

# Golden Bears drop pair to U of M Bisons in weekend basketball action

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The visiting University of Manitoba Bisons left for home with two victories of 66-52 and 79-74 over the U of A Golden Bears.

In Friday's game, the Bears took an early 8-2 lead, but withered under a strong Bison press. Strong defensive play by Warren Champion and excellent ball movement by Bruce Blumell gave the Bears a 31-30 half-time lead.

At the half way mark of the second half, the Bears held a 43-38 lead. Then the Bisons superior bench strength began to tell.

Champion and Blumell had played the entire game and began to tire. Eric Bartz hit consistently from the outside to give the Bisons a 52-44 lead with five minutes remaining. They maintained control to win 66-52.

Bartz led Manitoba with 21 points. Terry Ball followed with

13, but was effectively checked until the dying minutes of the game.

Blumell and Champion, the outstanding Bear performers of the night, scored 20 and 17 points respectively.

In Saturday's game, the Bears again controlled the first half. They solved the Bison press and led 40-34 at half-time.

## TRADED BASKETS

The teams traded baskets in the early minutes of the second half, but by the halfway mark, the Bisons again gained the lead. Ball led the Bison attack, but fine offensive play by Larry Nowak and Bill Buxton kept the Bears close. With four minutes remaining, the Bisons went into a freeze offense.

The Bears remained in their zone defense. The strategy appeared to work for Coach Michelson when the Bison forwards twice missed set shots and the Bears

grabbed the rebounds. However, the Bears were tied up each time and lost the ball in the ensuing jump.

"That is where we lost the game," said Michelson after the game.

For the winners, Greg Gillies excellent outside shooting netted him 20 points. Ball contributed 19 more and Bartz another 10.

Buxton and Nowak had outstanding games and led the Bears with 15 points each. Blumell, who again played the entire game, and Champion, added 14 and 13 points respectively.

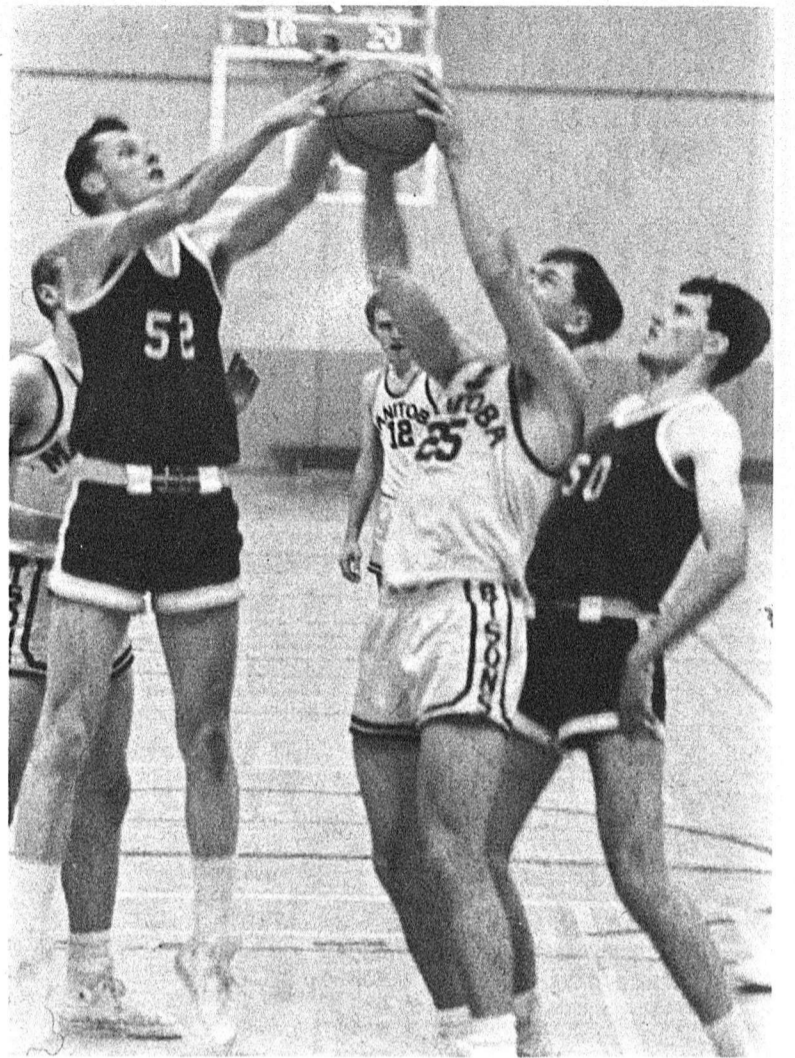
Alternating at the forward position, Dave Swann and Ian Walker controlled the boards effectively and scored 16 points between them.

## COACH ELATED

"Tonight I am elated. Last night, I was discouraged," said Michelson following Saturday's game.

"The boys did not lose their poise tonight and we managed to correct many of Friday's mistakes. The guards played exceptionally well. I am also pleased with our scoring distribution," added Michelson.

This weekend, the Golden Bears travel to Manitoba for return engagements with the Bisons Friday and Saturday. On Sunday and Monday, they meet the University of Winnipeg Wesmen in an exhibition series.



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first place.) to put them well ahead of the other 18 units with a total of 1014 points to date.

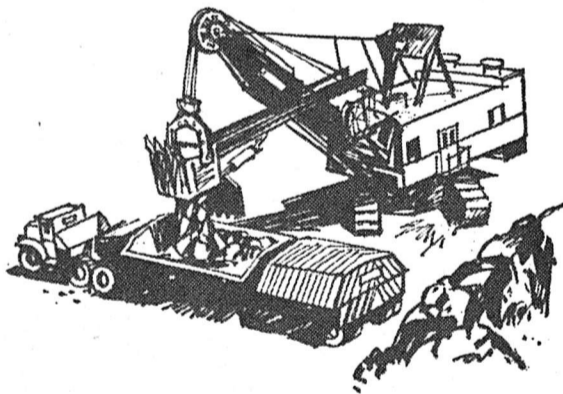
Second and fighting hard is Upper Res. (615), followed by LDS (418), PE (325) and Alpha Gamma (183).

In the six activities completed so far Lower Res has taken first place only in curling but has received top participation points in archery, cross country and curling. Arts and science won the archery competition with phys ed out-running everyone in the cross country.

Phys ed also had top participation points in squash which was won by Kappa Alpha Theta. LDS cleaned up in golf taking first place and top participation points.

There is still time to participate so come out for your unit. At present, broomball and floor hockey are on and winter sports night will be held Dec. 14. After Christmas, basketball, badminton, table tennis, swimming, curling and bowling be are planned so come out and give lower res, a good fight.

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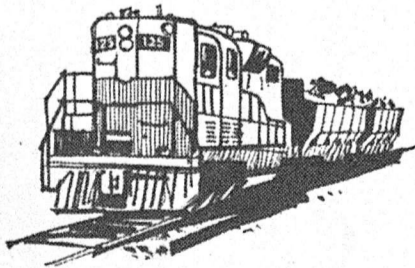
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