

West Edmonton Bears

by Eddie Short

The successful cloning of Jeff Franchise has saved the Golden Bear football team from a fate worse than ring-around-the-jock-strap; Vegreville.

Earlier in the year, the Department of Athletics had sold the Bears football club to Vegreville because of poor fan support on the U of A campus. The Perogydome appeared to be their destiny.

However, the Ghermezian Bros. were successful in their take-over bid of the Bears. In exchange for the Bears, Vegrevilleans were offered a weekend pass to Fantasyland along with an autographed copy of Eva Penzeri's book, *My Life as a Team-Junkie; A True Story*.

Greed, the enticement of travel and the opportunity for cultural enrichment won over loyalty.

The Bears however, will not be returning to Varsity Stadium.

At a press conference held earlier today, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto, public relations manager Eva Penzeri announced that based on the strength of the Franchise sextuplets, the West Edmonton Golden Bears will be the newest addition to the Canadian Football League as of the 1985-86 season. Miss Penzeri's appointment was also made public.

Miss Penzeri also revealed that Phase Three: West Edmonton Paradise is actually Phase Four: Fantasy Stadium. West Edmonton Paradise will be completed in September of 1986. Fantasy Stadium will be in operation by the start of the 1985-86 season. Miss Penzeri explains:

"Fantasy Stadium is a beautiful complex. It has an elitist seating capacity of 15,000, with exclusive season ticket permit holders only. The 10 game package is selling for a mere \$16,969.69 per seat. Our intention is to keep the riff-raff out. It is truly an exclusive club. It can be compared to attending the opera, the ballet, any social function where anyone who is anyone must be seen."

"The price includes: limousine service to and from the games; fur storage; a television monitor per swivel soft leather seat; plush white carpeting throughout (exception is the playing field; unfortunately CFL rules still apply); a waiter per aisle; an extensive menu selection;

complimentary martinis; the electronic wave (your seat moves so you don't have to); electronic cheering, options include: Bravo, Bravo; Encore, Encore; and/or clapping; marble rest rooms; a game briefing for those who missed it, admiring their neighbours latest Oscar de la Renta fashions... There are just so many wonderful, accommodating features, that I could on and on. For example, another feature includes 24 karat gold goal posts.

"To be trite, it has to be seen to be appreciated. Unfortunately, for the majority of people Fantasy Stadium will remain just that, a fantasy. As of 12 noon today we have sold exclusive rights to all 15,000 seats. An additional entry fee of \$69.69 will be charged per game. All levels of Canadian government have granted permanent tax concessions to the Fantasy Stadium conglomerate. Penzeri and company will be offering daily tours of Fantasy Stadium for the underprivileged.

Miss Penzeri's other duties include recruitment, fashion design, and entertainment of visiting teams.

"The entertainment of visiting teams will certainly keep me busy during the football season. In the off-season, I am looking forward to working with Calvin Klein. Each season will see the West Edmonton Golden Bears sporting the latest in designer adhesive wrap. Believe me, even I won't be able to get between them and their Calvins.

"The recruitment of players is what I relish the most. I am pleased to announce the signing of Doug Flutie, Steve Young, Warren Moon, Herschel Walker, Joe Cribbs, Mike Rozier, Lawrence Taylor and Wayne Gretzky.

I pay no attention to position (not entirely true) their salary is the determining factor. Triple Five has agreed to double their present salaries. The lowest paid athlete made \$1.75 million last year."

But Miss Penzeri, Wayne Gretzky is a hockey star.

"I don't mind and neither does he. You see he doesn't wear Calvins.

Glen Sather has been signed on as General Manager and the present Golden Bear coaching staff has been retained to lead the West Edmonton Golden Bears to their first Grey Cup victory.



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