



Gino Fracas
Recipient of Sport Fest Windsor's
2006 "Sportsman of the Year" Award

Born and raised in Windsor Gino married Leona his wife of 50 years and are the proud parents of five children and five grandchildren.

Gino has a Honours Bachelor of Physical Education Degree, Dean's Honour Role (U of Western Ontario), a Bachelor of Education Degree (U of Alberta) and a Master of Arts Degree from the U of Michigan.

Assumption High School All-City halfback in 1947 & 49, Provincial Champions 1948 & 49 and all Ontario halfback in 1948. Assumption College 1950 Jr. O.R.F.U. champions.

At the University of Western Ontario as a two way player he was selected to the all star team in 1952, 53 & 54, leading scorer 1953 & 54, and most valuable player 1954.

Gino was the first draft choice of the Ottawa Roughriders in 1954. His pro football career excelled with the Edmonton Eskimos, winning two Grey Cups in 1955 & 56. As the head coach of the U. of Alberta he won three League championships and was coach of the year in 1976 & 77. He won the C.C.I.F.C championship in 1969 & Co Champions O.U.A.A 1975. He was the head coach at U. of Windsor for 19 years and was selected to six different halls of fame. Other interests include wrestling and baseball.

In 1993 the Caboto Club honoured him as the "Italian of the year" for his contribution to the field of sport and education. In 1987 he received the prestigious "Football Canada/CFL Award of Merit" for outstanding lifetime contribution to football in Canada.

He retired in 1995 after 28 successful years as a professor in the Faculty of Human Kinetics at the University of Windsor.