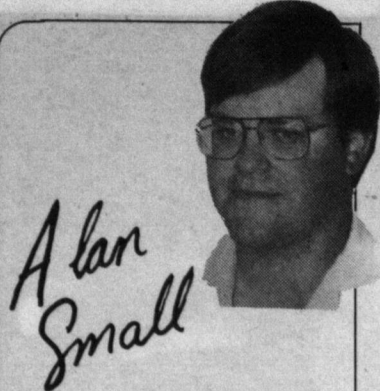


# Sports



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## Bears steal split with Lethbridge

by Alan Small  
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It is interesting to hear all the eastern yaps whining about the fact that there was no eastern representative in the Grey Cup game. Maybe if they decided to put together a team that was worthy of the title, they would have had an eastern representative.

If the eastern franchises wouldn't have said that the folding of the Montreal Alouettes was good for the league, and decided to do something about keeping them afloat, they would have had four eastern teams in the eastern conference, and they would have their eastern representation.

While we're talking about the CFL, commissioner Doug Mitchell, who is leaving his post, has said the CFL would have folded up its tent if it wasn't for his fine and glorious leadership.

It's hard to believe that Doug. The only reason people in Canada have heard of you is because of the CFL. If the CFL wasn't around for guys like Mitchell to screw it up, guys like Mitchell would have more important positions to rise to, like the Senate.

While we're talking about the Senate, it is good to hear that former Hab great Jean Beliveau has turned down Quebec premier Robert Bourassa's invite into the Senate. Despite the fact that Beliveau played for the Canadiens, he still honored hockey and sport with his class during and after his hockey career.

Why should old hockey stars end up stickhandling Tory legislation through one of the most boring halls of our land and be trodden upon and forgotten like all the rest of the senators. The only hallowed halls that greats like Beliveau should be in is the Hall of Fame. And that is where he is.

While we are talking about Tory legislation, it is interesting to note what is going on across the pond at Great Britain. They are fighting a losing battle with soccer hooligans and they are starting new legislation that they hope will stomp it out.

The reason why North American sports don't have hooligan problems like in Europe is the distance between cities. On a given weekend in Division One soccer, four or five games take place in London alone, so when your team is on the road, it doesn't cost much or take long to see your team play.

Everyone knows how Flame fans are abused when they watch them play in Edmonton. What happens in England is more fans watch their team play in hostile stadiums. Since it has been going on for seventy years, it is no wonder that watching soccer is like a powderkeg.

LETHBRIDGE — The Bear basketball team played the final game of their weekend series with the Lethbridge Pronghorns as if they were wounded and survival was the only thing on their minds.

Behind 36-22 with 4:30 left in the first half, the Bears used some Pronghorn miscues to end the half on a 12-2 run. They didn't lose the momentum in the locker room as they outscored Lethbridge 19-8 in the first seven minutes of the second half.

"We had them on the ropes but we let them off with some bad turnovers," said Lethbridge coach Cal O'Brien, "we threw two passes in a row behind people and out of bounds."

The Bears were led by Brian Halsey, who came in for a foul-ridden Ed Joseph. Halsey came up with his best game as a Golden



Bear: a 28 point, five steal performance. Halsey had the hot hand on a Bear club that didn't find their shooting touch in the first half. The Bears didn't hit from the field for the first seven minutes of the contest.

"He played great at both ends of the court," said Bear guard Sean Chursinoff of Halsey.

The Pronghorns nearly came up with some heroics in the late going, however. The lead went back and forth until the :56 second mark when Joseph stuffed Pronghorn center Paul Blaskovits. The Bears took it down the court and

Scott McIntyre scored to put the Bears up 68-67.

After a Dave Youngs steal and three point play, and two foul shots by Chursinoff, Lethbridge guard Ryan Heggie robbed Chursinoff and hit a three point shot with :33 seconds to make the score 73-70.

The Pronghorns had another chance at tying it up with eight seconds remaining, but the time-keeper didn't start the clock and the Pronghorns had to inbound the ball with three seconds and make a three point shot. Heggie was fouled and sunk both free throws to end the game.

Besides Halsey's 28 point effort, McIntyre scored 19 in the finale. The Pronghorns were led by Darren Boras, who scored 16 and Heggie, who scored 15, 13 of them in the second half.

"It shouldn't have been a one pointer," Bear head coach Don Horwood said. "Chursinoff had the ball with 15 seconds to go and we were up by six. We just keep collapsing in the last five minutes."

Horwood wasn't about to throw this win back in the lake like a small fish, however. In the opener, the Pronghorns used the memory of a humiliating 109-72 loss last year, the last time these two teams met, to motivate them.

"They remembered an unmerciful throttling the Bears gave them last year in Edmonton," said O'Brien. "We nearly gave them the game in the first half with our free throw shooting, but they returned the favor in the second half."

Both teams were atrocious from the line on Friday — Alberta missed 14 free throws and Lethbridge was worse — but the 'Horns sunk them late when the game was on the line. The Bears didn't.

"We were disgusting," said Horwood of his team's foul shooting, "you can't miss those and

## Upstart Cougars surprise hockey Bears

by Alan Small

The Golden Bear hockey team was worried about being complacent before they travelled to Regina to face the Cougars. It was that complacency that bit the Bears Saturday as they ended up with a split with the lowly Cougars.

"I've experienced enough not to take any team in our league lightly," Bear head coach Clare Drake said. "We have to learn that if we want to be on top, we have to be a lot more consistent."

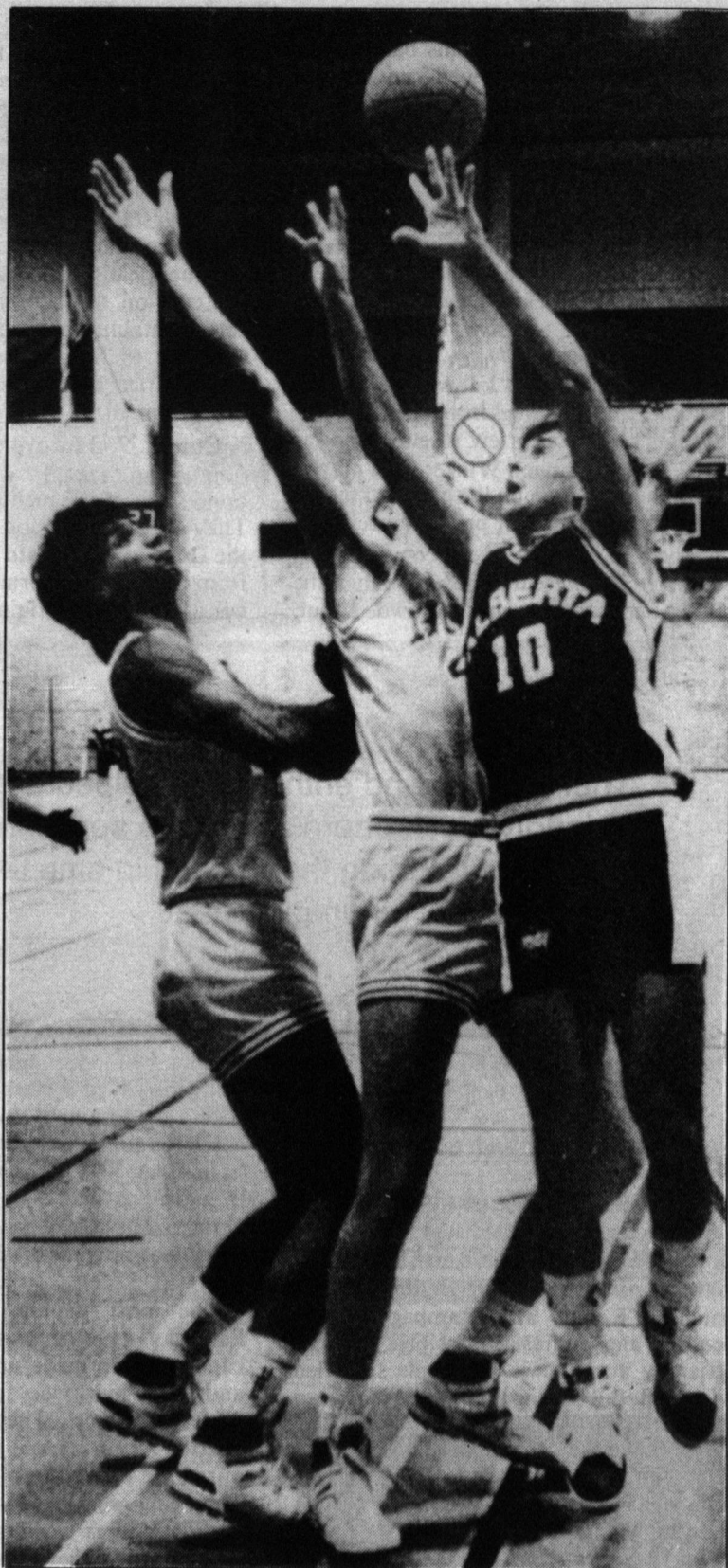
The Bears played well on Friday night, dropping the Cougars 5-3, despite going scoreless on eight tries on the power play.

"Our power play has struggled without Sid (Cranston)," Drake states, "we haven't been able to match up two good sets."

The power play played better on Saturday night, but it alone wasn't good enough as the Cougars were able to sneak a 6-5 overtime victory over the visiting Bears for the second win of the year in twelve tries.

"They really hustled and checked hard. Our guys didn't seem to respond," Drake said, "it was a combination of them being on top of their game while we were below ours."

The Bears were fortunate that the conference leading Calgary



Bear guard Sean Chursinoff (10) shoots a jumper over Lethbridge's Harbir Bains (L) and Darren Boras.

expect to win the close ball games.

"All of our games this year will come down to hitting from the line," Horwood added.

The Bears were also in supreme foul trouble by half time — Bill LaVergne, Joseph, and Youngs all had three fouls on them — which shortened their bench considerably. With 1:36 left, Youngs fouled out, and by game's end, five Bears had at least four fouls.

The led shifted in the first half,

which ended 47-45 in favor of the Golden Bears. The game was in reach for the Bears, but Chursinoff missed the front end of a one-and-one with 19 seconds remaining to kill a late Bear rally.

The Pronghorns were led by Heggie, who scored 21, including six late free throws, and guard Jamie McLellan with 20. Chursinoff and McIntyre led the Bears with 23 and 15 points respectively.

Dinos were swept by the Manitoba Bisons in Winnipeg this weekend by scores of 5-4 and 5-3. Despite the fact the Bears only achieved a split this weekend, they moved two points closer to the U of C.

"We knew that they lost their Friday game before we played on Saturday," Drake said, "if we would have won, we would have been tied for first. I guess it wasn't enough incentive for the guys."

In other games this weekend, UBC split a pair of games with

the Saskatchewan Huskies in Saskatoon, while the hometown Brandon Bobcats defeated the Lethbridge Pronghorns twice by scores of 7-5 and 7-4.

**GOAL POSTS:** A schedule change: the Bears will host the Manitoba Bisons for a pair of games this weekend. Both games start at 7 pm at Varsity Arena... Manitoba is tied with the Bears for second place with 16 points... Only four points separate the top five teams in the Canada West conference.

## Correction

In last Thursday's *The Gateway*, the caption under the karate photo was wrong. Rob Stewart was not disqualified

for his move. He actually received a point for the kick. *The Gateway* apologizes for the error.

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