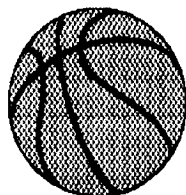


MEN'S BASKETBALL



MWC Champion Ripon wins one, loses one in NCAA tourney play

Red Hawks top Illinois Wesleyan, 63-58, lose to Franklin (Ind.), 81-73

Midwest Conference Regular-Season and Tournament Champion **Ripon** finished the 1998-99 season with a 21-5 record after splitting two games in NCAA Division III Tournament play.

The Red Hawks defeated CCIW runner-up **Illinois Wesleyan**, 63-58, in the first-round before losing to **Franklin (Ind.)**, 81-73, in the second round.

Ripon's win over **Illinois Wesleyan** avenged a 77-66 loss the last time the two teams met in the NCAA Tournament in 1996.

Franklin, the Heartland Athletic Conference Champion, also eliminated **Ripon** in the 1998 NCAA Tournament.

Ripon finished the 1998-99 MWC regular season one game ahead of **St. Norbert**. The Red Hawks also triumphed in the MWC Championship Tournament with wins over **Monmouth** and **St. Norbert**.

IC's Mike Worrell named MWC Coach of the Year

Third-year **Illinois College** Coach Mike Worrell was named 1998-99 MWC Men's Basketball Coach of the Year by a vote of league coaches.

Worrell guided the **Blueboys** (10-6 and 12-11) to their first winning season in 20 years, a third-place MWC finish during the regular season and their first-ever trip to the MWC Men's Basketball Tournament.

Worrell, an Ohio native, came to IC from the College of Wooster.

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1998-99 MWC MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	MWC		All	
	W	L	W	L
Ripon	13	3	21	5
St. Norbert	12	4	17	7
Illinois College	10	6	12	11
Monmouth	10	6	11	12
Lawrence	9	7	13	9
Carroll	8	8	12	10
Grinnell	7	9	11	11
Knox	6	10	7	15
Beloit	3	13	4	18
Lake Forest	2	14	4	18

Note: Standings include all regular-season, MWC Tournament and NCAA Tournament games.

MWC Championship Tournament

(Hosted by Ripon)

Semifinals

St. Norbert 78, Illinois C. 48
Ripon 108, Monmouth 62

Championship Game

Ripon 71, St. Norbert 58

Note: Ripon defeated Illinois Wesleyan, 63-58, and lost to Franklin (Ind.), 81-73, in the first two rounds of the NCAA Division III National Tournament.