



Craig Granse, Suburban Conference champion, chases Dan and Dave Lyndgaard of New Richland in the Mankato Invitational.

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Suburban Conference Champions

CC - men eye Region contest

by Dave Black

Ramsey's cross country team won the Suburban Conference championship, October 9, in one of the great upsets in recent league history. Heavily favored White Bear Lake and top contender North St. Paul went down to a whopping defeat. Many of the Rams ran their best time ever, despite having to battle a furious wind on many parts of the three-mile Goodrich course.

Complete results follow:

RAMSEY	51	So. St. Paul	194
White Bear Lake	70	Hastings	226
No. St. Paul	82	Anoka	232
Co.L. Heights	142	Irondale	286
Mounds View	171	Sibley	396
Kellogg	189	Stillwater	453
Coon Rapids	190		

The Rams were led by senior co-captains Craig Granse, who also captured individual honors, and Brad Ellevold, who took an amazing second. Mark Nelsen came in eleventh, with Tom Flaherty close behind in 13th position. Phil Houde finished a surprising 24th to clinch the victory.

The 130 multi-colored runners started into the teeth of the 30-40 m.p.h. wind. A group of 8-10 runners took the lead along the first big straightaway, but the diminutive Granse took off at the first turn, never to be headed. He widened his lead to 30 yards at the mile mark, then to 60 after two miles.

Ellevold was running fourth at the mile, close to second

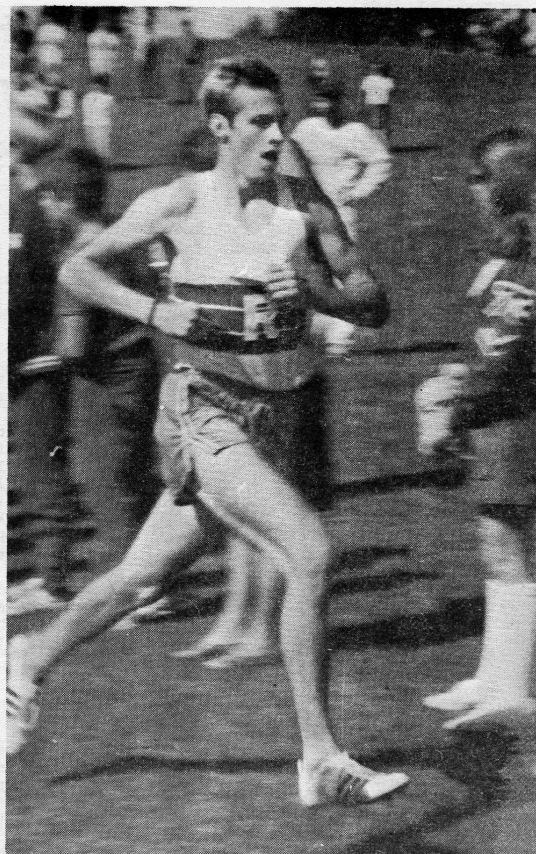
place. Meanwhile, Nelsen and Flaherty battled for 17th and 18th, with Houde close behind.

Guy Johnson, senior, who has run very well all year, didn't have one of his better days, but he was running close to Mark, Tom and Phil after a mile.

By the time the athletes had completed the second mile, Ellevold had moved into second place. Nelsen overtook six tiring harriers to gain 11th, and Flaherty passed five, moving into 13th. Houde dropped back several places, but was still running better than he had in more than a month.

While Granse came in far in front (wearing a brand-new STP sticker), the other Rams battled for their positions. Ellevold gained slightly on Craig, but still finished 50 yards behind, although he improved on his previous best time by a big 17 seconds. Nelsen and Flaherty also held their places, Tom just failing to overtake North St. Paul's Mark Swanson. But five men are needed to win a CC meet, and Phil Houde took the fifth spot, just behind WBL's Dave Cadry, who had been among the top ten conference runners all year.

The win was the 13th for Coach Paul Busch's crew in the 15 years the meet has been run.



Co-captain Brad Ellevold streaks past the crowds at the Mankato Invitational.

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Trucks 'ball' up Phy. Ed. Dept.

by Marge Charmoli

Construction trucks have set the athletic department to bawling. (Or is it balling?)

This has presented the athletic department with other problems, too.

Since school started three soccer balls have rolled to a "smashing" finish under the mighty wheels of truck drivers.

Though the athletic department will quickly tell you it's no laughing matter (balls cost \$18 a piece,) the department is open for a wave of ball jokes.

One example might be: "Q. 'What did one soccer ball say to the other?' 'A. 'Get your fake I.D. card. We're gonna get smashed today.'"

A more immediate problem is the disposal of these useless balls. Perhaps funerals would be in order, with three girl's athletic teachers and three

coaches serving as "ball-bearers."

At the graveside rites the "ballbearers" can throw dirt on the balls and chant:

"Smashes to smashes, Dust to dust, If the trucks don't hit them, The graters must."

Of course it's nice to know what can be done if more balls get smashed. But how can we prevent this?

Someone could go and inform the truck drivers of what they are doing. More than likely they'd retort, "Ball-loney, we are!"

Perhaps the best solution to that would be for the Student Council to initiate a "Ball-leave it or not" week. Classes could compete towards raising funds for a "save that ball" campaign. The winning class would be awarded a smashed ball in remembrance of their service to good ole Ramsey.

The highlight of the week would be a lyceum with the principal addressing the students. "Now pee-pul, remember this is your school. Those little round objects ball-long to you so take care of them, please."

Harriers cop District 14

Craig Granse took an overwhelming victory and Brad Ellevold came in third to lead Ramsey's cross country team to the District 14 championship and a spot in this Thursday's Region IV meet.

The gun goes off at 4:00 p.m. at Goodrich Golf Course, with the top two teams advancing to the 27th annual State Meet, to be held November 1 at University Golf Course.

The combination of Granse (15:02) first, "Ellie" (15:14) third, Tom Flaherty (15:36) seventh, Mark Nelsen (15:47) fifteenth, and Guy Johnson (16:19) twenty-fifth gave the Rams 51 points, and a five-point victory over White Bear Lake, with North St. Paul third. Five teams from other districts will compete with these three on Thursday.

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