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For Immediate Release

FIRST UMM BASKETBALL GAME NOVEMBER 27

The prospect of an exciting basketball season looms near as University of Minnesota, Morris eagers prepare for their first 1961-62 game on Monday, November 27, at 8 p.m. in the UMM gymnasium. The UMM Cougars will meet the St. John's University freshmen in this first game.

Since this is the only UMM home basketball game until January 13, a good attendance is expected. The Cougars will travel to seven other colleges for games during December and early January, then play in Morris on the remaining January dates and during February.

Coach Jim Gremmels has completed a tentative roster of starting men with John Erickson, 6'5" freshman from Clinton, the first choice as center. Karl Kieffer, 5'11", of Morris, and Captain Stan Anderson, 6'2", of Hoffman, seem assured of starting positions at forward. Both men are sophomores who contributed a total of 77 points and 64 points, respectively, in UMM games last season.

There is evenness of talent among the guard combinations, according to Coach Gremmels. Derl Clausen, 6'1", Morris, and Stuart Starner, 6', Hoffman; Pat McTigue, 5'8", Appleton, and Dennis Clausen, 5'11", Morris, and Bob Hardy, 6', Fosston, and Sheldon Hultgren, 5'7", Kerkhoven, will alternate with the first unit.

Dennis Clausen and Hultgren are freshmen among the guards while the other four guards are sophomores. Derl Clausen was high point man for the year on last year's team, amassing a total of 117 points for the season.

Among the most promising reserves are Sophomores Craig Erickson, 6'2", Morristown, and Sophomore Don Sherman, 6' of Clinton and Freshman Ken Lovald 6'2" Buffalo Lake. Sherman accounted for 144 points last season.

The UMM Cougars will play a 14-game schedule this year during which they will meet five freshman teams, two junior college teams and three four-year college outfits. They wound up last year's 10-game season with a 4-6 record. MORE

FIRST UMM BASKETBALL GAME NOVEMBER 27 (continued)

After the St. John's game next Monday, the remaining UMM basketball schedule is as follows:

GAMES AWAY FROM HOME:

December 4 --- Fergus Falls Junior College
December 6 --- North Dakota School of Science at Wahpeton
December 16 --- Dakota Wesleyan University at Mitchell, South Dakota
December 23 --- Northern State Teachers College at Aberdeen, South Dakota
January 4 --- Concordia College freshmen at Moorhead
January 10 --- Yankton College at Yankton, South Dakota
January 12 --- St. Cloud State College freshmen at St. Cloud

HOME GAMES:

January 13 --- North Dakota State School of Science
January 27 --- St. Cloud State College freshmen
February 3 --- Moorhead State College freshmen
February 10 --- Concordia College freshmen
February 12 --- Fergus Falls Junior College
February 24 --- Bemidji State College freshmen.