



# FOOTBALL CANADA

## DECEMBER 2007 REPORT

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Once again the Vanier Cup provided another successful event for all involved during the week of November 19<sup>th</sup>. Things started off with the 2007 CIS All – Canadian Awards Gala on Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup>, it was followed up the next morning with the 2007 CIS Coach of the Year Breakfast where Football Canada presented the annual Gino Fracas Award. The week was finished off on Friday with the Desjardins Vanier Cup game between the University of St-Mary's Huskies and the University Manitoba Bisons. In the end it was the University of Manitoba that took home the Championship by a score of 28-14.

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### **NIGEL WILSON from the University of Western Ontario** **receives the 2007** **Gino Fracas Award as the CIS's Most Outstanding Volunteer** **Assistant Coach**



The award, sponsored by Football Canada, is named in honour of Gino Fracas, legendary coach at the Universities of Alberta and Windsor. The award recognizes outstanding career service by a volunteer assistant coach.

Nigel of Glencoe, Ontario is a teacher by profession at Saunders Secondary School in London. He has been volunteering with the University of Western Ontario for 28 years and is currently the "Mustangs" Wide Receiver and Special Team Coach.

The value of Nigel Wilson to the University of Western Ontario's Mustangs is clearly highlighted in the statistics: 17 first place regular season finishes, 17 Yates Cup games, 12 Yates Cup victories, 12 CIAU semi-final's Bowl with 6 victories and 6 Vanier Cup appearances where 2 finished in victories for Nigel and the "Mustangs". The 2007 season provided the University of Western Ontario their 13<sup>th</sup> CIAU semi-final Bowl appearance.



## **SASKATOON HILLTOPS TAKE HOME THE TITLE AS 2007 CANADIAN BOWL CHAMPIONS**

The game was played on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 at the CANAD Inns Stadium in Winnipeg, MB; the Saskatoon Hilltops beat the St-Leonard Cougars by score of 26-3. This was the Hilltops 13<sup>th</sup> CJFL Championship since they were established in 1947.

Earlier that week at the Intergold Banquet of Champions players, coaches and executives were recognized for their outstanding seasons and contributions.

### **Outstanding Players & Coach of the Year**

Rookie of the Year	Cam Clark	South Surrey Rams
Outstanding Offensive Player of the Year	Nate Cote	Victoria Rebels
Outstanding Defensive Player of the Year	Ryan King	Edmonton Wildcats
Coach of the Year	Tony Iadeluca Jr	St Leonard Cougars
Past Commissioners Community Service Award	Hazen Foss	Burlington Braves

### **Executive Awards**

Ed Henick Meritorious Award	Gord Cooke	Winnipeg Rifles
Executive of the Year	Stefen Reid	Kamloops Broncos
Life Membership	Bob Lindsay	Okanagan Sun
Life Membership	Jack Emerson	CJFL Media
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## **THE QUÉBEC JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINISHES THE SEASON OFF WITH AN EXCITING CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

The Manson Cup was held on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Nepean Sportsplex, it was a great game to cap off a great season for the league. It was a battle between the two Ottawa based teams of the Ottawa Sooners vs. the Ottawa Jr. Riders, the final score was 29 -27 in favour of the Ottawa Jr. Riders. The Award Banquet was held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007.



*Formed in 1959*

## **HAMILTON HURRICANES HIT THE GRIDIRON IN 2008** **HAMILTON TIGER-CATS TO OFFER SUPPORT**

After a 14 year absence, the Hamilton Hurricanes will be returning to the Ontario Football Conference starting in 2008.

The newly formed executive will be holding their opening press conference at the new headquarters of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, 1 Jarvis Street, Hamilton Ontario on Tuesday, December 4th at 10 am.

The Hurricanes will be unveiling the new team logo and will be speaking on the support from the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Also they will be announcing plans for the newly named team awards, as well as introducing the formal hiring of their Head Coach.

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## **Hamilton Flag Football Team Honoured**

The U-15 Flag Football Team Canada that won the NFL International Flag Championship in July was honoured by Sport Hamilton in November.

The team of six received commemorative medals at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of athletic success and community pride in sport. The celebration, hosted by Sport Hamilton and the City of Hamilton, was held at the Hamilton Convention Center on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

All athletes in attendance at the banquet were asked to sign a declaration to register with the True Sport Community. As athletes, registering with True Sport is symbolic of a nationwide practice to promote fun, fairness, excellence and inclusion.

## NEW NFL CANADA WEBSITES



NFL Canada has consolidated its amateur websites into one new site – [www.NFLRush.ca](http://www.NFLRush.ca). The site features the same great news and information from NFLCFLFutures.com and Flagfootball.ca, plus more including information on NFL Take a Player to School Contest, EA Madden Challenge and more contests.

Weekly features follow Canadians in the NCAA and highlights our top players down south. We will post any appropriate articles and press releases you send us. Please send information to [NFLRush@nflcanada.com](mailto:NFLRush@nflcanada.com).

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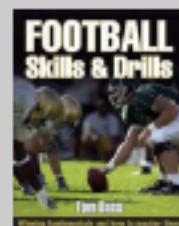
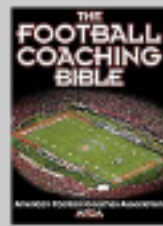
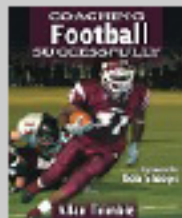
Bantam Provincial Championship, Snow Bowl, Moncton, NB, 2007

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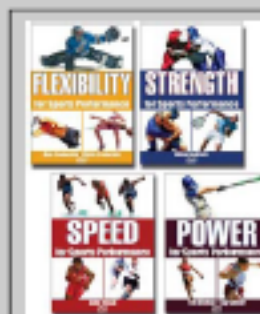
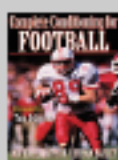
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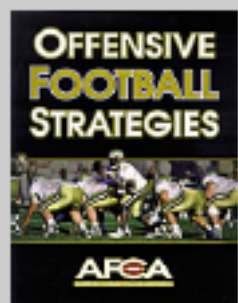
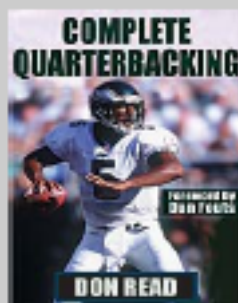
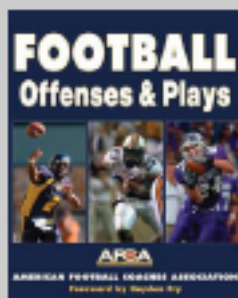
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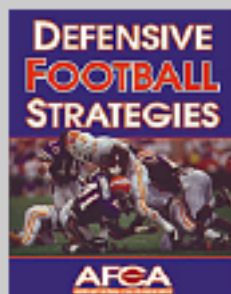
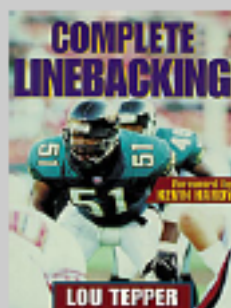
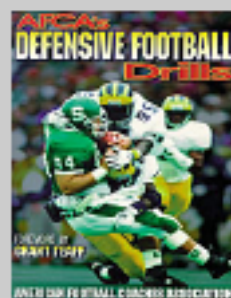
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