

# '63-'64 To Be Rebuilding Season For Adams Eagles

On Wednesday, November 27, Coach Warren Seaborg and the Adams Eagles will wade knee deep into what could prove to be a rather rocky season for the Eagles when they play host to Gary Lew Wallace. This Steel City team still has the nucleus of its team which last year averaged 6'4" in height.

## Seaborg Pessimistic

Coach Seaborg is not hiding his pessimism about the outcome of the 1963-64 season, but he says the team could prove to be better than last year's quintet. Although the team has a nucleus of three lettermen returning from last year's squad, which posted a respectable 11-10 record, Seaborg points to a definite lack of height and rebounding as stumbling blocks. The loss through graduation of Ken Bradley and Mike O'Neal, the two top rebounders on last year's team, has left a gap which has yet to be filled. O'Neal also received the most valuable player award last season.

## Three Lettermen

The three returning starters from the 1962-63 team are **Bill Fischer**, **Bob Gilbert**, and **Don Schultz**. They are all seniors. Gilbert and Fischer led the squad in scoring last year with 15.5 and 10.1 averages, respectively. Gilbert also had the third highest season average of all the players in the South Bend Sectional.

At the present time there are about eighteen boys practicing with the varsity squad, and another six or seven players are expected to come out when varsity football concludes its practices. Although there are only twelve varsity uniforms, Mr. Seaborg said that he plans on using a large number of boys by shuffling some sophomores and juniors between the B-team and varsity. Only ten players are allowed to suit up for the sectional. Seaborg said he plans on keeping a large number of players because many of them are very equal in ability.

## Many of Equal Ability

The one true asset which the coach stressed was this large quantity of varsity caliber players. Because of this, Mr. Seaborg said that he has thought of using a platoon system, in which he could replace one team with five fresh boys of almost the same ability. The weaknesses of the team which the coach pointed out are a lack of size, a lack of exceptional speed, and a deficiency in shooting accuracy, although the latter may disappear when the season gets underway. The team also seems to be lacking the spirit which is so important in a team sport such as basketball. This, however, could be easily remedied if all the students would **BUY A SEASON TICKET AND SUPPORT THE TEAM** both at home and away games.

## Many Tough Opponents

Around the area, Coach Seaborg sees Elkhart, Washington, and Penn as the teams to beat. Central should also be very tough with Mike Warren and Jim Ward returning from the team which went down to the final game of the state tourney last year. Other individuals who should win laurels during the upcoming season are Keith Berkey of Penn, Kevin Keel of Mishawaka, and Ben Lindsey from Washington.

This year's schedule remains practically the same as last year's, except for the addition of Muncie South Side to the Eagles' slate of opponents. Adams will face South Side on December 20. Featured home games will be played against Michigan City, Central, Gary Roosevelt, Washington, and Elkhart.

## Estimate of Ability Of Local Area Teams

Although it doesn't seem too probable that the 1963-64 basketball season should see any state-wide powerhouses emerging from South Bend or the immediate vicinity, there are many tough teams in the area.

Among the teams labeled as the area's best are Central, Washington, Elkhart, Mishawaka, and Penn. Adams could also prove to be one of the better local teams if the Eagles quintet can find a solution to the problem of lack of height.

## Two Return to Central Squad

Central will have only two returning starters when they take the floor against St. Joe tonight, but these two men appear very large at the present time. Mike Warren and Jim Ward both played in the final game of last year's state tournament which the Bears lost 65-61 to Muncie Central.

South Bend Washington will have Ben Lindsey, Recie Bethel, and George Johnson returning from last year's squad, while Elkhart will have one of the tallest boys in the conference in Ted Reasoner. Mishawaka also has a good tall man in Kevin Keel. Keel will be backed up by Denny Baldwin and Dennis Wood. Wood pumped in thirty points against Adams in last year's game.

## Penn Has Good Pivot Man

Penn is another team with a good tall pivot man. Keith Berkey was one of the leading scorers in the area last season and should be even better this year. The Kingsmen also have Bruce Coffman and Stan Yoder back from last year's quintet.

In a look at other teams around the conference, Riley could be tough with Joe Cramer and Milt Pittman back, but they will miss the services of Ted Northern who graduated. Michigan City has perhaps the best player in the conference in Vernon Payne, but the Red Devils have little else to lend support.

## Several Are Rebuilding

John Corporan will be returning for Goshen, but as it stands now, the Redskins do not have anybody else left from last year's fine squad which lost a tough game to Central in the finals of the regional. The same is true of Fort Wayne North, who will have the services of Dave Schumaker, but as it appears now, little else. LaPorte will also be in a rebuilding stage, having graduated most of its players who saw much action last year.

# John Adams Tower



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## Season Tickets On Sale

The sale of basketball season tickets began in the home rooms on Wednesday, November 13, and will continue until December 6.

## Booster Club Helping

This year the Booster Club is assisting Mr. William Przybysz, ticket manager, with the sale of season tickets. There is a ticket representative in each home room assigned to selling season tickets. These Booster Club representatives collect the money and applications from the students, and the tickets are issued the next day. By using this method, every student is given an opportunity to buy a ticket.

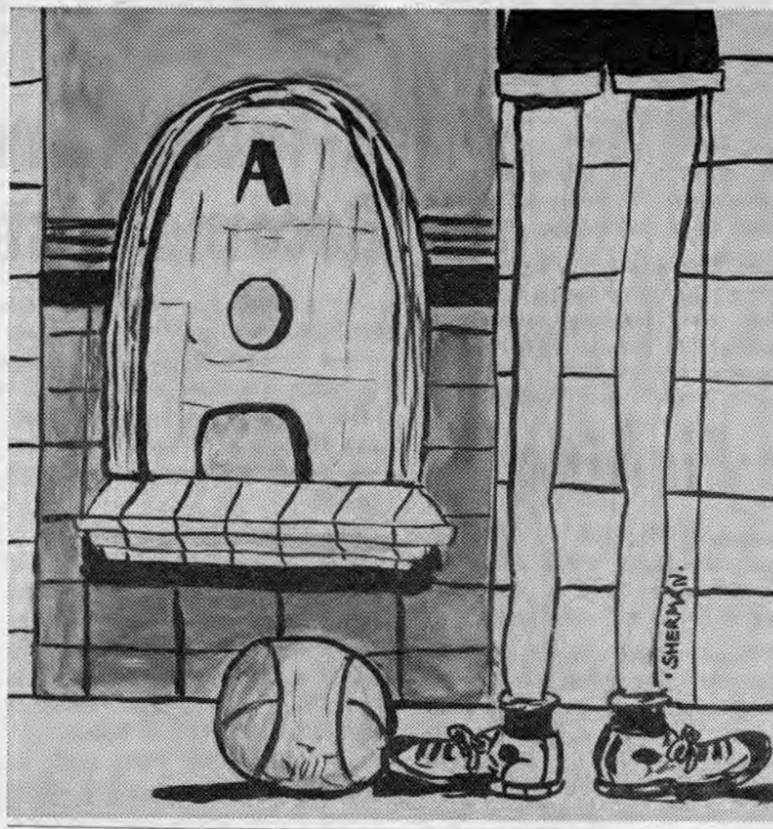
The prices for the season tickets are: students \$3.00 and adults \$6.00. This covers all eight of the scheduled home games for this year. The single game ticket will cost 50 cents for students. The price of single adult entrance has been raised to \$1.00. A large savings can be made by purchasing a season ticket. Buying a season ticket also saves the trouble of buying tickets for each game.

## Two Advantages

Aside from savings, season ticket holders gain other important benefits. Only season ticket holders will be allowed to sit in the bleachers. All others may sit only in the balcony. Another big advantage, is the fact that season ticket holders will have first choice on seats and tickets for the tourney games in February.

## Goal of 800 Tickets

Mr. Przybysz has set this year's goal at 800 tickets. Every student is urged to purchase a basketball season ticket to help support the team and school.



## Concession Booths To Operate at Games

Concession booths will once again be operated by various Adams clubs and organizations at all Riley and Adams home basketball games this season.

All profits from concession stands go into a general fund of the school out of which participating clubs will be paid for operating the stands. Only those clubs which are not self-supporting are allowed to operate concession stands.

## PEP BAND TO PLAY FOR HOME GAMES

The John Adams Varsity Band, under the direction of Mr. James Herendeen and Mr. Robert Ralston, will provide a pep band which will play at each of the home games during the coming basketball season. Any band member who is qualified may be a member of the pep band unit. The pep band's participation at games will include the playing of the National Anthem, the school songs of Adams and its opponent, and other entertaining numbers.

## News In Brief

### Juniors

don't forget to vote for your class officers today.

### The Band and Orchestra

will entertain in a concert at Adams next Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

### Congratulations

to Mr. William E. Brady and the play cast for their truly hilarious performance of "Time Out for Ginger" last weekend.

### More congratulations

to the Elkhart Blazers for clinching the mythical state championship by beating Hammond last weekend.

### Sorry

for omitting Mary Warstler's name from the list of those Adams students participating in WETL work in last week's TOWER.

### Everybody

just everybody is buying a basketball season ticket this year, even "Mr. Legs" as illustrated above by Lee Sherman and originated by Joy Lehr.

## 1963-64 Varsity Basketball Schedule

Wed., Nov. 27—Gary Lew Wallace	-----	H
Fri., Nov. 29—Clay	-----	H
*Fri., Dec. 6—Goshen	-----	H
Sat., Dec. 7—Nappanee	-----	T
*Fri., Dec. 13—Mich. City	-----	H
Sat., Dec. 14—Wabash	-----	T
Fri., Dec. 20—Muncie So. Side	-----	T
Fri., Dec. 27—Holiday Tourney at Mish.	-----	
*Fri., Jan. 10—Mishawaka	-----	T
Sat., Jan. 11—St. Joseph	-----	H
*Fri., Jan. 17—Central	-----	H
*Fri., Jan. 24—LaPorte	-----	T
Sat., Jan. 25—Gary Roosevelt	-----	H
*Fri., Jan. 31—Riley	-----	T
Sat., Feb. 1—Penn	-----	T
*Fri., Feb. 7—Washington	-----	H
*Fri., Feb. 14—Elkhart	-----	H
*Fri., Feb. 21—North Side	-----	T

\*Denotes Conference Games

## Why Not Buy A Ticket?

Why buy a season ticket? There are many advantages to either buying or not buying one. There are also certain privileges entertained by each group.

The season ticket holder is that lucky individual who can arrive ten minutes before the game starts, walk right into the gym, and find a seat in the bleacher section. However, the privileged non-ticket holder has a different advantage. He, fortunately, is able to arrive much earlier, stand in line in front of an open door, sit in the balcony, and then he thanks his lucky stars that he was able to get such a good seat so easily.

Another point to consider in the question of whether to buy or not to buy, is the lovely companions with whom you sit. The season ticket holder usually prearranges to meet and sit with all his friends in the cheering section. In this way, he can follow the game closely and also participate in the cheers. On the other hand, the fellow sitting up in the balcony by himself is likely to be sitting either among some older fans or some that are so young that they are not interested in the game, but the person sitting next to him — you. Of course, it is undignified to cheer from the balcony, and so you sit quietly watching the game.

There are still other advantages to each choice. The season ticket holder pays \$3.00 and the non-holder pays \$4.50 for the eight home games. This is a saving of \$1.50. Another thing to consider is that season ticket holders get first choice at tournament tickets, while non-holders must take pot-luck.

The problem has been presented. The choice is up to you. There are advantages to each. If you want to have a ticket always available, be able to sit with your friends, save some money, and be eligible for a good tourney ticket, you know what to do — buy a season ticket and support the team.

## Anyone For Fishing?

Basketball games seem to attract a proportionate cross-section of the Adams student population — freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors — not to mention parents, teachers, and even a policeman now and then. The majority of this assortment may be classified as either sitters or cheerers; however, a very small minority often lose connections with the human family altogether and may be grouped with our aqueous friends the fish — most closely resembling the large-mouthed bass. Although they don't swim to the games, their actions make them no less

noticeable. Let me tell you about the last game when I was so blessed as to have a dozen or so sitting directly behind me.

While sitting on the crowded bleachers, trying to see over the cheerleaders and those spectators coming in late, I listened to these "fishy" philosophers sitting behind me. They were discussing how poorly the game was being played and revealed to everyone within a twenty-five person radius exactly what **should** have been done. I began thinking — analyzing their suggestions for play —

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# GOOD LUCK

from the

# Tower Staff



THE B-TEAM CHEERLEADERS ARE A PEPPY GROUP. Pictured above as they practice a cheer are, from left to right: Sharon Wilk, Gaye Harris, and captain Debbie Mourer. The second row includes Sharon Daniel, Peggy Whisman, and Judy Pickens.

## B-Team Cheerleaders Become Instant Artists

After school has anyone ever observed six girls in the halls diligently splattering red and blue paint on reams of white paper — and themselves as well? These teenage misses are not vandals on the loose, but in reality the hard-working B-Team cheerleaders. Captained by **Debbie Mourer**, the group consists of **Sharon Wilk, Judy Pickens, Gaye Harris, Peggy Whisman and Sharon Daniel.**

### No Physical Fitness Problem

Physical fitness is not a problem for this sextet. Almost every afternoon they practice their cheerleading skills. Becoming proficient in the many cheers and working as a uniform unit requires hours of dedicated and strenuous workouts. In addition, they have been in training since last summer, practicing at the girls' various homes.

### Perform Many Functions

B-Team cheerleaders perform a variety of functions: cheering for B-Team athletic events; proudly holding the hoop for the varsity football team's appearance on the football gridiron; generating enthusiasm (as well as Esprit de Corps) for underclassmen at the pep assemblies; and painting works of art (posters) announcing all major and minor sporting events.

Debbie Mourer feels, concerning school spirit at the B-Team games: "First of all, I believe that the attendance at the B-games has been good but it could still be improved." She added, "I hope a lot of kids will come to cheer for B-Team basketball as well as for the varsity games." As a group, the girls hope that everyone at the games will **YELL** and support their teams.

When the B-Team cheerleaders chant, "We're proud of OUR team," they truly mean it; proud of the team and proud to represent John Adams High School!

The varsity cheerleaders also add their appeal to the student body to get out and support the teams by going to all the games both home and away. They also reminded us to attend the swimming and wrestling meets.

## How Would You Like To be a Basketball?

What is it like to be a basketball? Recently, I became obsessed with curiosity on this subject and decided to interview a basketball! The particular basketball I chose was named I. M. Round, a handsome chap. The following dialogue is a direct on-the-spot interview.

**Q: What are your most enjoyable moments of a basketball game?**

**A:** Well, being thrown in the stands, when all the lovable people fight over li'l ole me. It gives one a feeling of prestige, if you know what I mean? Then, there are free throws, and slipping out of the players' hands at very opportune moments, the spice of life you might say.

**Q: Very well then, what are your most hated moments in a game?**

**A:** Getting caught in that awful net, and those nuts hitting me trying to get me out. The nets feel like overgrown spider webs. I avoid going through the hoop whenever possible for fear of catastrophe. Then, there is all that bouncing and bouncing and bouncing and bouncing and . . .

**Q: I see, pretty rough!**

**A:** bouncing and bouncing and bouncing and . . .

**Perhaps we'd best continue another time so . . . this is your friendly interviewer saying . . .**

bouncing and bouncing and bouncing and . . .

**So long till now! . . . I mean later, err . . . for awhile?**

bouncing and bouncing and bouncing and . . .

—Debbie Bell

## Try New Cheer To Boost Spirit

For those of you who get tired of the same old cheers game after game, get a sizable block together some time and try out some of the following (or make up some of your own).

Enie Meenie, Miney, Moe  
That poor player stubbed his toe  
He is hollering and won't let go  
Of his poor old aching toe.  
Let's go (to the hospital?)

Two bits;  
Four bits;  
Six bits;  
A dollar;  
First give me the money,  
Then maybe I'll holler

Sound off! 1, 2,  
Sound off! 3, 4,  
Sound off all ye foghorns!  
Sound off (Woo, Woo).

We want to go that a way!  
We want to go that a way!  
(Didn't you know there was a law  
against hitch hiking?)

## FISHING ANYONE?

(Continued from Page 2, Column 2) figuring out if they actually were correct.

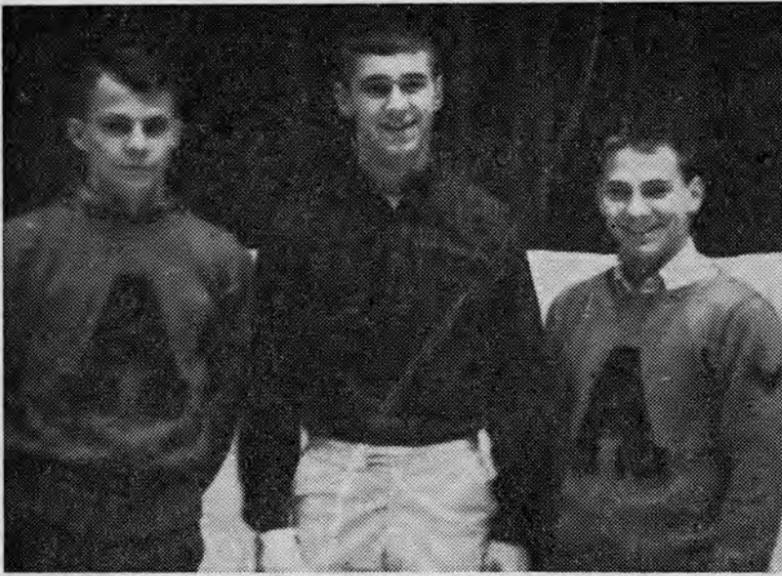
For instance, when a player missed a basket, their lament was that he should have passed to that guy in the corner — "he had a much better angle . . ." Next they would proclaim that the guy right under the basket could have made it easily. At other times, when a shot was missed, the player's timing and location was supposedly wrong — all of which could be remedied by a simple step forward.

It never failed! Four times that game I heard them berate that last shot which was missed just before the buzzer. Their comments generally ran to, "Shucks, it just fell a little short," or "If only he used a little more power! (or aim, or timing, or . . .)." (Of course, he **did** shoot from the other end of the court, but that's no excuse for missing! It was as these comments became more and more ill-founded that I first conceived calling these professional fans the "large-mouthed bass."

Their cousins, the small-mouthed bass, have shown the same "intellectual standing," although I found them to be not quite as noisy about it. They were the type that tried to call the results of the plays before they were finished. Forecasts filled the gym as the ball left the player's hands, "What a perfect arch! That one is in, boys, in" or "That shot hasn't got a chance!" was heard as the ball swished through the net. On the passing scene, before the pass was completed, they yelled, "Right through his knees — perfect!" but were forced to add a few seconds later, "if he hadn't put his legs together."

The moral of this story might go something like this: "Only fools criticize others for being able to do that which they cannot do themselves."





LEFT TO RIGHT: Mel Hawkins, Mike Slabaugh, Gary Zalas.

## Seagles Face Tough Schedule; Boast 10 Lettermen and 5 State Champs

Coach Don Coar's Adams swimming team took to the water last month in preparation for a challenging schedule this winter. Hopes are high for improvement over last year's impressive record. Last season the Seagles compiled a fine record of eleven wins against one loss in dual meet competition. This merited a second place finish in the conference. Adams also finished second in the city meet.

A costly disqualification caused last year's Seagles to place a respectable third in the final conference meet, but the team bounced right back to capture first place honors in the sectional. Then Adams marched downstate where, for the second consecutive year, they were state runnerup, this time to Columbus.

This year's squad shows a strong resemblance to last season's team since they lost only three lettermen. Co-captains for the 1963-64 campaign are seniors **Lee Wise** and **Dan Jones**. Wise was a member of last year's state-champion medley relay team and earned a second place in the 100-yard butterfly. Jones, a veteran backstroke, was also on the medley relay team and finished fourth in the 100-yard backstroke.

Other returning state champions are: Junior **Chuck Busse**, who won the 50-yard free-style, and was on Adams' winning free-style relay team, **Dick Wachs** who was also a member of the free-style relay team, and **Joe Sheer**, defending state diving champion. The other outstanding diver, **Tom Poulin**, finished fourth in state competition. Junior veteran **Bob Nelson** finished sixth in the 100-yard freestyle. **Joe Condon**, **Chuck Swinsick** and **John Reuter** also qualified for the state meet and achieved enough varsity points to receive their monogram sweaters.

A great deal of the team's success also rests upon the shoulders of five boys who swam on the varsity last year, but fell just short of achieving their letters. They are junior **Gert Walter**, sophomores **Tom Decker**, **Jeff Hauflaire**, **Reid Lichtenfels**, and **Mike Nova**. Three freshmen who show promise are backstroke **Paul Goetz**, **Joe Hauflaire** and **Richard Rosenstein**.

Coach Coar looks forward with great interest to three particular meets. The Kokomo invitational, to be held at Bunker Hill Air Force Base, probably heads the list, and after that comes Central and Riley.

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## Forecast Looks Good for Beagles

Coach Robert Rensberger is optimistic for a bright season in leading his Beagles towards another basketball schedule. Coach Rensberger has his work cut for him in trying to match last season's record of twelve wins and eight losses — the best record of all three Adams' basketball teams.

One plan of action which coaches Seaborg and Rensberger plan to use this season is the utilization of junior players in the line-up. The coaches feel that this will give more boys a chance to play, and at the same time provide them with experience for their varsity careers.

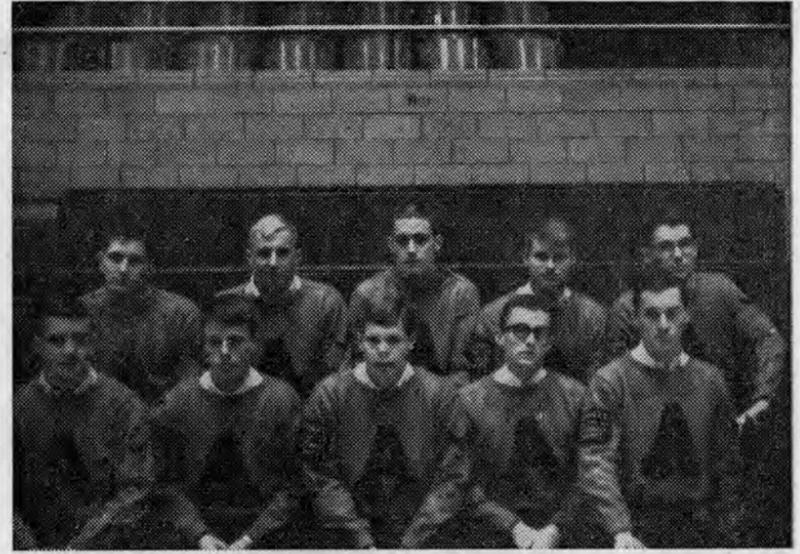
Speed, along with height, are assets which the team now has, but shooting and ball-handling are being worked on extensively in practice. The Beagles open against Gary Lew Wallace at home, on Wednesday, November 27. The schedule is the same as the varsity's, and all games are played preceding the varsity games. Home games start at 6:45 P.M.

## Eagles Conclude Season with Loss

The Adams Eagles closed out their 1963 football season on a sour note last Friday, November 8, by dropping a 17-14 decision to the Penn Kingsmen. Thus, the Eagles finish the season with a respectable 4-5-1 record, and a 2-3-1 conference record, good for a fifth place tie.

The Adams touchdowns came on a 2-yard plunge by senior quarterback **Mike Harrell**, capping a 80-yard drive, and a spectacular 86-yard kickoff return by **Vic Butsch**. The Eagles marched down to Penn's 20-yard line in the last minute of play, but couldn't capitalize on the situation.

**Joe Fleming** led Adams in scoring this year, racking up 53 points.



TOP ROW: John Reuter, Chuck Busse, Dan Jones, Dick Wachs, Lee Wise. BOTTOM ROW: Joe Scheer, Tom Poulin, Bob Nelson, Joe Condon, Chuck Swinsick.

## Wrestlers Have Three Lettermen

The Adams wrestling team, coached by Morris Aronson, has three returning lettermen from last year's squad which posted a 7-4-1 dual meet record and gained a second place finish in the conference finals. The returnees are junior **Gary Zalas** and seniors **Mike Slabaugh** and **Mel Hawkins**.

Other men who have B-team experience and may see action are **Gene Turner**, **Tom Quimby**, **Dan Toles**, **Tim Blackburn**, **Maurice Cogdell**, **Bruce Montgomerie**, **Dick Wesolowski**, **Jim Russell**, **Ed Scusell**, **Don Harmon**, and **Dane Donaldson**.

Mr. Aronson would not give any predictions as to the outcome of the season, but it looks as though the grapplers may have a fine year. Coach Aronson did say that he looks for Riley to be very strong again this year.

## Freshman Squad One of Best Ever

The freshmen basketballers, coached by Don Truex, are out to reverse last year's dismal record of seven wins and 13 losses. Coach Truex is anticipating an excellent season with one of the best crop of freshmen ever to report for basketball at Adams.

Coach Truex has expressed his optimism after viewing the frosh at practice and discussing the boys' ability with the feeder school coaches. The team is average to above-average in height, and is very fast. At the present time there are about 25 boys out for practice, which begins at 6:45 in the morning. This number, however, will be cut to about 15 for the season's opener.

## We're Proud Of Our Team

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Mitch and Mary K.

Henry Monsky  
Henry Monsky  
Henry Monsky  
Mrs. Million  
Dee, Jan, and Ozzie

Kathy Zieger

Janice Harringer

Go Go Swimmers

Kevin Delahanty

Judy Davis

Kathy Deeds

Julie Best

Julie Best

Sally MacGregor

Sally MacGregor

Brent Best

Doug MacGregor

Pam Dixon

Kerry Davey

Jo

Pilly Babes

Andi Barkley

Judy Dworecki

Elaine Balok

Gilly

Bill and Janet

Grace Nemeth

Kikkie and Dickie

Rick and Kathy

John Adams Debate Team

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Mildred Muddle

Jack 'n Jackie Minkow

Jim (Posie) Flowers

Jane Zorn

Ben Eichorst

Jane Zorn

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