

football squad school elite

According to Gord Murison, head coach at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate and convenor of the WHSFL, the coaches are all in favor of accepting the Seven Oaks entry, but the proposal still has to go before a meeting of the Athletics Council June 1.

Schedule problems

If the entry is accepted, a new schedule will have to be drafted, and Murison admits there may be a problem.

One of the major factors contributing to the formation of the Seven Oaks entry was the donation of an entire supply of equipment from the University of Manitoba's intramural program. To equip a team of 24 to 26 players with the basic football equipment, the cost could run as high as \$3,000, according to Kas Vidruk, director of interscholastic activities for the Winnipeg School Division. "That's a figure off the top of my head, for strictly basic equipment," said Vidruk.

"The equipment at the U of M became available when they ended the intramural program," said Walter Krochak. "It came through Al Kinley, who is one of the coaches out there." Kinley is also a member of the Seven

Oaks School Board.

Krochak and his coaching staff also became available when their bantam football team at Clifton Community Centre folded.

With 10 teams already in the WHSFL, the entry of another will cause an unbalanced schedule.

With a seven-week schedule, the problem is to play all games without crowding too many within a short period of time for any one team," said Murison. "This is a safety factor more than anything else.

"We have looked at various ideas such as a six-team division and a five-team division with some cross play within divisions.

"But all the coaches are against a tier system," he pointed out.

More growth possible

The ideal situation would be to have an even number of teams and even divisions, something that might be possible in the future.

"Looking down the road a year or two from now, we're hoping we will be able to start another team in this area," says Krochak.