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John Adams Tower



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Runnerup Spot to Adams

by John Heisler

Where do you begin to tell the story of the 1972-73 Adams basketball team?

No matter where you start, words alone cannot describe the kind of year it really was. Words alone cannot describe the feeling of playing in the final four. Words alone cannot describe how it feels to make it to the championship game of the state finals--and lose.

It was the greatest season in Adams basketball history. No team ever won as many games. No team ever went as far in the state tournament. It was just a super year.

In Jim Webb, Adams produced South Bend's all-time greatest roundballer. Jim ended up breaking every record in the book including South Bend's career and single season scoring marks. One-on-one Jim Webb could beat anybody in the state. His potential is limitless, and the thrills he gave Eagle fans over the last three years can never be duplicated.

But as many other teams found out, Adams was not a one man team. Twelve people made up the 1972-73 squad -- Twelve of the greatest people I will always remember. Playing as a team, there was no one better, yet as individuals, they were as different as night and day.

Quiet Steve Austin never had much to say. When he did, he said it with his shooting. He was 14 for 19 against Anderson--the greatest shooting performance I have ever seen. Despite playing in the shadow of a superstar, he was an All-American in every respect.

Boonie Hill had to look up at just about every opposing player, but once the game started he took a backseat to no one. On the front end of a fast break, Boonie was unstoppable. He had the greatest knack for getting the ball through the middle of a crowd and into the basket.

During the tournament, Herman Helicopter brought more publicity to Adams than anyone else. As a jumper and a rebounder he was unequalled, and he did more than anyone to turn the season around. There was nothing greater than seeing Herman leap four feet off the ground to reject an opponent's shot.

Despite his reputation for picking up fouls, Daryl Ashby's work on the boards this year was invaluable. A superb tipper, Daryl always gave everything he had, and some of the tipins he came up with in the tournament were unreal.

Super Sub Val Martin was the coolest customer on the floor all year long. Only a sophomore,



Champions in Every Right

Val never seemed to feel the pressure yet he hit more crucial baskets for the Eagles than anyone else.

One of the best during practice, Ray Martin came up with his best performances when it really counted. The official preacher of the ballclub, Ray could always come through in the clutch.

No one on the team worked as hard all year as Dave Bock. Facing the starters every day in practice was no easy task, but Dave made the most of it. An excellent shooter, he probably could have started at 200 other high schools around the state.

No one took as much kidding all year as Leon Busch. Dubbed "Leon the neon peon" and "Boysenberry Busch" Leon and his fine forehead kept everybody loose in the locker room and on the floor.

The biggest hit of the year was 6-foot-11 Glenn Sudhop. Sud always caused a sensation wherever he went, yet he improved as much as anyone during the course of the year.

Few people would have wanted to practice four months before playing in a game, but Von Mincey did. Once he was able to play, he came up with some fine defensive work.

Pat Daniels was probably one of the more underrated players all year. A good shot, Pat was at his best on defense where he faced the best in the state every day in practice.

Just by winning the first regional game, these players did something no Adams team has ever

done before. The Eagles won the first regional and semistate titles in the school's history, and only one quarter kept them from the state championship.

They played like champions, they acted like champions, and they beat the best team left in the state in Anderson. No one could have asked for more.

As coach Hadaway says, he has been to the edge of the mountain top. But whether or not he makes it all the way to the top some day, he will never forget this 1972-73 season--one of the all-time greats.

Griff: "We may be back down here in a couple of years, but we'll never have a greater bunch of kids than we did this year."



Joy to The World! South Bend Tribune Photo

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March 21, 1973

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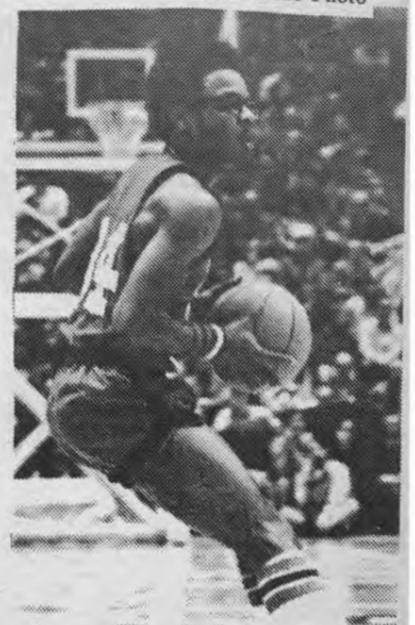
I want to congratulate your team on losing Saturday night. This may seem strange but sometimes you are bigger losing than winning, and I want you to know I think the South Bend Adams team stood mighty tall Saturday night.

I know there is sadness and broken hearts in losing a championship game, but it has been several years since I've seen the losing team show the dignity and true sportsmanship as shown by your boys in losing to New Albany, and I believe the 1972-73 South Bend Adams team will remain in the hearts of the fans as long if not longer than if it had won.

So boys, hold your heads high--you have nothing to be ashamed of.

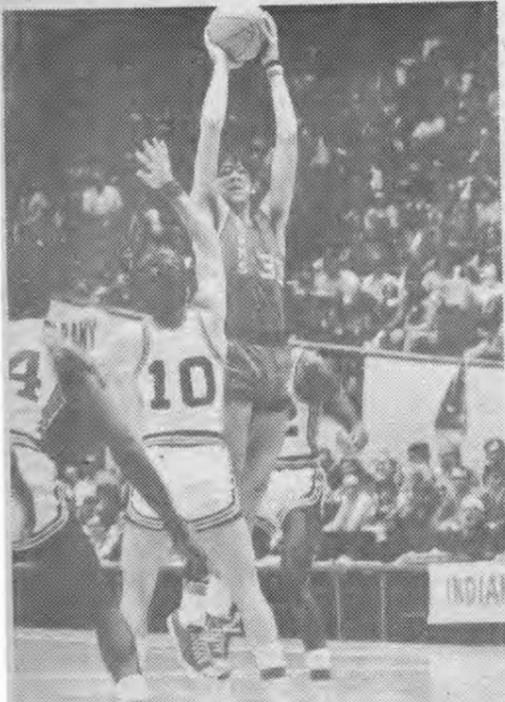
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Boonie Hill stops in mid-stride while pondering his next move.

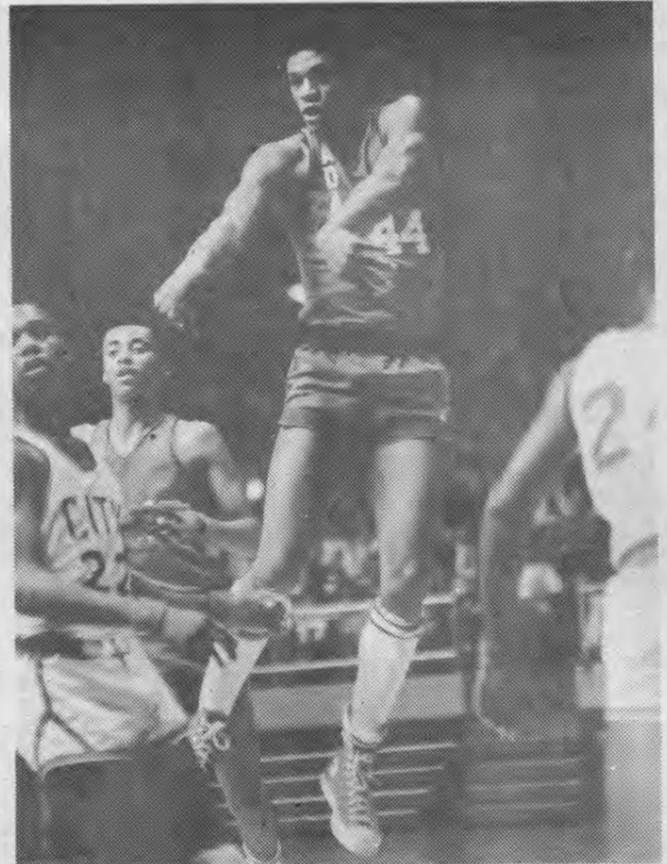
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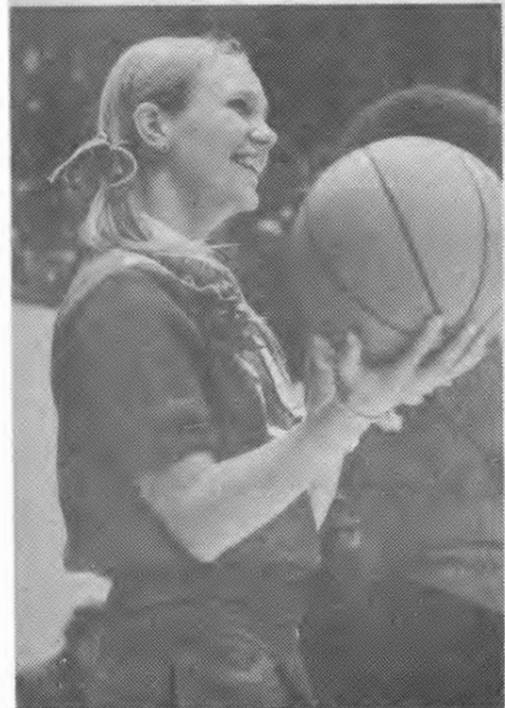
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Steve Austin goes up for two more against Anderson.



Everyone is reaching for the rebound, but no one is higher than Herman Helicopter.



Photo/Joe Raymond
Jim Webb rifles a pass under the basket for an easy two



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Cheerleader Mimi Miller gets her chance to be a star.



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Ray Martin concentrates on the basket while Boonie Hill observes.



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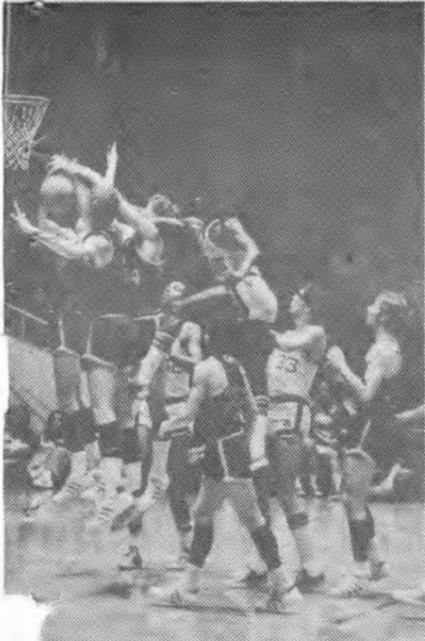
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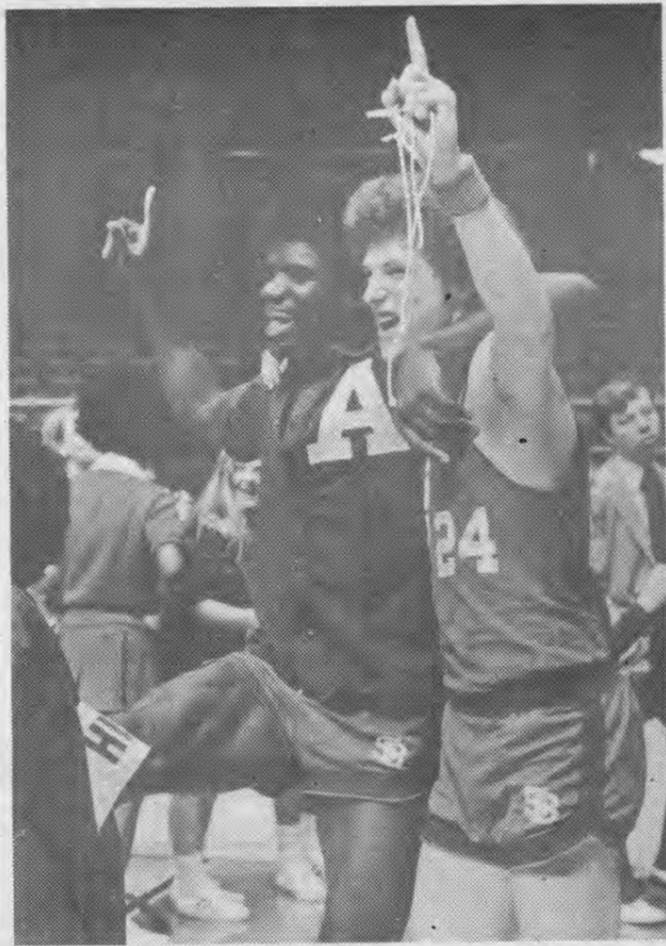
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Helicopter reaches through everyone the ball away.

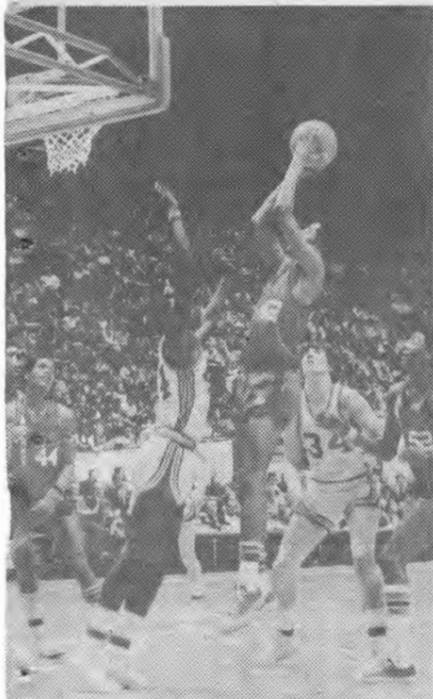


Herman and Dave Bock decide going to Lafayette will be pretty great.



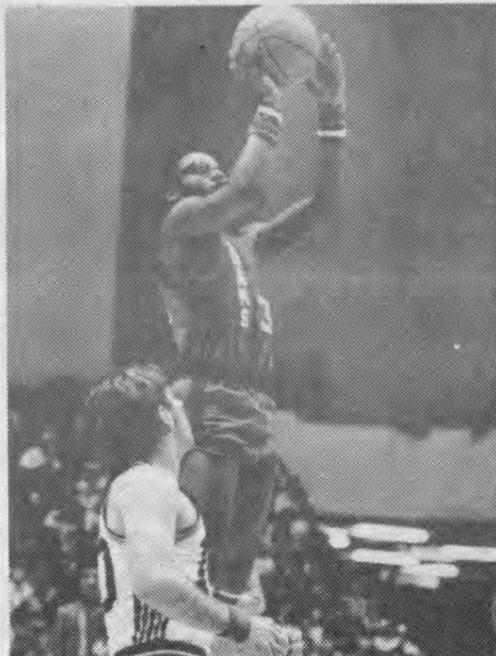
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Coach Dave Hadaway instructs his team during a brief timeout.



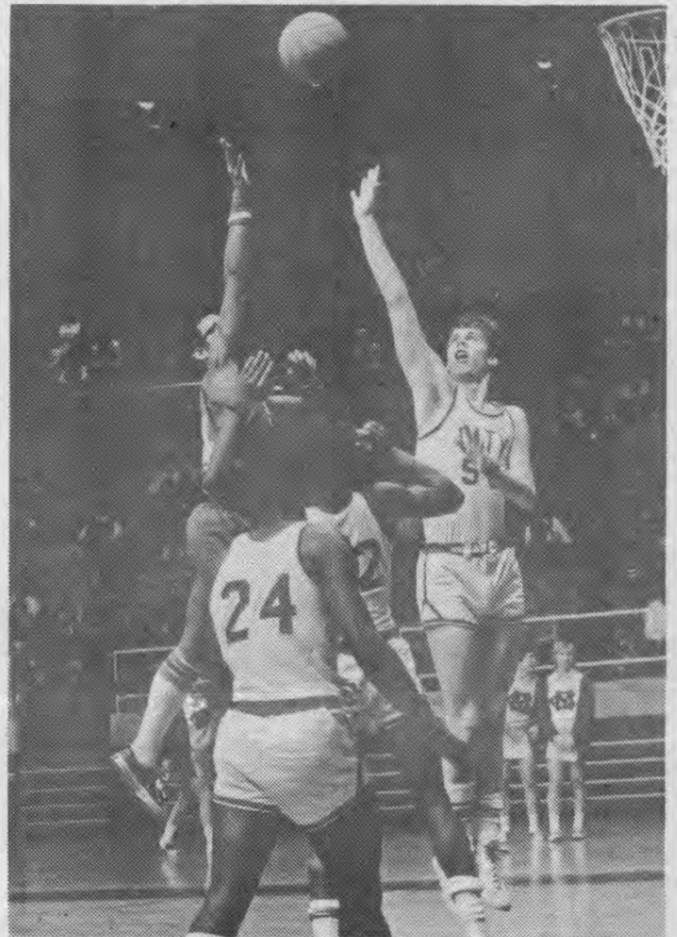
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Martin gets ready to send his turn-around er at the basket while Jim Webb anticipates a rebound.



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Boonie Hill gets way above his defender before releasing his one hander.



Whirling dervish Boonie Hill twists through Elston defenders for another basket.

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Steve Austin	William Hill	Valery Martin
James Webb	Pat Daniels	Daryl Ashby
Marshall Robinson	Martin Mincey	Glenn Sudhop

Assistant Coaches - George Griffith, Tom Turnock
Principal - William Przybysz

Congratulations Adams Eagles

The Eagle Mash

by Chris Coffelt

We were working in the gym on a sectional night
When our eyes beheld a queer sight.
When the Marian Knights from their bench began to rise,
And suddenly, to our surprise--

...They did the mash
They did the Eagle mash
It was a sectional smash
It caught on in a flash
They did the Eagle mash

Woody's predictions for the shoe-bops was high;
It was known for a fact that the Eagles would fly.
The Marian Knights were shaking with fear.
Their only high was with a case of beer.

The Adams fans were having fun
The game had just barely begun
The reporters included Forest Miller, Joe Pate and his son.
For Jim Webb had begun the shoe-bop dance.
The Marian coach was so aghast,
He knew Hadaway's men would knock his team last.

Out of the press-box Joe Pate's voice did ring,
Seems the Marian fans were troubled by just one thing.
They threw up their popcorn, and shook their fists--
And said, "Whatever happened to our Marian Twist?"

The trophy was won, that's a part of the plan
And our Eagle mash is the hit of the land.
If you were shoe-bopping, like you should,
You can go back and tell them, "The Eagles ain't through."

Spring Sports on the Move

Diamonders Open Friday Track Prospects Looking Up

by John Heisler

When a team loses nearly its entire pitching staff to graduation, it might put a damper on prospects for the next spring.

But despite losing ace Page Glase, Andy Chrzanowski, and Pat Gibbons, the Adams nine is ready to do battle with all comers beginning with Michigan City Elston this Friday. Coach Len Buczkowski's Eagles will be hoping to improve on last year's 14-8 record and second place in the NIC. Seniors Steve Austin and Kevin Patterson will head up the mound corp for Adams in hopes of keeping intact the fantastic ERA posted by last year's squad. Other candidates for action include Mike Bilinski, Barry Coker, Jim Szabo, and Chris Fallon.

Bilinski and Coker starred for coach John McNarney's B-team in 1972, although Coker has had some arm problems this spring. Sophomores Szabo and Fallon will probably see relief duty when needed. Defense is probably the strong suit of this year's 17-man squad, especially up the middle of the diamond. Catcher Ron Freese will again handle the chores behind the plate with Doug Edison serving as an able backup man.

In the infield, Morris Green has a hold on the first base spot, with Austin spelling him occasionally. Slick fielding second baseman Al Taylor will again handle the keystone sack, and Randy Joers will back him up.

At shortstop, Austin and Patterson will see most of the action depending on who is pitching, but Coker is in the picture as well. Rick Mitchem holds down the third base job with help from Chris Fallon.

Denny Ertel is the only veteran holdover in the outfield, and there is plenty of competition for the other two spots. Mike Wilbur, Ken Breen, Jim Szabo, and Marty Layman all figure prominently here. Andy Fouts serves as an all-around utility man.

While the Eagles cannot boast a slew of power hitters, they do have probably the best individual in the area in Kevin Patterson. Last year's MVP, Kevin was also the NIC batting champion last season, and he remains a top threat in the field and on the mound as well as at the plate.

Adams will be pointing to up-end LaPorte in NIC competition, but the Slicers along with Riley and Washington are no slouches. The Wildcats and Panthers both will depend a great deal on pitching to keep them in the race.

St. Joe, LaSalle, and Clay should also field excellent teams, and the Indians seem to be one of the most solid teams in the area.

Although the Adams FOP squad finished only 12-12, the Eagles did surprise everyone by winning the final tournament. That should serve as another optimistic plus for the 1973 season.

The Eagles will move to a longer 28-game schedule this year featuring a spring trip next week. The trip includes six games to be played in five days with stops at Evansville, Boonville, and Bloomington. Only five games on the schedule are to be played on the Adams diamond with six tilts set up at Bendix.

Jill Kestermeier and Sue LaCluyse will again handle the score-keeping duties for the Eagles, while batgirls Chris Coffelt and Melanie Canen will also be hard at work.

B-team Ready

by Scott Brennan

Trying to improve on last year's 12-7 record, Coach John McNarney and his 1973 B-team baseball squad are off and rolling.

With last year's returning sophomores and upcoming freshmen, this year's team is a solid threat to nab the NIC crown.

Sophomore returnees expected to see plenty of action include Bill Madison, Scott Nowicki, Jeff Hull, Kurt Ely, and Dean Hauflair.

Junior varsity backstops fighting it out for the number one spot are Pete Gillis and Dave Eades.

With the loss of last year's star hurler, this year's mound staff includes experienced fireballers Bri Schrader and John Dragovich.

by Larry Sullivan

In about two weeks, the 1973 track team at John Adams will start competition against a tough LaPorte team. Coach Howie Hardman hopes to avenge last year's loss with 10 returning lettermen. The meet will be the first of 19 this season.

Among the returning lettermen are regional contestant Ray Martin in the quarter mile, and Pat Daniels in the mile. Mark Lunch, John Kujawski, and Jim Lindsey are all outstanding distance men.

Chubby Phillips and Bruce Spann

will both sprint and compete in field events. Along with them in the field events will be Mark and Bruce Woodford, Harold Reinke, Jeff Deren, and Terry Wardlow. Mark Buzolich and Kevin Phillips are the outstanding high hurdlers. New in the field events this year will be the discus, an event which requires strength, balance, and wuickness. The long jump will probably be the team's strongest, but depth in the field events could hurt.

Nonetheless, this looks to be a better than average season, and coach Hardman is quite optimistic.

Adams Golf.. State Title Is Goal

by Scott Brennan

If Moses had ever viewed the tenacious edition of Coach George Griffith's 1973 varsity golf team, there would have been eleven commandments.

With the return of four starters, Captain Scott MacGregor's linkers are a solid threat to repeat as NIC champions.

Last year's state runner ups consist of Scott MacGregor, Dave Heckaman, Chuck Wilkinson, and Mike Parseghian.

Fighting it out for the remaining spot are varsity hopefuls Vernon Johnson, Mark Risinger, John Feferman, and Aris Andrews.

Coach Griffith vowed to return with the state title after finishing second last year, and certainly it will be tough for anyone to beat the Eagles.

Scott, Dave, Chuck, and Mike make up probably the best foursome in Adams golf history, and it will take a top notch effort to ever knock them off.

Seagals Unstoppable

The Adams Seagals will journey to Seymour this weekend for the state girls' swimming finals, and once again Mrs. Bradley's club will be heavily favored to retain the state title.

The girls won nine of the 14 events in last Saturday's regional meet at Washington to easily out-distance second place Jackson 452-322.

Sue Balthazor was the biggest individual winner as she emerged victorious in the 200-yard IM, the 100-yard IM, and the 100-yard backstroke.

Kathy Komora picked up first places in the 200- and 100-yard freestyle events, and she also helped Polly Ehlers, Abby Smith, and Sue Manak win the 200-yard medley relay.

Sue Busch, Missy Lowe, Miss Ehlers, and Miss Smith also won the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Other Adams winners were Polly Ehlers in the 50-yard backstroke and Abby Smith in the 50-yard freestyle.

In the city meet the week before, the Seagals won 10 of 14 events and set six city records in the process.

Kathy Komora set marks in the 200-yard IM and the 100-yard breaststroke with time of 2:25.3 and 1:15.1 respectively. She also helped Polly Ehlers, Karen Tweedell, and Abby Smith in the 200-yard medley relay and Missy Lowe Miss Ehlers, and Miss Smith in the 200 yard free relay to also record new marks.

The other two records came when Joan Doetsch recorded a 2:15.5 time in the 200-yard freestyle and Sue Balthazor finished the 100-yard backstroke in 1:07.2.

The four other winners for Adams were Polly Ehlers in the 50-yard backstroke, Abby Smith in the 50-yard free, Lindy Pauszek in diving, and Sue Balthazor in the 100-yard IM.

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Winter Sports Awards

A long, but extremely successful winter sports season came to a close last Wednesday at a banquet at St. Hedwig's Hall honoring the Adams basketball, wrestling, swimming, gymnastic, and girls' volleyball teams. The annual affair was once again sponsored by the River Park Businessmen's Association.

Purdue basketball coach Fred Schaus was the main speaker on the agenda, and he entertained the crowd with several humorous stories.

Jim Webb picked up most of the basketball hardware as he won the rebounding, free throw, and MVP

trophies and shared the captain's award with Boonie Hill. Steve Austin was the Kiwanis award winner.

Record-setting Dan Harrigan took MVP honors in swimming and he and Jim Severyn were named captains for next year's team. Hoke Busch was awarded the Kiwanis medal.

In wrestling, state champion Rick Mitchem walked away with the MVP trophy as well as the captain-elect honor for next year.

Terry Smith won the MVP award in gymnastics. Next year's captain will be Mike Jaicomo.

In volleyball, Mary Flanagan was the recipient of both the MVP and captain award.

1973 John Adams High School Baseball Schedule

March 30	Mich. City Elston	Adams
April 3	Reitz Memorial	Evansville
April 4	Boonville	Boonville
April 5	Evansville North	Evansville
April 6	Evansville Reitz	Evansville
April 7	Bloomington (Doubleheader)	Bloomington
April 10	Elkhart Memorial A & B	Adams
April 12	Elkhart Central A & B	Elkhart
April 14	LaSalle A & B	Bendix
April 17	LaPorte A & B	LaPorte
April 19	Washington A & B	Bendix
April 21	Penn A & B (Doubleheader)	Penn
April 24	Riley A & B	Adams
April 26	Mishawaka A & B	Mishawaka
April 28	Hammond Noll	Bendix
May 1	Michigan City Elston A & B	Michigan City
May 3	Elkhart Memorial A & B	Elkhart
May 8	Elkhart Central A & B	Adams
May 10	LaPorte A & B	Adams
May 12	Plymouth (Doubleheader)	Plymouth
May 15	Washington A & B	Bendix
May 17	Riley A & B	Riley
May 19	St. Joseph's	Bendix
May 22	Mishawaka A & B	Bendix
May 24	Marian	Marian
May 29 -	I.H.S.A.A. Sectional	
June 4		
June 9	I.H.S.A.A. Regional	
June 16	I.H.S.A.A. Semi-State	
June 23	I.H.S.A.A. State	

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April 5	LaPorte	There
April 10	Jackson	There
April 12	Washington	Home
April 17	Elk. Central	There
April 19	Niles	There
April 21	Goshen Relays	There
April 24	Mich. City Elston	Home
April 26	Elk. Memorial	Home
April 28	Niles Relays	There
May 1	Penn	There
May 3	Riley	Home
May 8	LaSalle	There
May 10	Mishawaka	There
May 12	NIHSC	Elkhart
May 17	Sectional	Mishawaka
May 24	Regional	Gary
May 30	City Meet	Jackson
May 31	City Frosh	Home
June 2	State	Indianapolis