

Winning Kingsmen: Coach Ausmus Predicts Successful Season For Pirates Loss of Seniors Won't Cripple Trophy

The 1966 chess team finished last season by winning the A.C.A. L. championship. Although the top three seniors, who were instrumental in attaining last year's victory have gone, Coach Ausmus still is confident.

Replacing last years leading boardmen are John Goodwin, John Sugiyama, Andy Shaffer, Bob Ghisli, Dave Norris, Paul Endo, Tom Mathews, John Stoher, Ken Kious, John Robberts and Pat Keyton. Pat Keyton was the only girl on the squad last season.

Since most of this roster is made up of Juniors, the coach doesn't expect too great a variation in next seasons team. "The group has had a lot of experience," remarked Mr. Ausmus. "It is going to be a tough decision, just figuring out who will be playing in what position."

To determine who will play on what board, a certain procedure is followed. First of all, the coach assigns the players to go to a designated board. However, if

they plan to stay there, they must defend themselves successfully two out of three times.

Since there are so many returning players this year, Mr. Ausmus predicts a great amount of competition in just arriving at a starting lineup.

If the chess men can "get moving", this year might once again find them league leaders.

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