

# Sports

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## Cougar upset leads Bears to third

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**CALGARY** — The Golden Bear basketball team provided the upset of the Dinosaur Classic, and weren't the only ones smiling.

The Bear win over the number two ranked Regina Cougars delayed a Cougar-Viking shootout until the national finals in early March.

A diamond-and-one defence on soon-to-be player of the year Chris Biegler shut the slick Regina forward down to eight points, in a defensive struggle. The Bears



held an 11-6 lead after four minutes, but the Cougars, who hadn't played for a month, came back to lead by one at the half.

The Bears came out roaring in the second half going on a 8-2 run in the first three minutes. They never gave the lead away after that, but they never really put the Cougars away. Their foul shooting nearly cost them again, as they went a dismal 5-for-11 from the line. Guard Sean Chursinoff, who usually is an 80 percent free throw shooter, missed three front ends of bonus situations to keep Regina in it.

"How many times can you throw a game away and still win?" queried Bear head coach Don Horwood. "we have to kill people with free throws."

Despite the bad foul shooting, Chursinoff led the Bears with 16 points. Forwards Ed Joseph and Brian Halsey had 13 and 12

points respectively. Cougar guard Brian Livingston was their top marksman, with 13.

"In the second half, we just stood around and passed the ball around," Regina head coach Ken Murray said, "we wanted to play Vic, and now we won't have a chance until we get to Halifax. If we play like we did today, we won't be going anywhere but Regina.

"It was a great win for Alberta, but a terrible loss for us," Murray added.

With the opening round win, Alberta got to play Victoria for the third time in five days. The game was a carbon copy of the second game in Edmonton. They both traded leads early, but an intentional foul by Bear forward Mike Frisby with 2:30 left in the first was all UVic needed to take a nine point lead at the half and a stranglehold on the game.

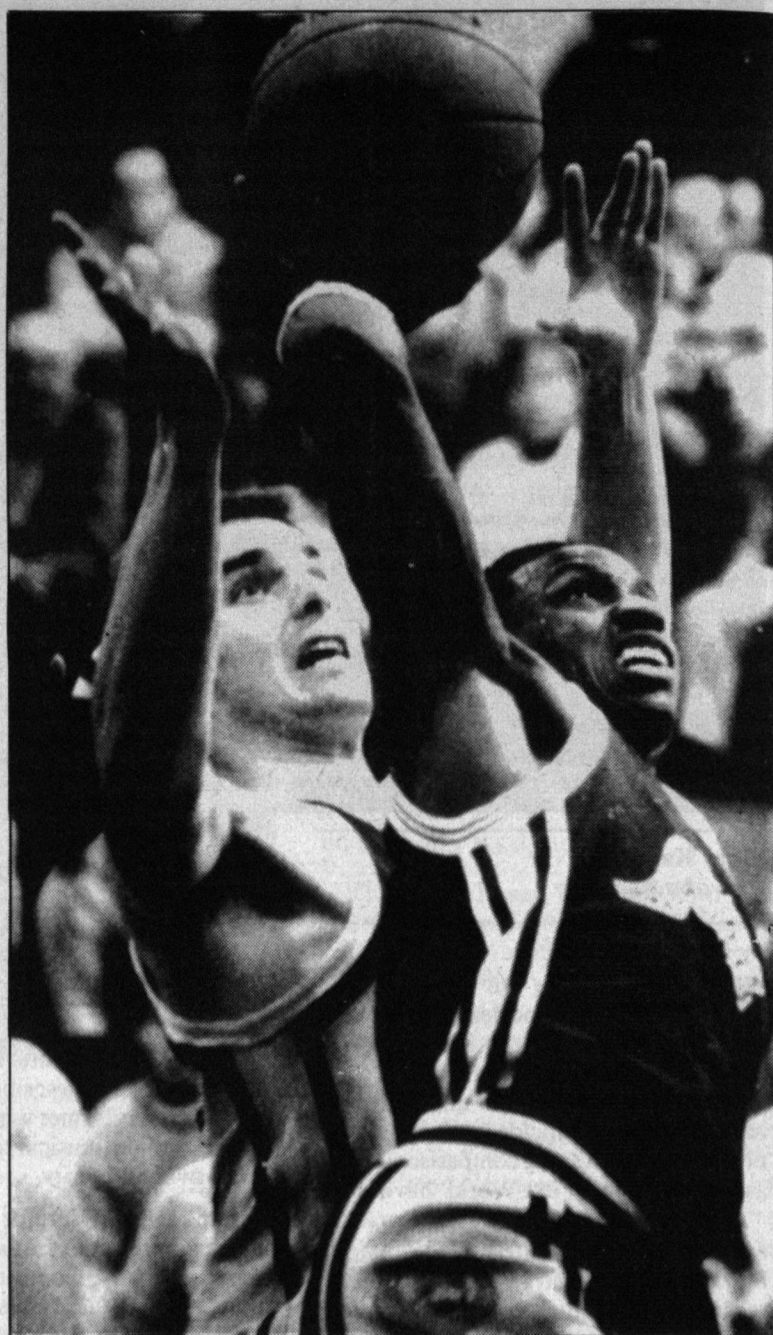
"It was a very crucial play," said Viking coach Ken Shields. "Mike is a real aggressive kid and he was probably frustrated."

Horwood shouldered much of the blame for Frisby's play, "it was a lack of discipline and discipline is a coaches' responsibility."

The Vikings stretched the lead to 14 at the 12 minute mark, but the Bears gamely came back with a 9 point spurt. That's as close as they got, as the Vikes won by ten going away.

"I don't mind losing to Vic," said Horwood, who certainly got used to it over the Christmas holidays, "but not the way we did today. They were better on the offensive boards. They just wanted it more." Victoria outrebounded the Bears 38-21.

Chursinoff once again led the Bears with 16 points, while LaVergne and Brian Halsey scored



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Mark Smith and the Bears defeated NAIT 84-71 and Grant MacEwen 104-80 during exam week.

14. Geoff McKay scored 18 points and Tom Johnson scored 13 to pace the Vikes.

The Bears faced the Manitoba Bisons in the third place final, the same team they walloped in the Golden Bear Invitational opener. They remained in control throughout, and won by 13. Like most third place games, the sense of anticlimax filled the air.

"We'll take it," Horwood said, "we don't win many easy games."

A highlight was the return to form of Dave Youngs, who has

been mired in a shooting slump throughout the first half. His 21 points led the Bears in the third place game.

"We need Dave to play confidently," Horwood said.

Dan Brown led Manitoba with 12 points.

**FOUL SHOTS:** The Bears resume their conference schedule with a pair of games in Saskatoon against the Huskies. Friday's game will be broadcast on CJSR at 7:30 pm... Chursinoff was one of the tournament all-stars... Vic beat Calgary 70-65 in the final.

My New Year's Resolution: I shall not make up a bunch of New Year's Resolutions for my first column of 1989. There, aren't you happy?

Just a note on the World Junior Tournament. Isn't it nice to see that rampant nationalism is still popular, even after the Ben Johnson scandal?

I don't know how many of you caught Sherry Bassen or Don Cherry giving their little patriotic rants from Anchorage, U.S.A., but let me just say that the CBC seems to have learned that criticizing "our boys" is not popular. Even Brian Williams has learned The Rule: If you can't say something jingoistic, don't say anything at all.

Another odd manifestation of national pride is the attention given by Canadian media to athletes with a "Canadian Connection". I can understand following a player like Gretzky or Reuben Mayes when they head south to play for the big money. I can even understand following adopted Canadians like Ben Johnson or Trevor Berbick, while they are living in Canada.

Some cases get a little weird though, like Warren Moon's. The guy is born in the States, moves up here only because he couldn't start at quarterback in the NFL, and then scrambled for Houston as soon as he got the chance. Yet people in Canada, especially Edmonton, follow Moon like he was a native son.

You see a lot of sports fans who sit and watch NFL games with players like Moon or Mervyn Fernandez playing, and then they swell up with pride when some talking head like Tim Ryan says "Waldo Culppepper is in his third year with Dallas (America's Team!) out of Shitkicker U in Galveston, and he played in Canada for the Edmonton Stampeder."

This makes even less sense than cheering for Grapes when he viciously (although frequently accurately) maligns European hockey players for being gutless wonders who wouldn't throw a bodycheck unless they were playing their own grandmothers. (And what kind of scum would bodycheck his own grandma, huh?)

One thing I did like to see occurred at the Toxicmeadows last week. Before their game with the Russians, the Devils played the anthems of the US, the USSR, and Canada. Quite appropriate, considering the Canadian content of most NHL rosters.

Maybe they should start playing the national anthem of the Dominican Republic at baseball games, or at least the most popular song in San Pedro di Macoris.



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## Bears finish third

The hockey Bears finished third in the Calgary tournament. They defeated York and Saskatchewan but lost a shootout to Waterloo. Calgary won the tourney for the second straight time.

## Korte going south for Shrine game

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Golden Bear defensive end Brent Korte has been invited to play in the East-West Shrine Game on January 15 in Palo Alto, California.

Korte, who is in his fourth year, led the WIFL in sacks last year and was selected to west's all-star team, and was a second team all-star in the CIAU.

Korte is the first Golden Bear to be invited to the prestigious all-star game, which has displayed the talents of NFL greats like John Elway, Walter Payton, Ed "Too Tall" Jones, and Lawrence Taylor. The other Canadian that will join Korte is Bishop's linebacker Leroy Blugh, who was a first team

All-Canadian last season.

The Shrine Game was solely for American college greats until 1985, when Calgary Dino Tom Spoletini was selected. Since then, two CIAU players (one west, one east) are invited to play. Since then, Kent Warnock and Craig Watson, both from Calgary, Leo Groene-wegen of UBC, Louis Godry of Guelph, Pierre Vercheval of Western Ontario, and Mike Schad of Queen's have played. Schad parlayed his appearance in front of the NFL scouts into a first round draft by the Los Angeles Rams.

The game takes place on January 15, at 12 noon and will be televised by ABC-TV.