

Colorado will seek to establish itself somewhere near the class of Missouri this weekend in its first genuine strength test of ~~the~~ ^{its} pre-Big Seven tournament schedule.

The Buffaloes will carry an unbeaten three-game streak of three games into Berkeley to meet California for a two night stand on the Bears home court. To date, the defending Big Seven co-champions have run over BYU twice and Colorado A & M, ~~also over Rocky Mountain Skyline Eight once~~ once. The Bears, playing their first season under Pete Newell, late of Michigan State and San Francisco, certainly will pose a more severe test than either of the Skyline Eight entries.

Cal's record is just a step behind ~~that of~~ that Only a double-overtime loss to College of Pacific in Berkeley last Friday, separates Cal from an undefeated season also. The Bears fell, 77-84, in that one, then rebounded Saturday to whack St. Marys, 64-51. Earlier they had beaten Oregon State and Oregon on the road, an impressive double.

CU's test must be met on three fronts; 1) Playing a PCC team on its home court long has been regarded as one of the most wicked assignments in college basketball; 2) Cal if ranked in a class with UCLA, which is undefeated in its first three games, including an 86-57 manhandling of Kansas State; 3) In 6-7, 220-pound Bob McKeen, the Bears will mount a fine match for Burdette Haldorson, the Buffs' 6-7 senior pivot and defending conference scoring champion.

Two years ago McKeen was a second-string All-American as a sophomore, scoring 234 & points in southern division play, the most ever notched by a sophomore and the third highest of all-time in the lower bracket of the PCC's double-front. His 457 points that season gave him co-ownership of the school single-season record.