



Bill Kankewitt ... on football

WINNIPEG—Try as you might, you can't really fault the Bears for their loss against the Bisons.

They tried their hardest to win and you can't ask for much more than that.

But perhaps that was the problem. They tried too hard and as a result made several costly mistakes which greatly hurt their chances of victory.

Gil Mather, in his eagerness to trap the Bisons for a no-yards penalty, bobbled the ball into the hands of a Manitoba defender. This, with the aid of a blind official, gave the Bisons their first touchdown.

Bruce Gainer blasted off-side on a Manitoba punt which gave the "herd" another chance to move the ball. Move it they did, as they went in to score their second major.

Over-aggressive lineman Bob Clarke took two roughing penalties which aided the Bisons third touchdown march.

Perhaps the costliest Bear mistake came on offence early in the third quarter. Trailing by only 19-1, the Bears were threatening to get back into the contest.

They were faced with a third down and a foot to go gambling situation at mid-field. On the big play a Bear backfielder moved into the line too quickly resulting in an illegal motion penalty which forced the team to give up the football.



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The fact still remains that the Bears are a better team than the Bisons. It will be up to them to prove it Saturday at Varsity Stadium when the two teams meet in the sudden-death final to determine the conference championship.

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An interested spectator at the Bears last two games was Gary Hobson, the Minor Football Co-Ordinator of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Hobson's interest stems from the fact that the Blue Bombers have the first draft choice in the CFL draft of Canadian college football players.

He has toured the country scouting college prospects from coast to coast, and is extremely impressed with the improved calibre of the college game.

Hobson is almost certain that Bear end Ron Finch will be the number one choice of the Bombers. Finch has the size, ability and desire to play pro ball. Add this to the fact that the Bombers need a tight end and you can see why Hobson is so high on him.

Several other Bear players have impressed Hobson. Youthful John McManus has come up big the past two weekends when Hobson has been observing the team. Although he is several years away from graduation John also has all the equipment necessary to make it in the pay for play leagues.

Hobson feels middle-linebacker Dave Wray would have pro potential at a corner linebacking position. Wray at 200 pounds is possibly too light to play the middle in pro ball but as he has all the moves Hobson figures he should have no trouble adjusting to the corner.

Hart Cantelon, Pete Gilbert and Val Schneider are also high on Hobson's list but at present their pro rights are held by other clubs.

Basketball Bears win opener

Harlem Clowns play Junior Bears tonight

Bears 123, Chieftains 54

Organization beats disorganization any day.

The Golden Bear basketballers came out to play the game as it should be Saturday night and came away with a very convincing 123-54 victory over the Edmonton Chieftains.

The Chieftains, who play in the Edmonton Senior "B" League, were outclassed right from the opening toss-up. It wasn't a case of Coach Barry Mitchelson's charges being a highly superior team, but rather a case of the Bears playing a sound positional game and the Chieftains a very confusing one, so much so that they fooled themselves by their disorganization. The Bears employed two press variations throughout the game alternating a man to man press and a zone press with devastating effect.

Mitchelson's starting five, Brian Rakoz, Warren Champion, Dick DeKlerk, Don Melnychuk and Andy Skujins, ran up a 24-8 score after the game was ten minutes old. Second stringers were inserted at that point. Every player on the team saw action in the one-sided contest, each playing between one third and one-half of the game and all contributing in the scoring.

Veteran guard Don Melnychuk led the Bears with 31 points. Champion, WCIAA all-star forward last year, contributed 22 points and Bobby Morris, scoring sensation with the junior Bearcats last season, hooped 16 points.

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A basketball game with a show.

That is what local fans will see when America's finest band of comedy athletes, the Harlem Clowns, play the Bearcats tonight at 8 p.m. at Varsity Gym. Last night the Clowns played the Golden Bears with hilarious results.

So be prepared for an evening of amazing basketball that includes fancy ball handling, trick shooting, comedy routines, both planned and spontaneous.

The Harlem Clowns can play great basketball and mix in laughs. They start the evening's festivities with their famed "magic circle" to the tune of theme song "Sweet

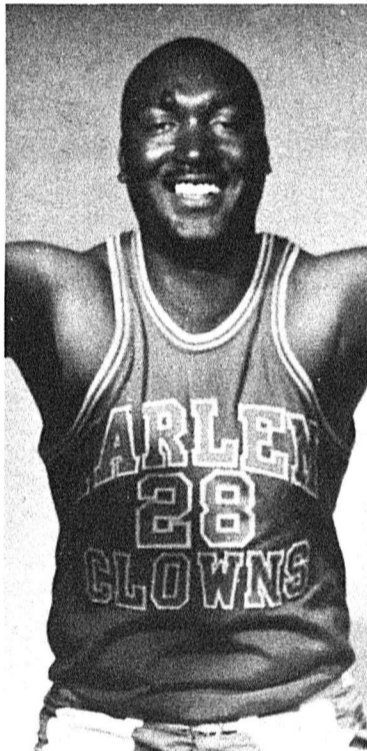
Georgia Brown". Then the razzle-dazzle warm-up and an exhibition of "dunk shots".

When the referee blows his whistle to start the game the Clowns begin their comedy and the official sometimes is perplexed as to how he is going to get these funsters serious enough for the opening toss-up.

Usually the Clowns open with a quick basket, dunked in after the jump. Then a quick ball handling routine, followed by a few minutes of fast scoring with a bit of comedy thrown in between shots.

Of course there are regular routines—but the impromptu stuff and the ad lib gag is the stock in trade of these natural comedians. And they are not above getting the fans into the act.

Often a youngster, usually a little fellow, is called in to shoot a "free throw". Then again one of the Clowns takes over the referee's job—and his interpretation of the rules and calling of fouls is hilarious.



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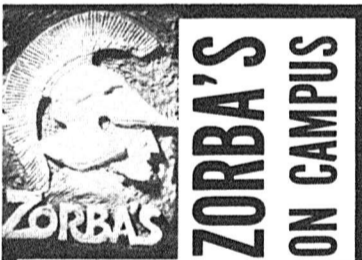
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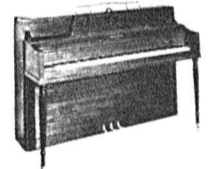
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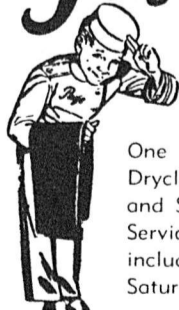


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