Bone Healthy Keepes

Roasted Pear-Butternut Soup with Crumbled Stilton

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe pears, peeled, quartered, and cored
- 2 pounds butternut squash, peeled, seeded, and cut into 2-inch chunks
- 2 medium tomatoes, cored and quartered
- 1 large leek, pale green and white parts only, halved lengthwise, sliced, and washed thoroughly
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 4 cups vegetable broth or reduced-sodium
- chicken broth, divided
- chicken protin, divided
 2/3 cup crumbled Stilton, or a blue-veined cheese (Blue Cheese)
- 1 tablespoon thinly sliced fresh chives or scallion greens

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
- 2. Combine pears, squash, tomatoes, leek, garlic, oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and pepper in a large bowl; :oss to coat. Spread evenly on a large rimmed baking sheet. Roast, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are tender, 40 to 55 minutes. Let cool slightly.
- 3. Place half the vegetables and 2 cups broth in a blender; puree until smooth. Transfer to a large saucepan. Puree the remaining vegetables and 2 cups broth. Add to the pan and stir in the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt.
- 4. Cook the soup over medium-low heat, stirring, until hot, about 10 minutes. Divide among 6 bowls and garnish with cheese and chives (or scallion greens).

Nutritional Information: 235 calories; 10 g fat (5 g sat, 5 g mono); 11 mg cholesterol; 34 g carbohydrates; 6 g protein; 6 g fiber; 721 mg sodium; 20% dv calcium

serves six