



Final 10



FINAL 10 PREVIEW

The University of Saskatchewan Huskies (22-16 overall, 13-7 Canada West) earned a berth in the CIS Men's Basketball Final 10 after finishing in third place at the Canada West Final Four. After winning the Central Division regular season title for the second straight season, Saskatchewan swept Alberta in the division championship. Two weeks ago, the Huskies made their first trip to the conference semi-finals since 1993. Seeded fourth, they met top-seeded UBC in the semi-final of the Canada West Final Four in Vancouver. The Huskies took the Thunderbirds to the wire before coming up just short, 73-72. Saskatchewan went on to meet second-seeded Regina in the third place game, and came out on top 77-69. Seeded No. 9 for the Final 10, the Huskies are making their first appearance at the CIS Championship since 1988, when they finished fifth.

While the last half of the regular season featured some inconsistent play, the Huskies appear to be peaking at the right time. The Huskies have had seven players miss 39 combined games so far this season due to injuries. But the Huskies have been able to practice the past few weeks with everyone close to 100 percent healthy, and their level of play has reflected that. The Huskies have won five of their last seven games.

The Huskies feature a well-balanced offensive attack, with six players averaging 7.9 points a game or more. Another one of Saskatchewan's strengths this season has been defense, as they finished second in Canada West by giving up just 71.6 points per game. The Huskies are 17-2 when holding their opponents under 70 points this season.

First team All-Conference forward Andrew Spagrud leads the Huskies in scoring with 17.9 points per game. Spagrud, a junior, also leads the team in rebounding (7.9 rpg). Junior guard Kyle Grant is second on the team in scoring (11.0 ppg) and leads the squad in assists (3.6 apg) and steals (2.2 spg). Starters Matt Greenberg (9.1 ppg) and Rob Lovelace (9.6 ppg) are also important contributors on the defensive end of the floor. Greenberg was this year's Canada West nominee for the Ken Shields Award.



Rob Lovelace looks for an opening at William & Mary. (A. Veinote)

Final 10 Schedule

All times Atlantic.

Thursday, March 16th

GAME "A": (7) Cape Breton (27-6) vs. (10) Laurier (15-21), 6:00 pm
GAME "B": (8) York (22-14) vs. (9) Saskatchewan (22-16), 8:00 pm

Friday, March 17th - Quarter-Finals

Session #1:

- 9th Place game: Loser "A" vs. Loser "B", 11:00 am
- QF #1: (3) Carleton (29-7) vs. (6) UQAM (11-15), 1:00 pm
- QF #2: Winner "A" vs. (2) UBC (33-4), 3:00 pm

Session #2:

- QF #3: (4) StFX (27-8) vs. (5) McMaster (30-8), 6:00 pm
- QF #4: Winner "B" vs. (1) Victoria (28-11), 8:00 pm (TV: The Score)

Saturday, March 18th - Semi-Finals

Session #1:

- Consolation SF #1: 11:30 am
- Consolation SF #2: 1:30 pm

Session #2:

- Championship SF #1: 6:30 pm (TV: The Score)
- Championship SF #2: 9:00 pm (TV: The Score)

Sunday, March 19th - Finals

- Consolation Final: 1:00 pm
- Championship Game: 4:00 pm (TV: The Score)

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Huskies vs. Opponents at Nationals

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Score (Year)</u>
Carleton	1	1-0	75-74 ('88)
Saint Mary's	1	0-1	60-67 ('82)
St. Francis Xavier	1	0-1	69-72 ('82)
UPEI	1	1-0	96-80 ('88)
Victoria	1	0-1	70-78 ('86)
Western Ontario	2	0-2	71-78 ('86), 78-79 ('88)
York	1	1-0	83-72 ('82)
Totals	8	3-5	

Huskies All-Time Record vs. Final 10 Field

<u>Seed</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Last Meeting</u>
(1) Victoria	20	104	L 91-58 at Victoria (01/14/06)
(2) UBC	42	111	L 73-72 at Vancouver (03/03/06)
(3) Carleton	4	1	W 73-57 at Winnipeg (12/28/89)
(4) St. FX	0	4	L 78-71 (ot) at Antigonish (03/08/85)
(5) McMaster	2	4	L 79-72 at St. John's (10/14/04)
(6) UQAM	1	0	W 89-77 at Winnipeg (12/28/04)
(7) Cape Breton	1	0	W 75-74 at Saskatoon (10/30/97)
(8) York	6	2	L 75-52 at Saskatoon (10/19/00)
(10) Laurier	2	0	W 75-67 at Ottawa (12/28/85)

Huskies on the Road (and in the Air) to Halifax

The Huskies will have traveled 40,732 km this season after they return from Halifax, by far the most in the nation. So far this season they have made trips to play in Moose Jaw, Lloydminster, Brandon (twice), Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Victoria and Vancouver.

The Dogs travels have also taken them to Washington, D.C.; Williamsburg, Norfolk, and Blacksburg on a three-game trip to Virginia; Greensboro, North Carolina; Chicago; Mineapolis and Tampa, Florida.

Halifax Familiar Territory for Jockims

Head coach **Greg Jockims** was a player (fifth-year senior) during the Huskies' last appearance at Nationals (1987-88). The Huskies won the consolation final to finish fifth that year. Jockims also played at the Nationals with the Huskies in 1985-86, when they finished in fourth place.

Jockims previously coached at Cape Breton, winning the conference championship in his first season (1994-95) on the job. Cape Breton was the No. 8-seed at Nationals that year, and upset No. 1-seed Brandon 77-73 before losing to No.4-seed Alberta 88-84 in the semi-final.

Huskies in the Postseason Under Jockims

The Huskies have made the playoffs five of the eight seasons since head coach **Greg Jockims** took over the program, compiling a 6-10 record. The Dogs have won two of six series, advancing to the Central Division Final in 2001-02 over Lethbridge and defeating Alberta in this year's division final.

Saskatchewan Postseason Record Since 1972-73

	<u>App</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Neutral</u>
Sask	12	19-29	9-4	4-16	6-9

Lovelace Brothers Playing in Halifax

Rob Lovelace's brother **Richard Lovelace** played at Nationals for Brandon three times (1997, 1998, 1999). Richard played two years for Saskatchewan before transferring to Brandon, and led the country in three-point percentage as a fifth-year senior.

Lovelace Records 1000th Career Point

Rob Lovelace joined an exclusive club during the Huskies final regular season game against the Calgary Dinos. Lovelace, a fourth-year senior guard, became the 29th Huskie in the program's history to score 1000 career points. He reached the milestone on a free throw with 10:49 to play in the second half. Lovelace finished the game with 14 points, bringing his career total to 1004.

Lamontagne, Spagrud Reach Career Milestones

Sam Lamontagne and **Andrew Spagrud** each reached career milestones during Saskatchewan's Central Division series clinching victory over Alberta last Saturday night.

Lamontagne, a fourth-year senior guard, became the 30th Huskie in the program's history to score 1000 career points. He reached the milestone when he hit the first of two free throws with 4:29 to play in the first half. Lamontagne finished the game with five points, bringing his career total to 1004.

Spagrud, a junior forward, became the fourth Huskie to reach the 2000 career point mark. He hit the milestone on a layup with 4:49 remaining in the first half. He finished the game with 16 points, pushing his career total to 2003. Spagrud is also the fastest Huskie to reach 2000 points, doing it in his 103rd game. Four-time All-Canadian forward **Byron Tokarchuk** was the previous holder of that record, as he reached 2000 points in 107 games. Tokarchuk is the school's all-time leading scorer with 3445 points.

Getting Defensive

The Huskies have held their opponents under 70 points in 19 of their 38 games this season. When the Dogs hold their opponents to 69 or less, they have a record of 17-2. The Huskies are also forcing turnovers and taking care of the ball themselves. Only nine times have the Huskies turned the ball over more in a game than their opponents this season.

Huskies in the Top Ten Rankings

The Huskies were ranked No. 7 in the final NABCC poll which came out March 7th. It was their highest ranking of the season.

Captains Of The Ship

The Huskies have three captains this season. Fifth-year senior **Matt Greenberg**, fourth-year senior guard **Rob Lovelace** and junior guard **Kyle Grant** were appointed team captains this year.

Home Sweet Home

For the second year in a row, every player on the roster is from the province of Saskatchewan. Seven players are graduates of Saskatoon high schools, while five players come from southern Saskatchewan, including three products of Regina high schools.

1981-82 - Sixth place at Nationals



Front Row (L-R): John Festival, John Dewar, John Thoutenhoofd, Clair Campbell, Paul Humbert, Gary Beckie

Back Row (L-R): Ken Schildroth (Assistant Coach), Egon Philips, Mark Ketler, John Degoede, Mark Redekop, Murray Redekop, Mark Peters, Dave Wilson, Guy Vetrie (Head Coach), Todd Lee-Knight (Trainer)

Season Summary

Saskatchewan earned its first berth in the national finals as a wildcard selection after losing the Canada West Final series to Victoria. Head coach Guy Vetrie led the Huskies to their most wins ever in only his third season on the job. The Huskies won the Ironman Classic, and were ranked in the top ten for all but two weeks, holding the No. 7 spot in the final poll on March 8th.

The Huskies won their final nine conference games of the season. The streak began on January 30th on Vancouver Island, as they knocked off powerhouse Victoria 82-80 in overtime. Up until that night, Victoria had won 90 of their last 91 games against Canadian opponents.

Overall Record: 26-16
Conference Record: 14-6 (2nd place)
Home: 12-2 **Away:** 7-7 **Neutral:** 7-7
Head Coach: Guy Vetrie

All-Canadians: Murray Redekop (Second Team)
All-Conference: Murray Redekop (First Team)
 Mark Redekop (Second Team)

Leading Scorers: Mark Redekop (20.3 ppg)
 Murray Redekop (17.6 ppg)
 Mark Ketler (9.0 ppg)
 Paul Humbert (8.0 ppg)

Leading Rebounders: Murray Redekop (10.1 rpg)
 Mark Redekop (7.5 rpg)
 Mark Ketler (6.8 rpg)

National Championships

March 18-20, 1982

Victoria, BC - Memorial Arena

Thursday, March 18 * Quarter-Final
(1) Saint Mary's 67, (8) Saskatchewan 60

Saint Mary's led 36-33 at halftime, but Saskatchewan would come back to take the lead in the second half. SMU took the lead for good as they led 52-51 with eight minutes remaining. Fifth-year senior Mark Redekop led had 29 points to lead Saskatchewan, while Murray Redekop managed to score only four points before fouling out with 3:45 to play. Rob Latter led SMU with 22 points.

Friday, March 19 * Consolation Semi-Final
(8) Saskatchewan 83, (5) York 72

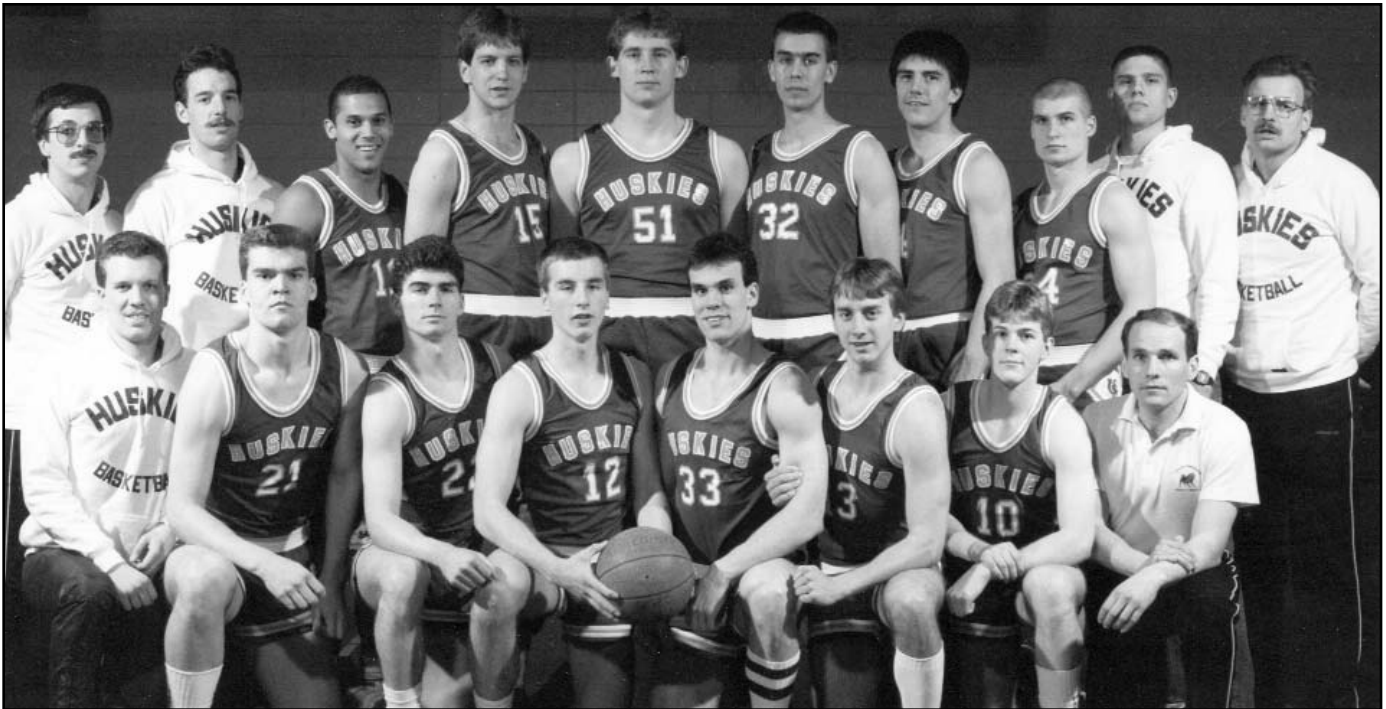
Saskatchewan used some stingy man-to-man defense to knock off York for their first victory at the national championships. Sophomore guard Paul Humbert was given the task of guarding five-time All-Canadian David Coulthard and held him to 23 points, seven below his season average. Fifth-year senior Murray Redekop scored 27 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for the Huskies. Brother Mark Redekop added 19 points while Mark Ketler had 12 points and grabbed 13 boards. The Huskies led 38-30 at halftime.

Saturday, March 20 * Consolation Final
(7) St. Francis Xavier 72, (8) Saskatchewan 69

The Huskies led by nine midway through the second half, but they got into foul trouble. Mark Redekop fouled out with 4:45 to play, and it was the last time the Huskies held the lead. Their inability to hit free throws down the stretch eventually cost them, as the X-Men came back to win by three.

Mark Redekop was named to the All-Tournament team.

1985-86 - Fourth place at Nationals



Front Row (L-R): Dave Pekush (Manager), Tim Conlin, John Dewar, Greg Jockims, Kirk Jones, David Karwacki, Ken Ostertag, Peter Friesen (Trainer)

Back Row (L-R): Guy Vetrie (Head Coach), Paul Humbert (Assistant Coach), John Cleland, Mark Peters, Byron Tokarchuk, Sheldon Ryma, Rob Regnier, Rob Cherneski, Dean Lavoie, Bob Weenk (Assistant Coach)

Season Summary

The Huskies made their second appearance in the National championships after winning the Midwest Regional in Saskatoon. The Huskies were seeded 12th going into the tournament, but defeated No. 10-seed Dalhousie 67-64 in the semi-final, before upsetting No. 1-seed Manitoba 72-59 in the regional final. Sheldon Ryma and Byron Tokarchuk were named to the regional All-Tournament team.

The Huskies were ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation in early December. But inconsistency during the conference schedule saw them slip to the No. 10 spot in the final poll on February 24th.

Saskatchewan won the prestigious Golden Bear Invitational for the first time, beating host Alberta 79-74 in the championship game. In the conference semi-final, the Huskies won at No. 2-ranked Victoria 78-76 to earn a berth in the Canada West Final. The Dogs lost the final at Lethbridge 86-76.

Overall Record: 20-19
Conference Record: 4-6 (4th place)
Home: 9-6 **Away:** 6-9 **Neutral:** 5-4
Head Coach: Guy Vetrie

All-Canadians: Byron Tokarchuk (First Team)
All-Conference: Byron Tokarchuk (Second Team)

Leading Scorers: Byron Tokarchuk (20.2 ppg)
 Kirk Jones (13.1 ppg)
 John Cleland (11.1 ppg)
 Greg Jockims (9.9 ppg)

Leading Rebounders: Byron Tokarchuk (10.5 rpg)
 Kirk Jones (5.3 rpg)

National Championships

March 14 & 15, 1986
Halifax, NS - Metro Centre

Friday, March 14 * Semi-Final
(2) Victoria 78, (12) Saskatchewan 70

Saskatchewan met conference rival Victoria in one semi-final. Victoria led 38-27 at halftime, and pushed that lead to 22 six minutes into the second half to earn a chance at winning their seventh straight national championship. The Huskies shot 33.3 percent (27-81) for the game, and played without point guard John Cleland who was out with a fractured left foot. Byron Tokarchuk led the Huskies with 21 points, while Greg Jockims added 19. Kirk Jones had 13 points as well. Shawn Kalinovitch led Victoria with 23 points, while Lloyd Scrubb and Cord Clemens had 12 points apiece.

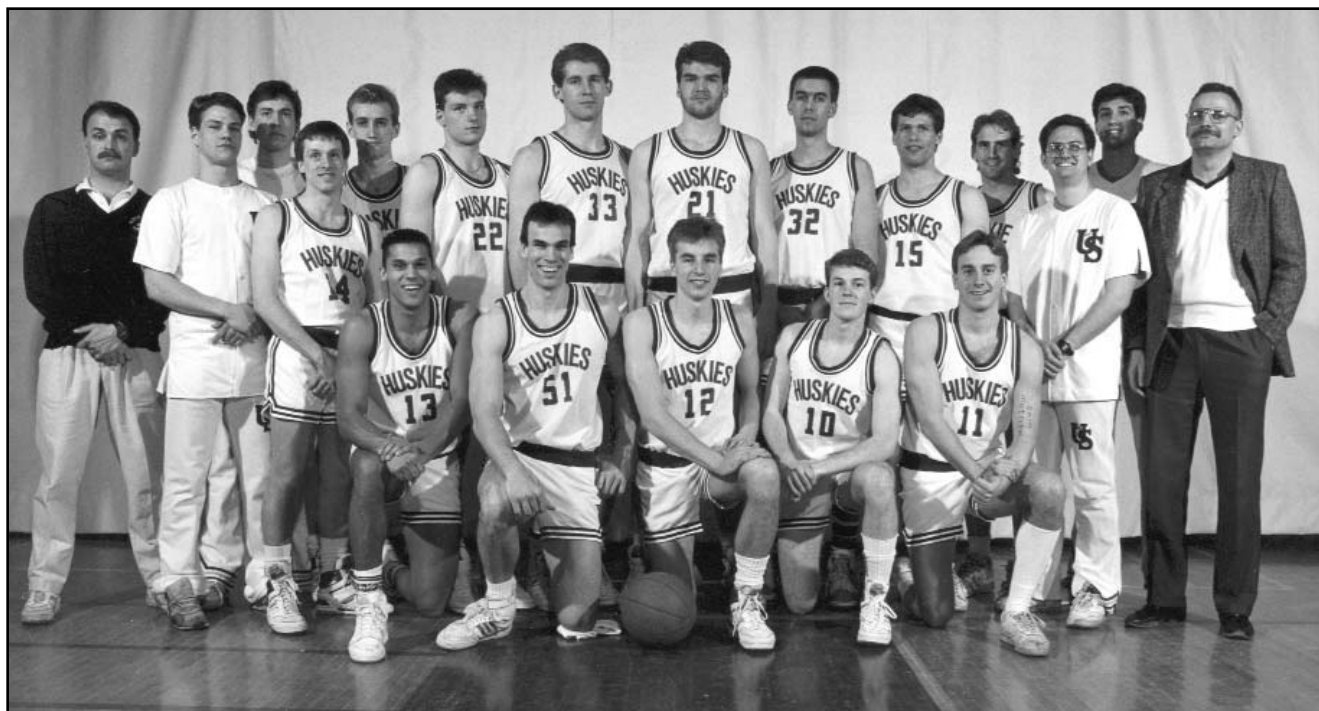
Victoria (78) - Kalinovitch 23, Clemens 12, Scrubb 12, Sheehan 9, Steel 6, Kreke 4, Taylor 4, Drovky 2, Loukes 2, Newman 2, Pasquale 2,
Saskatchewan (70) - Tokarchuk 21, Jockims 19, Jones 13, Karwacki 8, Dewar 6, Ryma 2, Peters 1

Saturday, March 15 * Consolation Final
(11) Western Ontario 78, (12) Saskatchewan 71

Saskatchewan shot just over 40 percent from the field as they were defeated by Western Ontario. The game featured 23 lead changes, but UWO took the lead for good with four minutes left when they went on a 7-0 run to lead by six. Byron Tokarchuk led the Huskies with 20 points. Greg Jockims and Mark Peters added 14 and 11 points respectively. Jamie Ziegel led the Mustangs with 15 points, while Greg Moore added 11.

Western Ontario (78) - Ziegel 15, Moore 11, Cavender 10, Mikhail 10, Armstrong 8, Vandebovenkamp 8, Thompson 6, Petter 7, Fedak 2, Hurst 1
Saskatchewan (71) - Tokarchuk 20, Jockims 14, Peters 11, Jones 10, Dewar 6, Ryma 6, Conlin 2, Karwacki 2

1987-88 - Fifth place at Nationals



Front Row (L-R): John Cleland, Kirk Jones, Greg Jockims, Ken Ostertag, David Karwacki

Back Row (L-R): Mark Rosin (Trainer), Rob Blais, Darrin Rask, Dwayne Heidt, Matt McCullough, Blair Garneau, Byron Tokarchuk, Tim Conlin, Sheldon Ryma, Doug Prokop, Kevin Shockey, Kent Holoboff (Manager), Andy Stepaniuk, Bob Weenk (Assistant Coach)

Season Summary

Saskatchewan set a new school record for victories in a season with 27, and made it to the Canada West final. The Huskies lost the conference final series two games to one at Victoria. But the Dogs earned a wildcard berth to Nationals. The Huskies were ranked No. 1 in the nation for two weeks in November, the first time they've ever held the top spot, and finished ranked No. 4 in the final poll on March 2nd.

The Huskies started off the season with 10 straight victories, and won 14 of their first 15. Along the way they captured the titles at the Ironman Classic and Bison Invitational. Before Nationals, the Dogs played four straight weekends on the west coast. They dropped their final four conference games at UBC and at Victoria, before defeating UBC two straight games in the conference semi-final series and then going to Victoria for the final.

Overall Record: 27-12
Conference Record: 12-8 (3rd place)
Home: 12-2 **Away:** 10-8 **Neutral:** 5-2
Head Coach: Guy Vetric

All-Canadians: Byron Tokarchuk (First Team)
Conference POY: Byron Tokarchuk
Conference COY: Guy Vetric
All-Conference: Byron Tokarchuk (First Team)
 John Cleland (Second Team)
 David Karwacki (Second Team)

Leading Scorers: Byron Tokarchuk (23.5 ppg)
 David Karwacki (13.2 ppg)
 Kirk Jones (12.3 ppg)
 John Cleland (11.6 ppg)
 Greg Jockims (10.4 ppg)

Leading Rebounders: Byron Tokarchuk (9.6 rpg)
 Sheldon Ryma (4.3 rpg)
 Kirk Jones (4.2 rpg)

National Championships March 11-13, 1988 Halifax, NS - Metro Centre

Friday, March 11 * Quarter-Final
(4) Western Ontario 79, (5) Saskatchewan 78

John Giles hit a baseline shot with seven seconds left to lift Western Ontario to a one-point victory over Saskatchewan. After being tied at 40 at halftime, the Huskies led by 11 with six minutes left in the game. But they scored only one field goal in the final three minutes, as UWO came back to win. Huskie guard David Karwacki hit a tournament record eight three-pointers and scored 26 points. Greg Jockims scored 15 points and Byron Tokarchuk added 14. Tokarchuk had a team-high nine rebounds. Terry Thompson led UWO with 20.

Saturday, March 12 * Consolation Semi-Final
(5) Saskatchewan 75, (8) Carleton 74

Saskatchewan trailed 45-36 at the break, but outscored Carleton 39-29 in the final frame. Carleton's Stephan Barton missed a shot at the buzzer, and Saskatchewan escaped with a one-point victory. Byron Tokarchuk led the Huskies with 18 points and 20 rebounds, while David Karwacki added 15 points. John Cleland and Greg Jockims scored 14 and 13 points respectively. Roger Piovesan led Carleton with 17 points.

Sunday, March 13 * Consolation Final
(5) Saskatchewan 96, (7) UPEI 80

The Huskies led 47-45 at the half, and went on to defeat the Panthers by 16. Byron Tokarchuk scored 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Saskatchewan in his last college game. Kirk Jones had 14 points, while Sheldon Ryma and David Karwacki had 12 each. Karwacki finished the tournament 15-25 from beyond the arc. Peter Gordon had 23 points to lead UPEI.