

MEET SIMLEY FIRST ROUND

Cagers shoot for District crown

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The varsity basketball team closes out its regular season tonight at Anoka, starting at 7:30. Sudden-death starts next Tuesday as the Rams open defense of their District 14 title.

Ramsey has slipped a bit in recent weeks, losing to Stillwater and North St. Paul. The team was heavily favored against Rosemount last Tuesday; results were too late for publication.

Meet Simley Tuesday

The Rams meet Simley (Inner Grove Heights) in the first round of the District tournament Tuesday. Game time is 7:00 at Mounds View High School.

Against Stillwater two weeks ago, the Rams appeared sluggish the first half, and by halftime found themselves down 37-19, to a team which was beaten only once.

Ramsey turned to a zone in the second half, gambling that the Ponies would miss from the outside. But forward Jeff McFadden hit nine out of ten from nearly the same spot and the Rams were eliminated from any chance

of a third straight conference title.

The "big men" led the Ram scoring, as usual. Junior Dan Carlson scored 17 and senior captain Bill Cafferty added 12. McFadden wound up with 23 to head a balanced Stillwater attack.

Against NSP last week the Rams were out hustled for three quarters and eventually lost a 50-48 decision. The Polars averaged a 58-49 defeat in December.

The Blue and White looked sloppy the first half, losing the ball 13 times and losing the battle of the boards. But 50% shooting and ten NSP turnovers resulted in a 28-25 halftime lead.

Then the Ramsey offense broke down. The team could manage only five points the third quarter

and trailed by nine going into the final period.

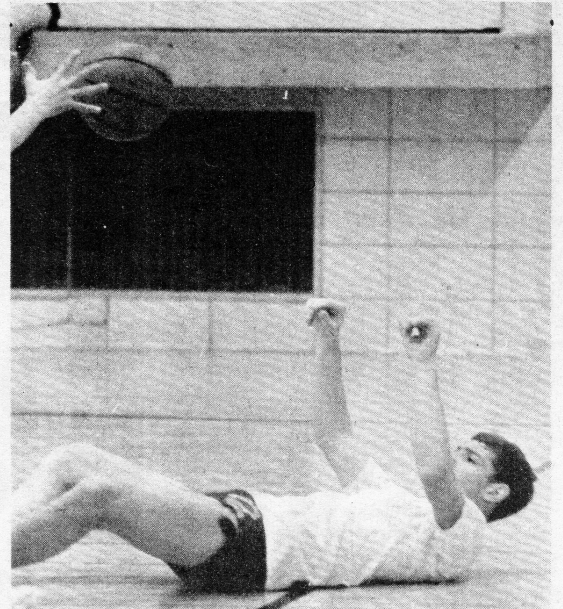
The Rams care within four on several occasions, but two timely free throws gave the Polars the win. Cafferty led Ramsey with 12, Carlson and junior Dave Bone-stroo adding ten.

Ramsey seeded third

District playdowns start next week, with the third-seeded Ramsey meeting #14 Simley (Inner Grove Heights) in the first-round game. White Bear Lake (#6) faces St. Anthony (#11) in the second half of the Mounds View double-header.

Should be a thriller

The winners will battle Friday at Kellogg, starting at 8:00. Ramsey edged White Bear Lake, 60-58, back in December, and a rematch would certainly be an attraction.



One of the intramural basketball "stars" shows off his talent with a nice pass during one of the IM games last week.
photo by steve ambli

Grapplers await Region

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The Conference Champions of 1969 found the going a little more difficult this year. The matmen

were good; good enough to place second in the conference; but not as exceptional as a fine Anoka team, which had a 12-0 record, compared to 10-2 for the Rams.

Last weekend, Ramsey opened defense of its 1969 District 14 title. Going into the meet, Kellogg was favored by a narrow margin over Ramsey and St. Anthony. As it turned out, the final was somewhat reversed with the score standing: St. Anthony-74, Kellogg-72, Ramsey-64.

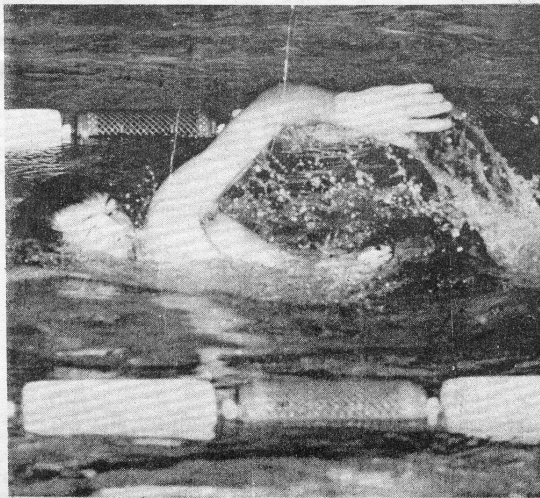
At 95 lbs, Ray Hermanson won his first three matches before losing to Kellogg's Costa, 2-0. At 103, Ramsey's Grady was pinned in the first round by Ingram of WBL. Jack Stutsman, at 112, also lost in the first round, 2-0. Tim Carlin, at 120, won 8-7, then lost 8-7. Things looked bright when Gary Kilgore won the championship at 127 by defeating Strantz of Kellogg, 3-2. Guy Johnson, wrestling at 133, got to the finals before losing to Strand of South St. Paul, 3-1. At 138, Charlie Shiue, won 7-0, and lost by a pin. Ramsey appeared to be in bwd shape when Tom Flaherty, at 145, locked his knee during a semi-final match with

Yurista of St. Anthony, losing by default. His opponent went on to win the 145 lb. championship. Flaherty had previously pinned two opponents. Dan Hilger lost 7-4 in the 154 lb. weight class and Dan Barron also lost on a pin at 165. Undefeated Dan Johnson came on in the 175 lb. class to defeat opponents by a pin, 3-0, 7-0, and 3-0. His final win was over Armstrong of St. Anthony. Heavyweight Tom Maze had two pins then lost 6-1. Maze went to the consolation round and lost the consolation championship to Tombarge of St. Anthony, giving his fourth place in the heavyweight class.

Five in Region

Going on to Region 4 championships will be Ray Hermanson, second; Gary Kilgore, first; Guy Johnson, second; Dan Johnson, first; and Tom Maze, fourth making him the fifth Ram wrestler to go to Region. Kellogg and St. Anthony are sending six wrestlers each.

The Region 4 Tournament took place yesterday and continues through today. The State meet starts a week from today and follows through to the 28th.



Senior freestyler Pat McGuigan churns his way to a high finish in a recent Ramsey meet.
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