

BEARS DEFEND CROWN

By Alex Hardy

The champions go on trial Saturday afternoon.

The "champions" are Gino Fracas and his University of Alberta Golden Bears.

Gino and his garrison, in case you hadn't heard, are recognized in most quarters as the kings of Canadian intercollegiate football after tarring and feathering Queen's University Golden Gaels 25-7 in last November's Golden Bowl.

FIRST DEFENSE

Saturday they make the first defense of their crown.

The challengers are University of Toronto Varsity Blues, a veteran-laden aggregation from Canada's No. 1 college shoeball conference, the swift Ontario Athletic Association. Kickoff time is 2:00 p.m.

Toronto finished dead last in 1963, as Queen's swept undefeated to the league title.

WHITE OPTIMISTIC

But 1964 is another year, and head coach Dalt White hopes this is the season his title dreams are fulfilled. Blues opened with a bang last weekend, whipping University of Western Ontario, 21-10.

If his ambitions are to be realized, one of the opponents his Blues will have to beat is Alberta.

And White, no stranger to the sporting scene, is secretly optimistic his club can turn the trick.

EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND

A graduate in arts from Toronto in 1938, White coached high school football at Port Colborne, Ont., for two years. In 1940 his team was Central Ontario high school champion.

He then went to Toronto Western Technical School for five years and coached football, basketball and track.

An outstanding lacrosse player, White was a member of the Toronto Varsity team that toured the U.S. in 1938. He also starred in basketball, playing several years with a Toronto senior club.

HEAD COACH

From 1947 to 1951 he served as assistant director of physical education for the Ontario department of education.

In 1951 he joined the staff of To-

ronto; served as assistant football and basketball coach. In 1956 he was appointed head football coach.

White's assistants are John McManus and Ron Murphy.

ALL-ROUND ATHLETE

McManus, an all-round athlete, starred as a senior baseball pitcher, was an outstanding high jumper and led his team in scoring during his

college basketball days at U of T. He joined the Toronto coaching staff in 1952 as assistant basketball and football coach, and was appointed head basketball coach in 1955.

Murphy was a member of McGill's football Redmen from 1955-57. After graduation he joined the professional Montreal Alouettes.

He spent four seasons with the Larks, earning recognition as one of the most versatile linemen in Canada. He began coaching in 1963.

Golden Bears will be one of Toronto's most formidable foes in years.

Fracas rates his 1964 fusiliers with the best he's ever had. That includes last year's championship squad, and Gino is one of the few persons around these days who says little he doesn't mean.

Fracas speaks from experience. He gleaned a wealth of gridiron knowledge during a standout college and professional career.

FRACAS EX-ESKIMO

After graduating from the University of Western Ontario in 1954, he joined Edmonton Eskimos for a highly successful career as an offensive fullback and defensive linebacker.

Prior to joining the U of A physical education staff, Fracas taught at St. Mary's High School, where he served as football and basketball coach. When football season is over he turns his attention to coaching the varsity wrestling team.

Gino's chief assistants are Frank Morris and Clare Drake, both top athletes in their own right.

TRAINED ASSISTANTS

Morris has a professional football background that includes playing on a record six Grey Cup winning teams.

A one-time baseball star, he shone on Toronto Argonaut football teams from 1945 to '49. Moving to Edmonton, he emerged as an all-star guard with the Eskimos.

Drake was head football coach in 1962, but devotes most of his time now to guiding the fortunes of the university hockey team. He did his job in grand style last year, according to the Alberta icers to the university's first official major Canadian sports championship.

Golden Bears are 10-point pre-game favorites to send Blues down to defeat. The Eastern club tackles University of Manitoba Bisons at Winnipeg Monday before returning to Toronto.

Overall, Golden Bears, circa 1964, are stronger, faster and deeper than they were a year ago. The backfield is as solid as ever, the line almost as terrifying.

Fracas is continually trying to better his club, and his perfection has produced a novel cluster of stars (see pages 4 and 5).

BEAR FACTS—Blues lost two players through injuries and another through conflict of interests earlier this week, but they gained five late arrivals for Saturday's tussle.

Three of the five—ends Mike Hallett and Jim Lunnie and halfback Raivo Ilves—are veterans delayed by summer jobs. The other two, Ernie Jardine and Ron Wakelin, both 220-pounders, are freshmen.

The injured—guard Ranny Parker and tackle Sean Kelly—will both be out at least a month with knee ailments. First-string quarterback Jim Israel, an interne at a Toronto hos-

pital, quit because of lack of time for football.

TWO BANDS

Golden Bears will use Saturday's game to make their contribution to Minor Football Week. All bantam and high school players will be admitted free of charge and given reserve seats.

A colorful half-time show has been arranged. It will include two bands and the annual frosh de-capping ceremony, which marks an end to Freshman Introduction Week on the Alberta campus.



CLARENCE KACHMAN
... Look out Toronto



JIM HALE
... wounded Bear



GARY NAYLOR
... top Bruin lineman

Blue Burns Friday

Pep Rally Sets Stage

No liquor may be had or consumed on campus.

But this is no reason why students should not show up and make a success of the pep rally at 7 p.m. Friday night on the parking lot north of the Math-Physics building.

Frosh are requested to bring the wood (one sizable stick per) for the fire over which a Varsity Blue will be burned in effigy.

At this same affair the best collegiate football team in Canada will be introduced.

Buses will leave the rally at 8:00 p.m. for the Civic Reception.

On Saturday the buses leave SUB at 1:00 p.m. for the Bears-Blues battle, at which the University Band will play.