



Ed Olson, Howie Merriam, and Bill Cafferty await a tip off during an intra-squad scrimmage.

Cagers get ready for Kellogg rivals

by Dave Black
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Ramsey's basketball team is now preparing for Kellogg, who invades the Ram gym this Friday at 7:30. This game could be one of the closest games of the season, if past meetings between these strong rivals are any indication.

The teams met three times last year, and two were extremely tough for the Rams, who went off to capture the conference, district, and region titles. Kellogg, meanwhile, tied for last in the conference and finished with a dismal 5-14 record overall.

In the first of last year's clashes, the Rams entered the final quarter with a seemingly safe eight-point lead, but had to hang on to win, 51-48. A

very effective stall saved a near disaster.

The second meeting was a 77-55 romp, but the final encounter, in the first round of district play, was almost a greater tragedy.

The fired-up Chargers caught the Rams on a bad night, both offensively and defensively, and found themselves ahead by six at the quarter. They held the lead through the first half, and the Blue and White appeared to be in serious danger.

But, Kellogg flopped in the last 16 minutes, and Ramsey won, 74-57.

The young Charger team of 1968-69 returns four regulars this season, including guard Dave Hoyt and forward Dave Danielson, both of whom are strong candidates for all-conference honors.

In a recent interview, Ramsey coach Bob Erdman said he considers Kellogg to be one of the top conference contenders. "They are a well-coached, experienced team," he commented.

Concerning his own team, Erdman said his feelings haven't changed much since practice started four weeks ago. They are progressing slowly, and may have a tough time before Christmas, when the coach hopes the Rams will really start to jell.

Scrimmages with Hopkins and Osseo before the first game were showed some strong rebounding, though other play left something to be desired. The big front line of Bill Cafferty, Dan Carlson, and Steve Sigstad did a good job on the boards, which the Rams will have to control in order to succeed.

The Rams face eighth-rated White Bear here Tuesday, then travel to South St. Paul Friday. The Packers have four excellent starters back and were an unanimous pick to take the championship.

Solution to a problem: Blueprint breakthrough

During the past few weeks I have heard from various people, some of whom I respect, that they would like to see the sports page abolished. They can see no real purpose in it.

I looked at the sports pages of a few of our editions this year and I put myself in the position average reader or the non-athlete who is not entirely disinterested in sports. From this standpoint, I looked for truly interesting story. Nothing.

After the first four inches, sooner in some cases, the stories became dry, dull, blow by blow rehashing of old facts from past games. This might be fine for the athletes and their girlfriend to read, but to anyone else is uninteresting.

For this reason, we are going to concentrate on more featured sports stories rather than the dull, news-type sports coverage we have had in the past. Features that contain the basic facts needed to give a good overall picture of the sport, and bring in other facts to make it interesting to boot.

People who always have read the sports page will probably keep on reading it. People who never read the sports page and could care less will probably never read it. But people who would read it but don't find it interesting enough to spend time on, will probably find it interesting enough now.

The sports page has hopefully shrugged its Dead Sea Scrolls image. — Blueprint Sports Editor



While Head Coach Bob Erdman looks on, Jim Meehan (face covered) lays the ball up and in.

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Tankmen psyched up for meet

by Mike Dec

Blueprint Staff Writer

Is swimming an individual or a team effort? This is one of the questions confronting a swimming team.

Captains Duncan Kirkwood and Mark Baden said that it is an individual sport, but a team effort. They added that they swim for the team and not for personal fame.

As team captains they feel that it is their job to help the other guys out and to build up the teams morale when it's down. They agreed there is a great deal of nervousness before meets in which they explained as butterflies in your stomach.

Tomorrow the swimmers will be getting "psyched up" (that's what the captains call it) for their third meet of the season at St. Thomas and the time is 3:30. Thursday Ramsey faces the South St. Paul swimmers at Hamline and that meet is at 7:30.

Shira feels that these meets should give them a good look at the teams capabilities.

Shira feels that there is a good crop of underclassmen out for swimming and added with the pool at Parkview opening in the Spring of 1970, the swimming outlook will be bright. With almost everything going for the swimmers by going to see them you could not possibly lose.

Coming Sports Events

Hockey

Thurs., Dec. 4, vs. White Bear, Aldrich
Sat., Dec. 6, vs. No. St. Paul, Roseville

Wrestling

Fri., Dec. 5, vs. Kellogg, There, 7:30

Basketball

Fri., Dec. 5, vs. Kellogg, Here, 7:30
Tues., Dec. 9, vs. No. St. Paul, There, 7:30

Gymnastics

Thurs., Dec. 4, vs. Kennedy, There, 7:30

Swimming

Thurs., Dec. 4, vs. So. St. Paul, Hamline, 8:30