor before 18,948.

Marshall halted a cold Anoka five 61-35. Cloquet was a lot cooler than Thursday night when it eliminated Bloomington. But Cloquet played it tough all the way to defeat the big challengers of Sauk Centre 87-81.

Neither school has ever won a state cage title. Before the opening games Cloquet received more consideration for making the finals than Marshall.

Top Record

Marshall, however, held the best record of any team coming into the tournament and takes 24 victories and only one defeat into tonight's title contest, Cloquet stands 23-2.

Sauk Centre plays Anoka for third place at 7:30 p.m. Bemidji and Bloomington meet at 6 p.m. for the consolation title.

Sometimes a basketball team can shoot holes through zone defense. Other times it cannot.

Anoka found itself in the latter position once it took a 13-12 lead near the end of the first quarter against Marshall.

After allowing only two free throws in the second quarter Marshall's Zone cut off the Anoka field goals for six minutes of the third quarter. Then Tom Erickson's inside slip broke the spell.

Or add it up another way. For a 13-minute playing period, from the first to third quarters, Marshall outscored Anoka 33-6.

Balance

During this spell Dennis Schroeder, John Nefstead, Terry Porter and Loren Johnson kept the Marshall scoring balanced. All had eight points or more at the half.

While swinging into a 46-22 lead Marshall had effective rebounding, especially off its defensive board.

Anoka started a full court press about the time its scoring punch returned. But it was too late for both and Marshall eased into an astounding triumph.

Porter led the Marshall scoring with 16 and Jerry Hayes had 10 for Anoka's high.

Sauk Centre worked out a 22-18 advantage early in the second quarter against Cloquet. But it was costly. En route, its two big boys Al Mickelson and Joe Schmiesing picked up three fouls. A basket later Mickelson added his fourth.

For the rest of the half both lads were benched. Meanwhile, Dave Meisner, Dennis Breitbarth, Dick Boyer and Mike Forrest helped Cloquet creep up and take a lead.

Forrest's field goal gave Cloquet the 34-32 go-ahead. A Meisner score gave the northerners a 38-35 cushion at the half.

Back in Third

Sauk Centre's big boys returned for portions of the third quarter. Two baskets by Schmiesing gave Sauk Centre a brief 40-38 lead. But Breitbarth soon returned the lead to Cloquet for good.

Mickelson and Schmiesing were both back when the fourth quarter began. But both fouled out before they could make Sauk Centre's rally ring true.

Gary Walton, Forrest and Breitbarth kept Cloquet from folding while the gallant Sauk Centre crew carried a real weapon until the last two minutes.

Boyer also fouled out in the last quarter for Cloquet. But his foul trouble didn't hit as early as that by the Sauk Centre cagers.

Coach Bill Selisker did quite a job of juggling his players to keep his team in the game so long under the circumstances.



THE NEW TWIST. Two Cloquet basketball players appear ready to dance the twist while Sauk Centre's Allen Mickelson (54) grabs for the ball in their semi-final State High School semi-final game Friday night. At left is Cloquet's Gary Welton (21) and at right is Dick Boyer (11). Cloquet won 87-81 to gain tonight's finals against Marshall.—Staff Photo by Spence Hollstadt.

State Basketball Tournament Scores

SEMIFINALS

Marshall 61, Anoka 35
Cloquet 87, Sauk Centre 81

CONSOLATION

Bloomington 69, Wells 56
Bemidji 71, Austin 53

(DETAILS in Sports Section)



THE REV. GERHARD MUELLER AT BEMIDJI GAME: 'WAY TO HUSTLE, BABE'
He's followed Bemidji team from border to border

Pastor's Booming Cheers Invoke Tournament Win

By JIM KLOBUCHAR

Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

The jolly preacher loosened his tie Friday and rumbled in his best fire and brimstone bellow:

"Atta boy, bay-bee, way to hustle; come on, babe, all the way."

Churchgoers from Blackduck to Ten Strike would have recognized the Rev. Gerhard Mueller, a North Woods Lutheran minister who has trailed Bemidji's basketball team from border to border.

HE SAT gleefully through Bemidji's 71-53 consolation victory over Austin at Williams Arena yesterday, booming encouragement to players like Dennis Aguiar ("his dad used to pick me up on a country road when I had to hitchhike to church").

Toward Bloomington's 69-56 victory over Wells in the other consolation game, he was polite and neutral.

And he was not particularly excited during the evening's title games a few hours later—Marshall's 61-35 rout of Anoka and Cloquet's unexpectedly tense 87-81 victory over Sauk Centre.

The basketball-loving minister is a

stout, ruddy-cheeked man of 57 with a breezy manner and a voice from the drill field or the baseball dugout.

"IT'S REALLY not that strong, though," he admitted. "I had to cut out going to Saturday night basketball games. They just couldn't hear me from the pulpit the next day."

Mr. Mueller's wanderings have carried him from Blackduck, Ten Strike, Sebeka and Frazee to Ponsford and Height of Land, the latter two his current ports of call. He headquarters at Frazee.

"I took to going to baseball games in Bemidji, got to know some of the players and then followed them in basketball. That's when I learned that pep talk."

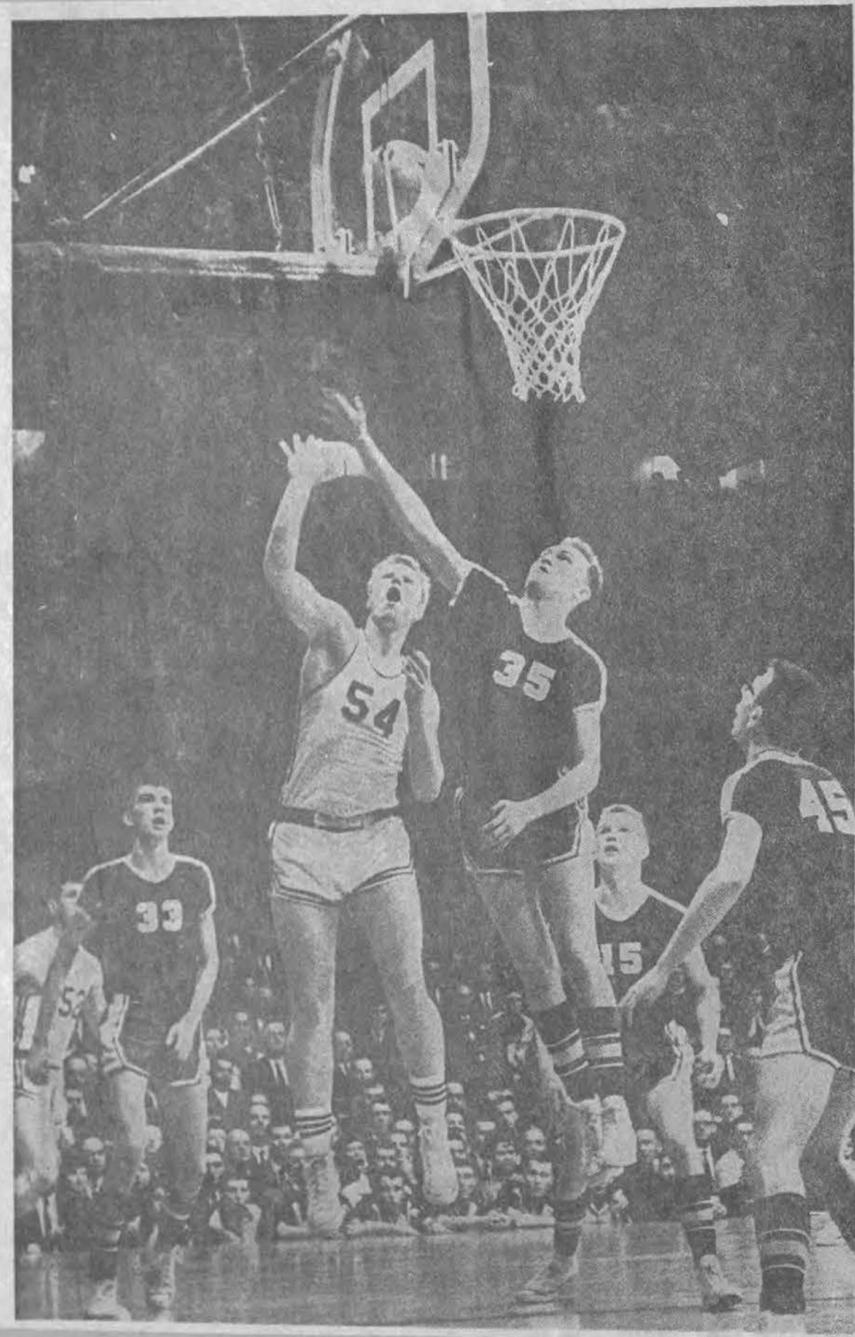
"TWO YEARS ago the coach asked me whether I was going to the state tournament to root for the team. I said I didn't think I could. But he said he was going to insist, and do you know, the players and coaches raised money themselves to bring me here."

Bemidji's Gerry Suman seized a rebound and scored.

The preacher's face glowed again. "Atta way to hustle, bay-bee."



AT RIGHT—Cloquet appeared to be giving away no height at all here as Lumberjacks' Mike Forrest (25, hands on ball) and Dick Boyer (11) controlled rebound. Bloomington players are (left) Joe Yager (4) and, jumping at right, Ken Last. —Staff photos.



BATTLES FOR REBOUNDS

AT LEFT—Sauk Centre's Allen Mickelson (54) gets off shot as Alan Redman (35) of Wells attempts to block it. Others (from left) are Dick Neal of Sauk Centre (52) and Dick Wanzek (33), Charles Schultz (15) and Gary Feist (45), all of Wells, which lost.

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