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DULUTH — The UMD freshman basketball squad, blessed with some outstanding material and plans to play other yearling clubs in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, open practice Monday (Oct. 17) in the UMD gymnasium.

New assistant coach Angelo Pergol, a veteran of 25 years in high school coaching, will direct drills from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday until the season begins.

The varsity, under head coach Norm Olson, cannot start practice before November 1 under MIAC rules which also permit freshmen to play varsity ball.

Charley Philips (6-3) from Hibbing and Clyde Ekar (6-1) from Chisholm along with All-Staters Jeff Wells (6-1) and Chuck Baxter (6-4) from Duluth East, the No. 2 team in last year's state schoolboy tournament, lead the player parade.

Philips and Ekar were generally considered the top two players in the Iron Range Conference, according to Pergol who left Hibbing last spring after coaching there eight years.

Richard Frost (6-4½) of Windom, Bill Chadwick (6-6) of Duluth Central and two transfers; Stan Saniuk from Northland College and Roger Klossowsky from Hiram-Scott College (Scotts Bluff, Neb.) by way of Duluth Central also are in school.

Pergol expects from 15-25 candidates with at least one-half of them from Duluth and the Iron Range. The roster also is expected to include:

Gary Bodie (6-1), Cloquet; Dann Rowe (6-1), Luck, Wis.; Ken Kempfert (6-5), Redwood Falls; Marc Jensen (5-9), Askov; John Yount (5-11), Proctor; Don Koskey (6-0), Moose Lake; Mike Ylinen (6-3) and Norbert Norman (6-0), both from Duluth Cathedral; Bill Samarzia (6-3), Morgan Park; Greg Lang (6-3), Isle; John Dimich (6-3), Babbitt; Sig Simonson (6-1), Buhl; Stan Antonson (5-10), New Prague; Don Heintzen (6-4), Duluth East; Don Oberg (6-4 $\frac{1}{2}$), North Branch.

Pergol hopes to schedule as many as 20 games for his freshmen. Most of them will be played as preliminaries to varsity contests. He would like to arrange matches with all of the MIAC schools. Macalester and St. John's already have agreed to home-and-home games.