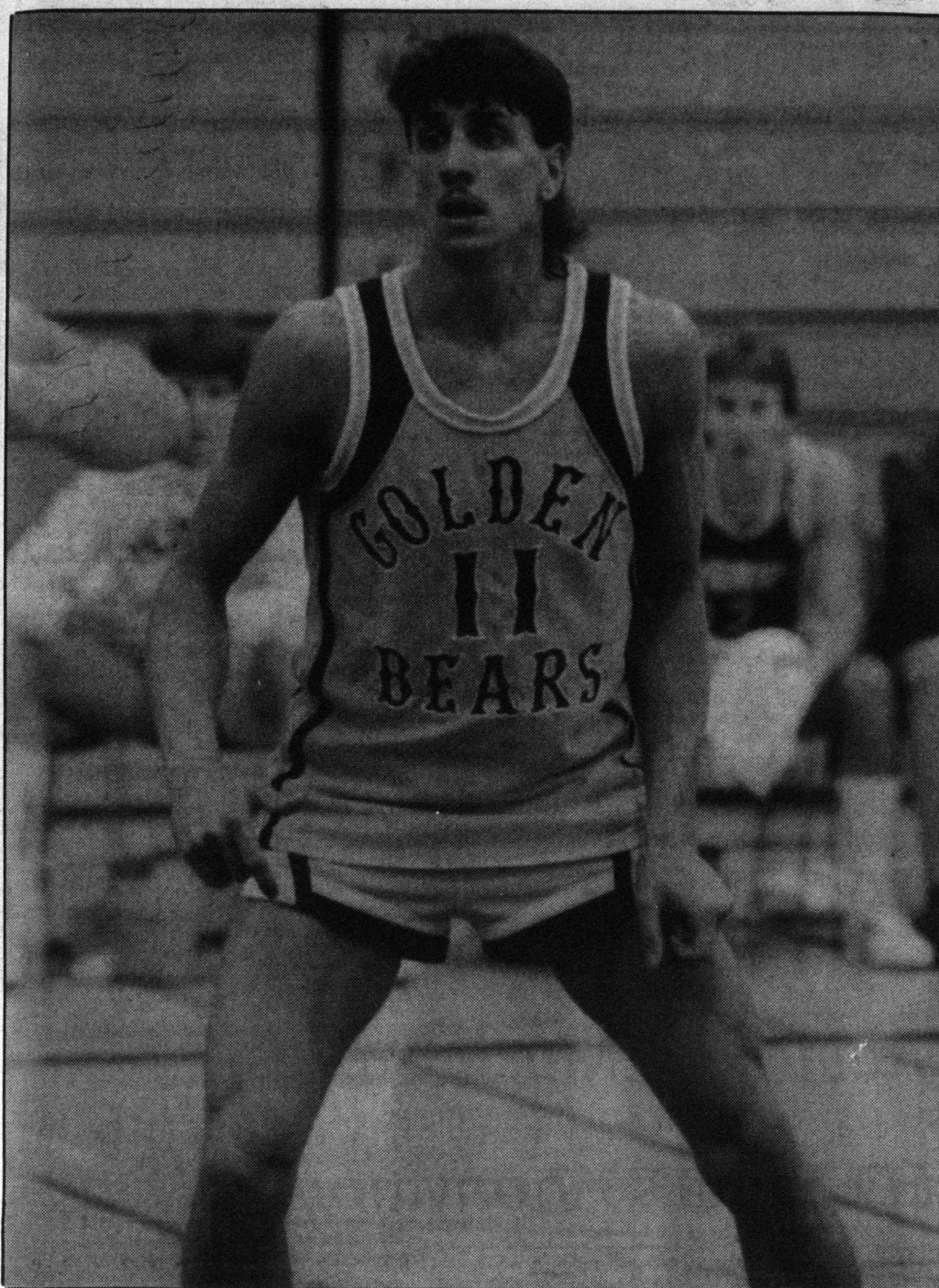


Hoop Bears continue to climb, take U of R tourney



Golden Bears' Mike Kornak

photo Alex Miller

by Philip Preville

The U of A Golden Bears basketball team won the University of Regina Cougar Classic tournament on Sunday, and they did it in grandiose fashion.

After squeaking by the University of Mary (from Bismarck, North Dakota) by a score of 87-85 on Friday, the Bears thoroughly chewed up and spit out the University of Saskatchewan and, in the final game, the University of Regina. Alberta won both games over their Saskatchewan opponents by identical scores of 88-68.

Mike Kornak tallied 22 points and Dean Peters added 15 in the final game. Kornak was named the tournament's MVP.

Alberta has now won the Cougar Classic twice in the last three years.

In the Bears' two point victory over the U of Mary on Friday, Peters and Chris Toutant led the way with 17 points each. Cliff Rowein also played exceptionally well for the Bears, banging through 4 of 5 shots from 3-point range and finishing with 16. Rowein, who has succeeded assistant coach Gerry Couzens as point-guard, has hit 15 of 22 three-pointers so far this year, for a kingsize shooting percentage of 68 per cent from long range.

Saturday's romp over Saskatchewan was expected to be a much more difficult game. "They have the exact same team that won the Bears' tournament last year," reported coach Don Horwood. "The

improvements the Bears have made in the past year were really evident in that game." High-scoring Bears were Toutant and Mike Suderman with 14 points each and 6'7" Scott McIntyre with 12.

Mike Kornak also shone in the Saskatchewan game with 20 points. Kornak, 6'3", won the tournament's MVP award despite missing the Friday game because of exams. He was 17 of 24 (77 percent) from the field for the tournament. Dean Peters' exceptional play was also recognized with a nomination to the tournament's First All-Star Team.

Horwood noted that the score in the Regina game was somewhat misleading. "They're a much better team than the score suggests. They just came up flat on Sunday."

The Cougars are also a big team as their front three men are all 6'7". They will be in town for the Golden Bear Invitational on November 27th, 28th, and 29th. Regina's loss to the Bears gave them 2nd place in the tournament. The Calgary Dinosaurs finished third.

Free Shots: The only bad moment for the Bears over the weekend was that they almost choked in the U of Mary game on Friday. They led all the way through and were up by 5 with 7 seconds left, but a poorly-timed foul and a missed free-throw almost cost them the game... The Bears leave on Wednesday morning for three weekend games in Nevada and California.

Pandas squeak out win for split

by Tim Enger

The Panda basketball team continued their non-conference schedule over the weekend with a split in a two game series with the University of Brandon Bobcats in Brandon.

In the first game, Alberta fought back from a 10-point deficit at half-time to squeak by the Bobcats 57-55. The Pandas were led in scoring by Lisa Janz with 30 points. Janz' play was strong at both ends of the court and if the Pandas are going to be competitive in the tough Canada West Conference, she has to

be on top of her game.

In the second game, Alberta did not fare so well as Brandon out-gunned them 63-58. Newly married Sofie Yeomans led the Panda scoring with 23 points.

"We played fairly well," said head coach Diane Hilko, "but we're still basically in the evaluation phase of our season. Our next ten games (before conference play begins) are going to be tough, so hopefully we can work all of our kinks out by then."

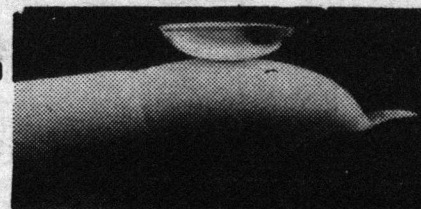
"The first game of the Brandon

series was marred by a slow start for us, but the team came out in the second half and really showed some good composure. The only thing that concerns me was how ineffective we were against the press in the second game; other than that, I think we're going to be OK."

Alberta's next game will be against the monstrous Calgary Dinies on Fri. Nov. 14th in Lacombe, Alta, and then they will return home to take on the Panda Alumni on Saturday the 15th.

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