

'Horns smoke Pandas

by Alan Small

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LETHBRIDGE — Pronghorn antelope are fast, quiet, herbivores by nature. The pronghorns that are developed for the women's basketball team don't even come close to fitting that description however.

For the second weekend in a row the Panda basketball team was outclassed by an interprovincial opponent. The Pronghorns showed no mercy on the U of A this weekend by sweeping the Pandas by 38 and 52 points.

Panda coach Diane Hilko had little to say after the pair of losses. "Maybe I thought I could be a nice coach," Hilko said. "I guess I certainly have been."

The 'Horns led by 21 at halftime in the opener, as they frequently turned errant Panda passes into

in once more and Lethbridge restarted their fast break and out-scored the Pandas 21-4 in the final nine.

"At the beginning of the year, I asked the players if they wanted to do the things that make you play well and win," Hilko said. "They need to know what it takes. I don't think they (Lethbridge) have more talent than we do."

Molcak once again led the Pronghorns with 22 points, while Pauline Van Roessel and M.J. Sorenson each scored 17 for last year's CIAU fourth place team. Bazinet scored 13 to lead the Pandas in the second game and Joanna Ross chipped in 11 before fouling out.

The Pandas problem was not a new one — if they made a mistake, they would lose their intensity and the Pronghorns would start the fast break again.

Hot hands Halsey

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LETHBRIDGE — Brian Halsey had one of those games he'll tell his kids about.

His 28 point, five steal performance rocketed the Bears to their first win of the young Canada West season on Saturday.

"I'm numb," said the 6'6" forward, who also filled in at the off-guard spot this weekend. "I came off the bench feeling good."

It was the first time the sophomore Bear has contributed so greatly to a Bear victory. Last year Halsey learned the university game from the U of A bench and

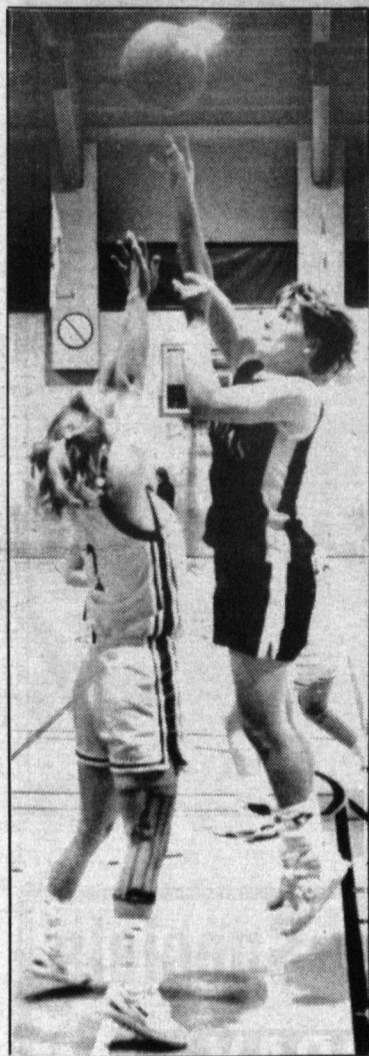
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only played in eight Canada West contests.

"He played the game of his life tonight," Lethbridge coach Cal O'Brien said. "He must have saved it for us."

"He was outstanding on both sides of the court," Bear head coach Don Horwood praised. Horwood knew of Halsey's shooting ability from his high school days at Harry Ainlay, and that he handles the ball well for a big man, but before Saturday never witnessed his ball-hawking skills or the tenacious defence he showed. He was a thorn in the side of Lethbridge guards Ryan Heggie, a converted forward, and Jamie McLellan, robbing them blind and making life difficult for the both of them.

"We had to work around their screens a lot," Halsey said. "We had to make sure that their guards



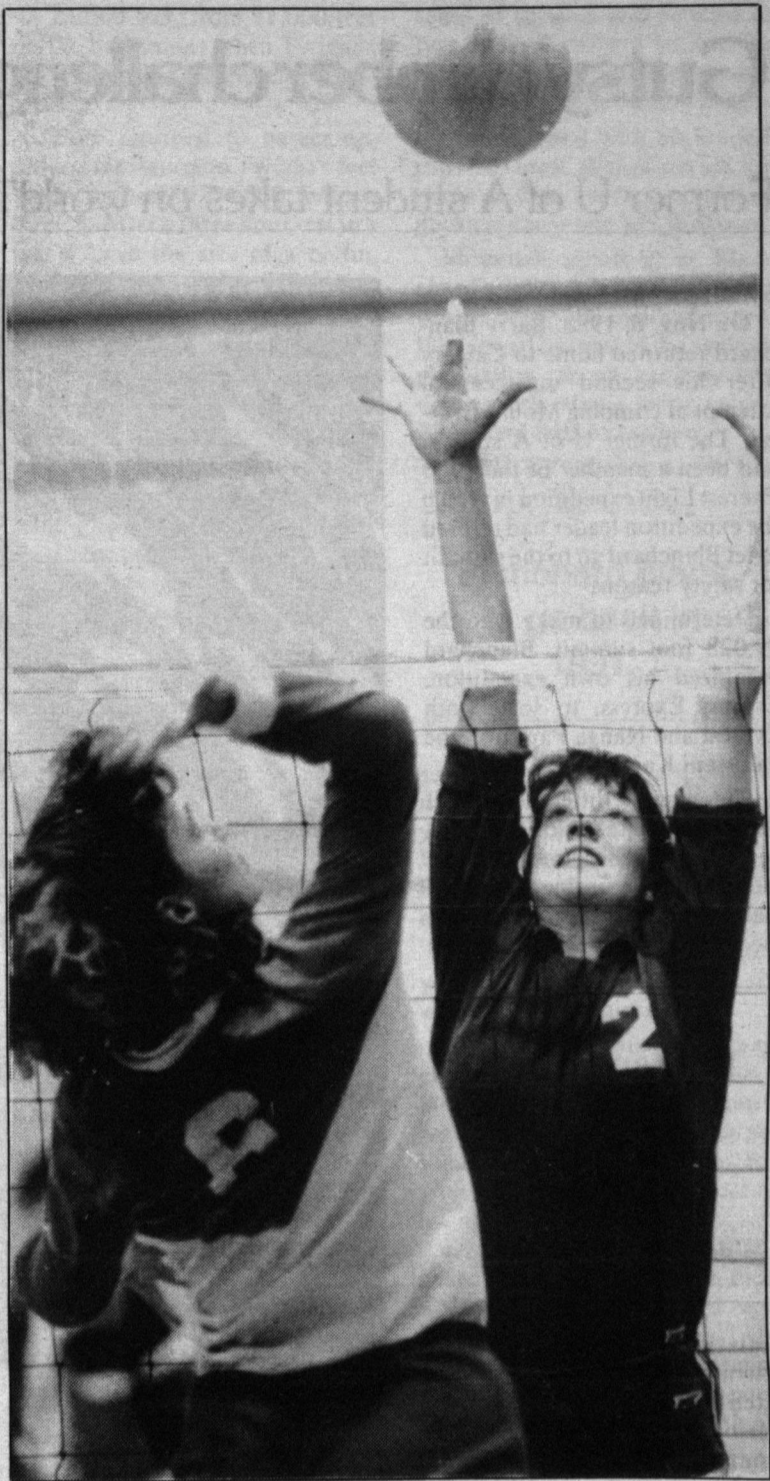
Panda Marg Uytdewilligen goes for two against the Pronghorns.

"I don't think they have more talent than we do." — Hilko.

easy fast break layups. Shawna Molcak led the Pronghorns with 26 points, in a game that was over almost as soon as it was started. Celeste Bazinet led the Pandas with 12 points.

The Pandas started sluggishly in both halves of both games: they were down 14-0 to start the game and gave up a 24-6 run to start the second half. Seven minutes into the second game, they were down 22-4 and by halftime, were behind 55-21.

To their credit, however, the Pandas matched up basket for basket for 11 minutes in the second half, until the roof caved



Rob Galbraith

Pandas block 'Horns

Panda setter Colleen Pistawka blocks this Lethbridge attack. The Pandas swept the Pronghorns 3-0 twice last weekend.

had no one to pass to."

The Pronghorns will remember what Halsey did when they come to Edmonton for the rematch in late January.

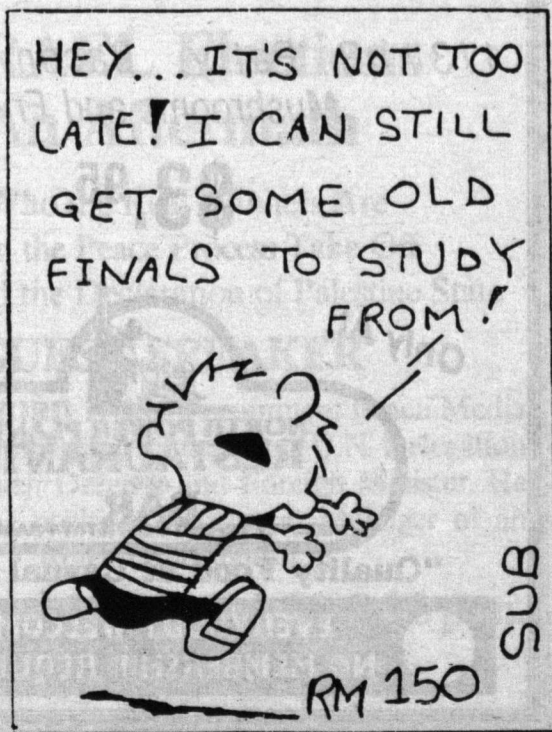
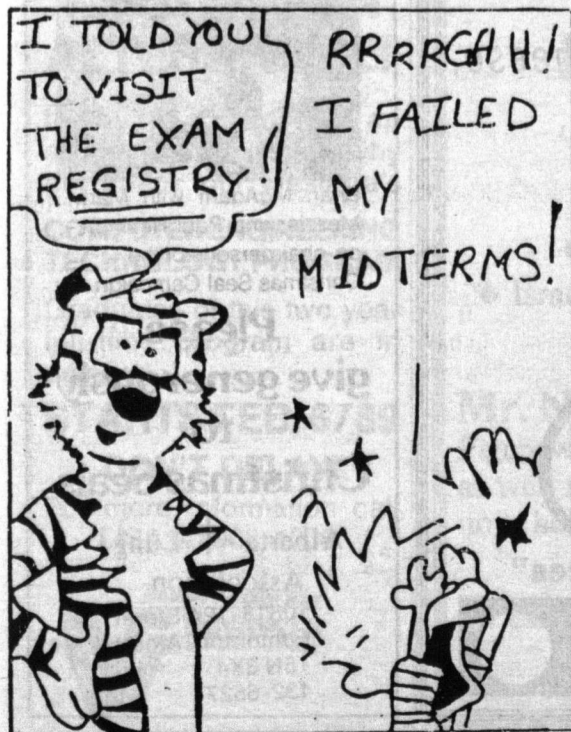
"He'll be in our dreams until the next time we play Alberta," O'Brien said.

Halsey was in Horwood's big four group of recruits from the high schools last season. Bill LaVergne, who is now starting for the Bears, Mike Frisby, who is playing well off the bench, and Rick Stanley, who was the nation's top rookie last season were the others.

Horwood has said in past that the difference between the play of Stanley and the other three last year was confidence. The more court time the young players get, the more they will learn about university basketball and what is expected of them. When the Bears broke training camp with only ten players on their roster, everyone knew that their bench, and these sophomores (Halsey, LaVergne, and Frisby) would have to learn on the job.

Halsey's play on Saturday proved that it can be done.

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