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President Nixon has a big decision to make.

That's President Howard Nixon of the WCIAA Board of Governors of course and not his more famous counterpart in that notorious country to the south.

Howie has to decide whether or not a number of college football players trying out for WCIAA teams are indeed eligible to play for these same teams.

Maybe I'm putting too much of the burden on Howie because there are four university athletic board directors involved in that decision as well.

However, from reports coming out of the different cities around the league it is safe to postulate that the vote between the directors will be split. In that case the final vote goes to the president of the WCIAA which this year is Nixon.

The eligibility question centers on the fact that several clubs in the league, namely Calgary, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, have players in their camp who have had some limited experience with professional clubs.

There's Ralph Schoenfeld with Manitoba, Jim Walker with Saskatchewan and Lutz Keller and Wayne Conrad with Calgary.

As the situation stands, apparently the teams concerned were given unofficial guarantees that these players would be allowed to play for them. However, at the official meeting to decide the question doubts were raised as to the wisdom of this move.

No decision was made and the question was tabled for a later meeting. In the meantime the players in question are not allowed to dress for their teams.

This situation doesn't sit too well with Calgary and Manitoba who have most to lose because of it. Alberta has no players in that category and Saskatchewan's Jim Walker is out of action because of an injury.

**The rule says no**

The rule states that college players can attend professional training camps and take part in exhibition games with pro teams but cannot take part in pro league games if they want to play college ball.

Schoenfeld played two seasons with a professional club and Conrad played in three league games and Keller in four.

However, the controversy comes in because last season Larry Bird, who played for the Bears, saw league action in one game with the Edmonton Eskimos and was granted permission by the League Board of Governors to play with the Bears anyway.

Technically Bird should have been ineligible. But he wasn't declared ineligible and now the other clubs in the league are holding this over Alberta's head.

And it's a good point. How do you draw the line between Bird being eligible because he played only one pro game and Conrad being ineligible because he played three games?

It was a mistake to allow Bird to play as the Board has found out this year. A rule is a rule and should be followed unless it's a bad rule. In that case it should be changed.

In this case the rule should stand and should be enforced. College ball is an amateur game and it could be dealt a severe blow by the introduction of too many players with professional experience.

True, it is virtually a training ground for the professional game but it is in the main a fun sport for those involved in the game. Let's face it, only a small percentage of college players actually ever do get into professional sport.

If you toss players of professional experience into the game you are only further developing people who have already proven they have what it takes. Then you have the fellow who would dearly love to get into the game but is relegated to the bench or to the junior team because the spot he could fill on the club is already taken by a former pro.

It's unfair competition, Let's keep college sport for the amateurs.

**Bears meet Dinnies Saturday**

Two losing clubs meet this weekend in WCIAA action to determine which of the two is to wind up on the bottom of the league standings.

Calgary Dinosaurs, who were beaten 31-8 last weekend by the Saskatchewan Huskies, invade Varsity Stadium Saturday to face the Golden Bears who lost to Manitoba 27-17 last weekend.

It is a must game for both clubs. Two losses in this league means a club is out of the running for first spot.

Calgary will come to town with virtually a different football club than the one that lost to the Huskies.

"Joe Petrone will start at quarterback and that's for SURE," said

Head Coach Mike Lashuk. "His arm is much better now and he's ready to go."

"Jim Patterson, who has been playing in the defensive backfield, will be switched to tight end along with Bud Coupland. In addition," said Lashuk, "I expect to start seven different players on defence. That's how bad we played on defence against Saskatchewan."

The coach also said he is not counting on the services of offensive guard Lutz Keller and middle linebacker Wayne Conrad—two players whose eligibility has been questioned by teams in the league.

Bears will have a few changes in their lineup as well.

The past week has meant one

thing to the team—hard work. Head Coach Harvey Scott said "we made stupid mistakes in key situations during the Manitoba game and we have worked all week to correct this."

"We have also spent hours on our scoring game. We moved the ball well, particularly out of our own end and at mid-field, but seemed to fall down when we neared the Manitoba goal. That's when we have got to get tougher."

Scott had the club running offensive plays from the opposition's 20 yard line to the goal line in practice one night getting the psychology angle in as well.

Bears will be without two regular starters for the Calgary game. Defensive safety Dan McCaffery suffered a knee injury in the Manitoba game and will be sidelined for one or two weeks.

Dale Schula will move to the safety position and Pete Smith will take over Schula's defensive half-back spot. Smith is a second year man who has played with both the Bears and Junior Bears this year.

Bill Foote is the other Bear starter out for this game. Foote is out with an ankle injury and his place will be taken by Ken Van Loon who is moving over from an offensive tackle position. Alex Stosky, who has been out of action until now because of injuries, will replace Van Loon at tackle.

Scott is staying with Don Tallas as the number one quarterback and Terry Lampert as the back-up man.

We're very pleased with Tallas' play and feel he'll be a really good quarterback for us. He does so many things well such as his roll-out action, drop back passing, and he's also excellent as an open field runner."

**Powder Bowl at half-time**

The University of Alberta nurses' football team will be after its second consecutive victory in the second annual Powder Bowl Saturday.

The U of A Nurses will meet the Royal Alexandra Nurses in a game that has become an annual rivalry between the two nurses' teaching schools in the city.

The game will be played at half time of the game between the University of Alberta Golden Bears and the University of Calgary Dinosaurs. The Bears and Dinosaurs meet for the first time during the 1969 Western Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Association football season. This game begins at 2 p.m. at Varsity Stadium.

The U of A Nurses won the opening game last year 6-0, but Royal Alex, led by quarterback Terry Speers and fullback Lesley

Lewis, will be seeking revenge.

A trophy and a giant-sized panda bear, donated by the University Alumni Association, will be awarded to the winning team following the game.

Both teams have been practicing for more than two weeks in preparation for the rough and tumble game. The players will be dressed in full football gear and will play under regulation college rules.

Each team will dress about 25 players.

The U of A Nurses will have Donna Gilchrist at quarterback as well as Donna Reinhart, an excellent pass receiver, at the flanker out of the left halfback position. Delilah Krawchuk, running, poses a strong running threat.

The defensive line is anchored by middle guard Barb Rice and defensive tackle Pat Aboussafy.

**Football juniors win third straight**

By RON TERNOWAY  
BEARS 29, CAMROSE 7

Camrose Lutheran College Vikings made history yesterday afternoon.

The Vikings scored their first touchdown and kicked their first convert of the year. But it wasn't enough.

Junior Bears came on strong in the final quarter to defeat the Vikings 29-7.

Dave McDonald ran the opening kickoff back to the Camrose 52. Seven plays later, it was 6-0 as Gary Weisbrot latched on to a Ray Dallin pass at the goal line from 14 yards out. Trevor Leacock kicked the convert, and the score was 7-0. It looked like another whitewash for the Bears.

Then the roof literally caved in. Mike LaBrier fumbled on the Bear 36, and Neil Nysetvold promptly lobbed the ball to Al Henderson for the major score. The convert was good, and it was 7-7.

Trevor Leacock fumbled the kickoff and Camrose had the ball again on the Bear 26. The Viking offence bogged down and was unable to score. A field goal attempt was wide.

Subsequently and for the rest of the half both teams played in a morass of penalties, fumbles, and interceptions on the muddy field. Bears lost numerous third down gambles, but Camrose was unable to capitalize. The half ended without any further scoring.

The third quarter was the same old story. Penalties and fumbles made most of the play seem meaningless. On one occasion, Bears ran three sequences of plays from the Camrose 45 yard line because of penalties.

Then early in the fourth quarter the big break came. Bob Osness of Camrose dropped a bad punt snap, and it was Bear ball on the Camrose 27.

Dallin-to-Weisbrot, and it was 13-7.

Tom Rowand added the convert, and Camrose fell apart.

An interception by Weisbrot, a

**EXCUSE ME, PLEASE**

... Junior Bears' Mike LaBrier blasts through line

single by punter Larry Silvester. A fumble by Nysetvold on the Camrose 25, a long gain by Mike LaBrier, and a one-yard plunge by McDonald. Touchdown.

Camrose lost the ball on downs on their own 49. Two good runs by LaBrier and six more points.

Two more converts by Rowand.

Final damage: 29-7.

Mike LaBrier was outstanding on

offence, picking up 200 of the 350-yard total offence by the Bearcats. The entire offensive line played well opening holes for the backs.

Although the defence had their shutout streak snapped at two games, they played a solid game. Arnie Loxam exerted constant pressure on the Camrose quarterback, and dropped Nysetvold for losses on several occasions.