

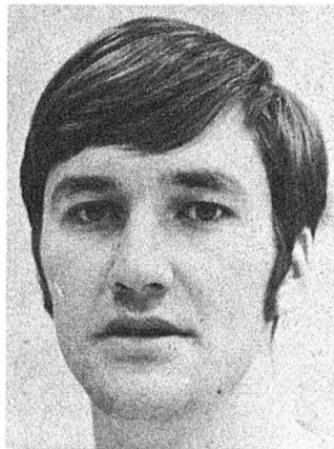
Carroll College too much for inconsistent Bears

Mitchelson's crew slides to 0-6 since X-mas

By RON TERNOWAY
 Bears 73, Carroll College 103
 Bears 79, Carroll College 82
 HELENA—1970 is certainly not the Year of the Bear. Barry Mitchelson's cage Bears dropped both games of a weekend series with the Carroll College Saints to slump to a 0-6 record for the new year. The Bruins were cold one night and hot the next as they were bombed 103-73 Friday but played excellent ball and lost a close one in the last minute 82-79 Saturday evening.

Friday the Saints jumped to an early lead only to have the Bears battle back and take a slim margin. The Americans then exploded for ten consecutive points and were never seriously pressed by the Canadian squad. Carroll led 44-34 at the half and stretched it out at will in the second to breeze to the win. Pat Burns marched in ahead of all the other Saints with 23 points and Simon O'Hanlon connected for 20. Dick DeKlerk had an excellent point night for the Bruins with 32 and rookie Paul Pomiet-

larz was good for 18 points. The telling factor was the fine 58 per cent which the Saints shot from the floor. Conversely the Bears shot a ho-hum 35 per cent and a poor 55 per cent from the foul line. The relatively mild Montana mountain air seemed to revitalize the Golden Ones for Saturday's game, however. The Bruins came out playing good, aggressive basketball, a tactic which was to contribute to their demise. Bear rebounders gobbled up everything that came off the backboards and only some ex-



BOB BAIN
 . . . out of slump?

gone were cruising along with a 14 point margin. Then foul trouble began. Pomietlarz fouled out with over 12 minutes remaining and DeKlerk followed him four minutes later. That left Larry Nowak as the only big man on the court and the Bruins lost much of their advantage. Carroll relentlessly closed the gap and finally took over the lead, 78-77, with a mere 32 seconds remaining. Alberta came right back with two points to regain the lead with 20 seconds left.

Carroll forged back with a clutch two points with only seven seconds remaining. Then the Bears made their final fatal mistake. Not realizing that they had used their quota of five time outs the Bears called another. The resulting technical foul gave the Saints possession of the ball after the foul shot was missed. Al Melnychuk intentionally fouled Racicot in an attempt to get the ball back, but the shifty guard salted things away for the Saints with two successful shots.

Once again Burns led the Saints with 22 points. Racicot netted 20 and O'Hanlon was good for 15 points. DeKlerk repeated as high point man with 28 and Bob Bain hit for 15 for the Bruins.

BEAR FACTS

Dick DeKlerk, with a 60 point weekend, is looking better every game. . . . Bob Bain showed his stuff for the first time since the Lethbridge game and may be coming out of his slump at last.

tremely cold shooting prevented them from walking away with the game in the first quarter.

As it was Carroll managed to maintain a five point lead until late in the half with some excellent passing by Marc Racicot and pinpoint accuracy from outside the key. With only four minutes remaining the Bruins seemed to find their range and poured it on to take a nine point margin at the half.

BEARS CRUISING

The Albertans continued to dominate the Montana crew in the second period with seven minutes

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Bearcats drop first game

By DALE ROGERS

Sheridan Kings 2, Bearcats 4
 Nuts and Bolters 2, Bearcats 7
 Stony Plain Eagles 6, Bearcats 4

Like all good things, it came to an end.

Sunday, the Junior Bearcats, winning streak came to an end at the hands of Stony Plain Eagles. Until that game, the eBercats had rolled along undefeated in 15 games in the Edmonton Central Hockey League.

The Bearcats are still far ahead of their closest rivals, however, having first place virtually wrapped up.

Friday night the Bearcats built up a 4-0 lead, and went on to defeat Sheridan Kings 4-2. Bearcats struck quickly as Real Gamache scored with but 12 seconds gone in the game. Dave Couves, Doug Murray, and Tim Jantzie were the other goal-scorers for the Varsity squad. Bob Domenechelli and John Barr scored late in the final period to make the score respectable for the Sheridan team.

The following night, again at Varsity Arena, the Bearcats played much better, as they crushed Nuts and Bolters 7-2.

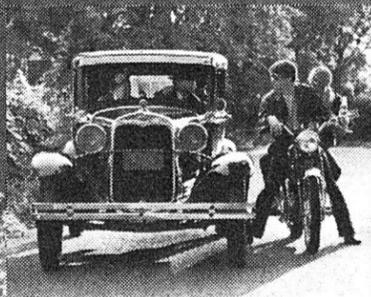
Harvey Poon was the standout of the game as he collected the hat trick. Collecting singles for the Bearcats were George Repka, Jantzie, Gamache, and Couves.

Bob Berg replied for Nuts and Bolters, scoring both goals.

Sunday, before home fans, the Stony Plain Eagles inflicted the first defeat of the season on the Bearcats. Jim Hawkins scored three goals for the Eagles, with singles going to Al Gartke, Barry Kenyon and Pete Golenowski. goals by Ron Reinhart and Len Zalapski rounded out the scoring for the Junior squad.

This Friday evening the Bearcats get a chance for revenge as the same Eagles will be at Varsity Arena. This game promises to be a good one as both squads will be up for the contest. Game time is 8:30.

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