

Wesmen, Manitoba victimized by Bruin icemen

By Bob Anderson

Bears 4, Winnipeg 0
Bears 3, Manitoba 2

WINNIPEG—When the going gets tough the tough get going.

That's an old adage in sport but it was never more true here this weekend.

Brian McDonald's puck Bears came up with a pair of big wins in Western Canada Intercollegiate Hockey League action and in the process earned themselves a share of first place.

University of Winnipeg Wesmen felt the brunt of the Bear attack Friday night at St. James Arena and only the sensational work of netminder Grant Clay kept the score close at 4-0.

Goaltending, too, played a big part in Saturday's contest against the Manitoba Bisons as Dale Halterman came up with a great effort to turn back Bill Robinson's Herd 3-2 at Bison Gardens.

Coupled with Calgary Dinosaurs' 11-2 win over the Wesmen

and 5-2 defeat at the hands of the Bisons, the twin wins leave the Bears with a 9-2 record and a share of top spot with the Dinnies (9-2), two points ahead of Manitoba (8-3).

It was a team effort all the way that propelled the Bears to the wins. McDonald got consistency from his two rookie defencemen Mike Lemieux and Dennis Zukiwsky, while old reliables Gerry Braunberger and Mike Ballash were standouts.

The offence, too, was there when it had to be and the combination was enough to give the club its third series sweep of the season.

Despite the closeness of the score, the Wesmen were never really in Friday's contest. Clay, who earlier this season played with Winnipeg Jets of the Western Canada Hockey League, was all the short-handed Winnipeggers had going for them. He was especially brilliant in the second period, stopping Braunberger twice, and Bob Devaney once and handling 21 drives.

Jack Gibson opened scoring midway through the opening session and the count stood at 1-0 until late in the third period when goals by Lemieux, Don Falkenberg and Oliver Morris salted the game away.

Bob Wolfe had an easy time blocking 17 shots to pick up his second shutout of the campaign. Clay blocked a total of 43.

Against the Bisons, it looked like a repeat performance of the previous week's nightmare against UBC when the Bears quit skating during the latter half of each period.

The Bears swarmed all over Bison netminder Larry Holton for the first 20 minutes but could only manage a single tally, that when Oliver Morris neatly converted Al Cameron's passout from behind the net at 5:15.

Bisons dominate

The second stanza was all Manitoba and this time Halterman was in the twineminding spotlight as his teammates temporarily forgot

how to check. Don Lamoureux, with a blistering drive from just inside the blueline squared matters at 1-1 and it looked as though the Bisons were going to score a bundle.

Halterman made fine saves on Bill Moir and Bill Ramsay to keep the Bisons at bay until Jack Gibson's fluke goal at 12:18. The Bear veteran shot from a near impossible angle, and the biscuit dribbled into the basket off Holton's left pad.

Bob Devaney increased the margin to 3-1 two minutes later as he slapped in Morris' corner passout from ten feet.

The Bisons had their chances in the third period, but the Bruins merely went into a defensive shell to preserve the win. Halterman faced 15 drives in the period, including three labelled ones late in the period with Holton on the bench in favor of a sixth attacker.

Just to add to the excitement, the Bears played the final minutes without Braunberger and Ballash. The former fell into the boards and

bruised his right knee and did not return, while Ballash was nailed with a ten-minute misconduct sentence for shooting the puck at referee Gordie Kerr.

Jim Trosky fired the Bisons' second marker late in the game.

Over the route, Holton faced 48 Alberta thrusts while Halterman looked at 45. Bears drew six of ten minor calls.

BEAR FACTS — Bears host Bisons and Wesmen Friday and Saturday, respectively, to close out the home schedule . . . Attendance Friday was 150, while 350 took in Saturday's encounter . . . Braunberger is expected back for the weekend.

WCIBL Standings

	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Alberta	9	2	60	31	18
Calgary	9	2	76	35	18
Manitoba	8	3	83	34	16
UBC	7	5	64	46	14
Brandon	6	6	61	47	12
Sask.	3	7	36	43	6
Winnipeg	3	8	32	66	6
Victoria	0	11	15	125	0

Bounceball Bruins all but clinch playoff berth

Beat by Bisons, Wesmen waxed

By Ron Ternoway

Manitoba 73, Bears 71
Winnipeg 80, Bears 89

The bounceball Bruins have a unique problem.

They have the horses but cannot win any games.

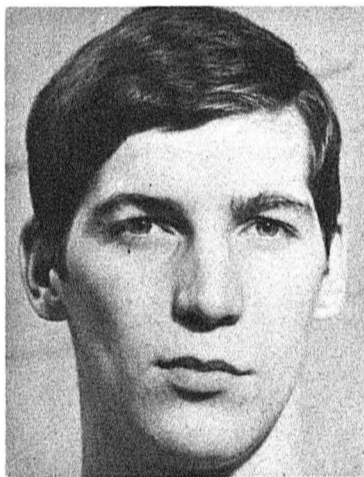
Coach Barry Mitchelson's squad came as close as they will in the 1969-70 Western Canada Intercollegiate Basketball League schedule Saturday as they were edged by the

University of Manitoba Bisons 73-71. The Bears had previously dropped an 85-65 decision to the Bisons at home.

They did manage to salvage something out of the extended weekend, however, as they dumped the University of Winnipeg Wesmen 89-80 last night.

Bears are now in fourth place in the WCIBL with a 7-5 record.

Saturday the Bisons started with a hot hand and were never behind.



PAUL POMIETLARZ

. . . excellent weekend

Helped by a lowly 24 per cent shooting percentage by the Bears and aided even more by a fine 53 per cent of their own, the Herd led 39-25 at the half.

The score was not really indicative of the play. Except for a spurt in the last seven minutes, the Bears were not in the game. It appeared that the

Bruins started the game thinking that they were hopelessly outclassed, and realized too late that they were not. Seven points in the last minute was just not quite enough to pull it out of the fire for the Albertans.

Ross Wedlake led the Herd with 31 points while Terry Ball and Cliff Cornelius hit for 12 apiece. Bob Bain fired 19 points for the Bruins and Paul Pomieltarz had 16.

Built Lead

Mitchelson let his first-stringers continue last night where they left off Saturday and they carefully built up a 15 point lead after ten minutes of play. He then sent in the second string, who matched the Wesmen point for point to make the score 39-25 at the half. In the second half first line and the subs more or less shared the court time. It was only in the last four minutes that the Winnipeggers poured it on and narrowed Bears' 22 point margin to nine at the final buzzer.

One glance at the stats sheet showed the excellent spread in the scoring distribution. Bears had five men in double figures. Pomieltarz led the Bears with 19 points and guard Dave Turner netted 12. Larry Nowak, Al Melnychuk and Bob Morris each garnered 11. Barry King was high man for the Wesmen

with 27 points.

While generally pleased with the outcome of the weekend, Mitchelson noted flaws in the play of his team that will have to be corrected before playoffs. "What I'm most disappointed with was our 24 per cent in the first half Saturday," he said.

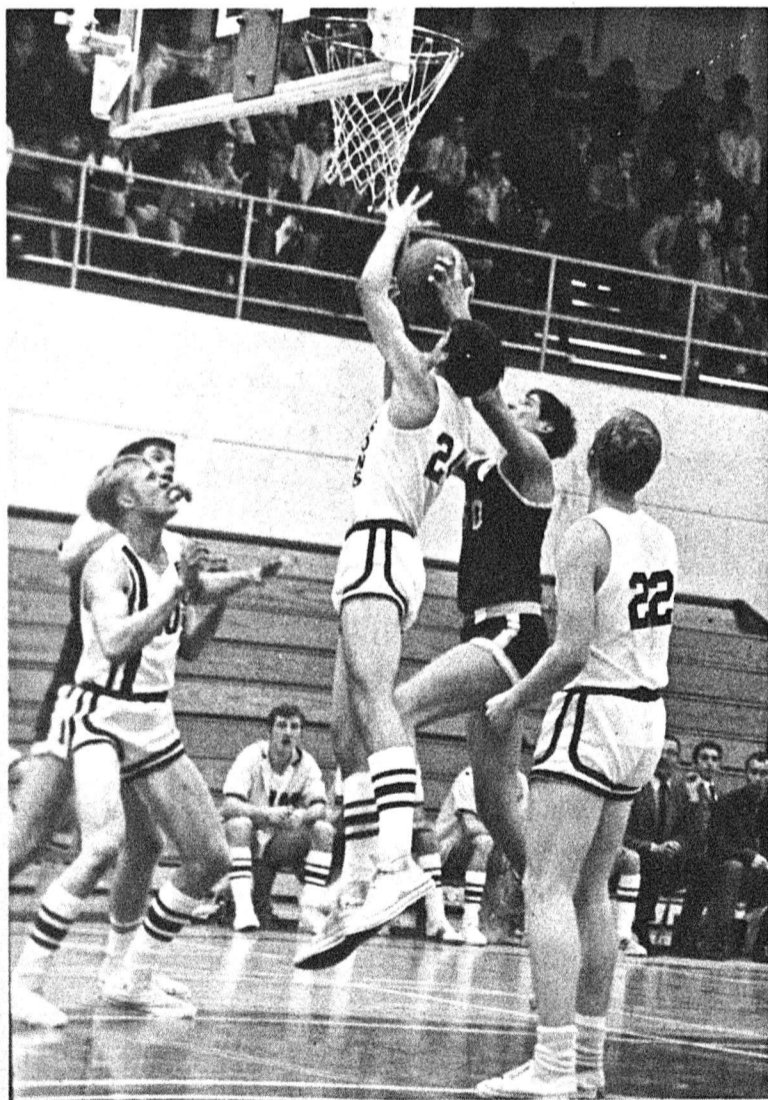
"Last night it was a case of just playing the opposition. We did some things well, but not all of them. I think we would play better against a better team."

WCIBL at a glance

UBC remained undefeated and at the top of the pile in the WCIBL race with three victories this weekend. They shattered Regina 94-54 and Saskatoon 109-70 and defeated the University of Victoria Vikings (score not available at press time). The University of Manitoba Bisons kept pace with victories over Calgary, 81-56, and Lethbridge, 95-79. Victoria moved ahead of the Bears into third place this weekend with twin victories over the Saskatchewan squads. They defeated Saskatoon 84-79 Friday and came back with an 86-55 trouncing of Regina the following night.

Bears are now in fourth spot with a 7-5 record. The only team with a mathematical possibility to catch the Bears and take over the final playoff spot is the Calgary crew, at 7-5. Calgary must face Winnipeg and Manitoba, so it is almost certain that the Bears have clinched a playoff spot.

Winnipeg Wesmen dropped out of contention this weekend with three straight losses. Calgary nipped them 71-68 and Lethbridge handed the Wesmen an 87-78 setback.



—Ken Hutchinson photo
OH NO, YOU DON'T BIG FELLA!
. . . Bisons' Ross Wedlake (24) admonishes Bear Paul Pomieltarz (50)

Another easy win for Taylor's great Golden Grapplers

The third annual Golden Bear Invitational Tournament held this past weekend was an overwhelming success. Both Friday and Saturday several hundred people attended to cheer their favorites on to victory. It was the most successful tourney held to date as nine teams, comprising over 80 wrestlers from two provinces, took part in the tourney.

When the dust had settled the U of A Golden Bears were the victors. To the victors go the spoils, so for the third straight year Bert Taylor accepted the trophy on behalf of the Bears. The U of S tried hard but only managed 55½ points to the Bears' 74 to capture second place. The Edmonton High School All-Stars made a strong showing piling up 33½ points for third place.

The Calgary AAU came in fourth, the U of S (Regina) managed fifth while the Edmonton AAU finished in sixth place. The Junior Varsity Bears came in seventh followed by the High School All-Stars' second team, while NAIT found themselves

in the cellar.

The Bears captured six first place finishes, while U of S and High School All-Stars each won two.

Gary Brown at 126 lbs. and Robby Nelson at 134 lbs. were the medalists for the High School All-Stars. Barry Budry at 177 lbs. and Gord Garvie at 150 lbs. were the best for the U of S. Alberta did not have a 126-lb. wrestler and Ernie Lavoie, a fine rookie with the Bears, was eliminated Friday in the 177-lb. class with torn ankle ligaments. However, the Bears look to be in fine shape for the WCIAA championships to be held in Saskatoon two weeks hence.

For the winning Bears, Gord Bertie (118 lbs.), Serge Gauthier (142 lbs.), Dave Duniec (158 lbs.), Brian Heffel (167 lbs.), Ron Lappage (190 lbs.), and Don Clark (heavyweight) beat all comers for first place finishes. Dave Gibbons and Chris Gould won second place spots while Bruce Smith, John Stohart and Bob Schmidt came in third.

Girls do it

The basketball Pandas must be schizoid.

In a complete reversal of form, Jean Harvie's squad has won three of its last four games after dropping the first five.

Their latest two victories came this weekend as they defeated the University of Lethbridge 55-44 and 49-43.

Friday, Sharon Worden led the Pandas with 14 points, while Leona Voth sank 19 in a losing cause. Lynda Phillips paced the teddy bears Saturday.

The Pandas are off to Regina this weekend for a two game series. WCIAA action ends for the Alberta crew the following Monday as they travel to Calgary.