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MORRIS--The UHM Cougars will open their 1963-64 basketball schedule next Tuesday evening, November 26, against N.D. State School of Science (at Wahpeton). Coach Jim Gremmels said earlier this week that this is likely to be the best basketball team at UHM, now in its fourth year.

The Cougar squad numbers 16, including 9 lettermen and numeral winners from last year's squad, which won 8 and lost 9. The freshmen candidates are, according to Gremmels, "the finest group of freshmen thus far at UHM, except for size."

The Cougars have scrimmaged Vergus Falls Junior College and Willmar Community College during the past two weeks. "We learned many of our strong and weak points", Gremmels pointed out. Two intra-squad scrimmages have also been held.

The Cougars will be ~~put~~ using two platoons, at least for the first part of the season. "We have good depth at every position," Gremmels said. There are at least three members of the squad of equal ability for each position. Gremmels has also indicated that he will fast break every opportunity he has and use a pressing defense.

N.D. State School of Science lost heavily from last year's squad and little pre-season ~~is~~ information has been available on them. Last year UHM and SDSSS each won one game in their series.

One week from tonight the Cougars meet Dakota Wesleyan University on the Cougars home court at 8 p.m. Dakota Wesleyan University has been one of the strong small college basketball teams in South Dakota for many years, and this is not expected to be an exception.

Many of the teams the Cougars will face this year are strong

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small college basketball powers in their state. Included among these are Northwestern (Ia.), Valley City State (N.D.) and St. Cloud (Minn.).

The Pioneer College Conference race should also be an exciting one to follow. Pre-season guesstimates favor Northland College for the title, with Bethel, UMM and Northwestern also holding a good chance to win the title.

The Cougars have a 20 games schedule this season, plus competition in a holiday tournament. The full schedule is as follows:

- Nov 26 -- N.D. State School of Science - There
- Nov 29 - Dakota Wesleyan University - Home
- Dec 2 - St. John's University - Home
- Dec 3 - Bethel College - There
- Dec 5 - Northwestern College of Iowa - Home
- Dec. 14 - Dakota Wesleyan University - There
- Dec. 16 - Buena Vista College - There
- Dec 27-28 - Holiday Tournament at Northwestern College of Iowa

- Jan. 2 -- St. John's University - There
- Jan 6 - Valley City State - Home
- *Jan. 10 - Northland College - There
- *Jan. 11 - Northland College - There
- Jan 14 - Augustana College - There
- *Jan 16 - Bethel College - Home
- *Jan. 24 - Northwestern College (Mpls.) - There
- Jan 25 - Jamestown College - Home

- Feb. 1 - Ellendale State - There
- Feb. 3 - N.D. State School of Science - Home
- Feb 10 - Ellendale State - Home
- *Feb 15 - Northwestern College (Mpls.) - Home
- Feb 22 - St. Cloud State - Home

*Pioneer College Conference Games