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THROW YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR Alberta centre Richard Bates (25) attempts to block a shot during Alberta's opening-round loss to Carleton.

Reffing an issue in loss to Ravens

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Though Horwood said that he didn't blame his team's loss on the officiating, he wasn't impressed with it either. In particular, he was upset at a missed call on what he thought to be a deliberate technical foul by Ravens star and CIS Player of the Year Aaron Doornekamp in the waning moments of the game.

With 1:18 left to play and the Bears down ten points, Richard Bates dunked on Raven Ryan Bell, and was fouled by Bell in the process. But Horwood claimed that Doornekamp slammed the ball into the backboard on the play—a textbook technical. Had it been called, Alberta would have been given an additional two free throws and possession. Instead, the officials called a technical on the Alberta bench.

"It's little things, and I know that when two people collide sometimes things can go either way, but the one that bothered me the most was the one that was clear, when Doornekamp punched a ball up against the backstop," he said. "That's two shots for us and the ball on the side in a close

ball game. Obviously, they chose not to call it, and that shouldn't be a choice—that's in the rulebook."

Regardless, Horwood emphasized that Carleton earned the win.

"They're deserving of the victory, so I don't want to take anything away from them," he said. "They're a tough team, they're tough defensively, and they're tough on the boards. That's the stuff that beats you: the grinding. They just grind it out and beat you to the rebounds and beat you to the loose balls."

He also gave his team credit for keeping up with the Ravens.

"I thought our guys battled; they did everything they could," he said. "I was very happy with the way they battled. I was very disappointed to lose, but by the same token, I think we did all we could."

"We definitely had our chances, even with everything that happened, with free-throws and fouls, we still were in the game until the very end," Aleksic agreed. "With two and half minutes left, we were only down by seven—you can't really ask for

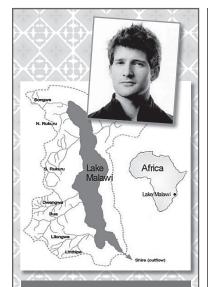
anything more, with the things that were going against us."

Though Alberta wasn't able to keep the score even on Friday night, their effort level against the Ravens was high. The same cannot be said for their Saturday game against Laval, however.

"I think basically playing in the consolation round is not a happy experience for anybody, and I thought [Laval] wanted it more, and they played harder," Horwood said. "They worked harder, and I thought there were moments in the game where some of our guys seemed a little disinterested.

That wasn't an entirely unknown experience for the Bears this season, Horwood admitted.

"To be totally, brutally honest about it, that's what we've battled all year long. I think some of our players have a habit of not working hard all the time," he said. "If they didn't think the game was all that important, or for whatever reason in their own minds it wasn't that important, then their habit is not to work hard enough. And I think there were a number of situations where that happened tonight."



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