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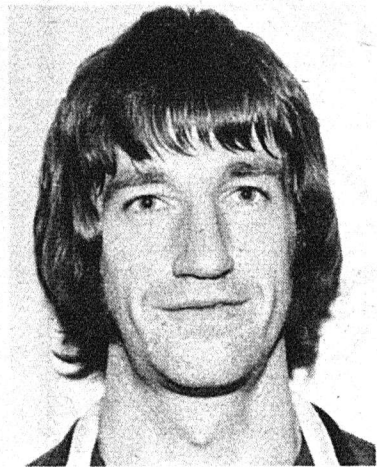
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The Basketball Golden Bears received a giant economy-size kick in the groin last Thursday.

For it was Thursday night that Lou Goodwin, president of the Western Canada Intercollegiate Athletic Union, pronounced the Bruins' top scorer for the past two years not eligible to play this year.

The ruling put big Dick DeKlerk on the sidelines, and could have put the Bear chances of a national title there also.



DICK DeKLERK

But remembering the Bob Galloway fiasco of last season with the hockey Bears, in which the Bears defaulted a couple of games thanks to Goodwin, things don't look too bright. Mitchelson admits he's not hopeful of the letter carrying much weight with the WCIAA president.

"When the rule was passed, everyone assumed it took effect from the day it was passed," said Mitchelson, "or at least no one said anything last season, when in fact Dick was already not eligible according to the rule."

"What happened was that a precedent was set this summer when a Calgary basketball player who had played for Mount Royal Junior College for a couple of years had these years ruled as one of eligibility," said Mitchelson. "So we sent a letter asking about Dick's eligibility, and got the news Thursday."

"It'll hurt us quite a bit, obviously," said Mitchelson, "but we've just got to adjust a little."

Dick was none too happy about the ruling, especially the timing of said ruling. "It wouldn't have been so bad if I'd known that last year was my last season," he said. "At least you can prepare yourself for it mentally. But this ruling, coming when it did, really hurts. I'd be lying if I said that something that I'd done for about two hours a day for six years wasn't going to be missed," he said.

"But you can't just run away from it," he continued. "I'll probably continue playing basketball, probably in the city senior league, and I think possibly I'll do some coaching."

While Dick and Barry have resigned themselves to the fact, some people, notably me, have not.

We wuz robbed! Curse you, Baron von Goodwinoffen.

The ruling stems from a 1970 resolution passed by the WCIAA in which the reading of their eligibility rule was changed to "five years of post-secondary school" rather than "five years at university." But what wasn't made clear and what rankles coach Barry Mitchelson is that no one said if the rule was retroactive or if it took effect from the day it was passed.

So DeKlerk, who played two years with NAIT and a year with Lethbridge College before joining the Bears four seasons ago, awaits in the wings pending a "strong protest" letter sent to Goodwin from Mitchelson

Bears end on losing note Western College Bowl here Nov. 14

Winnipeg-The University of Alberta Golden Bears rounded out their 1971 schedule on a losing note Saturday, dropping a 22 to 8 decision to the University of Manitoba Bisons. The Alberta crew thus finished the season with a 6-2 win-lost record and their first league championship in four years.

The game, played in Winnipeg, turned out to be a disappointing one for the Bears, as they appeared to have the win, only to see Manitoba snatch away the victory in the final minutes.

The Bears appeared to have the game in hand when John Skinner broke loose and ran 75 yards for a touchdown midway through the final quarter. Joe Petrone's convert made the score 8-7 in favor of the Bears, and it looked as though the green and gold were headed for their seventh win of the season.

But with less than four minutes remaining, Dennis Hrycaiko gathered in a punt and eluded all defenders, scoring Manitoba's first major of the day. The Bears stormed back, but with only seconds remaining, R. Labovitch picked off a Don Tallas pass and took it in for another touchdown to seal the Bears' doom. Wally McKee converted both touchdowns and kicked two singles to end the scoring.

McKee had given the Bisons a 3-0 halftime lead with the first of his two field goals. A single Petrone in the third quarter and McKee's second three pointer early in the fourth accounted for the other scoring.

The game was played under the poorest of conditions with heavy snowfall and driving wind hampering the offence of both teams. The Bears were frustrated on several scoring

drives in the first half by defensive half Bud Parker, who had three interceptions for the Bisons.

The Bears big task now that regular season play is over is preparing for their encounter November 14 against Bishop's University, winner of the Quebec Conference, for the right to travel to Toronto on November 20 in search of the Canada College Cup.

Chinese pros visit

The People's Republic of China is sending two of its top national badminton players on a tour across Canada, and on November 4 they will give a demonstration game in Edmonton. Despite the advent of ping pong diplomacy, badminton is the first sport in North America to host a visiting national team from China.

China is not a member of the International Badminton Federation and there is ineligible to compete in the World championships and in all recognized open tournaments such as the All England and Canadian Open. In spite of this, she has improved tremendously in her standard of play.

This has been born out in the result of the exhibition matches, when the Chinese team visited Denmark and Sweden in October 1966. At that time Denmark was No. 2 in men's world championship, trailing only behind Indonesia. Of the 15 matches played, Denmark won none of them.

An extract of an article in the "Badminton Gazette" written by a Danish Thomas Cup player in the last November issue is as follows:

"During the matches, they (the Chinese) were grave and concentrated, and never by so much as a flutter of an eyelid did they betray the slightest surprise at any calls made by the umpire, or the least annoyance with their own mistakes. They were polite

and correct in every respect, and kept on relentlessly till the end in spite of their often overwhelming superiority.

"One thing about the Chinese which was very impressive must not be omitted here, namely, their preparations before the matches. Their warming-up which took place in a corner of the hall, lasted at least three quarters of an hour before every match and consisted of a carefully composed programme of gymnastic exercises, where the loosening up of every group of muscles of the body played an important part."

It is interesting to note that our visitors to Canada for this tour, Tang Hsien-hu and Hou Chia-chang, have both been the top players in China for at least five years. One would expect that their caliber of play must be very high, since holding the national title for so long is not easy.

These two players will stay in Edmonton for only one day, before they go to Calgary and give an exhibition there. The exhibition in our city will be held on Thursday, November 4 at 8:00pm, in the East Gymn of Victoria Composite High School, 10210-108 Avenue. Tickets are available at SUB ticket booth or phone 434-3926. For further information please call the City Hall, Department of Parks and Recreation at 424-0211, ext. 154.

Panda Basketball

"Let the games begin" cried the half-crazed Gateway reporter and the U. of A. Panda basketball team opened up the 1971 season. The Saturday morning game against the CJCA Tigerettes saw the Pandas take a 46-33 beating, but in the evening they overcame initial difficulties and walked all over the Red Deer College Queens in a lop-sided 58-29 tilt.

The CJCA Tigerettes, a team comprised of the all-stars from the city league, and coached by that famous Edmontonian Johnny Bright, had both experience and numbers working in their favor as they dominated the backboards and controlled the ball in the first half to leave a 25-11 first half score. The Panda "hoopsters", missing two of their starters, got help from promising rookies Wendy Martin and Nancy Depner, whose brilliant play in the second half salvaged a near catastrophe.

The Saturday night game saw a much improved performance from our b'ball chicks as they controlled the game in its entirety. The return of Judy Fairburn and especially Connie Saunders, who slammed in 13 points, was a big boost, as was the one game's worth of experience. Marge Hawkey led the team with an 18 point performance, while Wendy Martin and Bev Shalin each pumped in 6 points.

Coach Cathy Broderick seems pleased with this year's crew and feels that with a few more exhibition games to give the team a chance to gel she should have a top competitor for the upcoming season.

But suddenly we were all run over by a truck.

Although the opening game of the W.C.I.A.A. schedule is still almost three weeks away, the Golden Bear pucksters have already earned some hardware.

The award is the Border Trophy, awarded annually by the city of Lloydminster to the victor of an exhibition game in that city between the Bears and the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. On Saturday night the Bears coasted to an easy 10 - 2 thrashing of a weak Huskie team that, in the words of Bear coach Clare Drake, "didn't look too strong." The bears won the contest last year, when it was inaugurated, by a score of 7 - 3.

Saskatchewan certainly didn't appear to be serious threats for the WCIAA championship as the Bears exploded for a 6 - 0 lead after one period of play and increased the margin to 8 - 0 after the second stanza. Leading the Bear goal scorers with two markers apiece were Billy Moores and Jack Gibson, with Jerry LeGrandeur, Rick Wyrozub, Marcel St. Arnaud, Gerry Hornby, and

Pucksters thrash Huskies

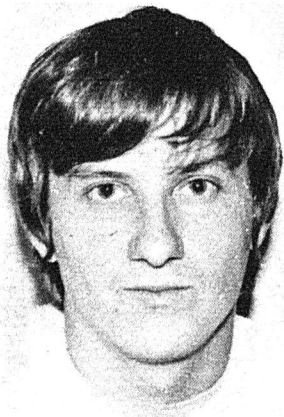
defencemen Steve Caryle and Brian Middleton contributing singletons.

While the Border Trophy is hardly the W. G. Hardy Trophy, emblematic of W.C.I.A.A. hockey supremacy, it does serve as another indicator that this seasons's edition of the Golden Bears must be considered as prominent contenders for the Western collegiate hockey laurels. The Bears have yet to taste defeat in three exhibition contests, having previously defeated and tied the University of Calgary Dinosaurs in a pair of games two weekends ago.

Coach Drake is still trying to line up some exhibition action against local teams, particularly the Edmonton Oil Kings, but to date he is meeting with lots of excuses but no games. The next scheduled home encounter for the Bears is the big November 13 meeting with the powerful United States National team. If Coach Drake is unable to schedule additional pre-season games for his team here in town, another road trip this weekend is a distinct possibility.

OFFENCE

DON TALLAS-6',170 lbs. Age 22. Finally after some several weeks of the season Don, who alternates at quarterback with Joe Petrone, gets the recognition he deserves. A third year man with the squad, he's the leading passer in the league, and is having his best season to date with the Bruins. Don was a late cut of the Edmonton Eskimos, and, barring a blizzard, should tear the Bishop University pass defence apart on Nov. 14.



Player of the week

...as chosen by

the Golden Bears



DEFENCE

PETER SMITH-5'11",156 lbs. Age 21. Pete is the first repeat at player of the week this season, and that honor itself indicates how highly his teammates think of him. Pete did another outstanding contain job against the Bisons here in Edmonton last weekend. In his fourth year with the Alberta squad, Pete is definite all-star material.