

## Speaking on Sports

with RICHARD VIVONE

I've got a dirty, stinking feeling it's going to be one of those hockey seasons. You know, the kind of year the football team had—the worrying kind. This type of season usually produces a queue outside the men's bar at the Corona.

Sometimes the football team won, sometimes they lost. Some people got clobbered, some didn't. Nobody played favourites. Teams won their road games and got hammered on the home grounds. The Bears know this—the Huskies chased them right out of their own park.

The hockey season shapes up the same way so far. Early season assumptions had another two-way battle for first place between the Bears and the University of Manitoba Bisons.

Manitoba, an especially tough crew on their home freeze, lost only one game their last season. In two weeks of this season, they dropped two already—both to the Saskatchewan Huskies.

This came as a surprise because certain news media from the Manitoba capital labelled the 1966-67 edition of the Bisons as a real winner. They had inflated versions of Fran Huck, Howie Morenz and some had radiated enough talent to rate a NHL tryout (so the paper said). But that's as far as I read before my trembling hands were unable to hold the sheets.

So with all the Bison stars and glamour boys putting out at maximum potential, the Saskatchewan Huskies walked into Winnipeg, sniffed the Bisons tail, and promptly whacked them, not once, but twice. And they did it in a convincing fashion 7-4 and 6-4.

Where does that leave the Bears? They've been looking at this series as the big one—a must if they are to keep other claws off the Hardy mug.

Now the Bears are faced with two consecutive big weekends because the Huskies sleigh into Edmonton the following Friday for a pair of games.

"Manitoba is still tough to beat but Saskatchewan may be tougher," said Drake after hearing of the Huskies' conquest.

"But I'm not going to worry about them until after the Manitoba series."

Okay, we won't worry about the Huskies. What have we got going for us this weekend, coach?

Well says the coach, "Manitoba is unknown but they are always tough on home ice. I'm mostly concerned with our injuries. Gerry Braunberger is still hobbling on that bad ankle. Dale Rippel injured his knee early in the season and it hasn't completely healed. Gerry Link has cracked ribs and George Kingston's shoulder is still tender."

"But I'm reasonably satisfied with the way the club has progressed so far. The problem is who of the 19 players to dress.

"I might leave two plus a goaler behind or maybe leave three and take the two goalers. Whoever doesn't make the trip will probably be our more inexperienced players.

"On a road trip like this, we have to go with the experienced players. But any of the players who miss the trip will likely play the following week. I'm going to vary the lineup from week to week.

### One goaler not enough

But your sports editor doesn't go along with this stuff about leaving with only one goaltender. A sub goaler is a required facet of the team especially on road trips.

According to WCIAA regulations, the home team has to supply a back-up cage guardian for the visitors. But the prospect of using the other team's spare doesn't appeal to me especially in a close game. The team's entire game will change. The team will become more conscious defensively and their offense will suffer—bad news when you have a high scoring ship.

Nevertheless, predictions are the order of the day and here goes my already non-existent reputation.

Bears will win both in Winnipeg. Not handily but they will come out on the good side 3-1 Friday and 5-3 Saturday.

There's no sense in being stupid and predicting a WCIAA champion. Let's suffice it to say that the Bison's are not out of it yet. Nasty teams make great spoilers, especially when you play them in the last two games of the regular schedule. The Bears host the Bisons on Feb. 24-25, the end of the WCIAA schedule.

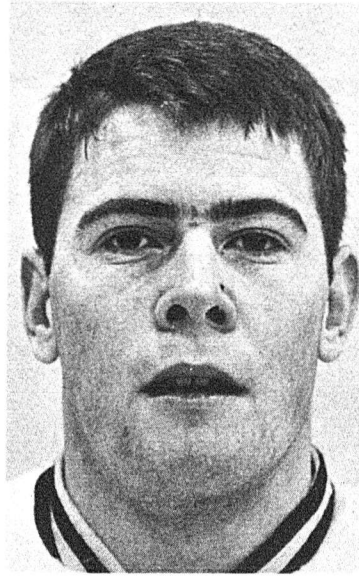
## Bears host Bisons

By LAWRIE HIGNELL

The Golden Bear hoopers play host to the University of Manitoba Bisons this weekend in a double-header. The first game is scheduled for tonight in the main gym at 8:30 with the second game on Saturday at the same time and place.

After one week of action in the WCIAA league, the Bears share second spot with the University of Calgary Dinosaurs each with a 1-1 record.

The Bisons have yet to win a game, losing two last weekend to the University of Saskatchewan



**BILL BUXTON**  
... in action Friday

Huskies who hold first spot in the five team league. The UBC Thunderbirds have not opened their season schedule yet.

The Bears can expect a tough pair of games with the Bisons who lost both games to the Huskies by only six and eight points.

Coach Glassford felt the Bears deserved a rest Monday and cancelled their regularly scheduled practice.

Previous to that the team had played seven games in twelve days, winning four and losing three.

The Bear coaches are confident that the team can win both games this weekend, especially if the team plays the way they did last Friday night.

In their games against Calgary, the Bears displayed very poor field shooting and scored on only 18 out of 78 shots.

This 23 per cent average from the floor is about half of what the Bears' coaches feel the team is capable of.

Calgary shot 50 per cent from the field and easily contained the Bears in the second game.

The players on the team are very keen and intent on regaining the WCIAA crown which they lost last year to Calgary.

If they can correct their mistakes against teams such as the Bisons, they will be prepared to sweep their important doubleheader against the Dinosaurs in Calgary in January.

The Dinosaurs are presently rated as the team to beat in the league and the Bears proved they could beat them in the season's opener.

Tonight and tomorrow's game should give the Bears that golden opportunity to start rolling towards the league title.

## WCIAA football statistics released

The final WCIAA football statistics were released last week. The following are the top two in each classification and the top Golden Bear in each.

### Scoring

1. John Davidson (Man.)	30 pts.
1. Dick Kohler (Man.)	28 pts.
5. John Violini (Alta.)	24 pts.
7. Ludwig Daubner (Alta.)	21 pts.

### Passing

	Att.	Comp.	%	Yds.
1. Walt Nibogie (Sask.)	156	76	48.7	1098
2. Terry Lampert (Alta.)	133	56	42.1	977
3. Dick Gibbons (UBC)	65	38	58.4	597

### Rushing

	Carries	Ttl	Av.
1. Mike Shylo (Man.)	79	439	5.6
2. Whitey Tuss (Calg.)	79	407	5.2
5. Ludwig Daubner (Alta.)	36	225	6.3
8. Les Sorenson (Alta.)	43	204	4.7

### Pass Receiving

	Att.	Comp.	%	Yds.
1. Lyle Dunkley (Man.)	35	23	65.7	277
2. Wayne Davies (Calg.)	34	18	52.9	271
5. Gil Mather (Alta.)	21	14	66.6	157
12. Les Sorenson (Alta.)	10	9	90.0	121

### Punting

	No.	Yds.	Av.	Long
1. Don Cooper (Calg.)	19	771	40.5	53
2. Dick Kohler (Man.)	56	2201	39.3	62
3. Dave Rowand (Alta.)	38	1339	36.8	70
4. Gary Corbett (Alta.)	33	1133	34.3	50

### Final Standings

	Gms	Won	Lost	Pts
Manitoba	7	5	2	10
Saskatchewan	7	4	3	8
Alberta	7	4	3	8
UBC	4	3	1	6
Calgary	7	0	7	0

## This weekend in sports

### BASKETBALL

The Bears play host to the University of Manitoba Bisons tonight and tomorrow at the main gym. Game time is 8:30 p.m. on both days.

### BOWLING

The varsity bowling club is holding their annual singles championship at the Windsor Bowl on Sunday. Be there at 1 p.m. if you want to enter.

### FENCING

Tomorrow morning in the phys ed building, the fencing team will perform. Novices cross blades at 11 a.m. and the seniors at 1 p.m.

### HOCKEY

The Golden Bears visit Manitoba tonight and tomorrow afternoon. The games will not be broadcast but reports will be sent back after each game. Tune in CFRN at 11 p.m. tonight and 5:45 p.m. tomorrow.



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