

Bears take first place in WCIAA

Alberta hoopsters vanquish Bisons twice at weekend

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The Golden Bears basketball team moved into first place in the WCIAA league with two wins over the University of Manitoba Bisons on the weekend.

The Bears edged out a victory on Friday 85-80 with much player shuffling and then came on strong Saturday night to defeat the Bisons 69-55.

The University of Calgary Dinosaurs also took two victories on the weekend from the University of Saskatchewan Huskies and are presently tied in first place with the Bears, both teams with three wins and one loss this season.

Friday's game was a real mystery to the fans as the Bears proceeded to build up a fifteen point lead and then just as quickly fall behind by four points.

The teams exchanged baskets early in the game and then the

ond stringers completely replaced the Bear team and the Bisons whittled the lead down to a final 85-80 margin.

After the game, guard Bruce Blummell commented, "If the coach really wanted to we could have beaten them by 30 points."

EVERYBODY PLAYS

Coach Glassford regularly replaced forwards and guards during the game to give all players a chance to play.

Forward Warren Champion aptly described the score throughout the game as he said, "We went up and down like a jack-in-the-box."

Champion hit for 19 points in the second half after scoring only three in the first twenty minutes of play.

Guard Darwin Semotiuk was top scorer with 23 points while Ed Blott hooped 14.

Forward Murray Shapiro played strong defense in the second half as he hauled in all loose balls coming his way.

Top scorers for the Bisons were Bartz with 18 and Konchak hooping 17.

Saturday's game lacked much excitement for the fans as the Bears held their opponents at bay and stayed in the lead throughout the game.

With eight minutes left in the half, the Bears lead was 25-8 but their defensive play slipped and they were ahead by only 35-20 at the half.

Some of the fundamentals were obviously absent at times as the Bears, playing man-to-man defense, let their men slip past for easy lay-ups.

When the Bears switched to a zone defense, they missed a lot of opportunities for stolen balls by failing to keep their hands up to protect against easy passes.

EASY BASKETS

The fastbreak set up many easy baskets for the Bears' guards, especially Darwin Semotiuk and Bruce Blummell.

At one point Blummell stole the ball twice and raced down the court for two easy lay-ups.

In the second half the Bears came back to hold their lead at fifteen points and still shuffle in their more inexperienced players.

Near the end of the game, Cecil Blackburn saw action for the first time in the series and hooped two quick jump shots.

Gordon Volkman also saw limited action but scored a good hook shot for the Bears, for his only points.

Final score in the game was 69-55 with the top scorer being Bison forward Jim Konchak with 18 points.

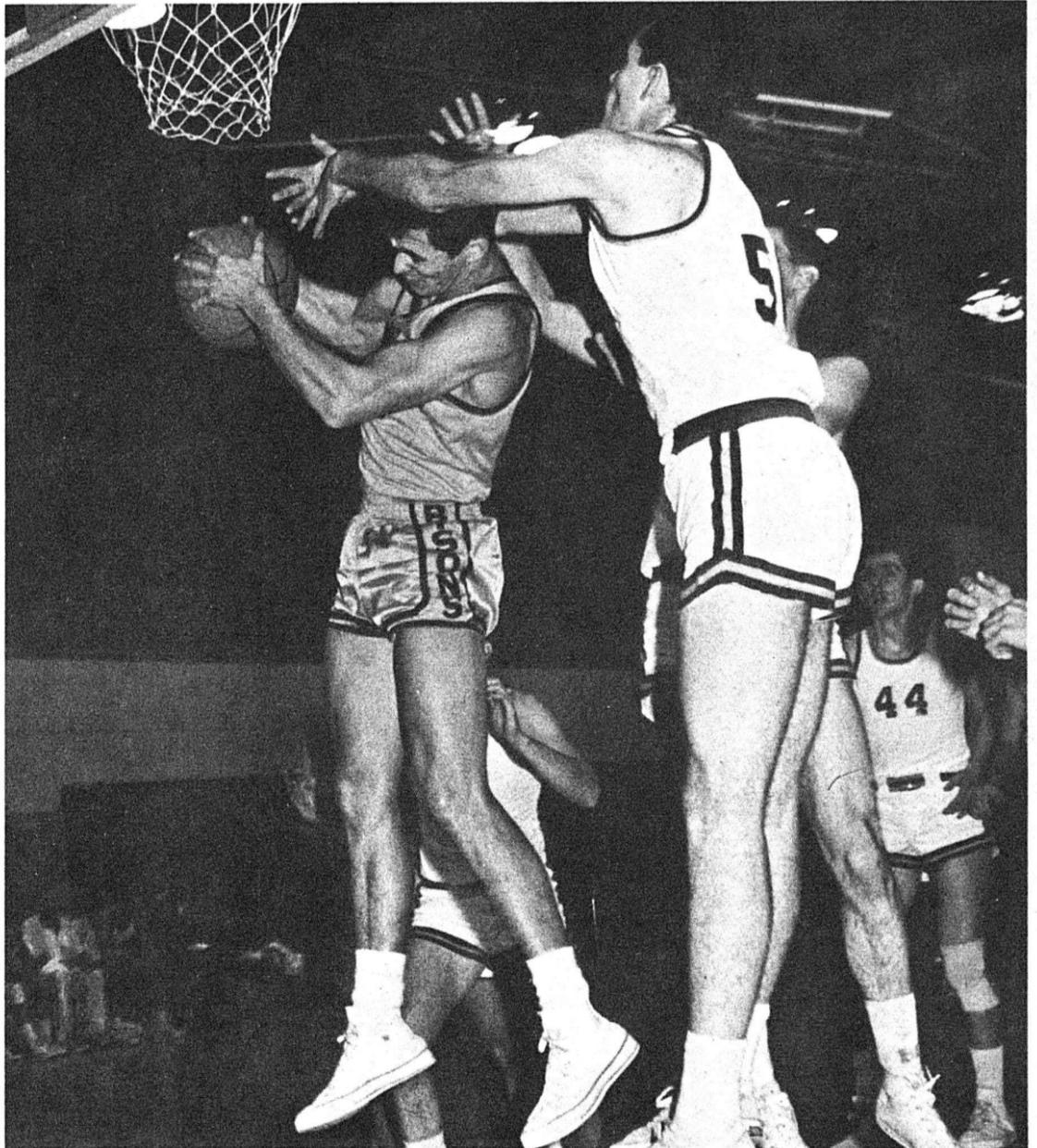
Semotiuk led the Bears with 14 followed by Blummell with 11.

The two losses left the Bisons in bottom place in the league with four losses to their record.

The Bears now have a month's rest before they play another WCIAA league game. Next encounter is in British Columbia against the UBC Thunderbirds on January 6-7.

Prior to this the Bears play two exhibition games against Western Colorado and Wayland College on December 15 and 16.

These two teams are from the United States and will give the Bears some top calibre competition.



—Al Yackulic photo

BEAR FORWARD WARREN CHAMPION BEBOPPING A BISON
... as Bears gain share of WCIAA lead at weekend



MURRAY SHAPIRO
... strong on defence

Bears began to lengthen the lead with strong defensive rebounding and fast breaks to score their points.

With twelve minutes left in the half, the Bears led 28-14 and looked on their way to another century score.

Then the team started to get sloppy on defense and throw away the ball on poor passes.

THE BISONS PRESS

A tight press by the Bisons stifled the Bear offense for several minutes and the Manitoba team came on strong to tie the Bears 34-34 with four minutes left.

Two more baskets put the Bisons four points up and the Bears seemed headed for the bottom half of the score at half-time.

A quick time-out called by coach Glassford set the Bears back on the track and they came back strong to hold a slim 39-38 lead at the half.

In the second half the Bears appeared to play just well enough to maintain the lead. Desire and hustle was completely lacking as the Bears repeatedly missed short shots and easy passes.

Then suddenly the Bears caught fire again and clicked on three fast breaks.

But the team couldn't keep the flame burning and they held another slim lead 69-63 with eight minutes remaining.

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