

## Gateway Sports



### Bob Anderson ... one man's opinion

It's "think positive" week on this campus. At least it is to all sporting enthusiasts, hockey variety. It's all part of a campaign to get behind the Golden Bear hockey club before they get behind themselves. After watching the Calgary crowd react to their Dinosaurs in last week's key game there, it's about time that we started to give our club the support it deserves. And by support, I don't mean going out to Varsity Arena *en masse* and sitting on your palms for the whole time.

It means taking some noisy object, either your vocal chords or your wife or girl friend, and making a bit of noise. You know, when that red light flashes on behind the opponent's goal or when "they" get tagged with a penalty.

Assistant Athletic Director Chuck Moser has officially proclaimed the weekend to be "bring along a friend and noisemaker" weekend. Chuck didn't specify which object to bring along, although hinted that you'd probably cover yourself both ways with your wife and/or girl friend.



Chuck Moser

Even you engineers out in the audience are encouraged to participate, although it's too bad that this week doesn't coincide with that period of mayhem and confusion known as Engineers' Week.

Just in case you haven't been clued in by now, the Manitoba Bisons are in town for that annual bit of frenzy known as playoff hockey. They earned the right to meet the Bears by finishing third in the Western Canada Intercollegiate Hockey League. Bears finished second. The WCIHL is the only league for miles that has the second and third place teams meeting in the semi-final round of the playoffs.

The reason behind it is to save money and not even Harry Strom himself could argue with that logic.

The Bisons have a pretty fair hockey club and could easily surprise themselves and the Bruins by coming out on top in the series.

Starry Herb Pinder will be back in action full time, after playing only sporadically during the last half of the season.

Pinder is one of these ski nuts who broke an ankle while skiing in the off season last year. The ankle healed sufficiently but was injured during this season.

### Bears must show more muscle

Herb, who was leading the league in scoring at the time, was forced to take only a shift on the power play and killing penalties which had to have an adverse effect on the club's chances of finishing on top. The Bisons proceeded to lose four out of their last five contests.

Nevertheless, if Brian McDonald's troops are to prevail in the series, they will have to show a lot more muscle than in recent outings. The small Bear forwards have been pushed around all season, especially in the corners, and as a result have been ineffective in coming up with the puck at key times.

The return of Mike Ballash to the lineup should help matters in this department, as the "Basher" has been one of the few on the club who has not backed away from the heavy going.

Rookies Dennis Zukiwsky and Mike Lemieux show good promise but their timing has been off when they have drawn a bead on some opposing forward.

And veteran Mel Baird would really be effective if hockey were played on a round rink.

However, be that as it may, this writer is not going to allow an opportunity such as the present to slip away without making some erstwhile prediction.

The Bears will take it in three and DON'T FORGET TO BRING THOSE NOISEMAKERS!!

## Bain McMillan—confident comic

### Bruins, Bisons clash in WCIBL playoff action

By Ron Ternoway

Have you ever heard about the time Bain McMillan scored a goal for the Montreal Canadiens?

If not, then obviously you haven't been around Bain McMillan. Everyone who knows him has heard the story at least 16 times—and is eager to hear it again. When the Edmonton native begins his impersonation of a Montreal Canadian, he has everyone in stitches.

For in addition to playing back-up man for his namesake, Bob Bain, on Barry Mitchelson's cage Bruins, McMillan is the unofficial comedian on the squad.

And it is an important position. Just ask Mitchelson.

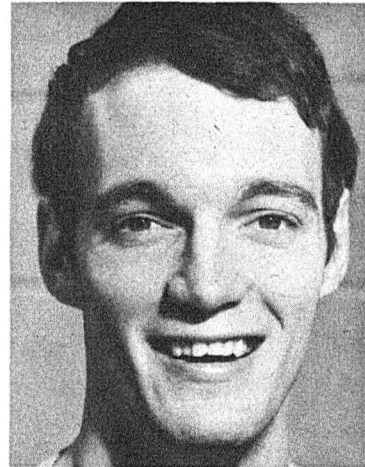
"He helps to relieve tension and keep us up for games," Mitchelson said.

But Bain's capabilities at humor are a secondary asset to the Golden Bears. First and foremost he is a basketball player, and a good one.

After attending school in Edmonton until grade ten, "Bainer," as he is known to his teammates, migrated to Calgary and played two seasons with Western Canada High School before joining the University of Calgary Dinosaurs.

This year it was back to Edmonton and a shot at the Bears.

"I've really enjoyed my year with the Bears," he said. "Playing on a winning club has given me the right attitude, and the veterans on the



BAIN McMILLAN  
... Bear rookie

squad have taught me a lot. I'm a lot more confident now."

And the confidence shows. Bain was sent in for Bob Bain in Lethbridge last weekend and responded with an excellent game.

McMillan is also confident about the Bears' playoff chances. "We can beat Manitoba," he said matter-of-factly. "It's UBC that may give us a little trouble."

#### On the line

Bainer's words and the hopes of the Bears are on the line this weekend as Mitchelson's crew travels to Winnipeg for a best-of-three semi-final series with the University of Manitoba Bisons. After a not-to-impressive (9-7) season and a shaky finish, the Golden Ones will have to be at their best if they entertain any hopes of toppling the Bisons. Manitoba finished the season with a

14-2 record, its only two losses coming at the hands of the UBC Thunderbirds, who won all the marbles with a 16-0 slate. UBC plays Victoria in the other semi-final series.

In league games between the Bisons and Bears this season, Manitoba came out on top 2-0. Grey Cup weekend they snapped the Bruins' four game winning streak with a convincing 85-65 win, and three weeks ago hung on for a narrow 73-71 victory.

Only a disastrous 24 per cent shooting percentage prevented the Bears from capturing the win in the second meeting.

The Bisons are cocky and they're big. Jack Lewis' Herd is a talent-laden one. And every man is over six feet.

#### Bisons to watch

Leading the Bisons will be Ross Wedlake, a 6'5" centre who looks like sure Western Canada Intercollegiate Basketball League all-star material. Wedlake has good moves, excellent drive, and is one of the top rebounders in the league.

Back at guard will be last season's scoring champion Terry Ball. An excellent playmaker with an uncanny eye for the basket, Ball will be a major threat to the Bears' championship hopes.

Other first-stringers include American Cliff Cornelius, Jon Gurban and Ted Stoesz.

And what strategy will Mitchelson use to convert his squad into giant-killers? He was very tight-lipped about the whole thing, but promised "something different." If it works, his crew will be off to British Columbia next weekend.

So for Mitchelson and the Golden Bears, there is no tomorrow, only next season.



Look fellas...like I told ya a million times. It was just a gag. I hand the Campusbank teller the note. She's supposed to laugh. Like ha ha.

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