

Bounced by Bisons

Mitchelson's Golden Bears through for the season

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Bears 62, Manitoba 77
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WINNIPEG — Through the bedlam caused by a capacity crowd at the Fort Garry Field House filtered strains of Patti Page's "Is that all there is?"

And it prompted one to wonder: is that all there is . . . to a season?

For Barry Mitchelson's Golden Bears had just bowed out to the University of Manitoba Bisons

in two games in the Western Canada Intercollegiate Basketball League semi-final.

And what was more frustrating was the way in which it had happened.

The 77-62 and 80-63 scores were not indicative of the play. In the final analysis it was the referees who had beaten the Bruins, and not the Bisons.

Mitchelson said early in the season that because of the officiating, a team has to be twenty

points better than Manitoba to beat them by two on their home court. And his words came back to haunt him this weekend as the Manitoba officials called possibly their two worst games and even had the partisan Bison fans on their backs.

In both games the Bruins hung with the Bisons until about three-quarter time, when mounting fouls forced the Bears to play less aggressive ball. This was all the advantage the Bisons needed and

they poured it on to win both games in the final ten minutes.

Ball hot

In the first game Friday, Mitchelson's squad took advantage of Manitoba's poor shooting to lead 37-36 at the half.

But then the Bisons' Terry Ball, last season's scoring champ, became hot and virtually unstoppable. By the time the game had ended he had compiled 21 points, 18 of them in the second half, to lead the Bisons to the win.

Cliff Cornelius added 14 points for the winners, while Bobby Morris netted 16 for the Bears. Bob Bain was also in double figures with 12.

Saturday the Bears knew that they were up against the wall, and responded with some excellent ball. They grabbed a nine point lead, then saw it dwindle and disappear as the Bisons led 37-33 at the half.

Once again foul problems caused wrinkles in the Bears game plan, and Mitchelson started the second-string in the second half. The rookies came up big and battled the Bisons to a deadlock. The teams were tied at 51 points apiece midway through the half.

Then a couple of mistakes and a few more fouls, and the Bisons were suddenly up by ten points. The Bruins outshot and actual-

ly outscored the Bisons from the floor, but were beaten 28-7 from the foul line. And that figure indicates the havoc the officials wreaked on the Bruins.

Cornelius and Ross Wedlake led the Bisons with 24 points each. Bain, Larry Nowak and Dick DeKlerk each had 12 for the Bears.

The Bears shot 43 per cent from the floor. Manitoba was good on 35 per cent of their attempts.

Bisons older

Bison coach Jack Lewis attributed his club's wins to their experience.

"We're a little older than the Bears. When you get rookies playing against five-year veterans, the veterans usually come out on top," he said.

"But the Bears played good, disciplined ball, and their coach should be proud of them," he said.

In the other WCIBL semi-final, the UBC Thunderbirds, who finished first in the league this season with a 16-0 record, disposed of the Victoria Vikings in two games, 96-74 and 97-56.

The Bisons will travel to Vancouver to play the T'Birds in a best-of-three final for the right to represent the West in the National Finals in Hamilton March 12-14.



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Kabuto Trophy ours for fifth consecutive year

LETHBRIDGE—The Western Canada Intercollegiate Athletic Association may as well award the Kabuto Trophy permanently to the University of Alberta Golden Bears.

The trophy, emblematic of university judo supremacy, was recaptured in no uncertain way here by the Bears this weekend for the fifth straight year as Ray Kelly's charges won all five weight divisions.

In the featherweight division, Russel Powell successfully defended his title by decisioning Guy Sunada in the final match. Alberta's Wayne Kossowan was third.

Frank Van Ginhoven took the lightweight title, as he came up with a win over teammate Andy Ference.

In the middleweight category, Allen Murray prevailed over Bob McRae, also of the Golden Bears, with a holding technique in their final match.

Casey Van Kooten captured the light-heavyweight division taking Brian Cook of Saskatchewan, while Ron Lappage, a veteran of college judo, won the heavyweight crown over Allen Rich of Saskatchewan.

In addition to the individual titles, the Bears took the team competition by a wide margin over Manitoba.

Coach Kelly, who has been with the judo team every year since its inception in 1953, now turns over the reins to Ron Powell who did much of the active coaching this season after Kelly hurt his back.

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