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Golden Hawks One Win Away From The
Canadian Intercollegiate Basketball Finals

The success or failure of the 1968-1969 basketball season for the Waterloo Lutheran University Golden Hawks rests on the outcome of the playoff game to be held Wednesday, February 26 which will decide the championship of the Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association. A win for the defending Canadian Intercollegiate Champions would allow WLU to retain their OIAA title, held for the past five years, and to defend their national title won last year for the first time.

Waterloo's opponent in this sudden death game will be the Osgoode Hall Owls who finished tied with WLU over the regular season schedule with a 9-1 record. Osgoode went through their first nine games undefeated and needed only one more victory in order to proceed to the CIAU final to be held at the University of Waterloo March 6, 7, and 8th.

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However, the Owls ran into a hot Golden Hawk squad that was eager and determined to avenge an earlier 71-70 loss to this same Osgoode team. Led by the fine play of guards Sandy Nixon, Bob Bain, and Chris Coulthard who scored 27, 21, and 17 points respectively, WLU controlled the game from the start and emerged an easy 28 point victor.

All indications point toward a much tougher contest Wednesday evening as both teams covet a berth in the national finals. Coach Howard Lockhart will have to receive big performances from all members of his squad if he is to receive the opportunity of representing the OIAA for a third straight year.

Due to the nature of this playoff contest it was necessary to decide upon a neutral court. Both coaches have agreed upon the University of Guelph for the game site and the contest is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

Regardless of the outcome of the Osgoode game, WLU will close out its regular season Saturday afternoon in Guelph against the University of Guelph Gryphons. This final game originally slated for Wednesday evening was moved back to February 28 to accommodate the championship contest.

Starting time Saturday is 2 p.m.