

# Miracle comeback sparks Regina goaltender

**by Mark Spector**  
 You are talking with Dean Shaw, a goaltender for the University of Regina hockey team.  
 As a 17 year old with Selkirk of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (tier two) Shaw had parts of three fingers on his left hand cut off by an errant skate during the heat of an important playoff game. His middle and ring fingers were re-attached just above the knuckle. The tip of his little finger was lost in the accident.  
 He tells you at the outset of your conversation that the incident happened three years ago. Of course, you believe him.  
 After fifteen or so minutes he

strains to verify when exactly the mishap did occur.  
 "Was it three winters go," Shaw questions himself, "or was it only two? I guess it was really only two years ago."  
 Most people remember the dates of little traumas in their life. Like when they end up in a hospital"... looking at my fingers in a box above my head while they wheeled me around the hospital." This nineteen year old can barely even recall how many years have passed, let alone the anniversary of the occurrence.  
 It happened in a Manitoba/Saskatchewan tier two championship game against Weyburn. "The guy came in off the left wing and kind

of lost control of the puck, so I went for the pokecheck. His stick caught my catcher and pulled off and then his skate ran over my bare hand. It was really a fluke accident."  
 "Of course afterwards you kind of look for someone to blame, but then it seemed better to look to the future instead of into the past. My father was probably the biggest help in that way."  
 Only six weeks after Shaw was released from a Winnipeg hospital his Dad was tossing baseballs at him in the backyard. "He'd toss them underhand from about five feet away and it would hurt like hell. But slowly it hurt less and less and when winter came I was catching pucks." He admits to being scared to dive into those goals mouth scrambles at first, but Shaw figures that his confidence level is right back where it should be.

And anybody who was at the Varsity Arena on Friday night would probably agree. Shaw stopped 30 shots and kept his Cougars close until late in the game, but then watched from the bench as Shaun Clouston scored into an empty net to secure the 5-2 Golden Bear victory.  
 In that game, the fiery young goalie showed a better than average glove hand, and displayed his fortitude by completing the game despite a shot and a slash in the facemask in two separate incidents.  
 Shaw played last year with the tier one junior Brandon Wheat Kings, where he bascially "... played myself back into shape."  
 "It took a little while to come around. You start to try to compensate for one part of your game, and the rest of it goes to pot."  
 As for his current coach, Al Murray, it is as if nothing ever hap-

pened. "He's no different," explains Murray. "Dean is coming around well this season and I hope he'll stay at the University of Regina for a while."  
 A come back story like this one is all too seldom read. Instead the sports pages are filled with reports of drug scandals, strikes, and career threatening injuries.  
 Like the one that came out of Selkirk, Manitoba two years ago.  
 But Dean Shaw has discarded the hand that fate dealt to him on that April evening, and without a moment's hesitation.  
 "I never thought for a minute that I would never play hockey again. There was no doubt in my mind," deadpans Shaw. Just as before, you believe this youngster.  
 But this time he is looking you in the eye and you know that he's not mistaken.



Dean Shaw lost parts of three fingers, but has put the incident behind him.

## CANADA WEST SCOREBOARD

### Canada West Hockey

|         | G  | W  | L  | F   | A   | P  |
|---------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Alberta | 20 | 18 | 2  | 132 | 70  | 56 |
| Man.    | 20 | 13 | 7  | 111 | 88  | 26 |
| Calgary | 20 | 13 | 7  | 109 | 92  | 26 |
| Sask.   | 20 | 12 | 8  | 99  | 78  | 24 |
| Brandon | 20 | 9  | 11 | 113 | 120 | 18 |
| UBC     | 20 | 7  | 13 | 77  | 107 | 14 |
| Regina  | 20 | 4  | 16 | 86  | 115 | 8  |
| Leth.   | 20 | 4  | 16 | 66  | 123 | 8  |

**Scoreboard**  
**Friday, January 24**  
 Rgina 2 at Alberta 5  
 Saskatchewan 5 at Calgary 8  
 UBC 5 at Brandon 11  
 Lethbridge 1 at Manitoba 7

**Saturday, January 25**  
 Regina 1 Alberta 7  
 Saskatchewan 2 Calgary 5  
 UBC 4 Brandon 3  
 Lethbridge 4 Manitoba 7

**Upcoming Games**  
**Friday, January 31**  
 Calgary at Alberta  
 Regina at Saskatchewan  
 Manitoba at Brandon

**Saturday, February 1**  
 Calgary at Alberta  
 Saskatchewan at Regina  
 Manitoba at Brandon  
 UBC at Lethbridge

**Sunday, February 2**  
 UBC at Lethbridge

### CANADA WEST HOOP

| MEN              | W | L | F   | A   | GBL |
|------------------|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| VICTORIA         | 5 | 0 | 409 | 352 | -   |
| LETHBRIDGE       | 3 | 2 | 409 | 409 | 2   |
| CALGARY          | 3 | 2 | 398 | 399 | 2   |
| ALBERTA          | 2 | 3 | 398 | 409 | 3   |
| SASKATCHEWAN     | 1 | 4 | 377 | 388 | 4   |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1 | 4 | 381 | 415 | 4   |

**SCOREBOARD**  
**JAN. 24**  
 Calgary 58 at Victoria 76  
 Lethbridge 85 at B.C. 82  
**Jan. 25**  
 Calgary 77 at B.C. 91  
 Lethbridge 77 at Victoria 88  
 Alberta 72 at Sask. 71

| WOMEN            | W | L | F   | A   | GBL |
|------------------|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| VICTORIA         | 4 | 1 | 340 | 239 | -   |
| ALBERTA          | 4 | 1 | 311 | 268 | -   |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 3 | 2 | 316 | 320 | 1   |
| LETHBRIDGE       | 2 | 3 | 303 | 306 | 2   |
| CALGARY          | 2 | 3 | 297 | 332 | 2   |
| SASKATCHEWAN     | 0 | 5 | 249 | 351 | 4   |

**SCOREBOARD**  
**Jan. 24**  
 Calgary 61 at Victoria 87  
 Lethbridge 61 at B.C. 66  
**Jan. 25**  
 Calgary 64 at B.C. 73  
 Lethbridge 52 at Victoria 70  
 Alberta 69 at Sask. 49

### CIAU TOP TEN RANKINGS

#### HOCKEY

1. Alberta (1)
2. Moncton (2)
3. York (3)
4. Wilfrid Laurier (5)
5. U.Q.T.R. (6)
6. Ottawa (4)
7. Toronto (9)

8. U.P.E.I. (7)
9. Manitoba (NR)
10. Dalhousie (NR)

#### BASKETBALL (M)

1. Victoria (1)
2. Concordia (2)
3. Winnipeg (6)
4. Manitoba (3)
5. Dalhousie (4)
6. Lethbridge (5)
7. York (10)
8. Brock (NR)
9. U.P.E.I. (NR)
10. Calgary (7)

#### BASKETBALL (F)

1. Victoria (2)
2. Toronto (3)
3. Laurentian (1)
4. Alberta (5)
5. McGill (7)
6. Lethbridge (4)
7. Calgary (6)
8. Laval (9)
9. U.B.C. (NR)
10. Winnipeg (NR)

#### SWIMMING & DIVING (F)

1. U.B.C. (1)
2. Toronto (2)
3. Calgary (4)
4. Dalhousie (3)
5. Western Ontario (6)
6. Victoria (5)
7. Alberta (7)
8. Mount Allison (8)
9. McMaster (NR)
10. Brock (NR)

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