

## Grapplers have five returning

Defending Suburban Conference champion Ramsey can look forward to another exciting wrestling season this year. The Rams return with five lettermen and Conference and District titles from last year.

Returning lettermen are seniors Dan Johnson, Guy Johnson, Tom Flaherty, Tom Maze and junior Ray Hermanson. Dan Johnson was Conference and District Champion while placing third in the Region and fifth in the state. Guy Johnson was also a District winner.

Coach Ken Bergstedt replied when asked on how he thinks Ramsey will fare against this year's opponents, "Our main weakness will be the lower weight classes. In some cases, we have only one wrestler at each weight. When this happens, we have to forfeit our B-squad match at that weight."

However, two outstanding so-

phomores will attempt to make up for this weakness. They are Randy Ehrreich from Fairview and Mark Madison from Parkview. Both were undefeated last year as freshmen.

## Gymnasts considered State contenders

With an experienced team, including eleven lettermen, a State finalist, and a State Champion coming back, Head Coach John Goedeke is happy.

"This year we're going to strive for excellence. We will probably be ranked one of the top three teams in the State," commented Goedeke. Robbinsdale Cooper and White Bear Lake are the other two powers.

Senior co-captains Chris Olson and Rick Raygor lead the nine other lettermen and the rest of the team.

Bergstedt labeled this year's favorites to be Anoka and Kellogg. "They lost only two boys from varsity and have a lot of experience going for them."

"The only problems we'll run into this year is a slight lack of depth in two events: The trampoline and the still rings." "Though," he said, "when you have a State Champ (Chris Olson) on the rings, you can't be in too bad of shape."

## Swim team relies on strong individuals

With very good prospects for the coming season, the swimmers, under head coach Richard Shira will be a direct threat to opposing teams.

Ramsey opens their season this Saturday, November 22 at 6:30 for the Conference Relays at Hamline. White Bear Lake will be the first Suburban Conference opponent of the year and that meet is November 25 at St. Thomas.

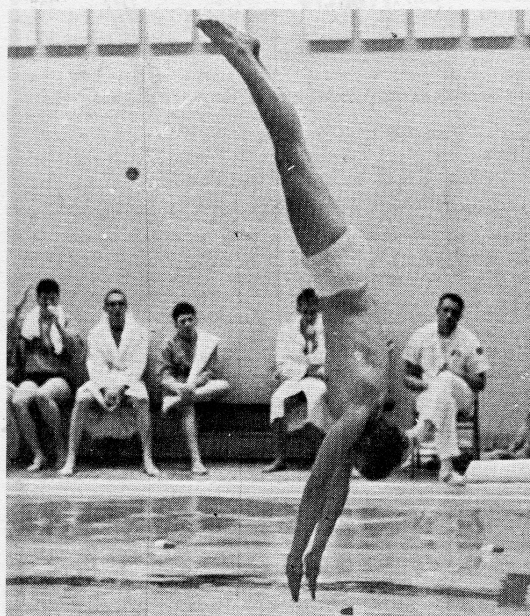
The powers of the year are Mounds View, Irondale, and Stillwater according to Shira.

This year's swim talent includes Paul Fechter, Tom Leaf,

Kevin Erickson, Mike Kuhl, Dave Sundeen, Jim Stauff, Jim Erickson, Pat McGuigan, Mark Baden, Duncan Kirkwood, and Mark Kuhl. Shira expects the team to "swim as well this year as in the past."

Strong events this season, according to Shira, will be the 50 and 100 yard freestyle, back stroke, breast stroke and the two relays. Diving and overall depth is what the team lacks.

A new face among the coaching staff will be Gerald Ramponi who will take over the assistant coaching job from Norb Robertson.



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like it is*

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### PERSONALITY TYPE

## The sadistic sports fan

I was sitting at one of the football games watching the game, minding my own business, and having a general good time. There was a big, loudmouth fellow sitting behind me. He didn't really bother me, though, until sometime in the third quarter, when, after witnessing a rather powder puff play, he grabbed me, shook me, and screamed in my ear, "I can't stand this! What high school sports need is more violence!"

★ "Let's talk it out" ★

He startled me out of my wits, but I pretended not to be affected by his outburst. After it happened four or five times, however, I began to get a little bugged, "Boy, I bet this guy has one heck of a home life," I remarked to myself.

I was afraid that the next time he might tear my head off. So to avoid this possibility I decided to talk to him and maybe let him talk his frustration away.

★ "Exciting new twists" ★

"There's no violence in high school sports these days. Even football and hockey have become tame. The players wear several hundred dollars worth of equipment to protect them. They can't be hurt. There aren't any bad injuries. As a result, the games are no fun to watch.

"What do you think could be done to make sports more fun?" I asked.

"First", he explained, "we'd change from football to rugby where no pads are used and no substitutions are allowed. We could also change the rules of wrestling from amateur to professional."

"Then we'd throw out all the mamby pamby rules to sports like cross country, and add some exciting, new twists."

What kind of "new, exciting twists?" I inquired. "Well, instead of purely a three mile run we could have maybe a two mile crawling race over gravel with the final mile being run through a sand bog. Don't you agree that it would be much more interesting that way?"

★ Roller Derby ★

Before I could answer, he had already started in again, "And are you ready for this?" he asked in an excited manner.

"We could throw out basketball and hockey and start a Roller Derby team. Doesn't that sound like a good idea? You watch basketball or hockey. In basketball a guy gets fouled every once in a while. No sweat lost. In hockey maybe a guy gets pushed into the boards, protected by all his padding. Big deal! That doesn't hurt. But when a guy gets a roller skate in the face and you can see him bleed and writh in pain, now that's what makes sports exciting!"

"Sure" I replied, while I thought to myself, "What a lunatic!"

★ Ramsey Nanny Goats? ★

He went on, "Of course, the scoring would have to be changed. We could award one point for every player on the opposing team that has to be carried off the rink on a stretcher."

"Since girls would probably not want to cheer for a sport as brutal as that, why not have Miss Green organize a twelve girl professional wrestling team? Why should they be left out of the fun? I can see the headline now: Nanny Goats Stomp MV Fillies in Twelve Girl Battle Royal."

I looked at the scoreboard and noticed the game was about over and it was time to go. So I left.

★ The moral ★

The above story is fictitious. I do, however, remember sitting behind five or six men, seemingly well adjusted, at one of last year's away games who complained all through the game, how high school sports were so boring to watch because they were too tame.

They should probably start a Sadist Club.

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