



Huskie head coach Steve Roth (L) was on the Bear bench two years as an assistant to Don Horwood.

Roth returns to Varsity

by Alan Small

When Steve Roth left the U of A basketball program two years ago, he didn't say "I shall return" like MacArthur, but this weekend, he's doing so anyway.

Roth, who was an assistant coach with the Bears for three seasons, brings his new team, Saskatchewan Huskies into town for a pair of hoop games Friday and Saturday.

Roth left the U of A two years ago, to coach Saskatchewan's provincial team and assist Ken Murray at the basketball program in the University of Regina. When Saskatchewan head coach Guy Vetrie went on leave to UVic last season, Roth took over the reigns of the Huskies.

"I practiced coaching for four

long years with Don (Horwood). It'll be fun to be back in Varsity Gym," said Roth, but once the ball's tossed up, it'll be all business."

"I hope he does well with his team, as long as it isn't this weekend," said Bear forward Scott McIntyre, who played under the tutelage of Roth in his first three years as a Golden Bear.

It hasn't been the easiest of debuts for Roth, as the Huskies out of the playoffs and in the basement with a 2-12 mark.

"We don't feel too good about it," Roth understated. To be fair however, the Huskies lost nine players over the summer to graduation, including their starting five. One of those was CIAU all-star Byron Tokarchuk. Even Horwood has said that the Huskies are better than he ever expected them to be this season. "We've lost a few close ball games we should have won. Including the one to Alberta in overtime when there were here."

Tokarchuk's shoes have been filled this year by fifth year forward Sheldon Ryma, who has shot the lights out this season. Ryma, 6'7", leads the conference with a 22.6 point per game average in twelve games this season. His 140 rebounds are also the toast of the west. Add to that an 85% success rate from the free throw line, and thirteen three pointers, and you have the most complete basketball player in the Canada West conference.

"He's just been outstanding for us," said Roth, "in the past he's had to play behind five very talented players, but that's no knock against him. He literally can do everything for us. He can shoot from the outside and he can post up in the low block."

Ryma had to play in the relative obscurity of guys like Tokarchuk for most of his career and it almost is a shame that a player of his talent has only one year to prove it.

Game time is at 8:15 pm Friday and Saturday nights at Varsity Gym, immediately following the Panda-Huskiette matchup.

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