



Head Coach Keith Schafer speaks to the Trojans as they prepare to enter the district tourney.

High Hopes, Disappointing Results For Trojan Nine



The Trojan Seniors, l-r: Coach Schafer, Bill Shenk, Dave Johnson, Paul Leding, Terry Olson, co-captain. Missing: Fred Strobl, co-captain.



The 1967 Trojans, back row: Coach Dick Hanley, J. Shenk, F. Strobl, B. Ritchie, D. Anderson, M. Leviska, P. Leding, T. Olson, R. Morris, B. Shenk, Coach Schafer. Front row: N. Bendickson, mgr., D. Berg, F. Gustafson, D. Johnson, S. Lappe, M. Neilsen, B. Scheller, C. Burk, E. Rosenberg.

It had been many years since the outlook had been so good for any Trojan team. In pre-season training the niners looked really tough and hopes were high that "this would be the year." The team had strong hitting and fielding, possibly the only weak spot being a shortage of hurlers.

The conference season began with a hard-fought 3-2 loss to Robbinsdale in a protested contest. The protest was indeed valid since the Robin coach had clearly broken the rules to help advance the winning run. A quaint rule however prohibited the acceptance of any protest. Picking themselves up from that one, the team easily won the next two. The fourth game proved to be the Trojan curse. Going away to meet the Hornets of Edina, the nine was indeed stung—but not by Edina. Rather, it was beaten by a bad field, errors, and stupid mistakes. The game ended up a 4-4 tie after 11 innings. This was the turning point of the year. The Trojans would never again win another conference game. The team fell apart and got progressively worse. In District play the team beat U-High and lost to Richfield. The squad ended the season with a 2-8-1 conference record. Richfield finished second in the state.

Essentially a junior team with five seniors and twelve juniors, the squad should come back strongly next year.