

Bears record wins over Calgary, Lethbridge

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The Golden Bears showed some of their potential over the weekend in recording their first two wins of the season.

Friday they came from behind after a poor first half to beat the Calgary Cascades 60-53.

Saturday they led the Lethbridge Chinooks from early in the game to record a 60-49 victory.

In both games the Bears displayed poor shooting ability as they frequently missed lay-ups and short jump shots.

Friday night, the Bears looked like a second rate team as they fell behind early in the game and were losing 31 to 29 at the half.

Bears man-to-man defense during the first half was almost nonexistent as the Cascades continually set up easy baskets. Anticipating the play seemed to be illegal

for the Golden Bears as they fell farther and farther behind.

Many times the forwards and centres would pass up an easy jump-shot for a fancy hook shot which seldom scored.

POOR OFFENSE

On offense, the guards didn't use a man-to-man situation to their best advantage.

Bruce Blummell, who last year was one of the best one-on-one offensive guards in the league, did not drive his man at all throughout the first half.

Don Melnychuk held the team together during the first twenty minutes of play. He used the fast break to advantage and continually fed the forwards for easy lay-ups.

Centre Nestor Korchinsky scored well from the foul line as he hit on seven out of eight free throws before the half.

At the half the Bears were shooting a miserable 20 per cent from the floor.

Coach Gerry Glassford must have found the magic formula during the half-time respite. The Bears came on strong in the early minutes of the second half and scored nine quick points.

After that they never looked back as they improved their defense considerably.

GOOD SECOND HALF

Rookie forward Warren Champion led the Bears as he repeatedly stole the ball and hauled in defensive rebounds to help the team improve their fast break.

The Bears also improved their tight press in the closing half as they continually hemmed in the Calgary guards or forced them to throw the ball away.

Forward Ed Blott looked very

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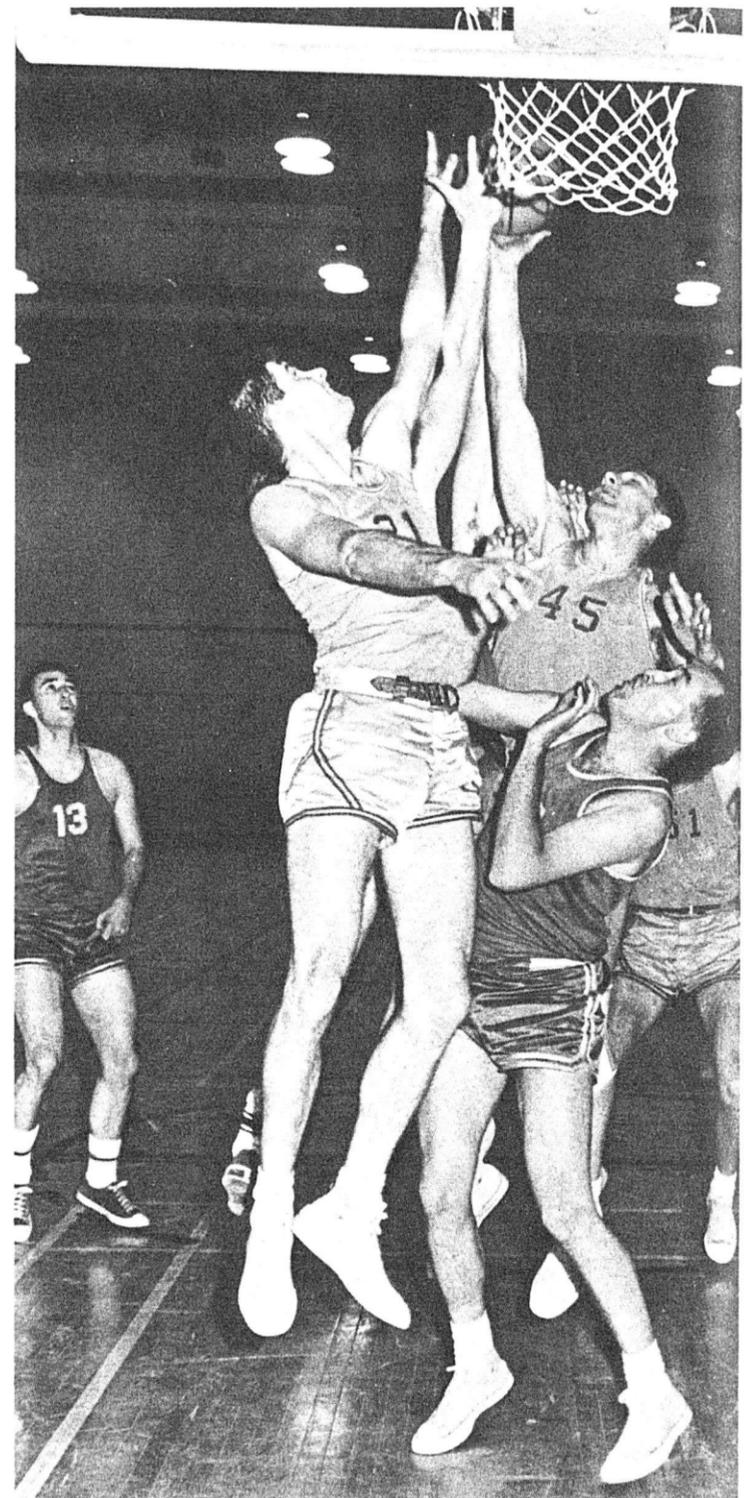
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sharp in the second half scoring nine points, including two points on a crowd-pleasing 'dunk' shot.

In the second half Melnychuk improved the Bears offensive plays as he anticipated well and hit consistently on thirty foot jump shots.

High scorers in the game were Blott with 13, Blummell and Korchinsky with 12 each and Melnychuk with eleven points. Calgary scorers were Newcombe with 14 and Rosewars with 11.

WIN SATURDAY TOO

Ed Blott got the Bears going Saturday night with the first two points. He contributed a high score of 23 points for the game, over one-third of the Bears total points.

Other than Blott, the Bears shooting was terrible for the second night in a row. If they could consistently score on the lay-ups and tip-ins, the Bears would look like a much better team.

Former Bear and Bearcat Hutchinson was the strong rebounder for the Lethbridge Chinooks. He continually ruined the Bears' chances by retrieving the ball off the backboard.

The Bears played a man-to-man

defense most of the game and they slowly began to anticipate their opponents' moves.

At the half Blott had 12 points and Blummell seven, to make the score 26-21 for the Bears.

In the second half the Bears held the lead and scored against the Lethbridge zone defense.

With seven minutes left the Chinooks put on a full court press to try to close the 49-37 gap.

SECOND STRINGERS HELP

Blummell and Korchinsky fouled out of the game with five minutes left to play but the Bears called on their second stringers and finished the game 60-49.

Foulshooting was poor for the Bears and it kept them from taking a commanding lead earlier in the game.

Blummell was second high scorer for the Bears with fourteen points while Nowlin and Gladstone hooped a dozen each for the losers.

The Bears next big weekend is in Calgary on November 17-19 as they enter in a three-day-round-robin tournament against such high calibre teams as the U of C Dinosaurs.