

## Oilers Coach Jerry Glanville

"The man in black" restores Houston's winning attitude

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HOUSTON — The personality of Houston Oilers Coach Jerry Glanville, "the man in black," is starting to come into focus and the team's victory hungry fans like what they have seen.

Glanville wears black on the sidelines — not to reflect his mood but to be seen by his players.

He teaches "smash-mouth" football that emphasizes toughness.

"We have to be healthy and not fragile," he said. "If something happens, like a finger in the eye, you've just got to keep going."

He lightens the mood during heavy workouts with nicknames for players such as "Bula Bula" (Allen Pinkett), "Captain Video" (Robert Lyles) and "Cornbread" (Frank Bush).

Best of all, he's given the team a winning attitude.

Houston has a 3-0 record going into Saturday night's exhibition finale against the Dallas Cowboys. A victory would give the Oilers their second unbeaten preseason ever.

The victories don't count toward a championship, but any success brings applause for a team that hasn't had a winning season since 1980.

Glanville's favorite color is black, but he has a different reason for his all-black, game-day attire.

"I make some of the calls and I don't want the players on the field

having a hard time finding me," Glanville said.

Glanville never is hard to find during practices. He's in the midst of the action, praising, chiding, joking.

"The best thing I can say about Jerry Glanville is that he's a hands-on coach," General Manager Ladd Herzog said.

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— Jerry Glanville, Houston Oilers Head Coach

There is nothing aloof about Glanville, in his first pro head coaching job. He doesn't coach from a tower or the on-field instruction to his assistants.

But Glanville is at a loss to describe his coaching style. He didn't plan a style and there is no mold for the Glanville model.

"I didn't sit down and think for one second what a head coach should be like," Glanville said. "A coach has to be himself. If you try to put on a front,

the players will see through it in five minutes."

Glanville, the Oilers' defensive coordinator last season, has earned praise for his organizational skills and his knowledge of offensive philosophy as well as defense.

"Sometimes he'll say something to a quarterback or running back and we'll step back and have to say, 'He's right,'" running back Stan Edwards said. "He knows both sides of the football. Because of his defensive background, he knows what will hurt a defense."

Glanville stresses a muscular running game and a big play passing game.

He's taught Mike Rozier the art of blocking for running mate Larry Moriarty, and the pair have teamed to give the Oilers a strong running attack.

A block by Rozier cleared the way for Moriarty's 1-yard touchdown run against New Orleans last Saturday night.

Glanville also likes the strong arm of quarterback Warren Moon and the speed of receivers Drew Hill and rookie second-round draft pick Ernest Givins.

Players have noticed the organization and direction from Glanville.

"I don't think it would be possible for any team to be more organized," Moriarty said. "No matter what situation comes up, he knows what to do."

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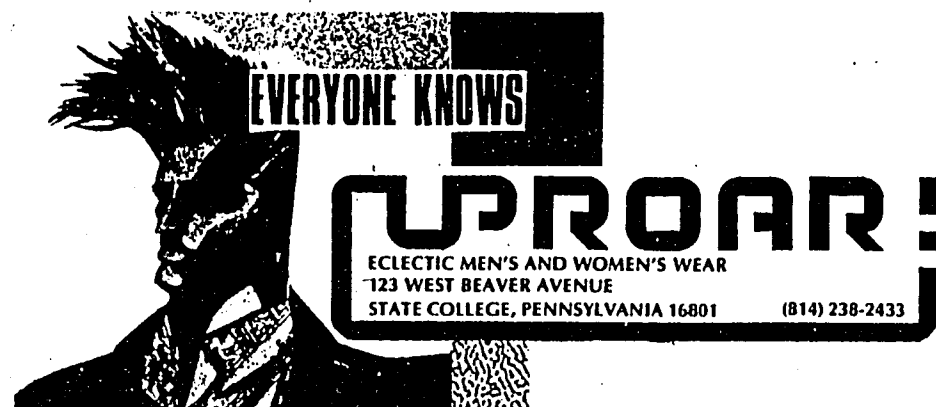
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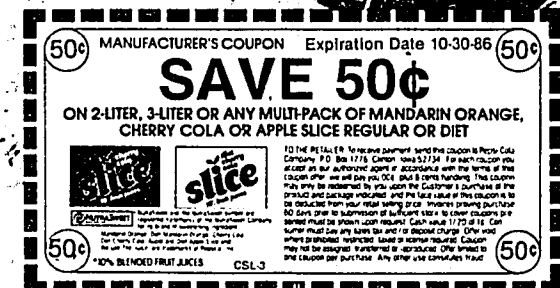
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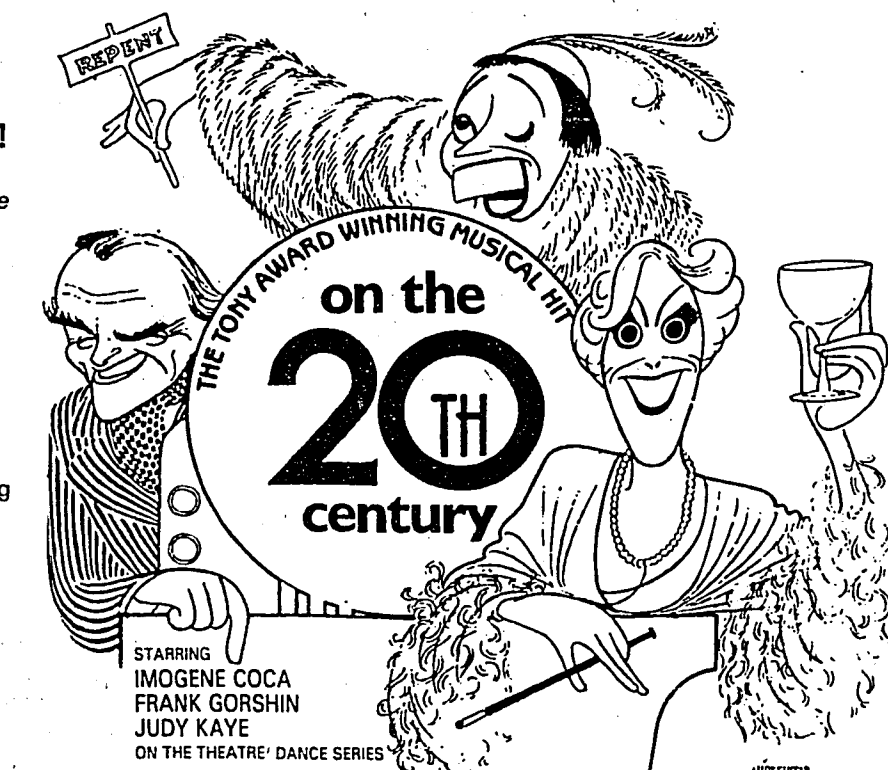
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himself to his left, looking for the airborne backhand volley that has become his trademark. But this time, Michibata's forehead passing shot down the line glanced off the end of Becker's racket.

The reigning Wimbledon champion won. And, in the end, he wasn't in deep trouble. But he had to battle the whole way, winning points instead of watching Michibata hitting unforced errors.

Becker finished with 13 aces, the final one giving him match point. Michibata had two aces, but finished with 27 service winners, the same as Becker.

Wilder downed Todd Nelson 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; Edberg crushed Stephen Bonneau of Canada 6-0, 6-3, 6-4, and Pernfors eliminated another Swede, Jan Gunnarsson, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

Lloyd had no problems against fellow American Barbara Gerten as she posted a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

Shriver took only 41 minutes to stop Terry Holladay 6-1, 6-0; Graf defeated Susan Mascarin 6-0, 6-1; Sukova downed Switzerland's Lillian Drescher 6-3, 6-2, and Rehe ousted Sharon Walsh-Pete 6-0, 6-3.

In one of the tournament's best-played matches, Elizabeth Smylie of Australia outlasted Lori McNeil 6-7, 7-5, 7-6. McNeil, a native of Houston, reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon before losing to Hana Mandlikova, the reigning U.S. Open champion.



Chris Evert-Lloyd

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