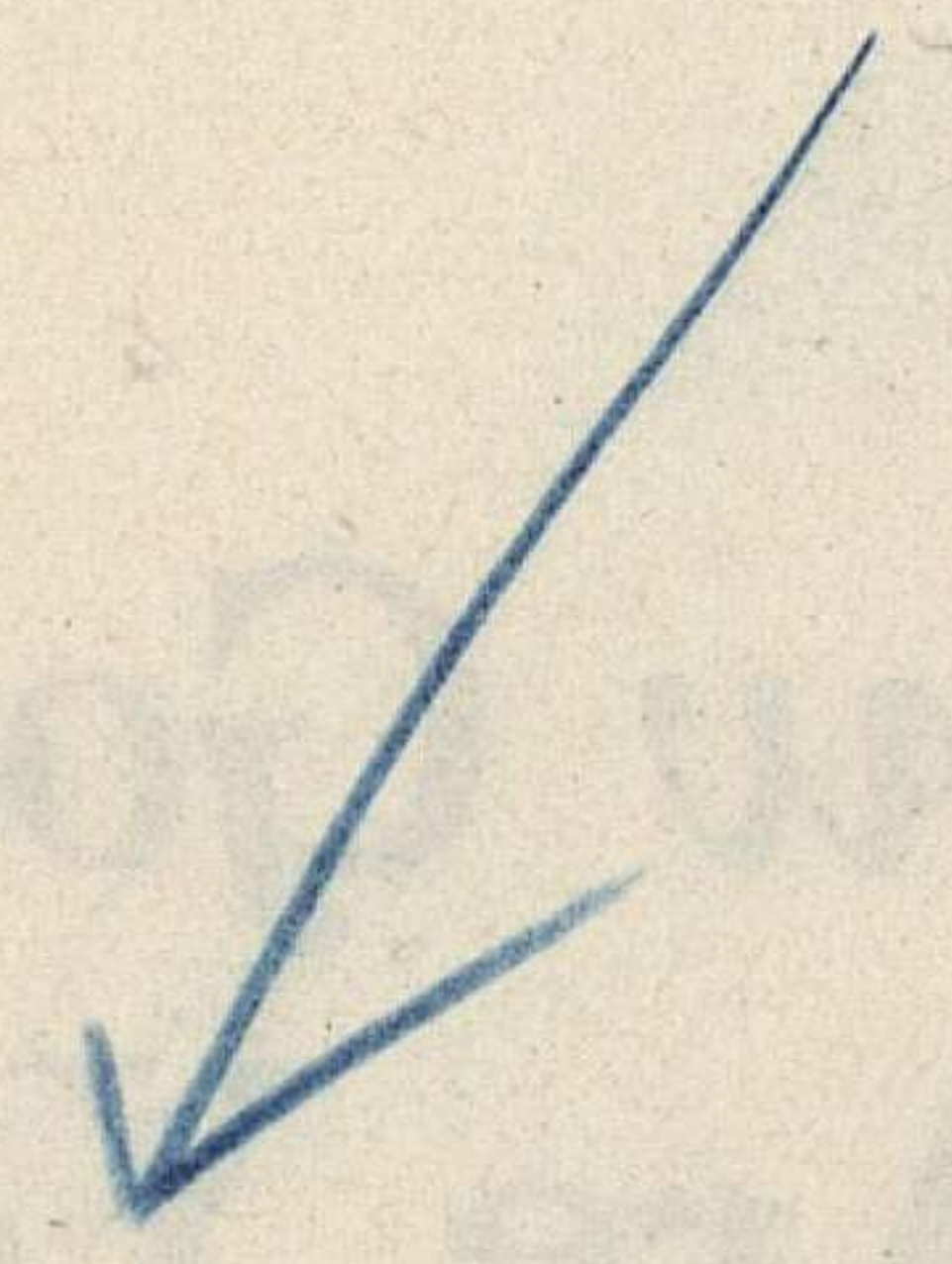


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**"YOU  
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LOSE"**

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*Edmonton's Percy Page has written basketball history with those three words in the last quarter century. What's his success formula?*

**E**DMONTON, ALBERTA, in en fête! The occasion is the departure for Europe of the Edmonton Commercial Grads. Thousands of fans throng the station as the dainty, diminutive world's champion basketballers make ready to board the train.

Cheers pour from throats not yet comfortable after similar prolonged outbursts a short time ago when, battling with every ounce of skill they possessed, the Grads smashed through to their 417th win in 431 official games played in defense of their many championship titles.

A flash back to the Edmonton Arena: May 30. A hot night—atmospherically and dynamically hot! The Grads are facing what threatens to be a second straight defeat in their series against the stellar Eldorado Lion-Oilers for the International title and the Underwood trophy, which the Grads have won and held for thirteen years.

Fans are reaching for the smelling salts. There is but a scant moment of playing time left and the Grads are down

