

# All Stars Win the Pro Cage Championship

## Beat the Rens In Final Game For the Title

### Local Pro Quintet Takes Fourth Victory in Series of Seven Games, Saturday, by 39 to 34 Score in Thrilling Contest—LeRoy Edwards, All-American Center, Is Star of Battle.

The mighty New York Renaissance basketball team, ambassadors of the cage courts par excellence, have fallen and with their defeat has arisen a new claimant of the world's professional cage championship—the OSHKOSH All Stars.

By defeating the Negro five, 39 to 34, Saturday evening, at the Recreational gymnasium, the Oshkosh quintet took the seventh and last game between the two teams this season to make the record four victories and three defeats for the All Stars. The local aggregation is the first team to take a series of games from the New Yorkers in several years and, in fact, one of the few to hold any wins over them.

But a new champ reigns, long live the champ! The All Stars have completed their schedule and will not defend the title, mythical honor though it be, until the 1937-38 season, when leading professional teams throughout the country are expected to challenge for the championship which the Oshkosh quintet will attempt to retain.

#### AFTER LONG SEARCH

The mythical title of world's champions has come to the All Stars at the end of a long time spent in search of the crown, beginning back in the season of 1929-30, when the team was organized. Not much attention was attracted those first few years, but last season the team really had something and began to be noticed. An attempt was made to lift the crown from the Rens, but it fell short by losing three of five games to the champs.

Because of having played together last year and with the addition of outstanding new men, the All Stars looked better than ever this year. But in a five-game series with the Rens, the local team again fell short. Then came another opportunity at the crown, two more games with the title at stake. The All Stars practiced for them, worked hard in games of two wins, and then gave everything they had in games Thursday and Saturday evenings and came out with two victories and the world's pro title.

Behind the All Stars in these eight years of pointing toward a championship has been Lonnie Darling, manager of the team, who is largely responsible for bringing pro basketball fame to Oshkosh.

That game Saturday night was a battle from start to finish and never was either team certain of victory, even in the last minute when the All Stars were leading, but by so small a margin that a few buckets tossed in from the center of the floor, from which point the Rens are able to drop them with amazing regularity, might have given the story a different ending.

#### STARS ARE BEHIND

Oshkosh started behind in the last five minutes of the game, the Rens leading by one point, 34 to 33. The battle waged at a tremendous speed for nearly two minutes when Herman Witasek, the North Dakota "jackerabbit" put Oshkosh in the lead with a bucket.

Lanky LeRoy Edwards, All-American while at the University of Kentucky and an All-American on anybody's pro team selections, was fouled by Tarzan Cooper. Edwards made the free throw and the All Stars were two points in front, but it was not enough for safety and the fans were on their feet. Edwards was fouled again and made one of the two gift shots and with a three-point lead, fans breathed a bit easier, but the team kept on plugging.

Clarence "Fat" Jenkins, who, in his prime, was said to have been the fastest pro basketball player, took a long shot, but it failed to go in. With the seconds ticking off rapidly, the game was still not won and Capt. Eddie Muller, All-American while at Marquette and one of the most level-headed players on a basketball court, "fell on the ball" and lugged it tightly. The Rens fought desperately to gain possession and in a jump ball Augie Vander Meulen tapped the ball to Edwards who dribbled under the basket and leaped high into the air to drop in a field goal and put the game on ice and the championship "in the bag."

#### OPENS THE SCORING

Bethards opened the scoring at the end of 25 seconds with a bucket from the side. Oshkosh had had one shot that failed and the Negro comedian, who did not have much time to clown, made the first shot for the Rens.

Free throws by Edwards and Vander Meulen made it 2-all. On a nice pass from Augie to LeRoy,



Lonnie Darling

Edwards put Oshkosh in the lead with a bucket, but John Holt sank the first of his six field goals and it was knotted again at 4-all. Vander Meulen tipped the ball a long way down the floor and Ray Hamann went galloping after it and scored a field goal. "Wee Willie" Smith made one from the charity line for the Rens. A one-hand pitch shot from the corner by Edwards was good and Pete Preboski converted a free throw. On a set shot, Cooper dropped the ball through the netting and it was 9 to 7 at the quarter in the All Stars favor.

Augie started a rally for Oshkosh at the start of the second period with a free throw and a bucket. In the latter, the ball hesitated on the rim and dropped in. Hamann followed with a bucket on a long pass from Preboski and the All Stars were leading, 14 to 7. The Rens brought up their large siege guns and buckets by Bethards and two by Holt in rapid succession made it 14 to 13. Eddie Muller decided things had gone far enough and pitched in two field goals, both one-handed shots. Smith made a free throw for the Rens. Hamann took a pass from Edwards under the bucket and made it two points more for the All Stars. Holt tipped in a rebound and Cooper made one of two free throws to end the scoring at the half, 20 to 17.

#### IN SECOND HALF

At the start of the third period, Edwards failed to make good two free throws and Holt put his bucket within one point on a bucket from the side. Vander Meulen retaliated with one of those one-handed shots no guard could stop. Field goals by Isaacs and Cooper put the Rens in front, 23 to 22. Holt missed a free throw, but Cooper tipped it in and a moment after added a free throw and it was 26 to 22. It was Augie who brought back hope again for the All Stars. Two out of three free throws were good and a one-handed shot evened it up at 26-all. The Rens went out in front on Smith's bucket. The fifth person foul was called on Bethards and for grabbing a technical also was called on him. Preboski failed to make the technical and Vander Meulen muffed the personal. Just before the quarter ended Preboski took a pass under the bucket to tie the count at 28-28. Isaacs was hurt in a scramble for the ball, but after a minute's rest was able to go on playing.

The first minute went without a score. Smith started things off with a bucket and Edwards knotted the count at 30-all with a pivot shot from under the basket. Oshkosh led on Witasek's one-hand shot, but it was evened up at 32-31 on a bucket by Isaacs almost immediately. Holt put the Rens in front with his sixth bucket and, as it proved, the last points of the game for the New Yorkers. Then came those last five minutes that will live long in memory. Witasek made a free throw and bucket, Edwards made two of three free throws and in those last few seconds Edwards made another field goal and the championship was won.



Top row (left to right)—George Hotchkiss, coach; Capt. Ed Mullen, guard; Augie Vander Meulen, forward; Ray Hamann, guard; "Pete" Preboski, forward; LeRoy Edwards, center. Bottom row (left to right)—"Bill" Mangan, center; Herman Witasek, forward-guard; Fred Wegner, guard; James Goff, forward; and James Knoblauch, forward.

### Ruin the Rens

Oshkosh All Stars (39)	FG	FT	PF
Preboski, f	1	1	0
Vander Meulen, f	3	4	2
Edwards, c-f	4	3	2
Hamann, g	3	0	0
Mullen, g	2	0	2
Witasek, f	2	1	1
Mangan, c	0	0	0
Totals	15	9	6

### New York Renaissance (34)

Oshkosh	FG	FT	PF
Cooper, f-c	3	2	2
Isaacs, f	2	0	2
Smith, c-f	2	2	1
Holt, g	6	0	4
xBethards, g	2	0	5
Jenkins, g	0	0	0
Totals	15	4	14

Free throws missed: Oshkosh 9—Preboski, Vander Meulen 2, Edwards 5, Mullen; New York 3—Cooper, Holt 2.

Officials: Referee—Art Mansfield, University of Wisconsin; umpire, Bob Kolf, Oshkosh State Teachers college.

Score by quarters: Oshkosh 9—20—28—39 New York 7—17—28—34

### CITY CHAMPIONS DOWN SHELL FIVE

#### Bleckingers Defeat Bitter Rivals in Game Saturday by 30 to 20

Bleckingers, Major AA champs of the Muncy league, downed their bitterest rival, Shell, in a nip and tuck encounter played as the preliminary to the professional battle Saturday night at the Recreational gym. The final score was 30 to 20 with the game much closer than the score would indicate.

Shell stepped out in the opening stanza and, hitting a couple of long shots, built up a 9 to 8 advantage. In the second quarter, Hank Luft found the range for Bleckingers and lofted in several pretty field goals to give "Blecks" a 16 to 12 edge at the intermission.

Dominating play the third period, Bleckingers increased its lead to 23 to 16 at the start of the final session and managed to maintain a 10-point difference to the finish.

#### TAKES SCORING HONORS

Luft netted five buckets and three gift tosses to annex scoring honors for the winners with Les Nell and Ky Duex high for the losers on six counters apiece. The box score of the game follows:

#### BLECKINGERS (30)

Luft, f	5	3	0
Scheuermann, f	2	0	2
Arndt, f	0	1	2
Erban, c	1	1	1
Koch, g	1	2	2
Lautenschlager, g	0	1	4
Wekinson, g	2	0	2
Totals	11	8	13

#### SHELL (20)

L. Nell, f	2	2	3
Banner, f	0	3	4
Riese, c	1	0	4
Garbe, g	1	0	2
Duex, g	2	2	2
E. Nell, g	0	1	2
Totals	6	8	17

Referee: Ervin Schultz.

### WISCONSIN, PENN TO RESUME CAGE RELATIONS IN '38

Madison.—(AP)—After an eight-year lapse, the University of Wisconsin will resume basketball relations with the University of Pennsylvania in a game to be played at Philadelphia Feb. 23, 1938. Athletic Director Harry Stahldreier announced.

In 1930, Penn cagers were selected to meet the Badgers in the game which dedicated the Wisconsin fieldhouse—Wisconsin winning, 25-12.

Athletic relations between the two schools were opened by former Athletic Director George Lett, now at Rutgers university, when the Badger football team upset Penn here in the fall of 1930. A return game the following year was won by Pennsylvania at Franklin field, Philadelphia.

Wisconsin crews have raced against Penn in the intercollegiate Poughkeepsie and Marquette-Oregatta, but their crews have never met in dual competition. Both schools will be represented in the 1937 Poughkeepsie races June 23 on the Hudson river.

### On the Sidelines

WITH THE SPORTS EDITOR

Records, most of them disastrous to the New York Renaissance basketball team, were established Saturday night in the super-thriller which elevated the Oshkosh All Stars to a place as claimants of the world's professional basketball championship.

It was the first time—this season or in recent years—any team had beaten the Rens in a series of games. This record was the basis of the Rens' former claim of a world championship. Oshkosh's claim for the pro title is hinged on the fact that the All Stars licked the team which reigned in pro ranks.

It was the first time, according to those who talked with the Rens' road manager, that the Renaissance had lost three games on successive nights. They lost here Thursday, were beaten by one point by the Celtics at Chicago, Friday, and then lost again to the All Stars here Saturday.

There will be skeptics who may say "Look at the record" of the Renaissance and the All Stars, and they might maintain that the Rens should be entitled to be champions still, figuring number of games won and lost. Admittedly, the Rens compiled an extraordinary record in this regard.

However, dopsters must consider this: The Rens were not up against topnotch talent in every game on their road tour. Many of the teams were merely "home town favorites," corresponding in caliber to some of the teams in the Municipal league in Oshkosh. It was only when the Rens met teams like the Oshkosh All Stars and the Celtics that they were really given a test of their basketball ability. Naturally, under those circumstances, the record of many wins for the Rens was not difficult to attain.

Oshkosh did not play as many games during the season (the final count being 29 won and six lost). But with only one or two exceptions the Oshkosh rivals were teams that had established reputations—the Chicago Crusaders, Celtics, Renaissance, Whiting Ciesars and others. Oshkosh fans, in return for their box office support, seemed to demand teams of proven caliber. Earstaring

If Manager Lonnie Darling assumed an "I told you so" attitude after the game, he must be pardoned. Skeptics who said the Rens could beat the All Stars when they pleased were forced to retreat, but to the credit of most of them, they cheerfully admitted

### CLINCHES THE CHAMPIONSHIP



The action picture above of LeRoy Edwards, All-American while at the University of Kentucky, shows the lanky Oshkosh All Stars center putting in the final bucket in Saturday's title game against the New York Renaissance which the local pros won 39 to 34. Augie Vander Meulen had tapped the ball to Edwards, who was all alone under the basket when the shot was made.

they were wrong. "I'm bringing the Rens back here just to show the fans we can beat them," said Darling when he scheduled the final two games. His hunch was right, and it provided a fitting climax for a successful season.

Individual members of the All Stars were as happy as Jack Nussbaum's High school boys after winning their first undisputed Fox river valley basketball championship. At a celebration attended by the entire squad after the game, LeRoy Edwards and Big Bill Mangan, rival centers, walked with arms flung over one another's shoulder. "I guess I didn't do much to help," modestly declared Pete Preboski, overlooking the point that he was only two points short of being high scorer for the series, "but this was certainly one game we were glad to win."

In the first five games of the Rens series, Preboski led the scorers for Oshkosh with 48 points. He added 11 points last Thursday night, and three Saturday night gave him a total of 62. Edwards scored 43 points in the first five games and made a total of 21 in the sixth and seventh games, becoming high scorer with 64 points for the series.

Following the game Saturday night a number of followers of the team gathered at the Athearn hotel for a victory celebration in the English room, guests of the All Stars. Refreshments were served by the players themselves who had contributed to a fund during the season by miscues in the various games. When they missed a free throw or a potshot, it cost them a nickel. The party was a gesture of appreciation on the part of the All Stars to express their appreciation for the support of loyal fans. At the party Saturday's game was replayed verbally and the outstanding events of the season were recalled. Prospects for the coming year were discussed and Manager Darling announced that the All Stars will take an eastern trip next year in December, probably during the Christmas holidays, when the best pro teams in the east will be played.

The Rens were without the services of "Bruiser" Saitch, Saturday. In the game Friday night at Chicago, he was injured quite badly in a mixup in the game. He suffered a cut over one eye and five stitches were required to close the wound and another cut on one elbow required two stitches to close.

The state tournament contenders are:

Class A: Beloit, Superior Central, Madison East, Madison West, Stevens Point, Shorewood, Racine Park, Rhinelander.

Class B: Ashland, Tomahawk, Beaver Dam, Stoughton, Durand, Sparta, Shawano, South Milwaukee.

Class C: Edgar, Spring Green, Elkhart Lake, Minocqua, Fall Creek, Milltown, Marion, Middleton.

### HANDBALL CHAMPION CLIMBS AT TOURNEY

Chicago.—(AP)—Joe Platak, Chicago, seeking his third consecutive handball singles championship, reached the second round of the National A. A. U. tournament today.

Platak, who defeated Dr. Herbert E. Noll, Los Angeles, 21-19, was pitted against Bill Mauer, St. Paul, today. Mauer drew a bye in the first round.

Other second round contestants: Jack Schwartz, Washington; Erskin Good, Kansas City; Joe Powers, Los Angeles; Robert Drescher, Milwaukee; Lloyd McGinnis, Los Angeles; Joe Polaski, St. Paul; Albert Zerbo, Detroit; Edward Rawlings, Kansas City; Louis Zerbo, Detroit; Elmer Sanger, Milwaukee; Harold Wallace, Chicago; Jack Goldstein, Louisville; Paul Turner, St. Paul; Sam Atcheson, Memphis; Henry Schultz, Chicago; Ray Kuhn, Fort Wayne, Ind.

### POCKET BILLIARD STARS TO BATTLE FOR WORLD TITLE

New York.—(AP)—Twelve star players, the cream of America's pocket billiard field, will start in pursuit today of \$8,000 prize money and the pocket billiard championship of the world, Jimmy Cairns of Wilmington, Del., defending champion, and Andrew Fenzl, of New York, who retired as undefeated champion last year, headline the tournament's opening card.

### EIGHTY TEE OFF IN WOMEN'S GOLF MEET

Pinehurst, N. C.—(AP)—A field of 80 women golfers, including most of the top-flight performers of the winter season, teed off today in the 18-hole qualifying round of the 35th annual North and South tournament.

The defending champion, Deborah Verry of Worcester, Mass., faced such opposition as Kathryn Hemphill of Columbia, S. C., winner of three Florida tournaments, and Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare, six-times national champion, among other luminaries.

### High School Basket Meet Opens Tuesday

Madison.—(AP)—The 1937 Wisconsin high school basketball tournament, a four-day meet starting tomorrow at the University of Wisconsin field house here, is the 22nd renewal of the annual classic.

From 1905 through 1915 invitational tournaments were held at Lawrence college. These were considered state championships as no official tournaments were held in that period.

The official state tournaments started in 1916, with the first Wisconsin interscholastic association meet at Milwaukee. The Lawrence invitational also was held in 1916, and that year was considered the title of the two tournaments, Fond du Lac won the W. I. A. A. title but lost in the semifinals of the Lawrence meet. Baraboo took that title.

#### ENDED AFTER 1918

The Lawrence tournaments were discontinued after 1918. After 1919 the W. I. A. A. state meets were held in Madison in the university armory until 1931, when they were moved over to the field house. The 1936 tournament was held at Wisconsin Rapids.

The state tournament was conducted in one unlimited class from the start until 1934. In 1934 and 1935 it was split into A and B divisions and last year was divided in A, B and C classes.

Fond du Lac holds the record for the most state championships, although it has not competed in a state tournament since 1926. Fond du Lac won four W. I. A. A. titles and two in the tournaments sponsored by Lawrence college.

#### Superior Central, defending Class A champion, and Beloit are tied for second place in official state championships with three each. Superior Central also won an unofficial title in 1908.

#### WIN WAY 9 TIMES

Beloit has won its way to the state meet nine times. Superior holds a record of nine straight tournament appearances from 1918 through 1926. Beloit played in seven straight, from 1929 through 1935, winning titles in 1932-33-34, and is the only team ever to win three consecutive championships. Superior can tie that record if it wins this year, having won in 1935 and 1936.

Beloit holds a record with a string of 16 consecutive tournament victories. Superior Central will start this year's meet with six to its credit.

Of the 1937 regional champions one Class A, five Class B and four Class C teams will be playing in their first state tournament. Shorewood is the Class A newcomer. The Class B schools are Stoughton, South Milwaukee, Beaver Dam, Sparta and Durand. The new Class C teams are Elkhart Lake, Minocqua, Spring Green and Milltown.

#### PLAYED BEFORE

All but one of the Class A teams have played in state tournaments before but only Superior Central, Beloit, and Stevens Point have won titles. None of this year's B and C contestants have won championships before. The 1936 champion, Port Washington, in Class B, and Pardeeville, Class C, were eliminated in district play this year.

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#### RECORD OF CHAMPIONS

1905—Fond du Lac.  
1906—Appleton.  
1907—Oshkosh.  
1908—Superior Central.  
1909—Menomonie.  
1910—La Crosse.  
1911—Appleton.  
1912—Madison Central.  
1913—Janesville.  
1914—Appleton.  
1915—Fond du Lac.  
1916—Fond du Lac (W. I. A. A.)  
Baraboo (Lawrence).  
1917—Eau Claire (W. I. A. A.); Wittenberg (Lawrence).  
1918—Madison Central (W. I. A. A.); Grand Rapids (now Wisconsin Rapids).  
1919—Fond du Lac.  
1920—Superior Central.  
1921—Appleton.  
1922—Fond du Lac.  
1923—Wisconsin High (Madison).  
1924—Fond du Lac.  
1925—La Crosse.  
1926—Stevens Point.  
1927—Eau Claire.  
1928—Watertown.  
1929—Wausau.  
1930—Neenah.  
1931—Wisconsin High (Madison).  
1932—Beloit.  
1933—Beloit.  
1934—Beloit, Class A; De Pere, Class B.  
1935—Superior Central, Class A; Mayville, Class B.  
1936—Superior Central, Class A; Port Washington, B, Pardeeville, C.

#### CLASS A

Superior Central: Defending and 1935 champion, in 17th state meet, bids to tie Beloit's record of three straight state titles. Undefeated in last 26 games, 15 this season. Record of 53 wins in 56 games, team averages 6-foot-1 Coach—Harry Conky.

Shorewood: Won four and lost eight in Milwaukee suburban conference. . . season record won 8, lost 10 . . . upset Wauwatosa,

conference champion, in qualifying game. Coach—Bill Olson.

Madison East: Tied with Madison West for second in Big Eight with 7 wins and 3 losses . . . season record won 9, lost 5 . . . second successive year in state meet . . . took consolation title last year at Wisconsin Rapids. Coach—A. J. Barrett.

Rhinelander: Wisconsin Valley conference champs with 11 wins and 1 loss . . . won 15 and lost 1 in season—to Wausau which it beat in qualifying game . . . won 15 straight before losing to Wausau . . . scored 455 points in 12 conference games for 36 average. Coach—Russell Leksell.

Madison West: Tied for second in Big Eight conference with 7 wins and 3 losses . . . season record 11 won, 4 lost . . . beat Beloit, league champion. Coach—Will Jones.

Racine Washington Park: Won 6 and lost 4 to tie for fourth in Big Eight . . . season record won 7, lost 9 . . . beaten twice by South Milwaukee of Class B. Coach—Einar Tangen.

Beloit: Big Eight conference champion with 8 wins and 2 losses . . . season record 11 wins and 2 defeats . . . back in state meet after a year's lapse . . . not a six-footer in starting lineup. Coach—H. L. Jackson.

Stevens Point: Third in Wisconsin Valley conference, tied with Wausau, with 8 wins and 4 defeats . . . season record 12 wins in 17 games . . . beat Madison East, lost to Shorewood during season . . . fourth time in state meet. Coach—Harry Ringdahl.

#### CLASS B

Beaver Dam: Little Ten conference champion with 17 wins in 19 games. Won 17 straight after two early season losses . . . First conference title in 10 years . . . In state meet for first time . . . Coach Don Huddlestone.

Ashland: Beaten only by Superior Central (twice) and Superior East in 18 games . . . Scored 566 points for 31.4 average . . . Coach E. K. Weikal.

Stoughton: Southern Six conference champion with 17 wins and three losses in season . . . Won first 12 games . . . First time in state tournament . . . Coach Ray Myrick.

Durand: Only undefeated team in Class B . . . Mississippi conference champion with 19 straight wins . . . Scored 505 points in 19 games . . . Coach Wilbur W. Weishaupt.

South Milwaukee: Third place in Milwaukee suburban conference . . . Won 14 and lost seven in season . . . Beat Racine Park twice and Shorewood twice, both Class A teams . . . First time in state meet . . . Coach F. C. Van Galder.

Tomahawk: Fifth in Wisconsin Valley conference with six wins and six losses . . . Season record 13 won and seven lost . . . Coach Ken M. Cherry.

Sparta: Second in South Central conference . . . Won last 12 games . . . First time in state tournament . . . Season record 16 wins three losses . . . Coach Leo J. Samuelson.

Shawano: Champion of western section of Northeastern Wisconsin conference . . . Won last nine games for season record of 16 wins and two losses . . . Scored 491 points . . . Coach Clifford Ditts.

#### CLASS C

Middleton: Tied with Marshall for Madison Suburban championship for third straight title. season record won 18 lost 2 . . . won last 11 games . . . highest scoring team in state past two years . . . 1935 average 46 points a game . . . averaged 43 points this year . . . defensive average 13 points . . . has four veterans from last year's class C second place winner . . . Coach Don Stevenson, 22 years old.

Spring Green—Third in Tri County league . . . played all its games away from home . . . won 12 lost 3 . . . first time in state meet. Coach Tony Ellis.

Marion—Central Wisconsin conference champion with 23 straight wins this season . . . scored 744 points to opponents 315 . . . team mostly veterans from last year's class B consolation title outfit . . . enters state meet for second straight year with undefeated record . . . Coach Les Anzorge.

Edgar—Champion of Marathon county conference second straight year . . . season record 16 wins 2 losses . . . won last 10 games . . . allowed only 13.8 average opponents points . . . seven veterans . . . Coach Art Shullus.

Fall Creek—Little Eight conference champion second straight year . . . undefeated in 18 games . . . second highest scoring team . . . offensive average 40.9 points, defensive 12.2 points . . . eight veterans from 1936 outfit that got to state semifinals . . . Coach Gordon Eggleston.

Elkhart Lake—Fourth in Eastern Wisconsin conference . . . 15 wins and 6 losses in season . . . won last 8 games . . . beat Valders, conference champs in district finals . . . only 57 pupils in school . . . first time in state meet . . . Coach Alvin Krohn.

Milltown—Won 17 and lost 3 . . . Upper St. Croix Valley conference . . . first time in state classic . . . smallest community represented . . . Coach Arthur J. Avis.

Minocqua—Champion of northern section of Land of Lakes conference . . . season record won 16 lost 1 . . . school has largest enrollment of any class C contender . . . first time in state meet . . . Coach Dave Blocczniski.