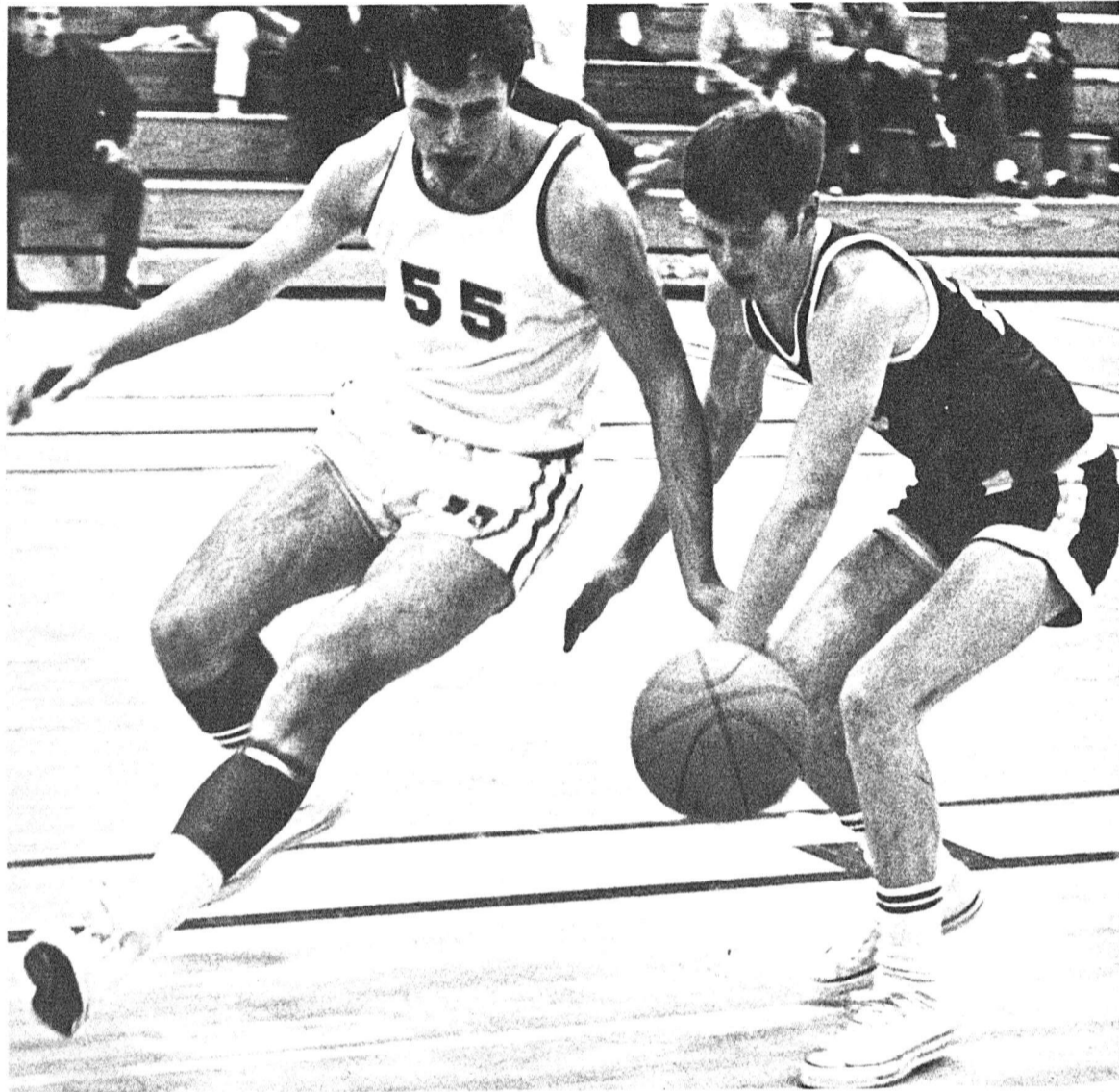


# Bear hoopsters rebound to bounce Huskies



SASKATCHEWAN'S WAYNE DYCK (55) AND BEARS' BOB MORRIS  
... scramble for possession

photo by Ken Hutchinson

## Four straight for Barry's boys

By JOE CZAJKOWSKI

Bears 91, Huskies 66  
Bears 72, Huskies 69

The Bears are numero uno.

On the weekend they tipped over the league leading Saskatchewan Huskies 91-66 and 72-69 to take over the number one spot.

The sled dogs were no push-overs. Alberta was pushed hard, especially Saturday night. Coach Barry Mitchelson later said, "This is the best thing that could have happened to us. We'd been having so many easy games where we just didn't have to put out."

Friday night the Bears took ten minutes to get untracked and trailed for half of the first stanza. Their shooting was off and the Saskatchewan rebounders led by Jim Sekulich were having a field day.

The slump didn't last long, though. The Bears shook off the cobwebs and wiped out Saskatchewan's lead. At half time the home club was up 47-34.

The beating continued in the second frame as the Bears had little trouble in finding the range. The game ended 91-66.

Warren Champion was the pacesetter for the Bears with 21 points. Don Melnychuk added 17. Sekulich had 18 for the Huskies and Dale Galan contributed 17.

Saturday's contest saw the Huskies play a solid game. They grabbed an early lead and held it all the way through the first half. With three minutes to go till the half the Saskatoon club was up 41-22. This set the stage for the best five minutes of basketball the Bears have played this season.

Time out was called to plan new strategy. The Bears came out using the press.

Mitchelson must have uttered the magic words because the Bears burned with a fierce determination that immediately overflowed into the stands. The more than 650 fans present were caught up in the electricity and went wild urging their champions on.

The Bears responded and considerably narrowed the gap on the scoreboard. At the half they were down only 43-33.

They came out in the second stanza still fired up. The fans screamed, whistled and fell over each other with glee. The Bears scored, scored and scored. After two minutes it was tie game, 43-43. In five minutes the Bears had outscored the Huskies 21-2.

Excitement was far from over yet, though. The Huskies rallied



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to make it anyone's game. The lead teetered back and forth like a hot potato.

With three minutes to play the Albertan's led 70-69. Both benches were on their feet as were most of the fans. The Bears had the ball and were determined to control it. The sled dogs were just as determined to steal it.

Twice the ball was knocked loose from Bear defenders, both times resulting in a mad scramble for possession and a jump ball call. The Bruins got the jump both times.

With but two seconds remaining Champion was fouled by a desperate Husky and that put the game out of reach. Champion calmly sank both free throws. Final score, 72-69.

"That's what I call a team effort," said Bear Don Melnychuk after the game. "Two lines went the whole way."

Champion and Don Melnychuk led the Bears with 17 points each. Bryan Rakoz was good for 15. Galan was top gun for Saskatoon with 22 points.

Next league action for the Bears is this weekend when the powerful Manitoba Bisons invade Varsity Gym. Game time Friday and Saturday is 8 p.m.

## Bears get scholarships

The trustees of the Molson Hockey Scholarship Program in Alberta have announced the names of 12 winners of 1968 scholarships.

The awards are made on the basis of academic achievement, hockey proficiency, and good character. The program is sponsored by Molson's Edmonton Brewery and will cover the costs of tuition fees for first year university.

Three Edmonton students are included in the 1968 winners. They are Dan Bouwmeester of St. Mary's High, Randy Clark of Jasper Place Composite High and Doug Murray of Harry Ainlay Composite High. Also from northern Alberta are winners Gerry Hornby and Bob Reddick of Ponoka and Randy Wyrozub of Lacombe. All will be attending the University of Alberta, Edmonton.

Other Alberta winners are Bill Higgins and Mike Setters of Calgary, the Bourassa brothers, Donald and Brian, of Fort Macleod, John Fraser of Empress and Terry Brown of Arrowwood, all enrolled at the University of Calgary.

The winners were announced by the Chairman of the trustees, Mr. Edwin Zemrau, Athletic Director in the Faculty of Physical Education at the University of Alberta. Other trustees are Mr. Dennis Kadatz, Athletic Director in the School of Physical Education at the University of Calgary, Mr. Joseph J. Kryczka, President of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association and Mr. E. S. Neils, Vice-President and General Manager of Molson's Edmonton Brewery Ltd.

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