

Sports Featurette

Coaches Secret To Bear Success



GINO FRACAS WITH ASSISTANTS FRANK MORRIS AND CLARE DRAKE

Who is the person most largely responsible for the success of the 1963 Golden Bears?

Clarence Kachman, Garry Smith, Ken Neilsen, Willie Al-gajer?

They have all been part of the contributing factors, but who coordinated their efforts to blend with the excellent blocking and defensive brilliance displayed by other members of this championship team?

Let's look at it from the point of view; if this team were a losing one instead of an undefeated one, who would bear the brunt of the criticisms? None other than the head coach, naturally. Therefore, it is only reasonable that since the Golden Bears are a successful team, he should also receive a major share of the plaudits.

This man is Gino Fracas.

MADE PRESENCE FELT

Born in Windsor, Ontario, Fracas lived in the east until 1955. Upon attending the University of Western Ontario, he soon made his presence felt throughout the entire east. During his four years at Western, Fracas starred at halfback, fullback and corner-linebacker, as well as placekicker for the Mustangs.

He was selected for the league all star team in both his second and third years, won the league scoring championship twice, and in his final year was selected the most valuable Mustang by his fellow players.

In 1955 Gino was grabbed by the Edmonton Eskimos as a fullback, but was soon converted to interior linebacker—mainly due to the existence of Normie Kwong and Johnny Bright. During his eight seasons with the Esks Fracas' most honored moment occurred in 1961 when he won the Joe Clark Memorial Trophy. It was also in 1961 that his analytic talents were also recognized, as he was selected defensive captain—a position which he held through to his retirement this year.

COACHED AT ST MARY'S

Fracas received his first coaching position at St. Mary's High School in Edmonton as football and basketball coach of the senior Angels in 1956.

After four seasons at St. Mary's he joined the U of A physical education staff. Immediately he assumed the positions of wrestling coach and staff director of the intramural sports program. Last year under his guid-

ance the wrestling team won the Western Canadian Championship.

Coach Fracas states that both line coaches Frankie Morris and Clare Drake are as responsible as anyone for the success of the Bears this year. He refuses to refer to them as assistant coaches but only as co-coaches and has nothing but praise and bouquets for both of them.

In his rookie year as coach Fracas exclaims that he is proud to be associated with the Bears because they are "fine gentlemen and eager football players." His brief analysis of the team—"They are enthusiastic boys, who hit and tackle hard and can really produce."

He expects Queen's to feel the same way tomorrow.

**U of A GOLDEN BEARS**  
vs  
**EDMONTON OIL KINGS**

at  
**Varsity Arena**  
on  
**MONDAY, NOV. 18**

**Note:**  
First exhibition game with Oil Kings this year.

Hoopsters Start Season On Winning Note, Upset Touring Harlem Stars 66-60

Saturday: Bears 66 Stars 60  
Monday: Bears 55 Stars 72

Golden Bears came up with one win and one loss in the weekend series with the Harlem Stars.

Before 880 fans, Saturday, Bears put forth a fine team effort to defeat the Stars 66-60. It was a come-from-behind win and was the first for the Bears in the annual series since 1953.

Stars led 30-24 after the first half and maintained their lead for most of the second half. Bears, with a great offensive attack, tied the score at 60-60 with 1 minute 34 seconds remaining in the game. In the final seconds they scored three times and held the hard pressing Stars scoreless.

Top scorer for the Bears was Doug Krenz with 16 points and a 61.3 per cent field goal average. Doug Hayes came up with ten points as did John Hennessey. Play-maker Jim Fisher scored nine points. Only two Bears failed to add to the scoreboard.

**BUIE TOP SCORER**

One-armed Boie Buie picked up 17 points as top scorer for the Stars.

Nestor Korchinsky came up with his usual display under the basket to grab nine rebounds. John Hennessey followed him with eight.

Monday's game saw the Bears falter as Stars quickly took a 20 point lead and maintained it throughout the entire game. The final score was 72-55.

The hard press used by the Bears

on Saturday broke down as the Stars intercepted poorly thrown passes and converted them into points. The Golden hoopsters did not display the well executed plays that led to their win Saturday nor was their individual play up to par.

**BEARS "STAR" STRUCK**

Coach Jim Munro blamed the loss on Saturday's win, in that the Bears came out for the second game with "stars in their eyes."

John Hennessey was the top point-getter Monday with ten points followed by Doug Krenz with nine and

Fred Shandro with eight.

One bright spot for the Bears Monday night was the fine work of Don Melenchuk. Setting up numerous plays on offence as well as being defensively solid, he stood out amidst the generally loose play that characterized the game.

The Harlem Stars were an improved team from Saturday, particularly on defense. Bears seldom got a shot from under the basket.

Exam week contributed to the poor attendance of only 250 fans for the second game.

Golden Bowl Activities

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

- 8:00 a.m.—Queen's Gaels arrive at Municipal Airport.
- 8:30 p.m.—Golden Bowl Bounce at Ed Gym.
- 9:30 p.m.—Players will be introduced.
- 10:45 p.m.—Queen will be crowned by Don Brinton.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

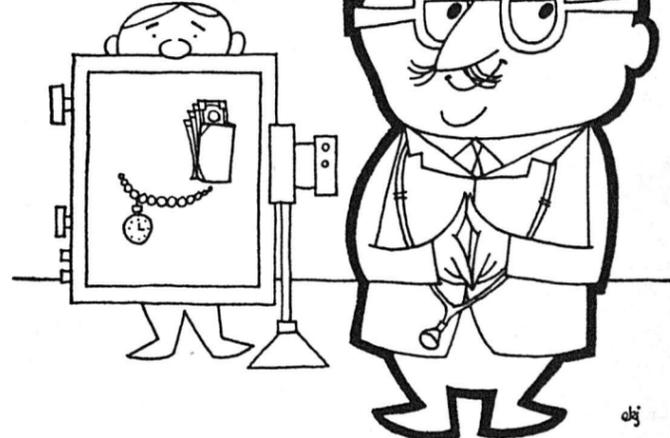
- 11:30 a.m.—Parade assembly—Queen, Dignitaries, Bands, Buses, Floats, Cheerleaders.
- 12:45 p.m.—Parade starts.
- 2:00 p.m.—Game Starts. Official Kickoff by Lieutenant-Governor.
- ½time—PPCLI Band and Mixed Chorus.
- End—Presentation of Lieutenant Governor Trophy.
- Victory parade—queens, cheerleaders, floats, masses.
- Open House at all fraternities.
- 6:30 p.m.—Banquet for both teams at the Royal Glenora Club (Stag).
- 9:00 p.m.—Bromo Ball with Saratogas in the Education gym. Admission \$1.25 per couple and .75 stag.



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