

DULUTH--For a change the UMD basketball Bulldogs are not being taken seriously in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference race. The reason is youth.

Coach Norm Olson opened varsity practice Thursday (Nov.1) with just four upperclassmen. Captain Harry Oden(Milwaukee) remains the only senior from last winter's championship five -- UMD's third conference title in as many seasons.

Oden (6'11") contributes his defensive skill, speed and exceptional rebounding ability. He can operate from either the front or backcourt and will be the first Negro to captain a Bulldog athletic team.

Center-forward Mike Patterson(Mahtomedi) and guard Roger Hanson (Duluth Central), both sophomore lettermen, head an impressive and talented but untested corps of underclassmen which includes eight sophomores and 13 freshmen.

Patterson (6'7") appears set at either forward or center where graduates Bill Mattson and Tom Adams, the second and third all-time UMD scoring leaders, performed last season.

Hanson (6'1") offers some of the best outside shooting in the Bulldog's history but its been anybody's guess who Olson will team with him since playmaker Gene Hamilton, Milwaukee, dropped out of school.

Gary Richards, a 6'5" sophomore from Ely, carried solid credentials into practice. He was ineligible as a freshman after transferring from the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis but he could do the job at either frontcourt position.

Other leading candidates include junior letterman Jim Udovich, Morgan Park at forward, Itasca Junior College transfer Keith Tok, Bovey, St. Louis Park freshman Bruce Ackland and Grand Rapids freshman Jere Mossiar at guard.

Drills will be held daily until the annual freshmen-varsity game Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Physical Education Building.

The Bulldogs open their season Dec. 1 at South Dakota State.

PRELIMINARY BASKETBALL ROSTER

	Pos	Class	Ht	Wt	High School
Akre, Russ	G	So	5-10	170	Brainerd
Alexander, John	G	So	6-2	180	McGregor
Ackland, Bruce	G	Fr	6-0	165	St. Louis Park
Barnard, Charles	F	Fr	6-4	215	Superior Central
Bohm, Norris	G	Fr	5-11	170	Barnum
Boyd, Dennis	F	Jr	6-3	195	Duluth Cathedral
Dropp, Bob	F	So	6-4	210	Chisholm
Christ, Tom	G	Fr	5-10	155	Minnetonka
Green, Frank	F-C	So	6-5	205	Duluth East
Ekstrom, Darrel	G	Fr	6-0	176	Duluth Denfeld
**Hansen, Dennis	G	So	5-10	165	Proctor
*Hanson, Roger	G	So	6-1	170	Duluth Central
Lundsten, Bill	C	Fr	6-6	175	Silver Bay
MacLagan, John	F-G	Fr	6-3	165	South St. Paul
*Miller, Bill	F	So	6-3	180	Minnetonka
Mossiar, Jere	G	Fr	6-0	170	Grand Rapids
Norsted, Ray	G	Fr	6-2	178	Cambridge
*Oden, Harry(captain)	F-G	Sr	6-1	160	Milwaukee
Richards, Gary	F-C	So	6-5	212	Ely
*Patterson, Mike	F-C	So	6-7	205	Mahtomedi
Sebce, Roger	F	Fr	6-4	193	Wrenshall
Stevens, Larry	F	Fr	6-3	175	Duluth Central
**Theno, Gary	G	Fr	5-11	170	Ely
Tok, Keith	G	Jr	6-2	178	Itasca JC
*Udovich, Jim	F	Jr	6-3	217	Duluth Morgan Park

*Letterman

**Ineligible fall quarter, 1962