

Soccer team to face North St. Paul tonite

by Dave Black

Ramsey's soccer team faces North St. Paul here this afternoon in another important clash to determine whether the Rams will be able to successfully defend their 1968 Suburban Conference championship. Game time is 3:30.

Stung by an early defeat at the hands of White Bear Lake, 2-1, Ramsey has bounced back to win all its matches since then. (See late scores for results of last week's crucial rematch with the Bears.)

The loss was the first for the Rams since late in the 1967 season, when they were conquered by (guess who?) the same

Bears, also by 2-1. Last year, they were undefeated, named unofficial state champions in at least one poll.

Coach Marc Brottem's crew rebounded to defeat North St. Paul, 3-1, on September 24. Seniors Paul Tegenfeldt (team captain) and Mark Fitzsimmons gave the Rams a 2-0 advantage at the half. The Polars came back with one in the second half, which was countered by Tim Carlin, also a senior, for Ramsey.

Rams vs. Kellogg

The next match was here with arch-rival Kellogg, and a record number of students stayed after school to watch. They weren't

disappointed, as the Blue and White got two quick goals in the first half, then hung on to win, 2-0.

Carlin and senior Dave Paulus supplied the scoring, but the real stars were the defense-men. "It was our best defensive game," the coach commented later. Leading the effort were junior goalie Dave Bonestroo, who has done a "good job"

throughout, and senior fullbacks Dale Ahrens and Bill Gorton. "The offense was great," Brottem remarked, referring to the Rams' next game at South St. Paul. The team shut out the Pack, 5-0, as Tegenfeldt got a three-goal "hat trick" to break out of a personal scoring slump. He scored 13 goals to lead the league last year.

Paulus and senior Chris Olson added the other scores. The win gave Ramsey a 4-1 record on the season, keeping pace with White Bear.

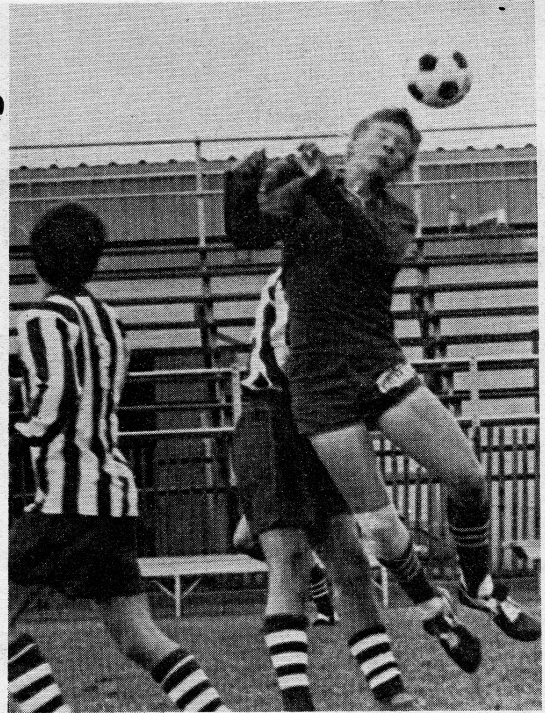
Rams vs. M.V.

The contest with Mounds View two weeks ago was, for nearly everyone involved, the worst performance of the year. Tegenfeldt and Olson got the lead with two quick scores near the end of the first half, even though the home team was battling a 20 m.p.h. headwind.

The second half, which should have been a breeze, wasn't. The Mustangs kicked a shot past Bonestroo midway in the half to narrow the margin to 2-1. Meanwhile, the Ram offense was sluggish, and the defense was having troubles in clearing the ball out of its own zone.

But the Rams still won, to keep the pressure on the Bears.

Two more matches after today's game close out the 1969 season in an extremely well-balanced Suburban Conference. The team travels to Kellogg Wednesday, and closes at home a week from Wednesday against South St. Paul. Both games start at 3:30.



Thinking man Paul Tegenfeldt, senior, once again uses his head.

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LATE SCORES

Football

Ramsey 14, St. Paul Park 6

Mounds View 21, Ramsey 0

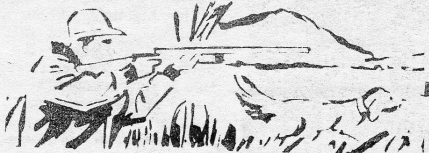
Irondale 8, Ramsey 7



Senior Bill Gorton sets to attack the ball in a game with Kellogg.

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