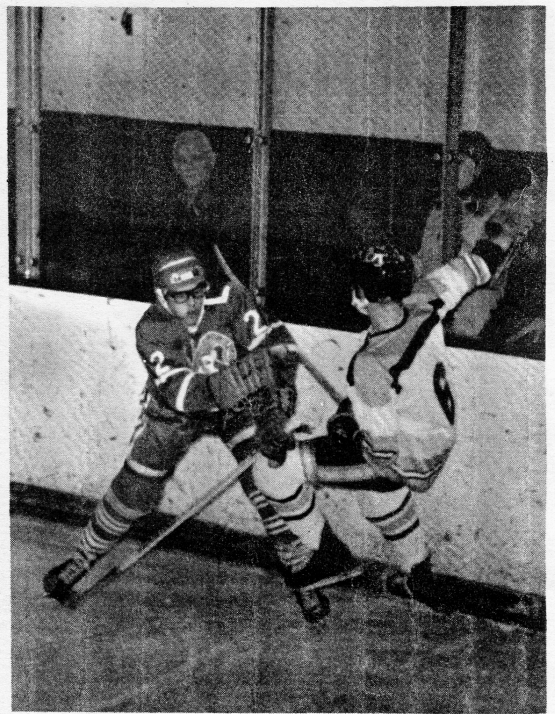




Senior goalie Ward Morgan looks on while junior defenseman Steve Curley(3) stops the attack of a South St. Paul lineman. Sophomore Steve Short(10) gets into position.

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Senior defenseman Tim Anderson sends a Kellogg opponent flying.

# Rams rocket to Region

## ICEMEN NEED TO WIN TWO MORE

by Paul Johnson  
Blueprint Sports Editor  
Ramsley's hockey team faces Mounds View tomorrow night 8:00 PM at Columbus Arena in the Region II semi-finals. Beating

Mounds View would put the Rams in the final game with either Osseo or White Bear, Thursday, Feb. 26, 8:00 pm at Aldrich. A victory in the Region finals would send Ramsey to the State Tournament to be held Mar. 4, 5, and 6 at Met Sports Center.

The icemen have beaten both Mounds View and White Bear during regular season play. They defeated the Mustangs Jan. 24 in a 4-3 thriller and are 1-1 with the Bears, each team winning one of the two games played so far this season, each a 3-2 decision. The only team Ramsey could possibly go up against that they haven't played before is Osseo, the Skyline Conference champions. Osseo was 19-0-1 on the regular season.

The Blue and White finished the Conference season in a tie with White Bear (9-1-2 Conf.) for the Suburban Championship with a 10-2 conference record. This was the first in Ramsey's hockey history.

Ramsley was 13-6-1 overall. Behind the goal tending of Ward Morgan and Doug Madole, defensive play by Tim Anderson, Steve Curley, Dale Wessel, Mark Czaia, and Carl Brandt, and frontline action from the Phippen brothers, Dave Kath, Mark Eagles, Craig Arvidson, Bob Grazinger, Steve Short, Jon Kelsey, and Mike Garcia, the Rams had a very successful season.

"The coaches have brought us a long way from the beginning of the season and deserve much of the credit." This is a general attitude of the players. Hockey coaches are Gordy Genz, Bill Cossette, and Richard Kuenhe.

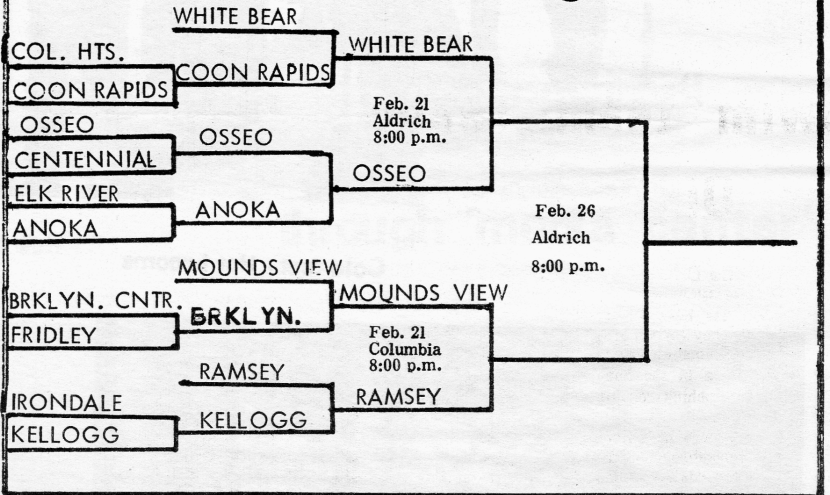
The two weeks of the Anoka, Kellogg, and Mounds View games were perhaps the turning point for the Rams.

Winning these three games put Ramsey back on the road to the championship and showed what kind of team they could be under pressure.

Leading the scoring for the regular season was Eagles (16

goals, 6 assists) with 24 points. Close behind were Mike Phippen with 21 (13-8), Pat Phippen with 20 (16-4), and Dave Kath with 19 (7-12).

## Region Two



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The fallen Ram, Dale "Whitey" Wessel, senior, seconds after catching a stick in his eye in the So. St. Paul game.

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