

# Slow but Sure Bears Prepare for Season

Slow but sure are the words plastered in the Polar Bears' den and whether that's good or bad only time will tell. That how Lowrey is preparing for the cage season - cautiously. But time is running out on Coach Norm Schultz's pack who will come

out of hibernation Dec. 13th to take on Schafer.

Lowrey writes its final chapter this season in basketball. The Bears will close the school doors for good in June.

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"WE'RE DRILLING hard on fundamentals," said Coach Schultz, "with only eight players we can't afford to foul out of any of our games this season."

"These boys are as enthusiastic as any I have coached. It's just too bad we're short on numbers or we may have caused some surprises around here."

Lowrey does have a hard core of five solid players including Sammy Fite who quarterbacked the last grid team at the school in the line-up.

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FITE WILL PROBABLY team up with John Walters, Mike York, John Chemela and Gil Nalepa to form the starting five while Tim Braum, Marcus Goodpaster and Andy Maliszewski will be given the call when and if needed.

(And with that much depth who knows maybe mascot "Tony" DeMarco will also be called upon to play for the Polar Bears or maybe Heights sports Editor Tom Greene?)

Lowrey begins scrimmages this week in preparation for the opener which is scheduled on the road at Schafer.

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"I KNOW ONE thing," said the Lowrey coach, "if enthusiasm alone wins ball games - we'll go undefeated this season."

We're afraid not--Coach Schultz--with enthusiasm you have to score more than you're opponent does



WALTERS

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Making 'Em Count



MIKE YORK

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Launches a One-Hander



**LAST CHAPTER** – Few may realize it but when Lowrey's cagers hit the floor next week to begin the '69 campaign it will be the last basketball season for the Polar Bears. Out to make this year their best are Head Coach Norm Schultz (left to right) and Andy Maliszewski (31), Mike York (25), John Chemela (33), Tim Braum (43), Gil Nalepa (42), John Walters (21), Sammy Fite (40), Marcus Goodpaster (24) and mascot "Tony" DeMarco, kneeling in front.



**BACKCOURT WIZARD**—Lowrey's John Chemela gets in shape for the final Tri-River League campaign which the Polar Bears will begin Fri., Dec 13, at Schafer.



**BRUSHING UP** on his shots is Lowrey's Sammy Fite who exchanged his grid uniform for a cage jersey to see what he could do to help Lowrey shut its cage pages in victory.