FROM THE ICE COVERED RINK . . .

TO THE TRACK

... TO THE HARDWOOD COURT
UCLA's Wooden Answers 'Cowl' Reporter's Questions on Squad

By Jim Crawford

With the cold winds blowing across the leaf-strewn campus of Providence College, it is again apparent to the spirited undergraduates that the apex of the athletic season is at hand. Indoor track, hockey and basketball are the three sports to test the talents, and provide students and alumni with conversation material during the cold winter nights.

The purpose of this article is to put a few questions to the men who fit in the UCLA basketball squad, and to stir up some interest in the upcoming basketball season. Mr. Lamoriello and Mr. Mullaney set out to make an outstanding chance to pass Rupp's record of four NCAA championships.

The UCLA's Wooden Answers 'Cowl'

Q. The '63-'64 team was NCAA champions and undefeated, but somewhat unheard of at the season's outset. What factors contributed to this "dream season?"

A. Perfect teamwork. The five starters were all starters the year before in which they were great. This year's team was highly sought after high school players for one reason or another.

Q. What qualities trans­ cend your team?

A. Walt Hazzard was a great player for us all three years and was less erratic as a sopho­ more. He helped make every player on my team a better player because he could, and was a good leader and a pioneer in the recruiting department.

Q. Ken Washington was out­ standing in the first two cham­ pionships but not as prominent in most other games. Why couldn't he develop his own game, or was it just out of his two games?

A. If coaches could answer this type of question, they would be more than human and not able to play the game at all. However, I have had a number of players similar to that and feel that they played to their capability.

Q. Could you relate us to the events that took place toward the end of last year?

A. UCLA was one of the five schools that Lewis Alexander selected to visit. His coach notified me of this when he was a junior in high school. I never saw him until he visited our campus in April of his senior year and he told me UCLA was his choice. He checked in with the recruiting of Lon, his coach helped him in the selection of the five schools he visited. I made arrangements for each school to be somewhat of an extraordinary individual talent.

Q. I took it upon myself to ask Coach Wooden in hopes of gaining a better insight on the recruiting talent and the UCLA success formula. Although numerous questions entered my mind, here are the most significant.

Q. Generally speaking, what attracts so many top flight ball­ players to UCLA?

A. A truly great university, a beautiful climate, and a tradition of fine basketball teams, a reputation of climate, a tradition of fine basketball.
Hoopsters Exhibit Depth; Season Opener Tonight

BY ED SMIBER

The first chapter in Joe Mullaney's rebuilding plan begins tomorrow night at Alumni Hall, when the youthful Friars take on a scrappy

In preparation recently, the team met Davis, the Taryn-Dartmouth Indians in a series of two scrimmages. The team performed credibly in all phases, but a starting lineup, which appeared to be all but set, is now up in the air once again. On the basis of great performance, the Friars made the decision that certain players moved up, while others moved down.

Whoever Mullaney starts tomorrow, it is unlikely that this combination will remain fixed. The veteran coach has more chances, or the lack of it, certain spots. Has a devasting running threat. If his shot is taken, but there is no way he can be checked out from the outside, but needs a more consistent shot to see conversion to the defense. Has demonstrated that he is more valuable under the boards. Great timing for his size. Can get hot and cold, but it's effective enough. Should become a very valuable player for the Friars. Has won a large number of games last season, Gerry flashed signs of brilliancy, thanks to his great timing and rare short of 15 feet. His quick speed, and looks to put his mile speed to use. Has shown marked improvement in all aspects of his game.

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Gentlemen:

Our return from the Thanksgiving vacation signals the beginning of the winter sports season. I believe our student fans can expect a season of great entertainment, and many sports thrills. Each of our winter sports teams faces unusually challenging and demanding schedules. Yet you may be sure that, win or lose, every man on every squad will be doing his best and so deserving of student support.

The student newspaper is a powerful means of arousing and maintaining student interest in the College sports program. Your Athletic Association at Providence College appreciates the excellent assistance of "The Cowl" in this respect. The current issue of the winter sports edition is but another instance of the cooperation and service of "The Cowl." The Athletic Association is indebted to the sports staff of "The Cowl," and grateful for its efforts on behalf of P.C. sports.

Sincerely,
Aloysius B. Begley, O. P.
Director of Athletics
Prospects Good For PC Pucksters

By KEVIN BOWLER

Bob Badzyk Soph., Calgary, Alberta. Sophomore forward who I have been optimistic about this team, and I believe can be used at right wing as well as his natural position, center. A steady performer with good moves especially on one on one. He has a good wrist shot and will be counted on as being one of the regular forwards.

Dalton Barnoff Soph., Montreal, Quebec. Left defense man up from the frosh team. Has a good shot from the point and can be used on the power play as shown by his assists last year. He is an aggressive defense man who doesn't mind body contact.

Jean Baptiste Sr., Sherbrooke, Quebec. The "police"man" type of defense man who started as a sophomore last year. Jean is a fine skater who can rush the puck when necessary. Also has a good wrist shot as well as slap shot from the point.

Chris Byrne Sr., Milton, Mass. Captain of this year's team. Chris has shown great leadership with his constant drive and hustle. A left wing with exceptional skating ability and a fine wrist shot. He is a fine two-way player and will be counted on heavily.

Fred Costello Sr., Providence, R. I. Former all-stater from La Salle Academy. One of the few returning forwards from last year. A center ice man who shoots left-handed and has a quick shot. His greatest asset is his positional play.

Richard Martel, Woburn, Mass. A right wing having an above average shot, both wrist and slap. One of the biggest forwards at 6'1", 200 lbs. Richard could prove to be one of the pleasant surprises after a fair junior year.

Mike Leonard Jr., Scottsdale, Arizona. Back for his second year on the varsity, Mike was one of the most consistent performers last year. Besides playing on a regular line, Mike is also used as a penalty killer. He has a quick low shot and is a great asset with his strong desire and hustle.

John Marchetti Soph., Wellesley, Mass. One of the three soph defense men on the team. Former Bay-State all-league player. John is fighting for a starting job and being a good skater can also play forward if necessary. He is a right shot.

Ron Martel Sr., Danvers, Mass. One of the three returning defense men. Ron is being worked very hard and should gain a regular spot this year. Has a good shot from the point and last year his goal defeated Northeastern, 2-1.

Gerry Murphy Sr., Lewiston, Me. Senior wing who came determined to win a regular spot after being a spare forward for the past two years. He has succeeded in doing so and will be one of the regular left wings.

Rick Pumplin Soph., Lachine, Quebec. A 6'2", pound center who captained and lead last year's freshman team in scoring. Also broke the freshman scoring record last year, lead the varsity. A right wing with all the tools of a good hockey player. Will be counted on heavily in the scoring department. Also teams with Leonard to form a great pair of penalty killers.

Jack Sanford, Jr., Milton, Mass. As a freshman he had an amazing 1.89 average in 19 games and last year won the starting position as a sophomore averaging 4.1 saves per game. Has a great glove hand and is his best when the pressure is on. A dedicated athlete who could become a great goalie.

Tom Sheehan Soph., Warwick, R. I. Former La Salle all-stater and New England Tourney M.V.P. Broke freshman assist record with 35. One of the quickest forwards on the team. Has all the tools of being an exceptional college player. Will also be used on power plays and penalty killing.

Brian Smiley Jr., Montreal, Quebec. Last year was one of the most promising sophomores but an ankle injury limited his action. Has potential of being a great defense man and seems to have found himself this year. He is the key to the defensive corps. Will play the point on the power play. Also can carry and rush the puck like a forward.

Phil Souza Sr., Cotuit, Mass. A senior playing varsity for the first time. Phil has worked hard in pre-season practice and could gain a regular position before long. A left wing with a good shot.

John Tibbets Sr., Charlestown, Mass. A letterman last year who will be centering one of the top lines. Has fine potential and is an exceptional playmaker. Has the rare extra sense of anticipating plays. Another one of the keys to what success the team has.

Harry Towne Sr., Providence, R. I. A local high school product from Hope High. Has been working very hard. Will be used at both defense and forward. Has a great attitude and keen hockey sense.

Frank Trudeau Sr., Woonsocket, R. I. Former all-state goalie from Woonsocket High. Was regular as a sophomore averaging 3.1 saves per game. Has been working very hard in practice and is battling for the starting job. Has all the tools of a fine goalie.

Ray Warburton Soph., Warwick, R. I. Local boy from Pilgrim High. Most improved player on last year's freshman team. A six footer who is at his best in a one on one situation. Strictly a defensive defense man. Also had only 19 minutes in penalties while playing regularly in 19 games last year.

Coach Lamerelllo and five Rhode Islanders: Harry Towne, Fred Costello, Tom Seehan, Ray Warburton and Frank Trudeau.

Coach Optimistic Over Improved Team

With the number of outstanding sophomore prospects which we have, we hope to improve on last season's disappointing 7-18 mark.

I have been optimistic about this team, and I believe they will do reasonable well, in spite of our difficult schedule. The chief reason for my optimism is an outstanding sophomore, Dick Pumplin, who broke all freshman scoring records last year. In nineteen games he scored 38 goals and 33 assists, for 71 points. A local boy Tom Sheehan also broke all freshman scoring records with 23 goals, 35 assists, for 58 points.

In addition, we have 12 returning letterman to give experience to the squad.

BEST WISHES IN THE COMING SEASON

The Dillon Club
1968-'69 Hockey Schedule

No Pushover for Skaters

By JOE DELANEY

The 1968-69 Friar hockey squad, under the direction of Lou Lamoriello, opened strongly at Brown's Meehan auditorium on Saturday, starting their 22 game slate. The Friars, attempting to rebound from last year's poor record, will be facing some stiff competition through the campaign needing six of the eight teams that compete in the E.C.A.C. Championships in Division I. No pushover schedule, to say the least. Highlighting the slate is the best of New England's finest: Boston University, Boston College and company. This is how things shape up:

NORTHEASTERN—Away—Dec. 12; Home—Feb. 6

The Huskies will be looking to erase last season's 12-14 record. Graduation losses hurt and a so-so freshman squad won't bring relief. A stronger defense is needed, but at home they are tough.

OHIO UNIVERSITY—Home—Dec. 19

A new rival for the Friars. This team should provide a little too strong for any New England foe. The Ohioans features a balanced offense but need a leader and a dependable goalie.


The Catamounts wound up 4-13 under Coach Jim Cross. Junior Jeff MacLellan, a center, knows how to find the net along with sophomore George Minarsky. They lack depth and on defense, size, except for junior captain George Kreener, who is their "police man." No great improvement seen.

COLGATE—Home—Jan. 10

The "Red Raiders" will have 12 lettermen back from a 12-13 team. Coach Ryan expects fine scoring from right wing Tom Carl and center Mike Balbock, both Ontario natives. On defense, the D should be strong and on offense they lack needed depth and will have to score over .500 this season.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY—Away—Jan. 23; Home—Feb. 13

Coach Jack Kelty has 13 lettermen back from a 19-9-3 squad, led by All-American Herb Wakabayashi and George Boily, also Mike Gray. Looks solid on offense, appear to have more overall depth and experience than last year. Much will depend on sophomores as well as improvement of opponents. Could upset Cor nell as East best.

YALE—Away—Jan. 28

Bulldogs were seeded number five in the E.C.A.C. in 1968, but will be depending on returning lettermen this year. 187 team. The Wildcats of a good net minder and consistent scoring punch might hurt. Could come on strong and gain playoff spots.

PRINCETON—Away—Jan. 19

The Tigers coached by Bill Quinn, former B r a i n (NHL) captain, just missed E.C.A.C. playoffs in 68 despite topping the Eagles of Boston College. Squad is well balanced, but no high scorer may mean another playoff miss. Could play spoilers role.

ARMY—Home—Jan. 31

Last season the Cadets finished over .500 (15-11), but in Division 1 they are over .560. Captain Brian Maker, with 26 scores and 33 assists, is back. The biggest problem along with size and a schedule. Will be tough for the Friars to handle.

NEW HAMPSHIRE — Home—Feb. 5

Only six graduated from last year's 15-13-0 Wildcats squad. Two have two of their three lines intact, a top goalie in Rich Motter and defensemen Graham Brouder. They can score but will receive no help from sophomores of a 4-19-2. Will win some but not much.

BOSTON COLLEGE—Away—Feb. 13

Rebuilding after 4-13 under coach Barry last year. For birks, however, the Eagles will attempt to lead a 19-9 offense while defense may improve. Last year they yielded 104 tallies. Could be tail ender in Division II.

BOWDOIN—Away—Feb. 22

Along with a lack of size on defense is needed, but at home they are tough. They hurt in the checking department. Line of Bill O'Far terry, Tom Deacon and Rich Magnussen should score a good punch. Wing Greg Louis, from Ontario, should lead scorers. If injuries stay away and they keep hustling it should mean the playoffs. A lot depends on their schedule also.

B. U. Front Line of Beilly, Wakabayashi and Gray...

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Friar Five Face Schedule Highlighted by U.C.L.A.

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Dayton—Dec. 21, Away

Don May, 1968 consensus All-America center, will be joined by the Cherry brothers, Pete Gayeska, Earl Roberts, 6' 7", who should help with the rebounding. Little information is available as to the strength of this Friar team, but coach Don Miller has compiled a team to be considered one of the strongest in the league.

Ram Junior John Fultz

Rhode Island—Dec. 12, Away

The loss of Art Stephenson and Larry Johnson will prove costly to first year coach Tom Carney. Rhode Island will not duplicate last year's top ten performance. The key to a successful season is in the hands of sophomores Ed Malloy, a 5' 11" guard, and Bud Hazard, who paced last year's freshmen, who are a 6' 4" center. Hazard stands 6' 7" and will team with junior center Ken Marzynski. The Friars are to face their strongest schedule ever within the court advantage a decisive factor.

St. John's—Dec. 18, Away

John Warren (15.7) and Joe Degree (12.2), last year's top two scorers, will be back and should help as well. Joe Height, Sweek, Patterson and Nelson return. Up from the freshmen is sophomore Walt Callen, who averaged 2.6 points per game in high school.

California at Irvine—Jan. 2, Home

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Canisius—Jan. 4, Away

The Golden Griffins will improve last year's dismal performance. Tony Masotti (17.0) will lead Canisius to a 500 record. Joining him in the backcourt will be Roger Brown, who averaged 30 points a game last year. 6' 6" Tom Pasternak handles the rebounding. An important factor in this matchup is the home court advantage. The Friars have been very good in Memorial Auditorium over the Griffs.

St. Bonaventure—Jan. 7, Home

The Bonnies fashioned their best record ever last season since the Stitt-Crawford era. The key to their success will be hard earned this year. Chief loss is All-East selection Bill Davis, who is expected to win the MVP award in Bonnie history. Tom asset is the presence of 6' 10" guard Mark St. John, a freshman from St. Bonaventure's scoring and rebounding. The best returnee is Walt Callen, who will break most of St. Bonaventure's scoring and rebounding marks. They will be at the other guard position. Sophomore forward Tom Crosswhite and freshman guard John Zoppe will make up the backcourt. The Friars and Hawks should be in the running for one of the top eight positions in the nation this year.

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