

Horwood's losing streak continues

Dinosaurs 62
Pronghorns 85

Bears 61
Bears 82

by Brad Clark

There were just three seconds on the clock and 1,050 noisy fans were all set to celebrate the Bears' first regular season win. Calgary's John Vigna, however, put the victory celebration on hold by burying a 15-footer to give the Dinosaur's their second straight CWUAA victory.

With the Bears down 60-56 and two minutes remaining in the game, Mike Kornak pulled the Bears to within two points with a fade away jump shot. Gerry Couzens closed the gap to one with a free throw. With only 20 seconds left, Kornak went to the line sinking both free throws and giving the Bears a one point edge.

After a time-out, Calgary came down the floor but were swarmed by a tenacious Alberta defense. Vigna then put up his desperation shot.

"Three guys in his face and he just puts it up and over all of them. Unbelievable!" said Bear's assistant coach Steve Roth.

Vigna is a freshman with no shortage of confidence.

"I knew it would go in, but I should've shot sooner," he said. One of the most highly recruited high school prospects in Alberta, Vigna led Bishop Carrol to the High School Provincial Championship last year.

From start to finish it was a close contest. The teams went into the

dressing room at halftime tied 26-26. Throughout the game, the lead see-sawed back and forth and neither team ever led by more than four points. "It was a defensive game and that was what we wanted," Mike Kornak said. The Bear's limited Calgary to perimeter shots in first half but in the second the Dinos were able to work the ball inside to Bill Nash who led all scorers with 17 points.

For their part, the Bears were led by Kornak's 14 point effort and Mark Baker's 7 rebounds and 11 points. Alberta center Tom Demeo played a fierce defensive game and chipped in 8 points. Coach Horwood, commenting on the Burly Demeo's enthusiasm quipped, "Tom looked as if he could almost jump tonight." Other scorers for the Bears were Chris Toutant and Gerry Couzens. Each with 9 points.

Although disappointed with another loss, the Alberta coaching staff were pleased with the effort. "We did everything we could to win this game," Horwood said.

Mike Suderman, the Bear's leading scorer was not dressed for the game due to a troublesome back injury. The Bears played well in spite of his absence.

Friday's crowd was insane. Garbage can lids were used as cymbals by groups vying for the coveted 12 case of beer in the "Sing for Suds Contest," (which was later won by Fifth Kelsey). The "Terry Jones Banner Contest" was won by Fourth Kelsey.

The basketball Bears managed to snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory Saturday night. With five seconds on the clock and score tied at 82-82, the Bears called for a time-out when they had none left and were subsequently assessed a technical foul. Lethbridge's Ken McMurray sank the second of two free throws to give the Pronghorns their first victory of the season.

A heated debate was waged over the call. Officials weren't sure if it was a one-shot or two-shot foul. Coach Horwood said that he plans to file an official protest.

The Bears' came out looking very strong. Led by Dean Peter's, who scored 11 of Alberta's first 17 points, the Bears went out in front by a comfortable 13 point margin (25-12). Full court pressure by the Pronghorns, however, created some turnovers and quick baskets which allowed them to close the Bears' lead to only a point at the half.

The Pronghorn's momentum

carried them into the second half and they took a 6 point lead. The Bears continued to have problems with turnovers. They also let up on their defensive boards, allowing Lethbridge 2 and 3 shots on a possession.

The Bears, however, turned on the intensity and came back. Couzens worked the ball inside to Kornak, Toutant or Demeo. With a minute and half left, the score was tied at 80-80.

Couzens gave Alberta the lead 82-80 after drawing the foul in Lethbridge's end. The Pronghorns turned the ball over in their bid to tie the game and the Bears ended up with possession of the ball and a full 30 seconds on the shot clock; (27 seconds in the game). All they had to do was maintain possession until time ran out, or until Lethbridge fouled them, and victory would be theirs. But with 17 seconds left, the Pronghorns Brent Maxwell stole the ball and went in for the lay-up; by then it was beginning to

look a lot like overtime.

The Bears immediately called a time-out. With 7 seconds remaining, there was ample time to put up one more good shot. After working the ball across mid-court, Alberta called time again. Five seconds were left. Dick Price could not find anyone to inbound the pass to, so in desperation, he called the non-existent time-out. The technical was assessed and Bears Canada West record dropped to 0-4.

For the second night in a row the Bears were without co-captain Mike Suderman. Assistant Coach Steve Roth said that Suderman's back injury is a "day to day thing", but he should be ready for Friday's game against the U of S.

Top scorers for the Bears were Mike Kornak and Gerry Couzens. Each had 19 points. Murray Hanna (22 points) and Brent Maxwell (18 points) led Lethbridge's scoring. Saturday's game was attended by 1,050 fans. Both weekend games drew great crowds.

Fans make the difference

Pandas 82
Pronghorns 60

Dinnies 71
Pandas 59

by Mark Spector

It was fan appreciation night Friday at Varsity Gym. As it turned out, the Pandas certainly did have reason to appreciate their fans.

The Pandas trailed their arch rival Calgary Dinnies by three points. However, the night was saved by the boisterous entrance of Mike Corbett and the fourth floor Kelsey Hall "Crazy Animals".

The support was a shock to the player's systems.

"The fans were wonderful. At first it was a little distracting because we are not used to it," said Panda center Toni Kordic as she described

the constant noise made by the many groups in attendance.

Friday night's crowd of 1,050 proved that fan support does make a difference.

Only seven Pandas saw floor time as the 10th ranked Dinnies put up a tough fight throughout the game. Kordic led all scorers with a season high of 29 points.

The Pandas were devastated on Saturday night. A lay up by Lethbridge's Sharon Hamilton snatched defeat from the jaws of victory for Alberta with only five seconds left to play.

If the Pronghorns deserved to win more than the Pandas, it was because of an extremely high level of intensity displayed by the entire

team. Due to a rough schedule the Pronghorns have not played a home game since Dec. 7, and their 4-1 record in conference play justifies their number four ranking.

Displaying excellent shooting skills, the Panda's Sue Tokariuk initiated a momentum shift which left Alberta with a six point lead at three quarter time. But within two minutes, Lethbridge had knotted the score. It remained tight to the wire.

With five seconds left, Hamilton collected a loose ball and went in for the fatal lay up.

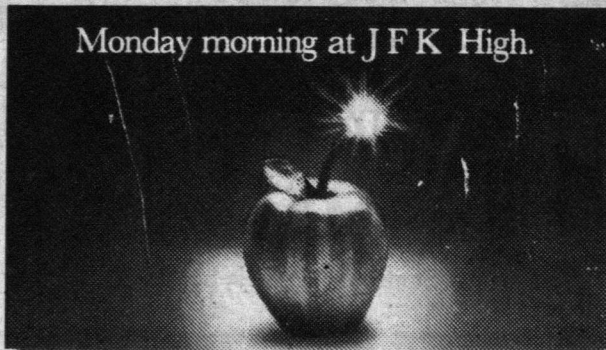
Perhaps a quarantine is in order for Don Horwood's Bears. Their recent run of bad luck may be rubbing off on the Pandas.

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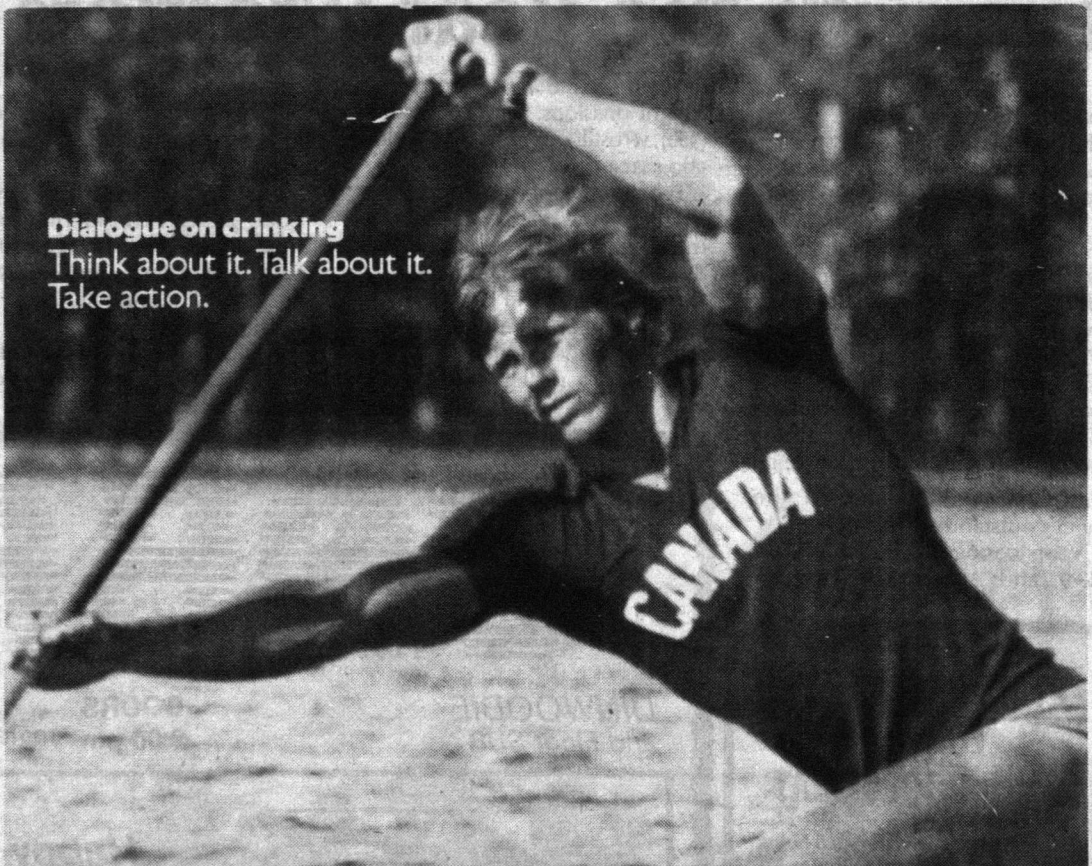
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