

# Bears split doubleheader

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The Bears split their WCIAA doubleheader over the weekend, shading the University of Calgary Dinosaurs 72-70 on Friday and then falling apart on Saturday night to lose 76-43.

The two games were the first for both the Dinnies and the Bears and left them tied in the league behind the University of Saskatchewan Huskies who swept their doubleheader opener against the University of Manitoba Bisons.

The Bears were unbelievably good Friday night and unbelievably bad in their Saturday night encounter.

Friday the Bear hoopers started off strong scoring the first basket on a Korchinsky tip-in. They hustled on defense and looked ready for a good game.

The scoring punch of the Dinosaurs, however, soon told the tale. They consistently hit from the outside and then unleashed a tight press which stumped the Bears for several minutes.

After ten minutes the Bears were down 21-12. They switched to a man-to-man defense in an attempt to smother Calgary's outside shooting.

The Dinosaurs, helped by poor refereeing, used the switch in defense to fast break the Bears and build their lead to 15 points.

## DINNIES LEAD

A time-out straightened the Bears up and they came on hard in the last two minutes of the first half to close the edge to six points at 39-33.

Six-foot, five-inch forward Warren Champion proved to be the Bears' spark in the last minutes as he tipped in two shots and hit three jump shots to run his half-time total to 12 followed closely by Ed Blott with ten.

Early in the second half the Bears started to show the hustle which eventually won them the game. They used the fast break and strong defensive rebounding by Champion to close the gap to two points with over eleven minutes left in the game.

Calgary surged out to a six point lead again but then lost one of their first string forwards on five fouls.

## BEARS COME BACK

With five minutes left in the game the Bears finally took the lead on a good pass play to Blott and then back to Melnychuk who scored on the lay-up.

The score changed hands seven times in the next four minutes before the Bears built a three point lead 70-67.

With thirty seconds remaining and the Bears holding a 72-70 point margin, the Dinosaurs brought the ball down the court and missed three shots.

Ed Blott got the rebound and then dropped the ball to give Calgary an easy shot. However luck was with the Bears and Calgary

missed the lay-up and the score ended in the Bears favour 72-70.

Darwin Semotiuk saved the Bears in the second half as he clicked on four 30-40 foot jump shots to break what had been an effective zone defense by the Dinosaurs. After the game Semotiuk commented, "I couldn't hit the broad side of a barn door in the first half."

## COACH PLEASED

The coaches were certainly pleased with the important four-point win. The game counts in both the WCIAA and Provincial leagues.

Coach Glassford placed the blame on himself for the poor first half showing. He was attempting a new defense against Calgary and said of the team in the second half, "they played basketball after I finished botching things up . . . the difference was that we just had more power on the boards."

Top scorers for the Bears were Blott and Champion with 16 apiece followed by captain Korchinsky with 13.

Robin Fry was the Dinosaurs' star in the losing cause as he hooped 23 followed closely by Bill Mucklow with 20.

## DINNIES 76, BEARS 43

Saturday's encounter looked about the same until the second half began.

The Bears fell quickly behind 22-11 with ten minutes played in the first half and shooting made all the difference. They didn't score their first field shot for four and a half minutes.

The team looked tired but picked up near the end of the half and closed the gap to eight points at 35-27.

Captains Korchinsky of the Bears and Fry of the Dinosaurs displayed some excellent ball control at one interval in the game. Fry hit for two right-handed hook shots and Korchinsky countered with two left-handed hooks.

Guard Ken Shields hooped 13 in the first half while Fry scored a dozen.

Champion was the Bears first half top scorer with nine points.

## POOR SECOND HALF

The second half proved to be a nightmare. Calgary literally ran the Bears into the floor and put a lid on the Bears' basket.

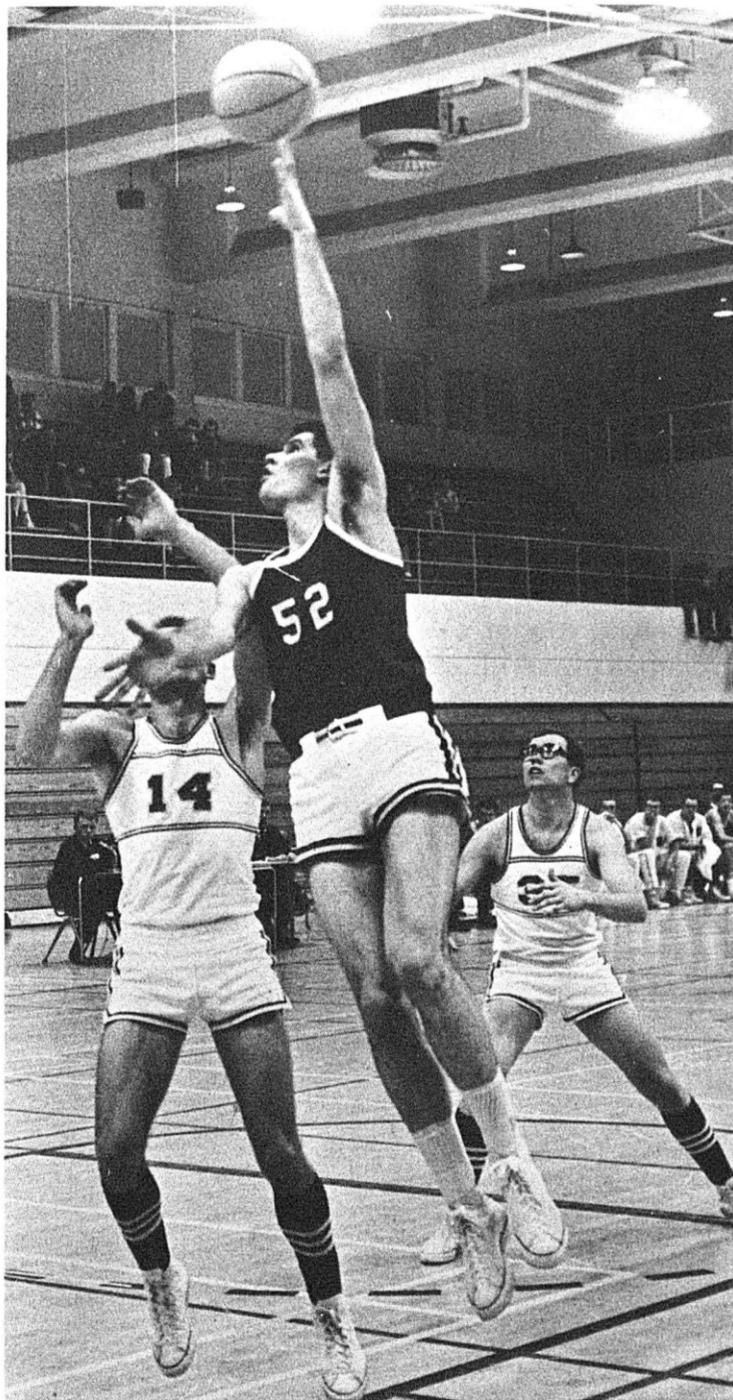
After seven minutes of play the Bears had scored four points and trailed 45-31.

As the second half went on the Bears' shooting got worse and worse and they missed easy lay-ups, many times three or four in a row.

Calgary's second stringers took over and pushed the score to a final 76-43 as the Bears did everything wrong.

Ed Blott felt "the guys got discouraged in the second half when the ball wouldn't go in."

Top scorer again for Calgary was centre Fry with 27 points followed by Shields with 19. Bear hoopers were Blott with 13 and Champion with 11.



RON LOUGHEED . . . tries for another two —Perry Afaganis photo

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