



Look up, way up.

photo Russ Sampson

# Up, up and away

by Karl Wilberg

The hands of coach Hugh Hoyles best described the volleyball Bears' season. Hoyles started to explain "if you want to look at the season on a graph" then described a sharply-rising curve in the air.

The Bears' rise continued last weekend at the U of S Supervolley meet where the U of A's showing added to their CIAU final third-place success.

In Saskatoon the Bears continued to play the consistent ball they showed at the nationals. In all the Bears placed fifth out of 24 teams and lost only two matches.

Consequently, Hoyle believes the team is "making steady improvement" and "look good to win" the Alberta province senior title. The U of A

will face tough opposition for the title and in particular will have to battle the Calgary Volleyball Club.

The team is playing with more confidence and may be able to even the score with CVC. Hoyles believes the team's improved play is a result of increased confidence. For example, he states, "A month ago Lawrence Sedore's service reception was weak," but Sedore now has more confidence and can receive consistently.

In addition, Hoyles believes the team has "broken a barrier" and now is "not wilting when the going gets tough." Hoyles points out, "Winnipeg had us down 7-2, but the Bears forced Winnipeg Volleyball Club to a 16-14 game."

Certainly the Bears' fifth spot is deceiving. The Bears on

Friday's round beat CVC, the Edmonton Friars and the Saskatoon Cals. Saturday the Alberta squad beat Winnipeg Kildonan and CVC's second team.

Understandably the Bears lost to the National team. Their record put the team into the quarter finals where the Bears lost two close games to WVC. In all, Hoyles seemed pleased and pointed out the Bears were really in fourth because the National team's first place position is not officially recognized.

Unlike other U of A teams the volleyball men have more tournaments in store. In particular the Alberta provincial title is to be decided and this weekend's meet in Calgary will be vital. No doubt the Bears will be aiming to continue their success against CVC.



## Terry Jonestown

WHAT A BIZARRE CHARADE. CTV televised the supposed CIAU hockey final. Too bad the game was over before it started. Deep inside inner Canada the decision had been made. The Bears, ill deserving of the wild card berth, got the nod because Eastern fat cats wanted to pander to our oil-rich province. Reports say leaders of the Eastern conspiracy have gloated gleefully: "Ha, Ha, let them have that crummy lump of tableware just as long as we maintain control of the nation's manufacturing complex." How long will it be before the Oilers mysteriously reach the Stanley Cup playoffs?

A TRUE ALBERTAN SPORT, AND one that displays an athlete's talents. That's right, curling takes precedence as the province's No. 1 participation sport. Why I've known all along Albertans love to drink and throw rocks. Clinical studies show that education students best fit the bill for the curling scene. Loud, mindless, irrational behaviour on the ice seems to parallel the situation in Education. Bless the beasts and the children.

I'M BACK YOU DOGS! You can't keep a good writer down. The news staff discovered I was a contributing editor for Penthouse. My talent, I had decided, could not go unnoticed, so I had contributed my quality prose and imagination to the magazine's letters section. The other Gateway staffers discovered me and decided to RECTify the situation, especially in the face of a STIFFening lack of morals. MySWELL-headedness they said would lead to my being SACKed.

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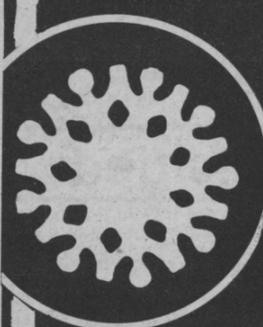
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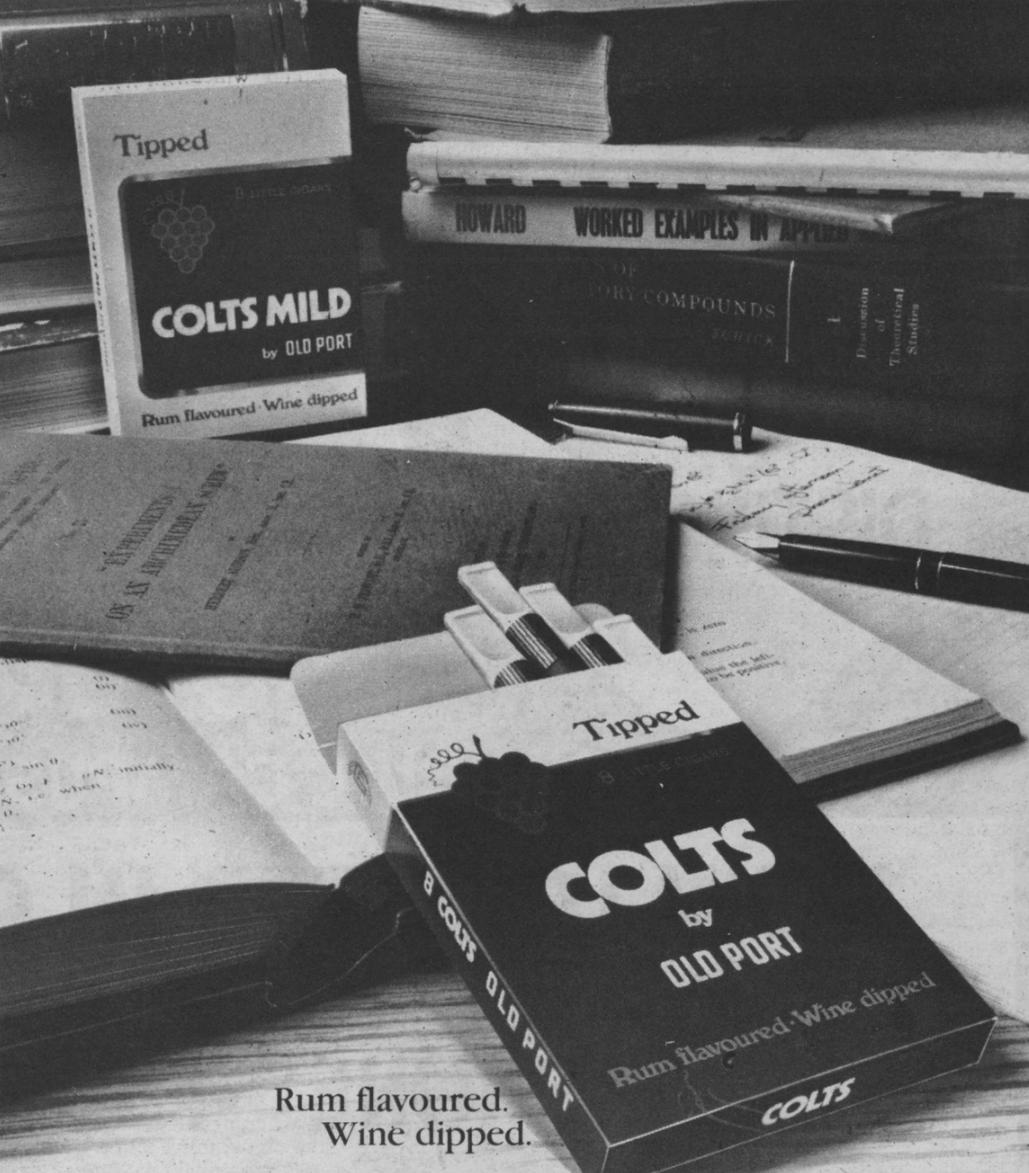


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