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Clowns pressed to beat Bears

Michelson's squad impresses fans

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CLOWNS 83, BEARS 81

The Harlem Clowns were fantastic but the Golden Bears impressed too.

Masters of basketball or rather clownball, the Clowns combined razzle-dazzle ball handling, precision pass patterns, trick shooting, fancy dribbling and spontaneous comedy right from the time they romped out onto the court in their colorful garb.

Some 2,100 fans saw the Clowns' zany antics somewhat moderated though. The funsters found that when the game got underway the Bears provided very stiff competition. Coach Barry Mitchelson's squad played superb basketball that was reminiscent of their performance of a few nights earlier when they pounded the Edmonton Senior 'B' Chieftains 123-54.

The funsters found the inspired Bears sharp on defence and deadly under the opposing backboards. Harlem clowning provided many thrills for the fans when it worked but on numerous occasions it didn't. Often Clown plays were broken up and Clown trick shots blocked.

As a result the Clowns settled down to more serious basketball than is typical of their style of play. Of course, there were still plenty of laughs but not as many as the funsters normally provide. They were kept busy trying to break the stubborn Bear defence.

In the first half of the game the funsters were on the short end of

the score nearly all the way except for the final three minutes. The story was almost the same in the second stanza. The funsters led most of the way but whenever they tried clowning the Bears ran up points. Clowning had to be minimized and, except for a few highspots provided by Ray "Showboat" Clay, the fans were reduced to cheering spectacular shots from both teams.

Naturally the referees were in for a lot of trouble. The Clowns untied their shoelaces, lifted their shirts and hid the ball from them or kicked it away and let them chase it. The frustrated refs were also rather confused by the Clowns' interpretation of the rule book. When asked to comment on the game from their viewpoint, one referee said it was quite an unusual one. The other just laughed and said, "No comment."

There is one consolation for the refs. All the trouble was for a worthy cause. Proceeds from the games all went to the Edmonton Wheelchair athletes who are competing in the Paralympic Games in Tel Aviv.

After the game big Eural McKelvy, playing-manager of the Clowns, rated the Bears as "the best college club in Canada we've ever played against." Willie Malone added in his deep southern drawl, "There ain't nobody gonna beat 'em up here."

All a beaming Coach Mitchelson had to say after congratulating all his layers was, "The guys did one heck of a job out there." Agreed.

Basketball Bears in weekend tourney

High-caliber basketball comes to Varsity Gym again this weekend.

The U of A Golden Bears are sponsoring the Tri-University Classic being held in Edmonton this weekend. This event involves teams from the three universities in Alberta plus another invited team from out of the province.

This time around, the University of Victoria will join the universities of Alberta, Calgary and Lethbridge in hopes of winning the Tri-University Class Trophy.

Action at Varsity Gym begins on Friday and carries through Saturday. At 7:00 p.m. Friday, Victoria meets Calgary and at 9:00 p.m. the same night Alberta takes on Lethbridge. The losers in these games meet at 7:00 p.m. Saturday and Friday's winners play for the Tri-

University Classic Trophy at 9:00 p.m.

After the last game an all-star team will be chosen and also the most valuable player in the tournament will be proclaimed.

It is hoped that the Tri-University Classic will become an annual event in the province. If it does, Alberta's three universities will take turns hosting the event. On this basis, the Classic will be played in Edmonton every third year.

Barry Mitchelson, coach of the Golden Bear b'ballers, said the reason for initiating the tournament was to bring in top competition and thereby develop an interest in high-caliber basketball and basketball in general in the province. The tournament should do just that.

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Win a free trip to Toronto by helping the Golden Bear Marching Band get there.

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Tickets will be on sale starting Saturday afternoon at the SUB information booth for only 50 cents each. For those who want to triple their chances, three tickets will be offered for only \$1.00.

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—The winner is to be drawn at the Western College Bowl Championships Sunday, November 17

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