

Basketball team hard-pressed to gain split with lowly Bisons

By LAWRIE HIGNELL

WINNIPEG—The Bears split a doubleheader basketball series over the weekend with the University of Manitoba Bisons, giving the Bisons their only win of the season.

The Bears scored four foul shots late in the game Friday to win 87-80, but had trouble Saturday as they fell behind late in the second half and couldn't get control of the ball long enough to even up the score, losing 82-73.

Guard Darwin Semotiuk, of the Alberta Bears, was the star of the

With good control of the back boards and much improved shooting, the Bears held the lead for most of the half and hooped easy baskets on fast breaks to guards Semotiuk and Bruce Blummell.

Near the end of the game, the Bisons began to close the gap, and it looked as if the Bears might lose the game. At one point the Bisons even held a three point edge, but some clutch shooting from the foul line by the Bears saved the victory.

The Bears went into their stall with under three minutes remaining in the game and the Bisons had to foul to regain possession of the ball. The Bear stall was sloppy, but the Bisons were too desperate to steal the ball without the fouls.

TWO TRIES

Twice in the final minute, the Alberta team had two foul shots from the foul line. Each time the player scored on the first and missed the second, but captain Nestor Korchinsky tipped in both of these stray shots to push the game beyond reach of the hungry Bisons.

Terry Ball was the star player for the Bisons as he hooped 22 points in a losing cause, and many times he made the Bear defenders look bad as he faked and drove past them for easy baskets.

Warren Champion scored 19 and Ed Blott hooped 18 for the Bears while Korchinsky clicked for 10 and at the same time set an unofficial WCIAA record for rebounds in a game, with 26, erasing his two-year-old record of 24 rebounds.

TEAM CONFIDENT

After the game, several of the players commented that they felt all along that they would win the game, even when they were only two points up in the last minute, but the win was uncertain until the last twenty seconds of play and the Bears could easily have lost except for some sharp shooting by Semotiuk and hot rebounding by Korchinsky.

Saturday afternoon's game started off on the wrong foot for the Bears, and they never seemed to

completely evade the jinx which has so often struck them this season on Saturdays.

The Bisons were awarded a free throw to start the game, as the Bears did not submit their starting line-up in time, and from then on, the Bears played as if they were not sure that they could break the Saturday jinx.

The Bears stayed with their opponents through most of the first half, but slipped behind late in the half by eight points, and had to scramble to close the gap to 42-40 at the half.

SEMOTIUK TOPS

Once again, Semotiuk was the big gun for the Bears, as he hooped 15 points in the first twenty minutes of play, and he looked as if he would better his point output of the previous night before the game was over.

The Bears moved into the lead in the second half, and looked determined to win the two game series, but they let down on their defense, and the Bisons scored easily from the inside, to even the score with under three minutes to play.

A couple of questionable fouls by the Bears, and some lenient refereeing, gave the Bisons a four point edge in the final minute and a half. A foul by Warren Champion and a remark overheard by the referee as he left the game, gave the Bisons an additional technical foul shot and they hooped all three to go seven points ahead.

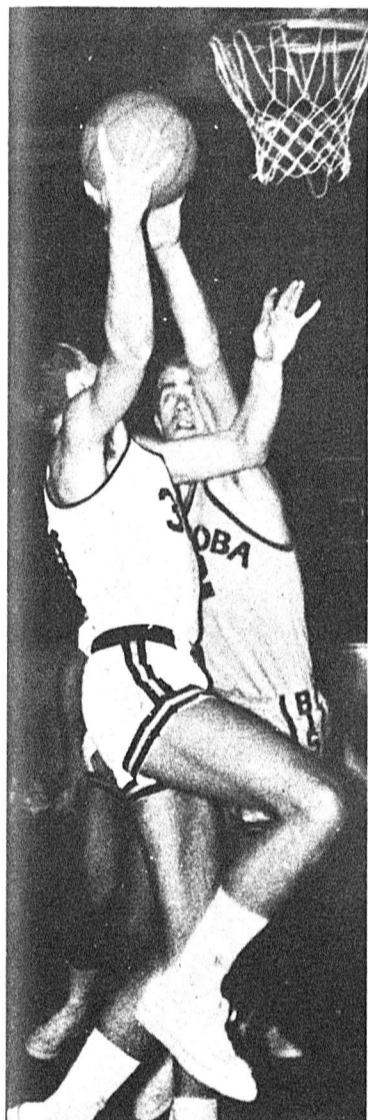
TURNED TABLES

The Bisons then reversed the tables on the Bears, and went into their own stall, using up most of the remaining time on the clock.

A final basket by Eric Bartz pushed the Bisons to an 82-73 victory, their only win in their last game of the season.

The Bisons were once again led by guard Terry Ball with 24 points, while Tom Gillies hooped 19 and Ross Wedlake added 14.

Darwin Semotiuk led the Bears with 23, while Korchinsky scored 15 and Blott 12.



—Lawrie Hignell photo

TWO OF THE BEST
... Semotiuk vs. Ball

series as he hooped 56 points in the two games, including 33 in Friday night's contest.

Semotiuk flipped in baskets from all over the court Friday, as he hooped 21 points alone in the second half, including eight of a possible nine from the foul line.

STRONG START

The Bears started out strong in the first game with good fast breaks and easy baskets, but the Bisons, with the aid of some excellent outside shooting, kept even with the Bears.

The Alberta squad, although blessed with the extra advantage of height, failed to control the defensive boards, and the Bisons converted stray shots into easy baskets.

The Bears, however, took advantage of the foul shots and scored their first six free throws, but couldn't score from the line when they had the bonus rule for too many fouls in effect.

The first half ended with the Bisons holding a slim 40-39 lead.

The Bears took the lead from the start of the second half and quickly moved to a commanding 49-40 margin with only three minutes played.

CUS - CIA involvement

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tawa Sunday said, "We figured they had a great interest in giving money to student organizations and since there is little money available in Canada, we applied for the grant."

Last week Ward denied CUS had received CIA money.

Commenting on Winkler's allegations, Ward added, "To the best of my knowledge, none of this money has ever been offered to CUS."

Kenniff denied too that any CIA funds other than the FYSA grant had been given to CUS during his tenure.

Both Ward and Kenniff said they hadn't known FYSA was connected with the CIA until last week, and Ward added, "I don't think the CIA got very good value for their money."

David Jenkins, 1963-64 CUS president, contacted Sunday night in Calgary, said during his year in office CUS had regular communications with the U.S. National Student Association, but that "at no time was I aware that they were involved with the CIA."

Ramparts magazine revealed last week the NSA had been receiving large amounts of money from the CIA for the past 15 years.

OTHERS INVOLVED

The Times article also listed Crossroads Africa, World University Service and the United States Student Press Association among

25 organizations receiving FYSA aid.

USSPA secretary Robert Gross said his organization had received \$2,900 from a CIA-affiliated foundation in the summer of 1965 to finance an Indian student working on a U.S. campus paper and a study of USSPA international programming.

In the House of Commons last Friday, Mr. Winkler asked for an investigation to ensure the CIA and RCMP don't use students at Canadian universities to gather police intelligence.

In reply, defence minister Paul Hellyer said he had no knowledge that students were engaged in undercover assignments for the CIA, but promised to investigate.

GOOD COMMENTS

"We didn't know the CIA was backing NSA or the International Student Conference," commented Richard Good, former CUS vice-president in Winnipeg.

"We had assumed the state department was involved with the NSA and the NSA channeled funds to the ISC."

Good said the Canadian position had been that the ICS was being used as a tool for cold war politics, and one of the reasons for CIA support was to thwart the Communist-backed International Union of Students.

The recent disclosures might lead to the ISC's demise, Good predicted. Two-thirds of the ISC budget comes from U.S. sources.

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