

# Dave Turner—David in a Goliath's sport

By RON TERNOWAY

He's number 22 in your programs, number one in your hearts, and the only member of the team to get sick on the flight back from Winnipeg last Sunday.

He's the shortest player on the team and one of its clowns. He hasn't had a haircut in months and his mates tease him about his favorite rock group, the "Led Thepplin."

He's Dave Turner, back for his first full season with the basketball Golden Bears.

Dave was called up from the Junior Bearcats last Christmas to fill the gap left when veteran guard Don Melnychuk left school, and has won himself a place on the Bears again this year.

At 5'10" Dave is the shortest member of the team and has resigned himself to the fact. As he astutely put it, "I don't get many rebounds."

And how does one make up for the lack in height? Dave's one word answer was "hustle." And it's the one thing he does best. He is in his own element when on defence and excels in a press game. He gets a lot of steals, including what turned out to be the game saving one against the tough University of Winnipeg Wesmen last weekend.

Dave likes to talk about his "illustrious career" with the Bonnie Doon Lancers and his not-so-good start with the Bears last year.

"Last year I was somewhat awed by the prospect of playing for the Bears, being just out of high school. I wasn't confident and didn't have a good season."

But this year is going to be different. Dave feels he is destined for a solid season. "This year, when I go out on the court, I know that the guys have confidence in me, and it helps to build confidence in myself."

Bear coach Barry Mitchelson agrees with Turner's analysis of himself. "He came up midway through last year and it was tough for him to adjust. I think he is more confident this year and that experience has helped his game."

Mitchelson is also satisfied with the work that Turner has done in

strengthening his weak points. He feels that Dave is an improved shooter and playmaker.

Dave is in second year education, majoring in phys ed, and Mitchelson feels that this, too, has helped his play. "He's got really good court perspective," said Mitchelson. "For most players it is tough just remembering what they are supposed to do and maybe what the guy next to him is supposed to do, but Dave seems to be able to take in what everyone is doing."

Turner made the trip to Waterloo with the team for the Canadian Championship last spring. When asked his impressions, he drew an analogy between his feelings on breaking in at Christmas and the team's attitude in Waterloo.

"We went into the games thinking that the teams we were playing were much better than we were. By the time the game was over, we realized that they weren't, but by then it was too late," he said. "I'm sure our experience there last year will help us this year."

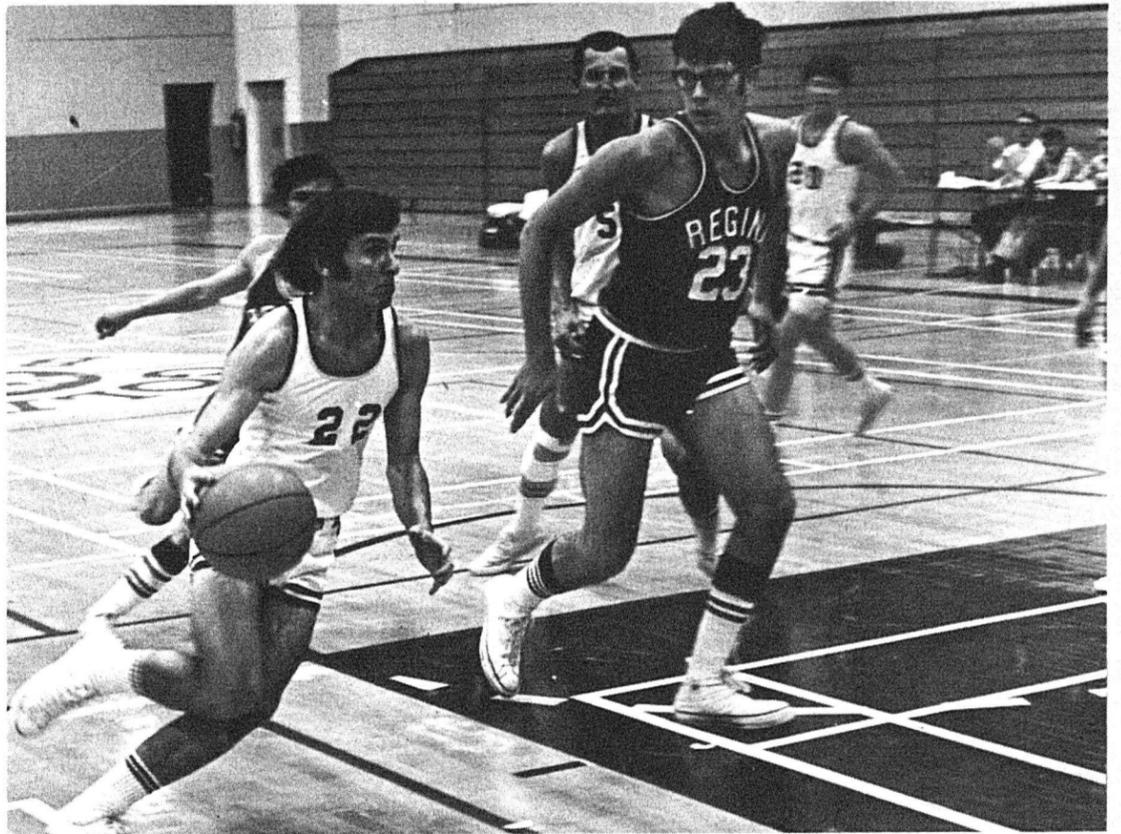
### BEARS ON TOP

Turner and his mates wrapped up their pre-Christmas Western Canada Intercollegiate Basketball League schedule last weekend in Winnipeg with a win and a loss. Bears remain at the top of the league with a 5-1 record.

The Bruins have allowed an average of 63 points a game while scoring 84, and have handed defeats to Lethbridge, Calgary, Regina, Saskatoon and Winnipeg. Their only loss has been to the Manitoba Bisons.

The most notable feature about the Bears in addition to their good record is the fact that they do indeed have a team this year. In six games, five different Bears have been scoring leaders, with forward Dick DeKlerk being the only one to repeat.

The Bruins travel to Montana this weekend for a two game series with the College of Great Falls. Next league action for the hoopsters will be Jan. 8-9 as they take on the highly-ranked UBC Thunderbirds (4-0) and the Victoria Vikings.



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