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Hoopsters Prepare For Season, Emphasize Fast Break Attack

By Dave McLaughlin

A hard core of veterans, talented new faces, and an emphasis on speed.

These are the corner stones upon which the '63 Golden

Bear basketballers are being built.

The architect is Jim Munro, stepping into head coach position in place of Steve Mendryk after four years as assistant coach. Munro, a U of A commerce graduate, has spent a great deal of time delving into histories of past teams and has come up with plans for a winner.

FAST BREAK BACK

The fast break, which U of A hoopsters were famous for a few years ago, will be back. According to Mun-

ro there will be no place on the club for a man who does not run at top speed the whole time on the court. Sound like tough criteria? Munro feels it is the only one which will produce results in terms of winning games.

Personnel-wise, the team has a solid veteran contingent consisting of Jim Fisher, Doug Hayes, John Hennessy, Nestor Korchinsky, Darwin Semotiuk, Fred Shandro, Garry Smith and Irwin Strifler.

One of the sure stars-to-be is fourth year man Garry Smith. Playing at guard position, Smith has star-

BIG IMPORT

The brightest newcomer to the club is 6'5" centre Doug Krenz. Coming to the U of A from Drake University, Krenz is fast and has the drive and desire Munro feels is imperative to a good player. Bears look for big things from Doug.

Playing guard will be freshman Don Melnechuk. Although not destined to make the first team, Melnechuk plays hard and lacks only experience to become a star on the court.

What of Bear's opposition? Coach Munro has done some looking ahead and feels that BC Thunderbirds will be the team to beat. The UAC Dinosaurs will not be as powerful this year. Saskatchewan Huskies have an edge in height but are for the most part inexperienced.



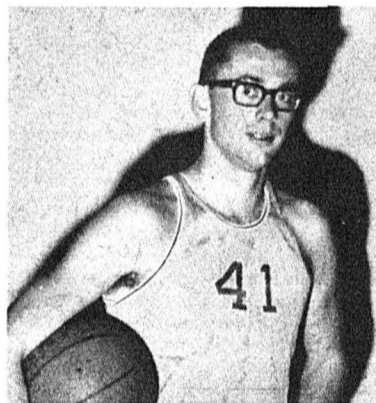
JIM MUNRO

of Saskatchewan, UBC, UAC, Brandon College, and University of Saskatchewan at Regina. A duel between the two top runners in western Canada is expected to take place between Eccleston of Edmonton and Brian Chalmers of U of M.

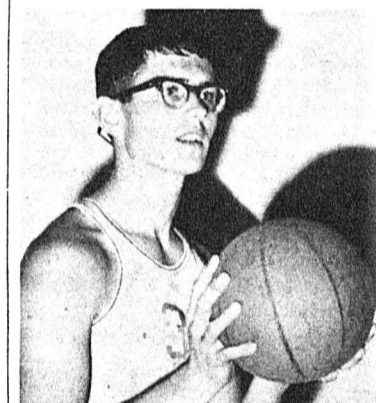
CLOSE MATCH

Considering the fact that U of A has won the WCIAA championships eight times and the University of BC won it last year, the upcoming match should be a real close one. Chalmers has proved himself to be an excellent runner at short distances but can he compare to U of A's proven distance runner and last year's champion, John Eccleston? Will the U of A be hampered by the fact that five runners will be counted instead of four?

The answers will be available Saturday afternoon.



DOUG KRENZ



JOHN HENNESSY

Runners Triumph In Calgary Meet

University of Alberta, Edmonton team won its second cross country meet of the year last Saturday.

This time around the local squad defeated two teams that will be competing in the WC-IAA Championships next Saturday, Nov. 2.

The local quartet captured first, sixth, seventh, and fourteenth spots. The expected duel between John Eccleston of the U of A and Doug Kyle of the Calgary Track Club never took place as Kyle was down with a virus. John Eccleston came across the finish line 26 seconds ahead of John Park of UAC.

The times of the victors are as

follows: Eccleston, 16 min. 38 sec. in first place; Art Hubscher finished sixth with a time of 18 min. 4 sec.; Ed Frost, seventh, with 18 min. 15 sec.; Bob Gillespie, fourteenth with 19 min. 1 sec.

Following U of A for the team trophy were UAC, University of Saskatchewan and finally the Calgary Track Club.

The distance of the race held at Kinsmen Park was 3½ miles. The distance of next week's all important contest will be 4½ miles over a hilly course in Calgary. Dr. Haddow feels that a time of 25 min. would be considered very good at this latter course.

TOP OPPONENTS

Among the outstanding competitors in this week's match will be the University of Manitoba, University

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