



Dave Bonestroo, junior, jumps against an Anoka opponent as Steve Sigstad, senior, looks on. The Rams won this one but lost in the District playdowns to White Bear.

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Tourney notes

Without a doubt the 1970 State Hockey Tournament was one that will be remembered for quite a long time. Who would even dream that a team behind 3-0 after two periods in tournament opener would, three games and two nights later, be the State Champions? I know I didn't give Minneapolis Southwest a prayer after seeing North St. Paul outplay them for two periods on Thursday. Seven out of the eleven Tournament games were overtime decisions. The competition for the championship was fantastic; full of enough human drama, agony and ecstasy to fill a 1,000 pages (in fine print, I might add).

The only team that was never really in the Tournament was White Bear Lake. They didn't score a single goal in both the games that they played, although their consolation round game with North St. Paul went into overtime. It was a shame to see Colraine Greenway knocked out of tournament after two games. Both were overtime decisions and although they lost they played like winners.

Actually it was awful to see any one of the seven teams in the thick of the running to lose. They were all very evenly matched.

In seven games played in the ever-narrowing championship bracket, five were overtime games. The only two that weren't were Hibbing's 4-0 pounding of White Bear in the opening round and Southwest's 3-1 defeat of Hibbing in the semifinals.

The most remarkable performance in the tournament was turned in not by a winner but by a loser, Johnson showed what sheer determination and desire can do. For a team "that never should have gotten here," they did all right. They had a couple fast skaters in Neal Barrette and Fran McLellan and a great goalie in Doug Long but nothing in the way of size or overall speed.

Of all the records set in the 1970 tournament I don't think was more impressive than Doug Long's 124 Tournament saves, including back to back games of 61 saves (a record) against Greenway and 52 against Edina. Long was unbelievable.

One scene from the tourney will live in my mind forever. That was when Doug Long collapsed after giving up the game-winning goal to Edina in the third overtime - can you imagine the feelings of hopelessness and despair that he must have felt?

Another unforgettable aspect of the Tourney was the great, great announcing job of Frank Buetel. Will anyone ever forget his perceptive play by play action, his brilliant commentary, and his cries of "He scores!" or "It's a goal!" While he was keeping track of records that he thought were important, like how many times the Zamboni resurfaced the ice, I was busy too.

Did you know that he set a tournament record himself. He yelled "He scores!" 28 times, to break his 1969 record of 25. He's quite a guy.

Anyone who missed his brilliant performance in the hockey tournament still has a chance to hear him though. He calls the shots in next week's State High School Basketball Tournament. Who knows, he may even yell "He scores!" after every basket or free throw.

Grapplers reach the end

by Jeff Johnson

Second place in the conference was more than expected for Ramsey wrestlers.

"I'm very pleased with our performance this year. At the beginning of the year, I had no idea that we would finish this high in the conference." Coach Ken Bergstedt announced.

In the Region 4 tournament, the Rams did not fare so well, finishing 14th in a field of 36 teams. Grapplers Ray Hermandson (95), Gary Kilgore (127), Guy Johnson (133), Dan Johnson (175), and Tom Maze were the five Rams to enter the tourney.

Only Dan and Guy Johnson finished high enough to qualify for a state berth. Both were third in their respective weight classes.

Bergstedt summed up these two boys' seasons, "As co-captains, Dan and Guy kept up the moral of the team very well. They also had excellent seasons." Both were undefeated in dual match competition this year.

Ramsey had three wrestlers named to the all-conference team. They are Guy Johnson,

Dan Johnson, Tom Flaherty and Tom Maze. Honorable mention was Gary Kilgore. All are seniors.

With several sophomores and juniors having considerable varsity experience, the Rams have hopes for next year. They are losing the top five wrestlers.

Spring preview

Track

March 24-Northfield- 6:00
April 2-Sioux Falls & Mankato- Mankato

Baseball

April 7-No. St. Paul- here
April 9-Columbia Heights- there

Tennis

April 7-No. St. Paul- there
April 9-Columbia Heights- here


Golf

April 16-White Bear- there
April 17-Mounds View- here


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