

# Basketball Bears set for season opener against Edmonton Seniors

By JIM MULLER

The U of A Golden Bears open their basketball season this Friday with an exhibition game against the Edmonton Seniors. Game time is 8 p.m. in the main gym.

The game will see youth versus experience. Of the six men on the forward line, only one, Warren Champion, 6'6", is a Golden Bear veteran. He will have to be at his best to stabilize the rookie front line.

Larry Nowak, 6'6", and Dick Krenz are battling for the pivot

spot. Nowak, a rookie from O'Leary, will get the nod to start. Dave Swann, 6'4", has the edge on the other forward position opposite Champion. Guy Henry, 6'6" forward from McMaster, provides the Bears with added strength on the boards. Ian Walker, a strong two-way player who was All-City with the Strathcona Lords last season, rounds out the forward line.

Guards Jim Ebbels and Don Hunter will likely start. Both have been flying in practice. Bill Buxton, a three year veteran, is splitting his time between the football and the basketball Bears. Ken Turnbull, from Victoria Composite, is the other guard.

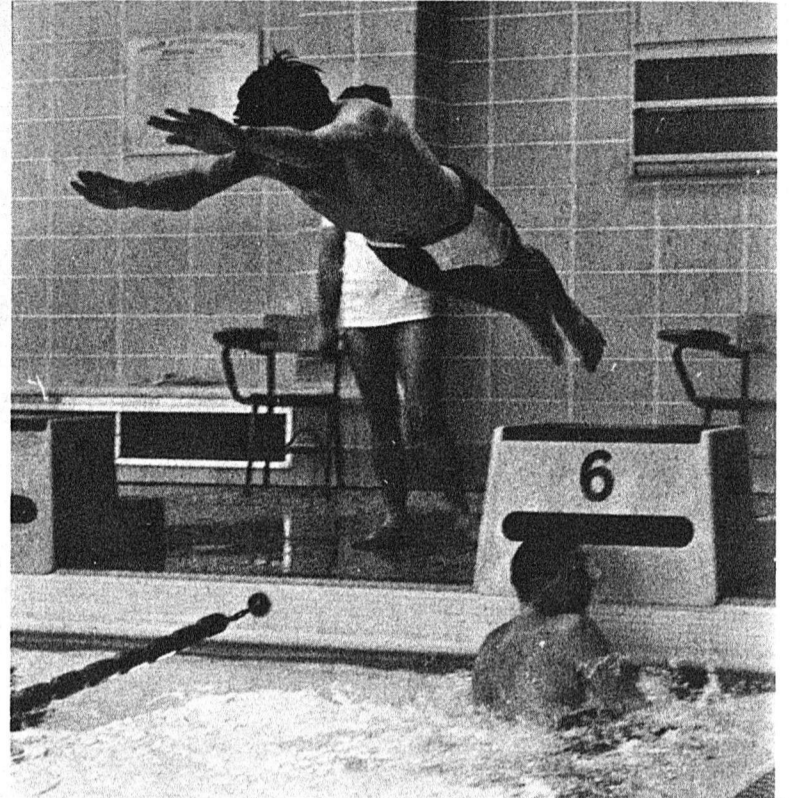
Bruce Blummel, starting his fifth season as a guard, has seen only limited action. After only a few days of training camp, he came up with a bad knee. The knee responded to treatment, but then Blummel severely sprained an ankle. Coach Barry Mitchelson

expects him to be going at full speed again by the beginning of next week.

The Alex Carre coached Seniors have several players with college experience in their lineup. John Hennessy, 6'4", Murry Van Vliet, 6'0", Galen Erickson, 5'11", and Andy Skujins, 5'11", have all played for either Bear or Bearcat teams. Dick Skermer, 6'6" center, has American college experience.

Skermer will center a line of Hennessy and Bob Ainsworth, 6'4". Starting guards will be Van Vliet and Mike Penny, who has four years experience in the Vancouver Senior League.

The Seniors play in the Alberta Senior League along with the Golden Bears, University of Calgary, Calgary Cascades and Mount Royal College. Games played between the Bears and the U of C will count both in the Alberta Senior League and the WCIAA.



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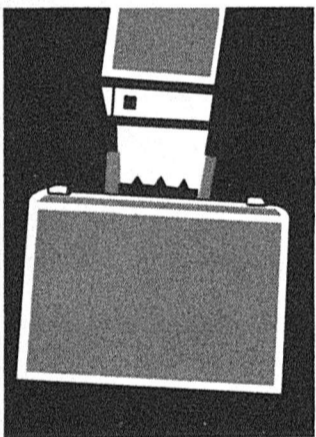
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