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## DOG DAY AFTERNOON

### Bears hand Huskies humiliating setback

by Philip Preville  
Bears 91 Huskies 67

It was a game to stir the emotions, as number one in the nation faced off against number two. The Bears, number one, had suffered their only loss to the Saskatchewan Huskies — that required some serious avenging.

Their supporters were there to cheer them on; the crowd was over 2000 strong, and the proper authorities were forced to open the upper bleachers for the first time this year.

Alberta was pumped up. The crowd was really pumped up.

The Huskies were flatter than stout, however, and although the game wasn't a disappointment, it was a bit of a letdown. The U of A trodded and trampled all over the Huskies, handing them a humiliating 91-67 defeat.

"The Bears are a quick team, they're extremely well-coached, they apply good pressure, and they're not afraid to band," said Saskatchewan coach Guy Vetric. He said it before the game, though, talking as if he was about to be subjected to the wrath of the Gods. One would think he would be a bit more confident, having previously beaten the Bears, but instead he seemed all too apprehensive of the task that lay before him.

"I didn't think it would end like this," said Bears' forward Mike Suderman, referring to the final point spread. Suderman led all scorers with 21 points.

He was referred to as "Mr. Sud-

erman" by a passing congratulatory fan. The show of respect produced a chuckle from all present, but it is probably well deserved. The Bears have now established themselves as the undisputed top team in the country.

Certainly everyone expected a closer game, but Alberta was more motivated on this night. Chris Toutant added 19 for the Green and Gold, while Mike Kornak scored 18. Kornak also added a bucketful of steals to his stats, and his early rejection of 6'8" post Byron Tokarchuk set the tone for the game. He wasn't as surprised by the margin of victory.

"Actually, I was telling my friends we'd beat them by 15," said Nak. "We just wait for the weekends. There is nothing Horwood can tell us in practice that we don't already know."

Suderman, Kornak, and Dean Peters were honoured before the game, as they were playing their last regular season home game. The ceremony was quite touching and appropriate, as these three have formed the nucleus of the Bears.

Peters spent most of his court time throwing roadblocks at monster-post Tokarchuk and, with some relief from Scott McIntyre, effectively kept Tokarchuk away from rebounds and held him to six points, which is one quarter of his usual 24 points per game average.

The Bears followed the same pattern that had won their previous

six games. Early pressure forced 16 first half turnovers by the Huskies, and gave Alberta a 27-10 lead half-way through the first half. The Bears lost their focus midway through the second half, but by that time it was too late.

Horwood's bench saw a lot of playing time, but the original five (Suderman, Peters, Kornak, Toutant, and Sean Chursinoff) came back on at the seven minute mark of the second half to put an end to the slide.

Huskies' Sheldon Ryma slam-dunked about four times in the second half which had a sobering effect on the crowd, but his points never pulled the Dogs closer than a 20 point spread.

Right from the early acrobatic blocked shot by Kornak on Tokarchuk, the crowd was roaring. And they didn't stop for quite a while, chanting "By-ronn," in an attempt to rattle the top Dog. When a time out was called with 3:49 left, most of the crowd gave the Bears a standing ovation in spite of their slight coldness.

**In The Point** — The chemical engineers and the St. Joe's Rangers sat at opposite corners of the gym and battled it out in the "Cheer for Beer" contest. The chem e's eventually won, but after the winners had been announced the two teams launched into chants of "less filling!" and "tastes great!"... Alberta can now afford to lose a game against either UBC or Victoria this coming weekend on the road and still be assured of home-court advantage throughout the CWUAA playoffs.

**Byron Tokarchuk had nowhere to go Saturday, as the Bears teamed up to nullify the Huskies' bigman.**

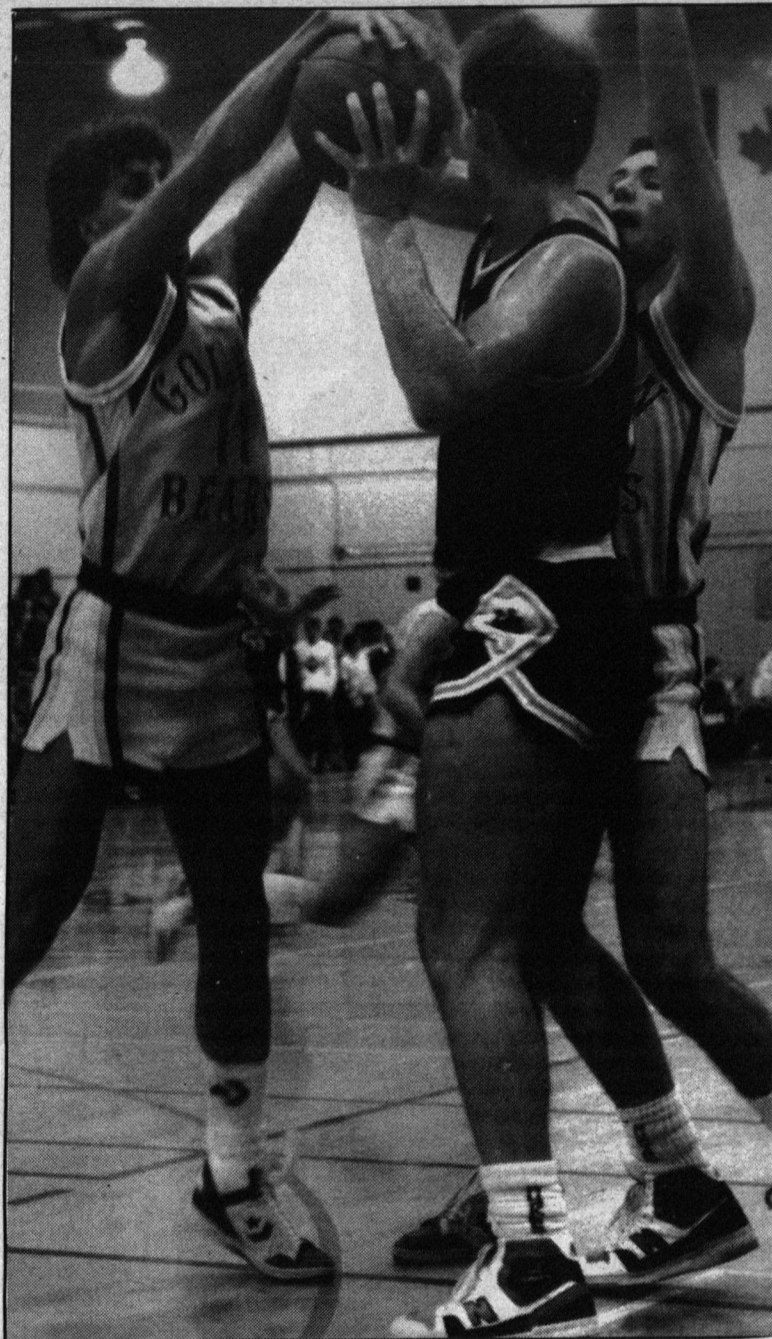


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### It used to be so calm



Tim Enger

What has happened to Golden Bear basketball games?

It used to be quiet and tranquil. You knew all the fans by their name and if the game got boring you could always look for little patterns in the woodgrain of the empty bleachers.

And the balcony seats?

They were for video crews taping the game.

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You could sit back and discuss the rhythm of the ball echoing off the desolate walls; you seldom really cared who the opposition was.

Now the place is such a mad-house you can't even hear yourself think, let alone the person beside you.

People running around with painted faces hollering abuse at

anything not wearing Green and Gold on the court. Hecklers used to be a novelty. Now they're a dime a dozen. And if that isn't enough, it gets so crowded that people actually sit in the balcony seats!

There they were, over 2000 strong last Saturday, watching the Bears clobber Saskatchewan. The people in the top balcony were creating so much commotion that the video crews were trying to rope them off to no avail. (Incidentally, those video crews you see are not just for PED 311 classes anymore — they're from ITV, CBC, CTV and TSN).

What's going on here?

The common argument is that the Bears number one ranking has brought out the fans. True, it has helped, but if it were the only reason then Clare Drake's hockey Bears would have been playing in front of SRO crowds for the better part of this decade. They haven't.

No, the real reason is twofold. Firstly, the basketball Bears have no pro team to compete with in town like in hockey and football. Secondly, Edmonton loves exciting basketball. It proved that during Universiade '83, and Alberta's style of pressure defense, fastbreaking, and high motion offense fits the bill perfectly.

I don't know if I appreciate having my peaceful game disturbed by these raving maniacs, but I think I could grow to enjoy it as long as the guy with the airhorn doesn't sit behind me anymore.

Thanks a lot, Don Horwood.

### "Clark Kent" handles tough assignments on defense

by Mark Spector

When Don Horwood took over the microphone before Saturday's contest, he accomplished more than he may have intended.

In an orator's style that was vintage Martin Luther King, the Bears' coach introduced his trio of fifth year stars to the packed house. It was to be their last regular season game on home court, and Horwood played it el grande.

Mike Kornak's mother was there to watch her son, the first time she had ever done so — even in high school at St. Joe's. Mike Suderman's parents arrived from Prince George, B.C. at 3:30 that morning, and Mrs. Suderman cried as her son was honoured.

Dean Peters' parents were unable to make the trip all the way from Quesnel, B.C., but after the outing that he had on Saturday afternoon, they'll probably receive a videotape.

The 6'5", 200 lbs post played the defensive game of his life against probably the toughest opponent that he will ever face in Byron Tokarchuk. But in typical Peters fashion, he passed the credit on.

"I was fronting him in the low post," rattled off Peters on Tokarchuk, "but our guards did a great job. They (Saskatchewan) couldn't

get the ball to him."

Peters held the national teamer to a single point in the first half, and only six at game's end. Don Horwood had stated that the key to victory for Alberta was to control their big man under the boards. Peters didn't control him — he owned him.

"I don't think that many people have done that kind of job on Tokarchuk," said Suderman. "Dino was fronting him,.... and he missed a couple of close ones." Nobody has done that kind of job on the 280 pound giant from Saskatoon for a long time.

Tokarchuk is running away with the league's offensive stats, averaging 25 points a game and topping both rebounding and free throw statistics. He won all those awards before. "Whenever there's a big defensive job to do we just put Dino on it," says Kornak.

Peters, whose game isn't conducive to trophy collections the size of either Kornak or Suderman, is the type of player that all winning teams have.

Because of his horn-rimmed glasses, Horwood referred to him as the U of A's Clark Kent.

Somewhere between the introduction and the opening tip off, Dean Peters found a phone booth.

**Dean Peters crashing the boards Saturday, the fifth year post toils in obscurity on defense, and rose to the fore against Saskatchewan.**

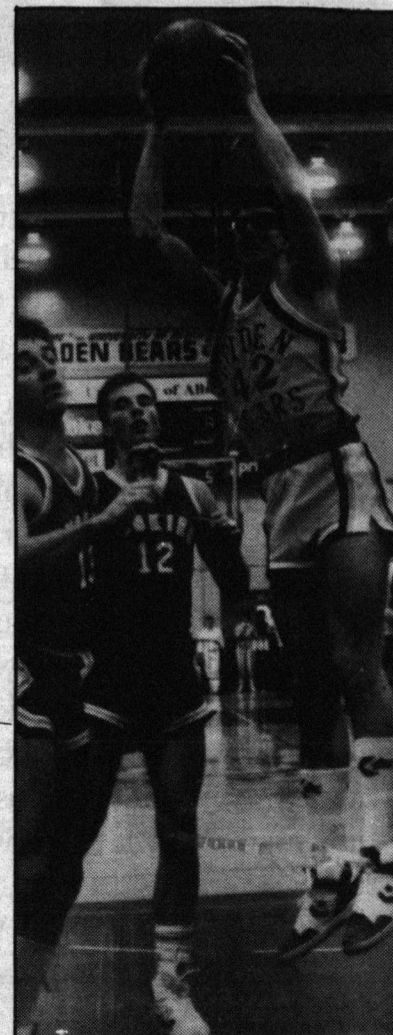


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