

City Sectional Commences Tonight

Adams' Tourney Opposition

by Greg Hardy

In the past few years basketball has been down in South Bend with only one or two good teams participating in the sectional. This year, however, there are five, maybe six, formidable teams that are capable of winning the South Bend sectional title. It seems that only Clay and Washington are over their heads. In all probability, South Bend will see one of its greatest sectionals.

An analysis of the teams in the South Bend sectional, 1970:

CENTRAL (15-6)

If you had to narrow down the formidable teams in this years sectional to one or two teams, the Central Bears would have to be considered. The Bears have a fine record of 15 wins and 6 losses in this, the last year for Central High School.

The Bears are quick and they rebound and play defense well. This year's team is different from previous Central teams in that they do not fast break as much. Instead the Bears like to set up the offense and give the ball to one of the big men underneath the basket. Leading scorer this year is 6'4" junior center, Kent Allison (22 ppg) who is also a good rebounder. 6'2" Larry Harvell (14 ppg) and 6'1" Calvin Hubbard (14 ppg) are also solid performers. Starting guards for Central are Dwight (Dikey) Ivory, a fine playmaker, and 6'2" freshman, Jim Webb.

In the two previous meetings with Adams, the Bears lost the games (67-52 and 80-76) when all three of their big men fouled out. In those games, Kent Allison was held to 12 and 13 points while Calvin Hubbard scored 13 and 23 points to lead Central in scoring.

A third meeting between the Eagles and the Bears could very likely occur in the sectional. If Adams is to win a third game, they will have to stop the scoring of Hubbard and Allison, and draw fouls for the Central reserves are not of the same caliber as the starters.

LaSalle (6-13)

LaSalle is probably the best team in the state with a record of 6 wins and 13 losses. The reason for the undistinguished record is that the Lions had to forfeit seven wins because coach Bob Rensberger used an eligible player in those games. Of those seven forfeits, one was a 69-68 upset of Adams last Dec. 6. Adams blew a twelve point lead in the fourth quarter of that game. LaSalle features the city's finest

S.B. Sectional Pairings



guards in 5'10" junior, Al Armstrong, and 5'11" senior, Steve Madison. Both are averaging about 19 points a game. Other starters are 6'5" junior, Pat Magley, 6'4" senior, Kevin Fitzgerald, and 6'0" senior Dave Dalke. The Lion's front line may not score much, but they're big and they play defense well.

Another meeting between Adams and LaSalle in the sectional would probably be as exciting as the first one. The Eagles would have to stop Madison and Armstrong, who totaled 49 points and almost single-handedly beat them last December.

Mishawaka (9-11)

The Mishawaka Cavemen's record is a deceiving 9 wins and 11 losses. Out of these 9 wins, Mishawaka has beaten such teams as St. Joe, Loganport, Penn, and Muncie Southside. Incidentally, Penn and Muncie Southside are the only teams to have beaten Adams this year.

The Cavemen are led in scoring by 6'3" twins, Gary and Gray Gautier. Also starting are Dan Fowler, 6'4" center, and guards Rick Watson and S. J. Mitchell, the only senior in starting line-up.

Despite their record, the Cavemen have proven that they can play with any team.

Riley (10-11)

At one point during the current basketball season the Riley Wildcats had a record of 9 wins and 4 losses. Since then Riley has slumped in losing 7 of their last 8 games.

The Wildcats like to fast break whenever they can but seldom play good defense. Coach Don Coddens has two great shooters in 5'11" Charlie Cutler (18 ppg) and 6'2" Kenny Reynolds (22 ppg). Adams has defeated Riley twice this season, 80-63 in the Holiday Tournament championship game.

and 84-66 on Jan. 30. In both games the Eagles got easy shots from close in and out rebounded Riley by large margins. Charlie Cutler had 18 and 27 points in each game, respectively.

If Riley shoots well from the outside in the sectional and plays defense better, they will be hard to stop.

St. Joe (15-4)

The St. Joe Indians will again contend for the South Bend sectional title, which they have won the last two years in a row. One big factor in their favor is the tournament experience of Dean Piotrowski and Steve Flowers. Both started on last year's team that played in the Lafayette semi-state.

The Indians have a disciplined offense, working for the good percentage shot. Piotrowski, 6'0" senior, is the quarterback of the offense while Flowers, a 6'3" senior, leads St. Joe in scoring (18 ppg) and rebounding. Another asset of the Indians is their tight man to man defense that forces other teams to make a lot of turnovers.

Since losing to Adams, 69-62 in the opening game of the season, St. Joe has improved greatly. It is very conceivable that they could win a third straight title.

An Interview With The Coach

On February 18, five writers of the John Adams TOWER, Editor Kurt Heinz, Sports Editor Jim Siberall, and feature writers Dick Wilson, Jack Torry, and Greg Hardy, interviewed Adams basketball coach Dave Hadaway. The interview dealt with the upcoming tournaments and the play of the team during the season.

"Are you happy with the pairings?"

"I'm very pleased about them. I think each bracket will be tough, because you've got four good teams in each of them. As for the sectional as a whole, with so many good teams I think it will be one of the greatest we've ever had."

"You've beaten every team you will face in the sectional, except for LaSalle. With this in mind, don't you think some players may look over the sectional?"

"No, we're not. In fact I would think the Sectional would be tougher than the regional, because in the Regional you can play one good game and still win it. Where as in the Sectional, we're going to have to play three good ball games to win."

"How good is Mishawaka? Have they improved since the first meeting?"

"Mishawaka has improved greatly since Christmas. They scored 81 points against us which was the third best against us all year. I'd like to say, I think Mishawaka could beat us; they have a lot of momentum."

"Speaking of momentum, how important is it in a tournament?"

"Momentum is a very important thing in that first game. After the opener it doesn't mean as much because each team has won. As for us, we're in real going shape. We've got the momentum going for us, especially after the Elkart game."

"St. Joe has won ten straight since the Holiday

Tournament. Is this because they have improved, or the schedule got weaker?"

"Both. They've played nobody of the calibre of Elkhart since the City tournament. But they have beaten some good ball clubs, LaSalle for one. They have come a long way. I understand they're playing some real good defense. Of course, this makes for consistency."

"How does St. Joe compare with Central?"

"St. Joe, in my opinion, has a much better team than Central. It will be hard for them to get by Central. Central's the type of team that could play well against St. Joe. They run, jump and shoot well and in many instances Central will go right up over them. Central's real quick. It will be a good game because Central plays so well against St. Joe."

"How do you feel the team will hold up under the pressure of the Sectional?"

"Adams has as good a material as anybody does, but it depends on the psychological makeup and who holds up under pressure."

"St. Joe would have an advantage over any of the other teams because they have two or three kids who played on that regional team last year, although our kids have been playing under pressure since they were freshmen because of their tremendous record. Every ball game they play they are under pressure to win."

"There could never be any more pressure than there was last Friday night, probably or there was against City. That's almost the ultimate in pressure against Elkhart. And they came through. I think against the better teams we play better and it's because of the pressure. Some teams we don't figure on playing well we have problems with."

"This team has a tremendous attitude. I have never seen kids so unselfish as a group. In fact, one of our problems is that we can't get some of them to shoot when we want them to, they're always looking for a man who might have a better shot."

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Adams Beats Blazers For N.I.C. Win

by Dick Wilson

T.C. Jamison and Tony Lawrence collected a total of 33 rebounds as Adams upset highly rated Elkhart 75-71, before a record breaking crowd in the Eagle gym. The victory was the 18th for coach Hadaway's team but more importantly it enabled Adams to win the conference title with a 7-0 record.

The host team put on a fantastic second period performance to lead 41-35 at half time. After

intermission, the Eagles raced to two 10 point leads in the third period as Blazer fans looked on with awe. But a few buckets by Blazers Macon and Roberson put the game into a neck and neck affair for the rest of the contest. Then midway through the final quarter, Jerone Mincey's hot hand sunk four charity strikers to give Adams a 64-61 edge. A tough full court press applied by the Blazers accounted for the remaining Eagle points as several long passes to John Alexander broke the game wide open as John Henry hit the money.

Mincey collected 21 points and Lawrence and Jamison tallied 19 and 15 respectively for the 1970 N.I.C. champs. While Garvin Roberson, the Elkhart super star was held to 28 points by a fired up defense.



John Alexander drive's against Elkhart's Bob Herrick in Adams' third N.I.C. win.

Final Conference Standings

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|--------------------|-----|
| ADAMS..... | 7-0 |
| Michigan City..... | 6-1 |
| Elkhart..... | 5-2 |
| Central..... | 4-3 |
| Riley..... | 3-4 |
| Mishawaka..... | 2-5 |
| LaPorte..... | 1-6 |
| Washington..... | 0-7 |

The Art of Scouting

The game is over, we won! Wasn't our team just great tonight? This is one of the many thoughts that go through a fan's head after a basketball game. Sure we may have a good team but it takes more than talent and coaching to be a winner. One of the key elements involved in a victory is how well your opponent has been scouted. In an interview with Mr. William Scott, Adam's head scout, this reporter learned the main factors involved in scouting.

While acting as scout, Mr. Scott mainly looks for the offensive and defensive alignments as well as the plays and basic patterns a team uses. But patterns and alignments are just a part of what a scout looks for. A player's quickness, mobility, shooting ability, ball handling, and his mental attitude toward the rest of his teammates are all essential information to a scout. Surprisingly enough a coach is also scouted. Since the way a coach reacts directly effects his team, a coach is watched to determine the influence of a crowd on him and what he does in tight situations.

Attending a game is only part of Mr. Scott's job. After leaving a contest, the scout prepares a detailed report to the coach telling him what he witnessed. Included in this report is a summation of all players and plays viewed. He then assigns positions to the team and writes a paragraph on each player, telling of his weak points and strong points.

Certainly Mr. Scott and Company have done an excellent job of scouting as Adams record clearly indicates. Lets hope that he keeps the good work up.

FINISH SEASON 19-2

Mincey again led the Adams scoring column with 17 for the second consecutive night as the Eagles beat Jackson 64-49. The win over the Tigers enabled Adams to end the season with a 19-2 record along with a conference championship and a ranking in the state's top ten teams.

The game was somewhat of a sleeper as both defenses dominated the game. At the end of the half it was evident that Adams had a fight on their hands with only a 32-24 margin. But the taller Eagles managed to pull it out in the final period by outscoring their foes 15-10.

A.P. And U.P.I. State Polls

by Jim Sibereil

Adams' journey toward a state championship will take them on a perilous course. First, they must get past a South Bend Sectional field that boasts five or six teams who are all capable of winning. Second, they will be greeted, should they conquer local foes, by the omnipotent Michigan City Devils at the Athletic and Convocation Center in March. At the LaFayette semistate site, you can count on seeing an equally strong East Chicago (Washington or Roosevelt) entrant.

It is anything but an easy road. And yet, to top this off, there is another force blocking the Eagle red carpet. It is called the state wire service poll. And depending upon which (either the Associated Press or the United Press International) you follow, they are annually fairly accurate, at least as the top couple of teams stand through the tournament.

Last year exemplified this perfectly. In the final state rankings, both wire services placed Indianapolis Washinton on the top of the Hoosier elite. Thanks in part to them, George McGinnis and Steve Downing received such lavish praise that the Indy duo were household words by season's end. The Indianapolis 5 upheld their number one billing with a sweep of the state tourney in March.

In the tournament of 1965 and 1966, the state champs were selected as third, fourth, or fifth best by the A.P.'s sportswriters and the U.P.I.'s board of coaches in the finals poll. And in each year, to compound their problems in projecting the winner, all maj-

or teams had been beaten.

In 1967 and 1968, the pollsters made extremely poor showings.

Sixty seven was called by Adams fans as the Year of the Eagle, at least up to the near-upset of Michigan City's top ranked Red Devils. Adams fell in the regional, while City followed a similar path in the semistate. In the state finals, Bob Ford and Evansville North surprised the U.P.I.'s pre-tourney choice Lafayette with a stunning victory. They were rated tenth in the final coaches (and modestly received votes in the A.P) but behind Ford's 42 point average in the final three games, they walked away with gold rings and a Hoosier basketball trophy.

Last year's stirring triumph for both services could start another line of successes for the pollsters. East Chicago Roosevelt's club has currently been on top for weeks and it is doubtful that any major catastrophe could plague the predictors should they get out of their sectional.

But look out for the South Bend regional winner. If City or Adams' Eagles make the bid for the Hoosier roses, the sportswriters and coaches could be wrong again.

Dick's Picks

by Dick Wilson

Tonight the first round of sectional play opens, paving the way to the state finals held March 21, in Indianapolis. In this article I will predict the top sectionals in the state, with the sectional locations in bold letters.

South Bend-The South Bend sectional is one of the best sectionals in Indiana, only second to the battle taking place in East Chicago.

In local competition, Adams (19-2), Central (15-6), and St. Joe (15-4) are the teams to watch. All three of these teams have been rated at one time or another this year and the title could be taken by either one. Adams has defeated both of the other foes and should take the 1970 crown.

East Chicago-By far this sectional has to be the greatest sectional in the state. The competition at East Chicago includes top rated Roosevelt (18-0), 4th ranked Washington, and a tough Calumet five who owns an 18-3 record.

Roosevelt is favored by many including this writer to not only win their sectional but also the state championship. With a front line of 6-6, 6-7, and 6-8 in height one can see why they have the top billing.

Michigan City-The Michigan City Red Devils will be going after their 26th consecutive sectional title when play opens tonight on their court. City has proven to have been the dominating team in the past 25 years and 1970 is no exception. The Devils (17-3), are presently ranked 5th and are certainly top contenders for the I.H.S.A.A. championship. City's only defeats came at the hands of Adams, Anderson, and E.C. Washington.

It is a sure fact that you will see Doug Adam's Red Devils in the South Bend regional next Saturday. **Indianapolis**-Again this year it looks as if an Indianapolis team will make it into the finals. Number three randed Shortridge (17-2), should take the Indianapolis sectional and go on to the finals as the Indianapolis semi-state champs. But before Shortridge can think of such they must first beat city rivals Attucks and Tech. The latter possesses potential and has been rated high in season polls.

Gary-like tournament play in South Bend, the Steel City features several good ball clubs. But Gary Roosevelt (12-3), seems to have an edge over tough rival Gary West (10-4). West is a new school which is a consolidation of Froebel and last years state runner up Tolleston.

Elkhart-The Blue Blazers of Elkhart are heavy favorites over the rest of the entries in the Elkhart sectional. The Blazers who are ranked 10th, takes a 16-2 record into tournament play. Elkhart's leading scorer Garvin Roverson, is the key man behind a Blazer victory and is certainly a candidate for all state honors.

At-A-Boy, Ref

Today, a high school basketball team can have the hottest shooter that the school's ever produced. They can have a giant who scores points, gathers rebounds, and wears size twenty-double "E" shoes. Or maybe somebody who repeatedly makes the clutch shots.

But alas, the most powerful person on any hardwood court these days is the man in the striped shirt.

When he gets a whistle in his mouth he's like a drunk behind the wheel in downtown Manhattan. He has complete control of the tempo of a ball game.

Above all, he cannot sanction inaction. If he sees the game cooling off, he has only one recourse: tweet! Soon, before things get completely out of hand, he and the fans reach a happy median, the credibility gap is temporarily closed, and both essentially want the same thing. Obviously, that is the fast break down the middle-of-the-court and a collision involving six opposing players with a near brawl in the south end between rival cheerleaders and the resulting jump ball and technical fouls on two irate coaches.

He is in his natural habitat when players are flashing about and fans are screaming "Kill the ref."

"At-a-boy" is seldom heard, if it is, it's uner someone's breath. Siding with an official is just above sweeping the floor at half-time.

But the officials, with no support, must continue their job. Relentlessly they run back and forth, up and down the court. If they ever give in to the compunctious crowd they could lose their IHSAA union cards.

Invariably they make some bad calls against the home team and the fans start shouting some unrepeatables at these defenseless men. They can take it for just so long and afterwards come the technical fouls, the distraught coaches and players, more technicals and finally, uncompromisingly, they call for that unheralded meeting at center court.

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Swimmers 8th In State

With one swimmer in the finals, six losing in the preliminaries, and eight suspended, Adams watched Bloomington walk away with the state championship, last weekend, and begin the apparent path towards another state swimming dynasty of the type established by Adams a few years ago. The chase for the title was a two way race between Bloomington and Southport, but it quickly turned to one as Bloomington piled up 64 points to Southport's 41 and Jackson's 30.

Individually it was the best meet in years. The meet, held at Ball State's new pool produced seven new state records. Although two records held by former Eagle swimmers went by the wayside, Adams added a new name to the record book - Jeff Clark. Clark equalled the state record of 49.1 seconds in the 100 yard freestyle and accounted for Adams' 11 points, good enough for eighth place. In everyone's eyes the standout of the meet was Pat O'Connor of Indianapolis Cathedral. O'Connor set two state records - 2:00.6 in the 200 individual medley and 53.5 in the 100 yard butterfly.

The unbelievable number of good swimmers and teams in the state was quite apparent after the meet was over. It took super human efforts just to make the finals. Adams and Jackson totally dominated the swimming in the northern portion of the state. Yet compared with the other state powers they were just as inferior as some of their victims during the year. EAGLES SEND EIGHT

Adams began their road to the State meet two weeks ago in the Sectional with as many swimmers as they usually have had entered in the state meet, following the suspension of eight after the NIC meet. Despite these odds they did surprisingly well, finishing second with 56 points and qualifying eight for the state meet. Heading for Muncie it appeared as though a number had a good chance of placing.

Jeff Clark won the Sectional with a splendid time of 1:50.3 in the 200 freestyle and bettered it by more than a second in the state with a time of 1:48.7. Despite these extraordinary efforts he finished third behind two swimmers who swam faster than the state record. It was a different story, however, in the 100 freestyle as Clark entered as a clear favorite after setting a Sectional record of 49.0. He easily won and tied the state record of 49.1.

Denny Daniels broke Jack Nagy's Sectional record in the backstroke with a 58.8 time. However, when he got to Muncie he found that this was sixth best time of the entrants. In the preliminaries he swam two seconds slower and failed to qualify for the finals.

Nowhere was the superiority of the contestants more evident than in the diving. Jeff Lichtenfels and Rick Allen, who were best among the area divers both failed to make the finals. Lichtenfels totally dominated the area diving, yet was subject to the same dominance when confronted with the divers from the rest of the state.

The winner, Eric Brunoehler of Southport set a new state mark of 423.45 points.

The Seagles hopes for the future can look good, judged by the performance of freshman Dan Casasanta, and juniors John and Pat Hickey. Casasanta finished second in the medley in the Sectional and had the tenth fastest time in the state meet. Hall won the 50 free in the Sectional and came fairly close to making the finals in the state. Hickey won the Sectional in the breaststroke, but also failed to make the state finals.

Adams 6th In Gymnastics

by Tom Peters

Last Saturday at Crown Point High School, John Adams competed in the Gymnastic Sectional.

Only one member of our team, Ron Muncie, succeeded in making the top five which qualifies a gymnast for the State meet. Ron got a third and fifth in floor exercise and tumbling, respectively.

Adams finished in sixth position, out of seven teams, with Jintown winning the Sectional.

Two weeks ago we ended our season against Wabash and Heritage. We arrived at the meet late because of a traffic tieup but, despite missing the first event, we still won against both opponents. The results of the double dual were Adams 82, Heritage 72, and Adams 99, Wabash 55.

B Team Ends Season

Two weekends ago the Beagles closed their season with a loss to Elkhart and a victory over Jackson. This made the team's final record 9 wins and 11 losses. This record is a letdown of the exceptions of the team at the start of the year but it isn't all bad considering at one time the Beagles were 6-10. This year's team was an exciting team to watch as they were involved in nine games of three points or less, winning four and losing five, and were out of only three games. With a bit of luck the Beagles could have finished 17-3. The Beagles looked impressive in the start of the year as they won three of their first four, beating St. Joe 48-43 in double overtime and losing to 19-2 LaSalle 63-57.

Against Elkhart the B-team had a fine first half in leading 32-26, but once again the Beagles had

scoring problems as they could manage only eight points in each of the remaining quarter. The fatal blow occurred at the end of the third quarter as an Elkhart guard hit a half court desperation shot at the buzzer to give the Blazers the added momentum. Gib McKenzie's 20 points paced the Beagles.

The following night the Beagles overcame a zone defense and an inspired Jackson team to win 41-37. The reserves held a 30-8 rebound lead at half but only a 23-20 scoring lead.

The Beagles held on thanks to clutch free throws by Gib McKenzie and Wesley Dixon and a saving 20 foot shot by Gub McKenzie.

was close throughout. The lead switched hands several times in the third quarter, but Adams spurred to a five point lead in the fourth period. St. Joe tied it again, at 46 all with 22 seconds left. A clutch basket by Ric Balok with only a few seconds left proved enough as the Eagles won, 49-46.

Chubby Phillips and Kevin Patterson were the leading scorers for the freshmen.

The LaSalle game left many hearts pumping hard.

With a minute left, reserve Neal Janus came in and pulled the game out of the fire by scoring seven points to make the final score read, 59-49.

Frosh Beat St. Joe, Are 14-4

With a tenacious press and a fast-breaking offense, coach Scott's team have compiled a 7-2 mark since Christmas recess.

With most of the rebounding being done by Kevin Patterson, Marshall Robinson, Steve Austin, and Ric Balok, the Eagles beat Schmucker and Grissom easily.

Then came St. Joe. The Eagles were looking for revenge after an early season loss to the Indians. After a rough first half the score

Eagles Seek Fourth Sectional

by Jack Torry

In School's History

It's been such a frustrating past. The kind of frustration that makes you want to explode. Every year Adams has a team with hopes sky high, ready for the sectional; a team that's going to win it all. And save for three times, Adams has come out the short end, almost every time to the Central Bears.

Is this team going to end up the same way?

Will they end up like the 1943 team, losing a heartbreaker to Washington-Clay when Don Barnbrook's last second shot rolled off the hoop? Or will it be like 1960, when Adams took the conference and then lost the sectionals to a rag-tag St. Joe team? Or even if they win the sectional will it end up the same way as 1967, when the Eagles blew a fourth quarter lead to Michigan City, and topped it off with Bob Storm's shot coming tragically close? Maybe it'll be like 1958, when they came from behind in the final moments against Elkhart only to lose the lead?

Will this year be the same? All you can do is hope it won't. Similar to the 1959 and 1960 Eagle squads this year's team has blasted every club they will face in the sectional, save for LaSalle. Twice they have beaten Central and Riley this year and once more they have to do it again.

This school doesn't have a long glorious record of basketball achievements. Three times, 1944, 1958 and 1967 they have taken the sectional, but never has an Adams

team gone past the regional. They have had the misfortune of trying to win when the Central Bears were the entire universe of northern Indiana.

In their first three years of competition ending in 1943, the Eagles had one sectional victory to their credit, before they won it all in 1944 with a lineup that featured John Godsberry, forwards Don Barnbrook and Jack Houston, and guards Irvin Karlin and Roy Andrews. They bombed Woodrow Wilson and Washington-Clay before ending John Wooden's three year reign as sectional king. Even so, the season ended in a bitter 33-31 loss to Culver in the regional.

It would take 14 more years before another Eagle team would get that far. In between Adams was plagued by chronic second division Clubs while the Bears rolled up one more title after another.

In 1958, Warren Seaborg assembled a team that included big Buddy McKnight, Roland Davis, Gene Phillips, Gary Wallman, and Jim Rea. They had a mediocre record during the season, but suddenly at sectional time they came alive. They swamped New Carlisle 87-43 and Washington 60-50 before upsetting mighty St. Joe, 13th ranked in the state and featuring a 22-2 record. In the regional, the Eagles upset Etna Green, winner of 26 straight, before succumbing to the Blue Blazers in the finals.

The following two seasons, Adams won 36 and lost 10, but each time

they were bounced in the finals of the sectional. In 1961 and '62 they possessed competent teams, but they lost last second decisions to Washington and Central.

The next three years weren't even frustrating, just pitiful. In '63 they were a fifth placer and lost the opener to Riley. The following year they were a tailender in the conference, whacked a woeeful Clay team before bowing to those same Bears who won their fourth straight sectional and seventh in the last nine years. They made the semi-finals in 1965, before they were ousted by Central.

Don Barnbrook took over the club in 1966 and was a big success for two years. Adams finished third in the NIC and was 13-7 overall; but they were upset in the opener of the sectional by Riley, 65-62.

Barnbrook put together quite a team in 1967, one that had Kent Ross at center, John Kaiser and Phil Williford at forward, and Bob Storm and John Williams the guards.

They stormed through the campaign with a 15-5 record and were the sectional favorites. They opened by nipping a weak Washington club, 42-38, slipped by Central 69-66, and spanked Riley in the finals 70-58.

It was on to the regional, and they drew top ranked Michigan City as their opponent in the opener. The Red Devils took an early 8-3 lead, but the Eagles fought back and forged a 21-15 first period lead, which stayed the same

throughout the second quarter, the score 37-32, Adams at the half.

Both teams were cold in the third quarter but Adams still hung onto a 46-39 lead as the final period began. The Eagles burst ahead, leading by 10 points at various times, but the Red Devils caught and passed them with two minutes left in the contest. With 36 seconds left the Red Devils led 60-57; Ross scored his 25th point on a layup and with two seconds left, Storm fired a mid court shot which bounded off the backboard and fell to the side.

The next two seasons Adams won only 15, while losing 26 and never had any chance in the sectional.

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