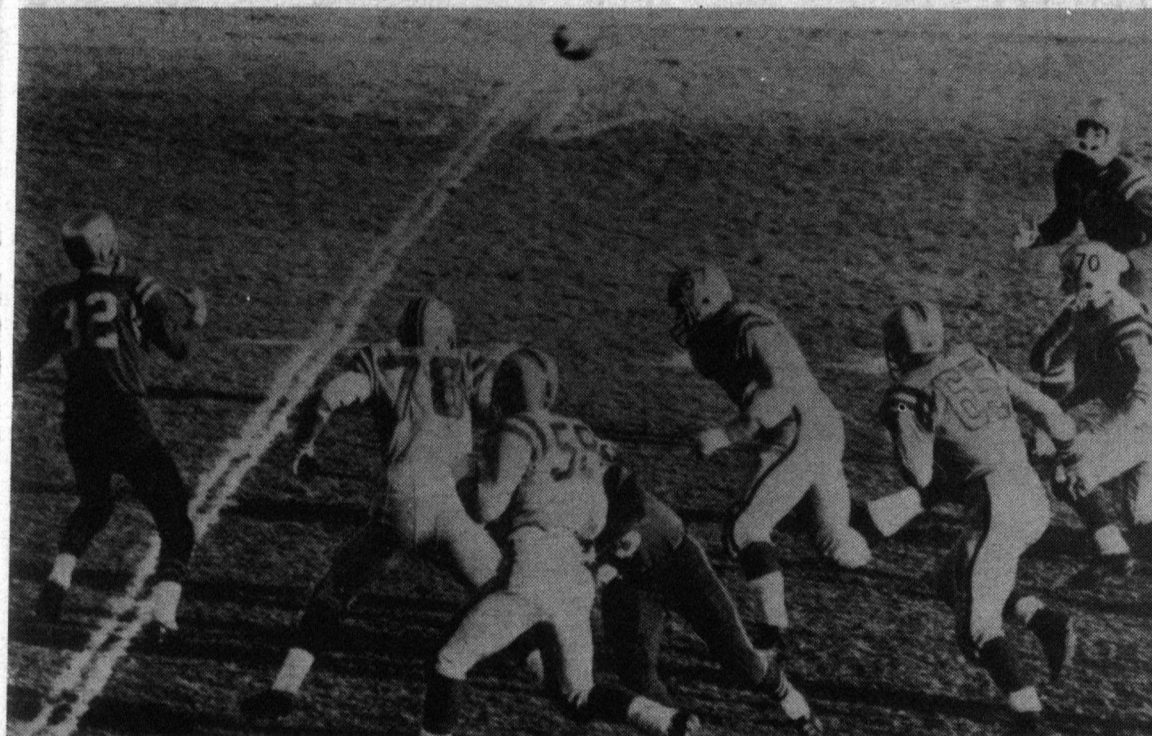




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1916-17 "ladies" hockey team.



Garry Smith (32) throws a screen pass to Ken Neilson (26). The pass was complete and the Bears went on to win the championship over Queens in 1963. Dr. Smith is now Director of Athletic Services. Neilson is a dentist in Winnipeg; he won the CFL Schenley Award in 1968.

Meteors Nick Bears 52-44 In Cage Duel

Macrae, Stockwell Pace Bears With 11

By Pete Lougheed

Note: Besides playing football for the Golden Bears, Peter Lougheed covered the U of A men's basketball team. Lougheed opted for law school and later to a political career. This article appeared on January 18, 1949.

The city cage kings, the Waterloo Meteors, outshot but did not outfight the Golden Bears in a thrilling see-saw hoop battle at the Varsity Gym Friday evening. The final score was 52-44 for the rampaging Meteors, with the more accurate shooting of the winners spelling the difference.

But there could be no argument that the Bears were a vastly improved hoop machine which, after it tastes the toughness of Yankee competition this weekend, should make things even hotter for the Waterloo smoothies.

The Meteors lived up to expectations with a basket-happy crew of cage artists. Big Gord Pearce, current scoring leader in the city circuit, paced the attack of the victors with 16 points, garnered mainly through some beautiful faking under the basket. Close behind Pearce and arousing the imagination of the crowd, was colored forward Hobart Clark from Cedar Rapids, in Iowa.

The dusk ace caught fire with his long left-handed effort from side court, to collect ten digits. Steve Mendryk, John Higgins and the speedy ex-Bear Bob Strother also impressed the gathering.

As to the Bears... there was little comparison with their opening exhibition against the RCMP. The return of Evan Erickson to the fold seemed to inspire the collegians, who fought hard for every break and cashed in on many of them.

The fiery Erickson turned in a brilliant game as did rangy Jim Macrae, who sparked the losers with his sterling defensive play. Macrae tied Dunc Stockwell for the Bear scoring honors with 11 points. Gord McLachlan also turned in a fine game until he was waved aside via the five-foul route.

The Varsity quintet started strongly, but the Meteors came to life and with seconds left at the half, they were tied 26-26. Then Stockwell

sank a tremendous set shot just as the whistle sounded to leave Bears out front at the half.

Both teams tightened up a little as play resumed, and Macrae, who was deadly in the first half, couldn't find the basket in the second session. The Waterloo outfit caught fire though in the late stages of the tilt, and the Bear reserves didn't seem to be able to cope with their sharpshooting opponents.

Sideline Slants

The Varsity loss could be attributed to a lack of suitable reserve strength, plus insufficient smoothness around the hoop. But when it comes to being ball-hawks the Goldies can't be denied... One of the highlights of the contest was the extraordinary number of free throws missed by both teams... Bill Price was conspicuous by his absence... "Rabbit" Erickson definitely proved a spark in the Golden Bear lineup and seemed "Johnny-on-the-spot" on more than one occasion... The Bruins appeared the better-coached aggregation and the odd screen play worked with infinite precision... Feelings at times ran high, but at no point were officials Tomick and McClocklin in difficulty... A Varsity crowd was finally aroused from an apathetic dreamland.

Lineups
 METEORS—Pearce 16, Blue 3, Higgin 7, Mendryk 8, Malkewich, Kimball 4, Cossey, Strother 4, Clark 10. Total 52.
 VARSITY — Erickson 10, Chinneck, Stockwell 11, McLachlan 8, Macrae 11, Barnes 2, Williams 1, Anderson, Steed 1. Total 44.
 Officials — Ed Tomick and Tommy McClocklin.

Drake's meteoric rise

Note: Clare Drake's first win as the Golden Bears hockey coach came on January 21, 1956. This article, dated October 21, 1955, marks the appointment of Drake to the position. Drake now has 499 career victories and could get his 500th this Friday, exactly 27 years later.

by Gene Falkenberg

Clare Drake, a product of the Regina Pats hockey team, has been named coach of the University Golden Bears. In a recent announcement UAB officials gave Drake the generalship for the 1955-56 hockey season.

Drake's hockey career has had notable highlights. In 1949, after completing his service with the Regina Pats, Clare Drake entered the University of British Columbia and there played for three years with the Thunderbirds.

In 1951, after graduating from UBC with a physical education degree, Clare switched his hockey allegiance to the U of A Golden Bears, for whom he starred throughout the 53-54 season.

Last year, Drake's hockey talents paved his way to Germany, where he served as coach for the Dusseldorf Eslauf Gemeinschaft hockey club. Drake directed his club to a divisional championship in the German National league, losing out only in the play-offs. Throughout regular season play the Dusseldorf team won 31 games and lost 11.

While world championships were being held in Dusseldorf, Drake doubled as scout for the Penticton V's as he played on the all-star team against the world hockey champs.

At present he is teaching physical education at Scona Com-

posite high and coaching football there.

From star player to coach in two years! If Drake's almost meteoric rise in hockey serves to illustrate his ability the Bears should do well by their new coach!

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