

ACCORDING TO CARLIN

# Rams still have a chance



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An unidentified Ram hits a high infield fly during the North St. Paul game.

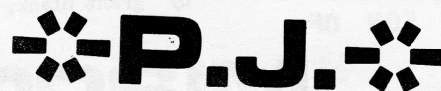
In the first few games of the season, Ramsey's baseball team given little chance for any glory, has improved.

The Rams record, as of this writing is 3-3 with victories over Columbia Heights (7-3), Sibley and Anoka (7-5). However, in two of the three losses, a total of 37 runs have been scored against Ramsey. "Bad weather against North St. Paul didn't make things any better (the score was 17-5) but we were still miserable," said coach Jim Carlin. Slightly over two weeks ago, the Rams faced Stillwater and came off the field losing, 20-3. Oh well.

Carlin also commented, "Ever though our hitting has improved, we've still got to plug up our defense; it should've been better in those early games."

Last Wednesday, in the Rams game with Sibley, a heavy down-pour forced the Rams to abandon the game at the five-inning mark with a 6-3 lead. Last week, Kellogg was the opponent, Jon Kelsey, who did a good job according to Carlin, started pitching in the game and turned in a fine performance, even though the Rams lost 4-1, in the wake of several errors.

Carlin feels that Ramsey conference hopes are not down the drain and that the conference champion can have as many as four or five losses.



by Paul Johnson

Last Friday, a few of my friends and I had the good fortune, or so we thought, to get four tickets to the Twins-Tigers game at Met Stadium.

We left school at 11:30 p.m., arrived at Met Stadium at about 12:45 p.m. We thought of everything including bringing our own refreshments. We had four bottles of Coke, some Big Neslites candy bars, and some Screaming Yellow Zonkers in our cooler, which we brought to beat paying the jacked up prices of everything out there. We couldn't see paying 40 cents for a box of Crackerjack or pop corn.

We walked through the gate, Jeff Johnson, Craig Eckert, Fred Wolf and I, at about 12:50. Fred and I carried the cooler in past the ticket takers singing "to grandmother's house we go."

"Hey, you guys! Get this cooler out of here." Fred and I looked around to see none other than an official Twin City usher from the Twin City Usher Association.

"Come on, get it out of here, now!" said the usher.

Fred was going to say "Don't move that cooler, it has a bomb in it." But he didn't because we noticed that his hat was no ordinary usher hat. In big black letters above the brim were the letters C-H-I-E-F. Now we didn't want to make any trouble with the "Chief".

So we flipped coins four ways and Fred and I picked to take the cooler back to the car. The "Chief" said we could ride down the press elevator to the press gate to save time. Darn nice of him.

Liding in the elevator with us were three more goons in Twin City usher uniforms.

"Didn't they tell you at the gate you couldn't bring that stuff in?" one of them asked.

"No."

"Why don't you get your hair cut?"

"We don't want to."

"You really should know that you can't bring a cooler into the stadium."

"Well, we didn't."

The elevator stopped on the ground floor and we got out. Once out in the parking lot we heard some more cheering. The Twins had scored two runs. When we got to the car and put the cooler in the trunk, we heard another uproar in the stands. The Twins had tied the score.

We walked back into the stadium press gate and caught the elevator to take us back up to the second deck. Between the first deck and secon it got stuck, and when it finally reached the second deck, and we got back to our seats, the Tigers were coming up and the Twins were taking the field.

We looked at the score, 6-6. We had missed the big inning of the game. The Chief could have had the decency to wait until the Tiger's half of the inning to tell us to go.

As long as there are ushers, Chiefs, and food, there will be big profits to be made by vendors and no room for coolers at the ball park.

## Ram racketeers in second place

The Ramsey tennis team has gotten off to a flying start, and is currently in 2nd place in the conference with a record of 3-1. In the netmen's first two meets of the season they defeated Mur-

ray and Fridley, by identical scores of 5 to 1.

In conference play, the netmen have lost to suburban conference title favorite North St. Paul 5-0. But the netmen bounced back with victories over Columbia

Heights 3 to 2, and Anoka 5 to 0, and Kellogg 5 to 0.

Coach Duane Nelson, siad that the team has shown very fine progress.

Joe Elling, a sophomore has advanced to the number one rank on the tennis team. In the number 2 rank is captain Lee Sleiter and in the 3rd position is Jim Bourquin who has moved up from the B-squad.

On May 7, in a meet at Ramsey, the netmen will face White Bear Lake.

# Cindermen 'gut it out'

With the Conference Meet coming up in just 10 days, Ramsey's trackmen get their last chance in unofficial competition next Wednesday at Coon Rapids in a triangular with Bloomington Lincoln, starting at 3:45.

Part of the team with compete in the world's largest high school track carnival, the Bloomington Track - O - Rama, on Saturday.

Today marks the end of the 2nd consecutive "Gut Week," where the emphasis has been on getting in shape for the conference instead of gearing for the meets along the way (at Burnsville and Bloomington).

At Burnsville, senior Gregg Langer topped 75 runners to win the 120-yard high hurdles in the excellent time of :14.6. Other trophies were awarded to Craig Granse, Bill Cardinal, Mark Gilmore, and the 440, 880, and mile relay teams.

the Suburban title meet will be held at Macalester College with prelims on Monday, May 11 in the afternoon, and final thursday night. It could turn out as a two-team race between the Rams and White Bear Lake, but as many as six teams have an outside chance.

In a recent newspaper poll, the Bears were ranked as the state's best team, with Ramsey sixth and North St. Paul (largely on their strong Burnsville showing) eighth. Mounds View, South St. Paul, and Anoka are also contenders; the rest of the league lags far behind.

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