

Coach Sees Basketball Strength

This season's edition of the Bear Basketball squad could become one of the stronger league competitors, according to Steve Mendryk, Bear Basketball coach.

As the team has lost some talented, experienced players, this year will be their "rebuilding year". Nevertheless, Mendryk is optimistic in his outlook, although he stated that "the team needs time to jell as a unit."

AMPLE NEW TALENT

He also feels that the team, with ample new talent, lacks experience, and that their success this season depends on "how quickly we come along."

Thus far, the team has worked out for only two weeks and their low (30 per cent) shooting average in the game against the Harlem Stars last weekend will undoubtedly improve.

UAC enters the league this year, increasing the number of entrants to five teams. As a result, the Bears will be playing their first league game before Christmas.

Calgary should be a power in the league, with the Vancouver squad not far behind, Mendryk felt.

The next scheduled games for the Bears are on November 23 and 24 against UBC. The following weekend the Bears will see action at home.

BEARS HAVE HEIGHT

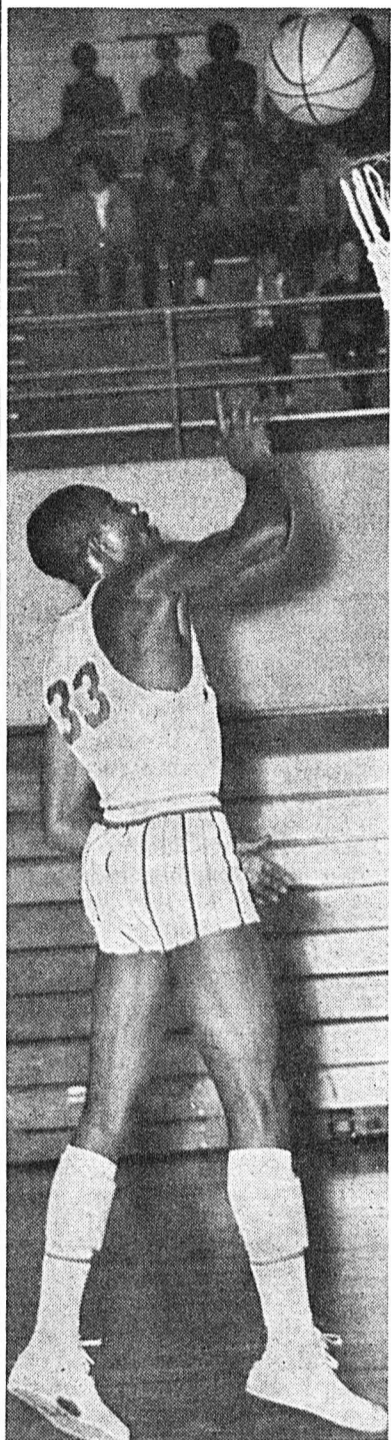
Referring to this year's personnel, Mendryk enthusiastically stated, "We have height! Six players are over 6'4"."

Returning to this year's lineup is Garry Smith, an all-star guard whose experience is a great asset to the team. Rod Esper and he will be joining the team as soon as the Bear football campaign is terminated.

Newcomers abound in the lineup. John Hennessy is a very promising forward, while Nestor Korchinski, a 215 pounder on a six foot frame is a very good prospect, according to coach Mendryk.

Mike Reitsma, who has played only two years of organized basketball is very good, considering his experience. Fred Shandro, and Len Derdka are also first year Bear basketballers.

Five foot eight guard Jim Walker



HARLEM STAR RAY THOMPSON makes it look easy as he sinks one of many baskets in Saturday's Bear-Star basketball exhibition.

photo by Jens Tabur

should make the first line, as should 6'5" center Jeff Hakeman. Forwards who aren't exactly short on height include 6'5" Ed Blott, and Jim Fisher and Doug Hayes, both 6'3" tall.

Bearcats Showing Promise In Practice, Impatient For League

by Ken Graham

Coach Alex Carre's Bearcat basketball team, awaiting the launching of the 1962-63 Husky Junior Men's League in approximately two weeks look sharp in their tri-weekly practices.

Defending champion Bearcats will play Tuesday nights and are attempting to make at least some of their games preliminaries to regular Golden Bear basketball games.

Carre, a former Golden Bear, feels that he has an improved team over last year and that the team has good possibilities of capturing the New York Life Insurance Trophy emblematic of the Husky League.

He states, "that it is quite difficult to form a definite opinion on how well the team will do; especially on a team that has never worked together. However, I have reasonable height on the forward line and some exceptional small guards."

"The Bearcats", states Carre, "are more than just another basketball team. They are the training ground for the future Golden Bears basketball team and, for this reason, I am trying to stick to younger fellows, or those with height who appear to have good future potential."

EXCELLENT TURNOUT

There has been an excellent turnout at the weekly practices and although the returning players are expected to form the nucleus of the team, there are many promising newcomers.

Among the returnees are 20 year old 5'10" Gaalen Erickson and 6'3" forward Rich Bowering, who last

year placed on the Husky All-star team. Jim Wispinski, Bob Allin, and Bill Hyndman (all guards) are also promising veterans.

Although the new players have seen limited action this year, Carre feels that several look promising. 6'2" south paw Ray Ruzas, hailing from McGrath High School; Wayne and Ed Welsh (brothers) playing guard; and center Lynden Hutchinson are all "looking good".

The Husky Junior Men's League, sponsored by the Husky Athletic Association, draws players from all over the city. The team are predominantly made up of ex-high school players that qualify under the 21 year old age limit.

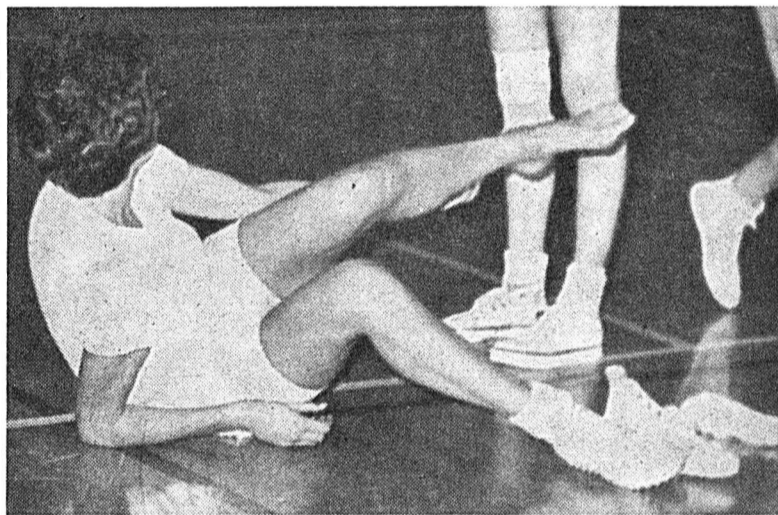
Slight variations have been made in the league for the 62-63 season. This year the winning team will ad-

vance to the Provincial Championship, and possibly to the Dominion Championship, rather than the All-star team that was entered last year.

STUCK FOR COACHES

"It is difficult to say," states Bob Davies, coordinator of the league, "exactly when the league will get started, because right now, we are stuck for coaches. Many of last years coaches are out of town and the lack of volunteers is a major problem."

Similarly, Coach Carre has his problem. He is in need of a manager for the Bearcats; a position that will not require a great deal of time. Any male interested in furthering the athletic endeavors of the University in this way is asked to contact Alex Carre at 434-2322 or the Phys Ed office.



LEGS, LEGS, LEGS! This Panda hopeful appears more interested in her leg than in practicing basketball. The photographer justifies this photo with the explanation that the girl seriously injured her leg—and surely we all agree that the leg is photogenic!

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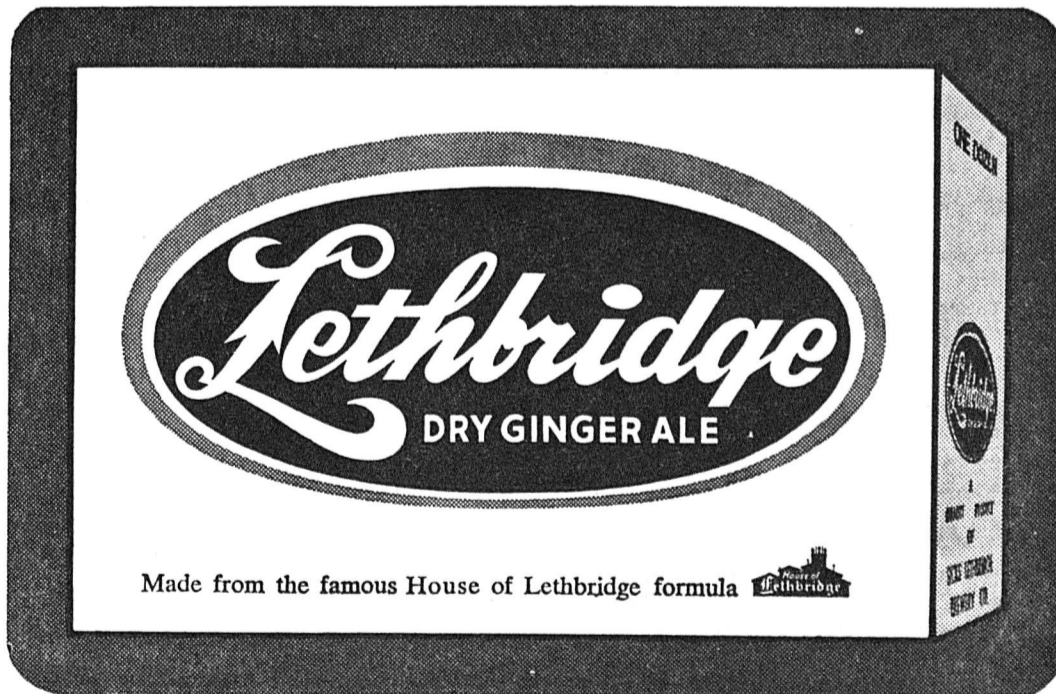
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