

## Gateway Sports



### Bob Anderson ... one man's opinion

The life of a professional athlete is not really all that it is built up to be.

Sure, there's the glory, the money, the image and the like.

But there's also the problem of finding something to do in the off-season. And that can sometimes be frustrating.

However, Frank Cosentino has a simple solution to that particular problem—hit the books.

The ex-Edmonton Eskimo and now a member of the Toronto Argonauts of the Eastern Football Conference returned to the city last week to continue his education here on campus.

Frank got his master's degree in Physical Education here last year and is currently enrolled in a doctoral program, the only one of its kind in Canada.



Frank Cosentino

"All the people here at the U of A were really helpful," said the 32-year-old Canadian quarterback. "When I heard I had been traded to Toronto last spring, I wasn't sure if I'd be able to report because of school."

"But everyone in the faculty encouraged me and said that I would be able to register in September and resume studies in late November."

Cosentino's thesis for his master's degree was entitled, "Canadian Football — The Grey Cup Years" and dealt with the history of the Canadian Football League from its inception.

An eastern publishing house later took the thesis and published it as a book. And a very interesting one at that.

"I still haven't decided yet on what subject my doctoral thesis will be, although it may turn out to be something on the rise of professionalism in Canada."

The program in which Cosentino is enrolled graduated its first two students at the Fall Convocation. Frank's major field in Physical Education is, naturally, history.

"In my earlier days, I was very surprised to pick up a book on the history of Canada and find nothing about the athletic past of the country," he said. "It seems as though our culture just doesn't recognize sports."

"And yet," he continued, "athletics has contributed a great deal to make this country what it is today."

Quite naturally, a sore spot with Frank is the myth that Canadian athletes, especially Canadian football players, are inferior to their American counterparts.

"That's a conception that sportswriters have perpetuated over the years," he says. "I believe that a Canadian kid could be and is every bit as good as an American, skillwise. It's perhaps his mental attitude to ward the game that keeps him back."

"You just have to look at the number of football players that are offered scholarships by American universities each year. The boys can't be all that bad."

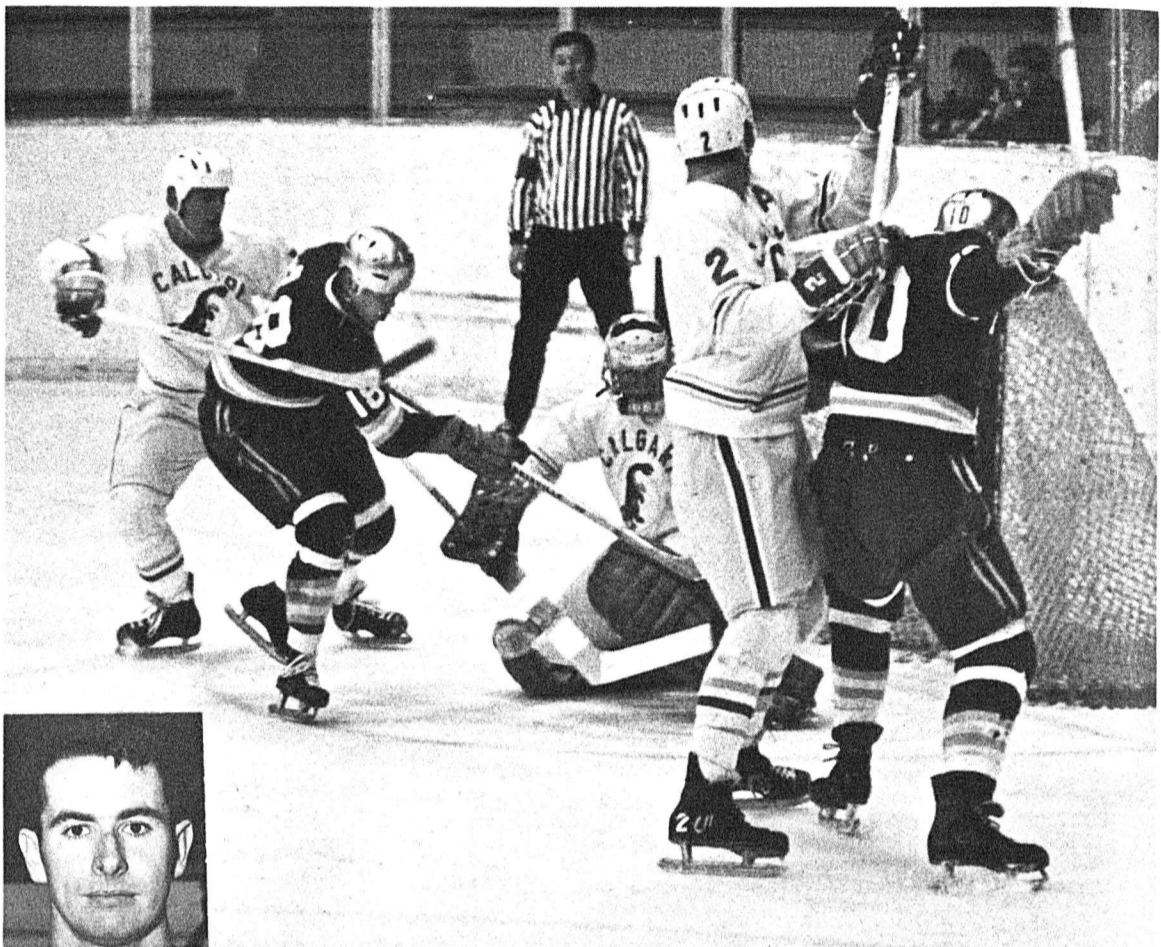
Cosentino feels that he has four or five years left in the play for pay ranks, but may retire after only one or two.

"There are so many opportunities outside of football to get into and I'd like to get into a few as soon as possible."

Coaching has caught Frank's eye and he may get himself started along those lines in the near future.

"I wouldn't mind coaching at the college level," he says. "From what I can see, there's a great future for college football in this country, and I'd like to be involved in it."

At any rate, welcome back Frank.



DEVANEY (18) AND CLARKE (10) CONVERGE ON CALGARY NET DURING LAST FRIDAY'S ACTION

... but fail to jam rebound off shot from Gibson (inset) past goalie Dave Margach

## Gibson, Clarke and Devaney hot as Bears prepare for Monarchs

By BOB ANDERSON

They're probably the most unlikely trio ever to play together on a hockey club.

One is all elbows and legs as he moves up and down the ice; one skates like he has a lead weight attached as to one or both of his legs; while the other moves like the wind—however the wind moves.

"They" are Jack Gibson, Bill Clarke, and Bob Devaney in that order, and together are one of the main reasons why Brian McDonald's Golden Bears are leading the Western Canada Intercollegiate Hockey League with a 3-0 mark.

The three have combined for

five goals and 17 points in the three league games thus far, with Gibson leading the team in scoring with a goal and seven assists.

Gibson at six feet and 180 pounds is an awkward skating individual but moves up and down his left wing with pretty fair speed. The three year veteran was third in league scoring last season with 41 points, including 15 goals.

Clarke in his second year with the club after three seasons with Brown University in the U.S., is the workhorse of the line.

He doesn't possess the great speed, but more than makes up for it with hustle and hard work. At 185 pounds, Clarke isn't afraid of the rough stuff, especially in the

corners, where hockey games are won and lost.

Devaney, like Clarke, played with Brown for the past three seasons and is a rookie with the Bears this year. Bob is the speedster on the line and tops the club in goals with three.

Their strong point is forechecking in the other team's end," is how McDonald puts it. "They're still not up to par in their overall checking game, but with Jack and Bob being hurt for the last while, it makes it kind of tough to turn around quickly and come back. Offensively, they've looked much better."

"Bobby and I played together down at Brown for half the season in my final year there," Clarke said. "He is really good at anticipating a lot of my moves. In fact, he sometimes knows what I'm going to do before I actually do it."

"His strong points," Clarke continued, "include a great ability to break for the lead pass at just the right time. This is something that Jack and I haven't got down pat, yet. But it just takes time."

The trio and the rest of their mates will get a further chance to show their stuff this weekend when the Bears take on the Edmonton Monarchs Saturday night at Varsity Arena and Monday evening at The Gardens.

Monarchs, distant second place holders in the Alberta Hockey League, a Senior "A" loop, and the Bears played to a 2-2 draw the last time they met a month ago.

Since then, however, both clubs have made changes in their respective lineups.

McDonald has indicated he'll likely go with Bob Wolfe as his netminder for Saturday's contest although Dale Halterman has played the last two league games and done a fine job.

Game time Saturday night at Varsity Arena is 8 p.m. while the Monday contest at The Gardens is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

## Junior Dinnies demolished as Bearcats blaze Calgary club

By DALE ROGERS

CALGARY 2, BEARCATS 6

In a revenge match, the Junior Bearcats defeated the U of C Junior Dinnies 6-2 at Varsity Arena on Friday night.

The victory was the fourth in five games for the Bears over their southern rivals. Calgary won once 6-3.

The Bearcats started quickly, and soon assumed control of the game. At the seven minute mark of the first period Ron Reinhart slipped the puck in from a scramble in front of the net. Real Gamache tipped in a pass from Gerry Fowlie just seven minutes later and the Bears led 2-0.

GIFT GOAL

Calgary hit the scoreboard early in the second period when a Bear defender had his clearing pass deflect past goalie Zane Jakubec. Doug Cook was credited with the goal for the Dinnies.

The goal seemed to spark the Calgary squad and the period was

nearly over before the Bears got untracked.

Reinhart and Gamache both scored their second goals of the game making the score 4-1 at the end of 40 minutes.

The final frame saw Calgary score its only earned goal of the game when Randy Bartley tallied. Bearcats roared right back, however, and goals by Gerry Fowlie and Len Zalapski rounded out the scoring.

Reinhart, Fowlie, and Gamache all played a strong game, each of them collecting three points for the evening.

GAME SATURDAY

Next game for the Bearcats is Saturday night when they tangle with the Leduc Oilers. The Juniors are playing in the Edmonton Central Hockey League and hold down first place with four straight wins. The Oilers previously lost 5-2 to the Varsity team and should be up for the game. The rematch is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Varsity Arena.