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TOTAL THURSDAY



By Ron White
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The game of football has been described in many ways and with many emotions. It's been described as music, drama, comedy, dignity, sorrow, exhilaration and shock. If you've been involved in the game for many years you have probably experienced all of these emotions. I have written about team names and players of the past and that always brings back different emotions and memories. Today I would like to write about junior football milestones from the past and about some former players who were trying to fulfil their dreams.

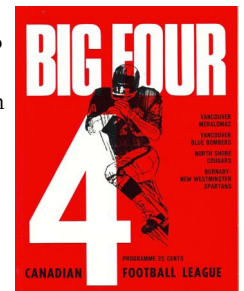
In 2007 I received a phone call from **Bill MacDougall** who was trying to contact former players from the **1955 to 57 Toronto Parkdale Lions**. It was 50 years since the 1957 team won the Canadian Junior Football Championship Game (Leader-Post Trophy) against the Winnipeg Rods. The Rods were going for a three-peat in 1957. On a frozen field in Winnipeg in front of more than 5000 fans the Toronto Parkdale Lions would dethrone the Rods 20-13 to capture the Canadian title. They held their reunion in 2007 in Toronto at the time of the Grey Cup to celebrate this **50-year milestone**.



1955 Winnipeg Rods inducted in 1996 to the Manitoba Sports Hall of fame
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I also received an email message a couple of years ago from **Brian Copeland** who played for the **Hamilton Hurricanes from 1987 to 1992**. Brian desperately wanted to see the return of the Hurricanes to Hamilton. The Hurricanes played in Hamilton from **1963 to 1994**. I also heard from **Rick Rozoski** who played for the Hurricanes from **1971 to 73**. One of the best Hurricane teams was the **1972 Hurricanes** who were undefeated going into the Canadian Championship game. On November 10, 1972 they defeated the Regina Rams 33 to 8 to win the Canadian Junior Championship. That was 35 years ago and another great junior football milestone. My congratulations to Brian Copeland and the Hurricane alumni who made this dream a reality in 2008 when the Hurricanes returned to Hamilton.

Sixty two years ago a new football league was formed in Vancouver called **The Big Four Canadian Rugby Football League**. It was comprised of four teams, the North Shore Lions, the



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"The Canadian Junior Football League supports the processes and sanctions of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program. The CJFL has zero tolerance for drugs, and holds its athletes accountable for their actions and decisions. The league's policies and procedures require all teams to provide drug education seminars for athletes, coaches and support staff, as well as mandatory athlete testing. The CJFL will continue in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) to promote ethical conduct in our sport through education, detection and deterrence."

"The Canadian Junior Football League provides the opportunity for young men aged 17 to 22 to participate in highly competitive post-high school football that is unique in Canada. The goal of the league is to foster community involvement and yield a positive environment by teaching discipline, perseverance and cooperation. The benefits of the league are strong camaraderie, national competition and life-long friends."



1947 Canadian Final at Brockton Oval. In this photo, Walt Chahley kicks a convert for the Vancouver Blue Bombers. Lorne Cullen is holding the ball. The light coloured team is the Hamilton junior Tigers

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Red Raiders, the Vancouver Meralomas and the Vancouver Blue Bombers. The Bombers were coached by **Ranji Mattu** and they had a young lad named **Lorne Cullen** as their quarterback. The Bombers were undefeated in the regular season. They won the league championship game against the North Shore Lions. The Bombers then travelled to Calgary to play the Tornados in a Western semi final two game total point series. They won the series 66 to 6. The next team on the horizon was the powerful Winnipeg Rods. The Western Canadian Championship game was played at Capilano Stadium in Vancouver and the Bombers won that game 43 to 0.



Now the fun begins. The Big Four league was anxious to host the first ever Canadian

Junior football Championship in Vancouver. The difficulty was trying to find an Eastern team. The Canadian Junior championship series was cancelled from 1939 to 1946 due to the World War II. The last Canadian Championship game was played in 1938 when the **Regina Dales**, coached by the legendary **Paul Dochack**, defeated the Montreal Westmounts. The Big Four League was willing to put out the dollars to host the Canadian Championship. The Hamilton Tigers were the unofficial Eastern champions although an eastern championship game was never played due to overage player allegations. The Tigers really wanted to come out west and play the Vancouver Blue Bombers. Through the efforts of a lot of people this became a reality. On News Year day in 1948 at Brocton Oval the first game of a two game total point series was played. The Blue Bombers won the unofficial Dominion Championship on a muddy football field defeating the Hamilton Tigers 19 to 8 in the two game series.



Regina Rams Team Logo

This now takes us to another milestone year, 1977. The Big Four league established a committee to determine a course of action to try and establish a competitive league. It had been 30 years since the Vancouver Blue Bombers won the unofficial Canadian Championship. The committee was looking at various options like a super team or a tier system. In 1980 they tried an experiment by scheduling games against two teams in Calgary and teams in Washington. In 1981 they finally decided to restructure the junior division. The new Big Four was now the Okanagan Sun, the Richmond Raiders, the Vancouver Meralomas and the Renfrew Trojans.

In 1982 the Vancouver Blue Bombers unofficial Championship was now officially recognized by the Canadian Junior Football League through the efforts of **Reg Green, the CJFL Historian**. The Big Four



Game between Calgary Tornados and Vancouver Blue Bombers in 1947. Bombers in the light coloured helmets

was now the BC Junior Football Association and 1982 would soon become another milestone year because of a team in East Vancouver, the **Renfrew Trojans**, who flew under the radar all season and then blossomed in the playoffs to win the first Canadian Junior Football Championship in British Columbia since 1947. By the way, 1982 was my rookie year as the President of the BC Junior Football Association.

The history of junior football in Canada is fascinating and there are many stories yet to be told.



CJFL Outstanding Offensive Player of the Week

Reid Quest had a career best 492 yards passing as his Regina Thunder squad squeezed out a 26-24 win over the PFC champions Saskatoon Hilltops Saturday night under the lights at Mosaic Stadium. In his 2nd campaign as starting QB, Quest completed 36 of 51 passes with 3 TD's and 2 INT'S and added 27 yards rushing on 4 carries. His 3rd TD toss of the night went to Kolten Solomon with 28 seconds to go and stood up as the winning score. Quest attends the University of Regina.

CJFL Outstanding Defensive Player of the Week

For the second straight week a Victoria Rebel was named Defensive Player of the Week. Linebacker Nick Duncan #24 had a wonderful Sunday against the Chilliwack Huskers. He made five solo tackles, had three assists, ran back an interception 22 yards for a touchdown and added one batted ball. Duncan follows in the footsteps of Wade Buckley, who won the award last week.



Victoria Rebel Nick Duncan (24) gets airborne with Chilliwack Husker Teague Fink in Junior Football Action in Chilliwack last Sunday.

Photo Peter McCulloch

CJFL Outstanding Special Teams Player of the Week

On Special Teams, Big Kahuna Rams kicker Curtis Glawson was outstanding in their win over the Kamloops Broncos. Glawson was 4-6 in field goals and 7-7 in converts. He also punted five times for 206 yards, an average of 41.2 yards and had two singles. He had 12 kickoffs in the game that travelled 618 yards, an average of 51.5 yards with his longest of 65 yards and a single. Glawson alone compiled 22 of the Rams 64 points in their second win of the season.



The Rich History of Helmets

By Paul Lukas
ESPN

"Back in the old days, you could tell who a player was, or at least what position he played, just by his facemask," says Curtis Worrell. "Today's masks are so generic, the players basically look like robots, or interchangeable parts."

Worrell knows what he's talking about. He and his business partner, Jim Parker, run Helmet Hut, the football world's premier virtual helmet museum and authorized helmet-reproduction firm. With enough detailed historical knowledge to make Uni Watch look like a mere dilettante (plus a rather unique on-site reference resource), they're experts on everything from players' mask preferences to mask manufacturers. So Worrell seemed like the right guy to call when Uni Watch decided to take a look at facemask history.

Worrell's point about the masks of yore is dead-on. Back in the day, the mere mention of a player's name conjured up a mental image of his facemask, whether it was Larry Csonka's nose guard, Joe Namath's cowcatcher, or Terry Bradshaw's narrow two-bar (at least until he switched to that boring mask late in his career). But can you name even one current player with a distinctive mask? No wonder so many of them insist on dancing around like clowns on the field -- they can't express their individuality through their facemasks anymore.



The party line, repeated in many sources, is that the first facemask was worn by Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns, who got elbowed in the mouth during the first half of a 1953 game and then played the second half wearing a piece of plastic that coach Paul Brown taped to his helmet.

It's a good story, but Worrell says the reality is a bit more complex. "Everyone has their own opinion on who was first," he explains, "but we know for a fact that it wasn't Otto Graham. Some of the improvised stuff probably goes back to the 1920s. We've even got an old helmet with a mask made of barbed wire."

Graham's true legacy, says Worrell, is that he wore the first mask that was meant to be a mask. "After Paul Brown came up with that improvised mask, within a few weeks Riddell (the longtime helmet manufacturer) made the very first Lucite mask for him. That was the first mask that was designed to attach to a helmet."

Although the clear Lucite masks looked really cool, they were brittle. "The Lucite would shatter upon impact, and people would get cut or get the fragments in their eyes," says Worrell. "So around 1957, they had to ban it."

Worrell and his Web site are loaded with facemask arcana, like the fact that Chiefs teammates Otis Taylor and Fred Williamson both had two separate masks bolted onto their helmets at once, or the exact catalog stock number of Ernie Stautner's platypus-like mask. Here are Worrell's comments on some other notable masked men:

John Henry Johnson: "That was the very first one-bar mask that Riddell produced. It didn't stick out very far, so nowadays some people refer to it as the 'stubby.' One interesting thing is that when Joe Theismann was playing, he wanted something like the stubby. But it wasn't being manufactured anymore, so he took a modern one-bar and shoved it as far back as possible on his helmet, so there'd be nothing to interfere with his vision."

Joe Perry: "People were complaining about broken noses with the one-bar, so they tweaked it upward to give a bit more nose protection. Eddie LeBaron wore one of these in conjunction with a one-bar, which looked kind of like a duck -- that's one of my favorites!" (It's also worth noting that Perry had previously worn an even odder mask, designed by Dr. M.T. Marietta, whose product line included some real doozies.)

Y.A. Tittle and Roosevelt Brown: "Both of those players had had broken facial bones, so they needed extra protection. Also, the helmets back then were soft and would bend in. So the idea of that metal bracketing was to absorb the impact and keep it from caving in."



THE RICH HISTORY OF HELMETS Cont.

John Williams: "He used two Dungard facemasks. The upper one could actually flip up, like sunglasses, but they usually taped it to the lower one."

But for some players, the best mask was no mask at all. It's generally agreed that the final lineman to play without a mask was Jess Richardson of the Patriots, who retired in 1964. The last maskless player at a skill position is a matter of some dispute, but Worrell recently came up with this photo of wide receiver Tommy McDonald playing unmasked for the Browns in 1968, which would appear to end the debate.

Or does it? Pat Studstill wore a facemask while playing flanker but switched to a maskless helmet when punting, placing him in a sort of gray area. "He was doing that for the Rams as late as 1971," says Worrell. And Bobby Joe Green of the Bears might have been doing likewise as late as 1974.

Worrell has little use for today's characterless facemasks (including the odd-looking ones found on the new Riddell Revolution helmets, which he says are known in the trade as "field hockey masks"). But he has a special place in his heart for veteran placekicker Morten Andersen, who's kept wearing his old-fashioned Dungard two-bar while playing with the Saints, the Falcons, the Giants, the Chiefs, and now the Vikings.

"That's my boy," says Worrell. "He's a real throwback and he's not gonna change. And you know, that mask is directly bolted on at the top [instead of being held by clips], which isn't even legal today, because there's no give. He can only wear it because he's grandfathered in."

Worrell also doesn't much care for today's color-coordinated facemasks. "Just gimme basic gray," he says. (He no doubt loves that Titans kicker Gary Anderson wears a gray one-bar, even though the rest of the team wears navy.) Ah, but then we wouldn't have great little stories like the 1974 Chiefs, who switched from gray masks to white because their equipment manager figured the contrast of an opponent's hand against a white mask would make it easier for officials to spot facemask penalties.



It's a good thing the Helmet Hut folks are around to document all this minutiae, because the NFL and the Pro Football Hall of Fame are surprisingly spotty on the uni-related aspects of gridiron history. But as Worrell points out, the NFL wasn't always the high-profile operation it is today.

"Remember, for decades this was a league that had no money," he says. "I mean, they were paying their players in the parking lot after the game. They just couldn't be bothered with archiving all this stuff." Fortunately, he's done it for them.

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*Tommy McDonald
maskless with the 1968
Cleveland Browns*





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Beefeaters Host Inaugural Harding Cup

On a very hot and sunny afternoon the Burlington Braves travelled to London for an exhibition game with the Beefeaters at John Paul II Field.

The game honoured former Beefs and Braves trainer Dave Harding who passed away earlier

this year. Dave was most recently the Vice President of the Ontario Football Conference.

All proceeds from the game were donated to the Sunshine Dreams for Kids. The Sunshine Foundation <http://www.sunshine.ca> makes Dreams come true for children, between the ages of three and 18th birthday, living in Canada, who are challenged by severe physical disabilities or life-threatening illnesses. The donation included the \$5 admission of all those in attendance, the 50/50 draw, including the winners share. The game officials donated their game fees and the Burlington Braves Alumni also made a donation to Sunshine.

The teams used the game as a warm up to the start of the OFC schedule next weekend. The Beefs will host the St. Leonard Cougars at TD Waterhouse Stadium at 2:00 pm. The Braves will travel to Windsor Sunday for a 4:00 pm kick off against the AKO Fratmen at Windsor Stadium. The third game features the Hamilton Hurricanes in Ottawa against the Sooners at Keith Harris Stadium.



The presentation of the Inaugural Harding Cup to the four London Beefeaters captains by Dave Hardings mother Betty (L) and Dave's wife Pierrette (R).

Oh yes, the score of the inaugural Harding Cup was 12-6 in favour of the Beefeaters.

OFC Week 1 Preview

The Ontario Football Conference teams start their quest this weekend for the “Teddy Morris Memorial Trophy” emblematic of the OFC Championship. The OFC has re-grown again with the Ottawa Sooners returning to play after 14 years. Last season the Hamilton Hurricanes made the same move.



These two will face each other Saturday August 22nd in Ottawa at Keith Harris Stadium at 7:00 pm.



The head coaches of both teams are past winners of the Canadian Junior Football League’s Peter Dalla Riva Outstanding Offensive Player Award. The Sooners’ Andy McEvoy won the award with Ottawa in 1984 and the Hurricanes’ Jason Hayes won the award with Hamilton in 1993. The Sooners have won four CJFL championships – 1974, 1979, 1984 and 1992 while the Hurricanes were the 1972 champions.



The perennial power house St Leonard Cougars take on the London Beefeeders at TD Waterhouse Stadium in London at 2:00 pm. The Cougars had their eight year rein as OFC champions stopped in 2008. St Leonard has promoted long time assistant Jeff Rached to the head coaching position. The Beefs also named a new head coach with the appointment of long time London area coach Brad Winder.



Sunday afternoon the defending OFC champions Burlington Braves travel to Windsor for a 4:00 pm kick off against the AKO Fratmen at Windsor Stadium. The Braves and Fratmen both had to fill a few key positions but both expect to finish in the playoffs. Craig Davoren for the Braves and Mike Lachance for the Fratmen return as head coaches.



The OFC will host the Prairie Football Conference champs in the Intergold Cup (CJFL semi final) with the winner advancing to the Canadian Bowl Saturday November 14th at the home of the British Columbia Football Conference champions.

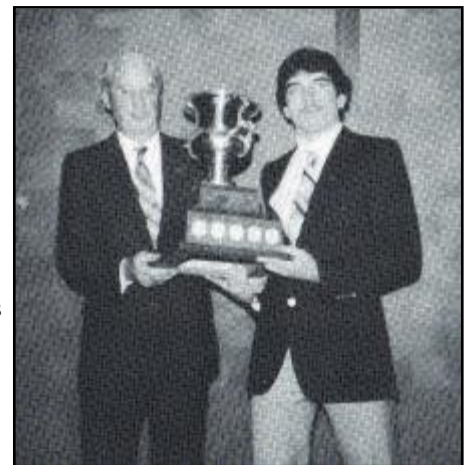


For the Record.....



Ottawa Sooners Head Coach Andy McEvoy

Ottawa Sooners Head Coach Andy McEvoy is giving back to the team that he saw success with. In 1984, along with leading the Sooners to a CJFL Championship, Andy was also the winner of the 1984 CJFL Schenley Award as the nation’s Outstanding Offensive Player. Andy finished 1984 as the OFC top passer with 2752 yards on 139 completions in 241 attempts. His nearest rival threw for 1513 yards. Andy also tossed 30 touchdowns. His season passing yards of 2752 are still a season record in the OFC and 4th all-time in the CJFL.



Andy McEvoy on the right, accepts the 1984 Schenley Award as the CJFL Outstanding Offensive Player



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BRITISH COLUMBIA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

BCFC WEEK 3 IN REVIEW BY Ryan Watters BCFC Media



The Okanagan Sun won their first game of the season on Saturday night beating the Vancouver Trojans 49-3. The Sun offense worked with a short field most of the night, benefiting from some solid defence and excellent special teams play. Matt Scheurwater and Jesse Warawa had some nifty run backs early in the game to set the tone. The Sun struck first, driving the ball down the field for a four yard touchdown plunge by Michael Fedyniak. He would finish the night with 126 yards and two touchdowns on the ground. Sun quarterback Derek Mann would leave the game in the third quarter completing 10 of 13 for 144 yards and two touchdown passes to Scheurwater and Dan Turek. Backups Bobby Davis would play the third quarter and was 2-5 with a touchdown run. Jared Clark played the fourth quarter and finished 2-3 with 19 yards. Tore Tarcon also scored for the Sun, his first TD of the season. The Sun defence forced three interceptions; Mac Wynsouw, Paul Spencer and Justin Belway all picked off passes, their first of the season. The Trojans offense was held in check, with their only points coming in the first quarter on a Griffin Bullock 32 yard field goal. Bullock's name would appear all over the score sheet on Saturday night with two interceptions, a number of tackles, a rushing play and all the kicking stats. Trojans' quarterbacks Marcus Fisher and Jon Fortier would combine for an 11-32 night and 112 yards. The Sun beat the Trojans for the 49th consecutive time. The last time the Trojans beat the Sun was 1982 in the BCFC Championship game. The Sun are now 1-1 and will travel to Kamloops next week, while the Trojans fall to 0-2 and will play their home opener Saturday when they host the Vancouver Island Raiders.



In Chilliwack on Sunday afternoon the Victoria Rebels continued their dominate play winning 59-14 and take over sole possession of first place with a 3-0 record. With the strong Huskers run defence the Rebels were force to throw and had no problems. They were led once again by quarterback Yannick Rickli throwing for 145 yards on nine completions and one touchdown. Backup Brett Seryenko got in on the act as well going 4-6 for 86 yards and one touchdown. Josh Gilesby led the Rebels on the ground gaining 69 yards on only three carries and scored a touchdown. Sam Adu ran for 46 yards on six carries and one touchdown. Through the air the Rebels had a big game from Mike Mizerski making his BCFC debut. He caught eight passes for 138 yards and a score. Gilesby was a threat in the passing game as well catching a 51 yard TD pass. On the defence, reigning CJFL Player of the Week Wade Buckley scored his third defensive touchdown in two games. Despite scoring only 14 points the Huskers saw some positive things from starting quarterback Adann Hendrickson who was 17-39 for 303 yards and two touchdown passes. The only blemish on his part was five interceptions. Teague Funk and Phil Eash caught the two touchdown passes for the Huskers. Funk finished the game with five catches for 149 yards. The Rebels will head to Surrey on Saturday to face the 2-1 Rams, while the Huskers who fall to 1-2 will have the bye.



Rebels wide receiver #81 Michael Mizerski receiving 8 passes for 138 yards and one TD as the Rebels sbucked the Huskers 59—14

Photo Peter McCulloch www.sportphoto.ca









In Kamloops, the Big Kahuna Rams rolled to their second victory of the year beating the hometown Broncos 64-13. Rams' quarterback Cam Clark was 8-13 for 210 and one touchdown pass and then was lifted in the second half. Backup QB's Marc Paquette was 2-5 for 58 yards and a touchdown while Taylor Potkins threw for 61 yards on three completions. Zack Denton was the big play target for all three quarterbacks catching four passes for 130 yards and Nick Downy caught a 54 yard touchdown pass. The Rams running attack was solid Errol Brooks ran 13 times for 130 yards, Kyle Willis rumbled for 31 yards and a touchdown while quarterback Clark scampered for 36 yards. The game was highlighted by a 102 yard kick return by Downy. Bronco starting quarterback Leam Wear was 11-23 for 146 yards and one interception, while Jesse Faubert caught five of those passes for 102 yards. The Rams are now 2-1 and will host Victoria next week. The Broncos fall to 0-3 and will host the Okanagan Sun.



Big Kahuna Ram Curtis Glawson boots his way to a BCFC and CJFL player of the week award.

BCFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK	DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK	SPECIAL TEAM PLAYER OF THE WEEK
<p>Yannick Rickli. Victoria Rebels</p>	<p>Nick Duncan Victoria Rebels</p>	<p>Curtis Glawson Big Kahuna Rams</p>
		
		

BCFC Preview - Week Four



Vancouver Island Raiders (2-0) @ Vancouver Trojans (0-2) Saturday August 22, 2:00 PM at Burnaby Lakes. This game is the home opener for the Trojans and it doesn't get any easier for them. After last week's loss to the Sun, the Trojans entertain the well-rested undefeated Raiders who are coming off a bye week. The young Trojans are currently on a thirteen game losing streak and unless they have come up with a secret weapon in this one to keep it close, this will be a long afternoon. The Trojans struggled against the Sun generating only 138 yards of offense. Defensively, they gave up 472. They will definitely need to find something for an offensive spark and a defensive scheme that can limit the damage Andrew Harris will do.

The Raiders are in a quandary in this one. They know the game is in the bag and will empty the bench to get everyone into the game. However, coming off a bye week, the starters will need a little more real game action to stay sharp. By the time the second and third string hit the field this one could be on a record scoring pace.



Victoria Rebels (3-0) @ South Surrey Big Kahuna Rams (2-1) Saturday August 22, 4:00 PM at South Surrey Park. This match-up is by far the biggest game of the weekend. The Rebels come into South Surrey leading the BCFC with a three and zero record and full of confidence. Despite being on the road for the third straight week, the Rebels have been playing some very good football. Between a solid running game lead by Sam Adu and the passing of Yannick Rickli, the Rebels have been putting up some big numbers. This game is important for the Rebels, as a win will continue their momentum for the big clash next week against the Raiders.



The Rams had a bit of a breather last week against Kamloops and are starting to settle in with their offensive and defensive game plans. In all three game thus far, they have had success from QB Cam Clark throwing the ball down field. However, it is in the rushing department that they have to get something happening. In the two games against the Raiders and Huskers, they only managed a total of 131 yards. The Rebels defense has only given up 83 yards rushing on average, which is second best in the BCFC. If the Rams struggle on the ground, throwing the ball into the Rebels secondary could spell trouble, as the Rebels lead the BCFC in interceptions with nine. The Rams need their A-game this week.



Okanagan Sun (1-1) @ Kamloops Broncos (0-3)



Saturday August 22, 7:00 PM Hillside Stadium. With by far the toughest schedule to start the season of any team in the league, the Broncos face their geographical rival Okanagan Sun. The

Broncos have had a tough time in their previous games getting any offense happening. For any success, they will need a game plan that can control the ball, especially along the ground. Defensively, they have their hands full in this one. However, playing a sound fundamental D, and staying away from penalties could allow their offense some positive opportunities. The goal in this one is to keep it close, and look forward to the Trojans next week.

The Sun, after the loss in Victoria to start the season, did the expected last week against the Trojans and look to continue to improve this time out with another confidence builder. Like the Raiders Trojans game, the Sun will most likely empty the bench once they take control. However, like all games in junior football, you have to be wary of taking a team too lightly. Because as everyone knows, the Broncos are a hungry bunch.



The Sun and Broncos Pre Season exhibition action in Salmon Arm British Columbia.

Photo: Peter McCulloch www.sportphoto.ca

FOR THE RECORD.....Gabe Ord, the punter from the Kamloops Broncos is credited with a 77 yard punt in the game on Saturday against the Rams. It is the fourth longest punt in BCFC history and the longest since 1986. That year Ben Perlini of Victoria Payless had an 86-yarder.



BCFC Stats at a Glance

STANDINGS							
Team	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	For	Against	Points
VIC REBELS	3	3	0	0	141	58	6
VI RAIDERS	2	2	0	0	123	19	4
SSBK RAMS	3	2	1	0	92	68	4
OKANAGAN SUN	2	1	1	0	70	37	2
CHIL HUSKERS	3	1	2	0	55	91	2
VAN TROJANS	2	0	2	0	26	87	0
KAM BRONCOS	3	0	3	0	36	183	0

Top Three Scoring							
Player	Team	TD'S	FG	Sing	C1	C2	Points
ANDREW HARRIS	VI RAIDERS	8	0	0	0	0	48
CURTIS GLAWSON	SSBK RAMS	0	8	4	8	0	36
SAM ADU	VIC REBELS	5	0	0	0	0	30

Top Three Rushing						
Player	Team	Carries	Yards	Average	Long	TD
ANDREW HARRIS	VI RAIDERS	22	433	19.7	76	6
SAM ADU	VIC REBELS	19	260	13.7	82	4
ERROL BROOKS	SSBK RAMS	25	171	6.8	36	0

Top Three Receiving						
Player	Team	Recept.	Yards	Avg	Long	Tds
THOMAS RAFUSE	SSBK RAMS	8	275	34.4	71	3
XAVIER JOHNSON	SSBK RAMS	17	222	13.1	54	0
TEAGUE FUND	CHILL HUSKERS	12	172	14.3	48	1

Top Three Passing												
Player	Team	A	C	%	Yds	Av. Gain	TD	% TD	LG	Int.	% INT	EFF Rate
YANNICK RICKLI	VIC REBELS	57	30	52.6	511	9.0	6	10.5	67	4	7.0	89.1
DEREK MANN	OKANAGAN SUN	53	35	66.0	466	8.8	2	3.8	39	3	5.7	82.7
CAM CLARK	SSBK RAMS	57	30	52.6	621	10.9	2	3.5	71	4	7.0	73.8



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PFC WEEK 2 REVIEW

By Tom Hallick, PFC Media Coordinator

EDMONTON WILDCATS 60 WINNIPEG RIFLES 22

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The Winnipeg Rifles opened up their home schedule in front of 310 diehards who braved what would turn out to be one soggy Saturday afternoon at Canad Inns Stadium.

The Wildcats took the game's opening possession and marched all the way downfield as Justin McEvoy ran 26 yards for the first touchdown a little over 2 minutes in. Edmonton would capitalize 3 minutes later as Kevin Wuthrich scored his first of 2 TD's on the day, a 23 yard strike from Andy Pilon. Wildcat punter Ben Hnidan conceded a safety to get the Rifles on the board to round out the first quarter scoring. Rifles rookie RB Kienan Lafrance would give his team's offense some momentum toward the end of the quarter with a 20 yard dash for a first down on his way to a 127 yard day.

The second quarter would spell doom in capital letters for the home side as the Wildcats would run wild on a bewildered Winnipeg defense. Kevin Wuthrich would score his 2nd major on a 9 yard pass from Pilon. Liam Dow would score on a 27 yard run, he would have 111 on the day. Corbin Sharun would pick off a Tyler Nickel pass and ramble 38 yards to make it 35-2. Jerit Lambert would get a TD of his own on a 65 yard connection from Pilon who would go 10 of 13 for 254 yards and 3 TD's on the day. Miguel Barker would intercept a Tyler Nickel pass and take it in. Ben Hnidan added a field goal and a shocking first half for the home side would end 52-2 for the visitors. The 38 points were the 3rd most in PFC history for a 2nd quarter. Edmonton would put up 459 yards of offense to a meager 112 for the Rifles.

Tyler Johnston would relieve Tyler Nickel, who went 2 of 7 for 6 yards for Winnipeg, while Adam Senuik would step behind center for the Wildcats. The Wildcat ground game just kept on piling up the yards on their way to a 435 yard game as Kyle Charbonneau would rack up 152 yards, but Kendall Kennedy would pick up the last Wildcat major with a 1 yard run.

The Rifles would show some life as Ryan Messner had an 88 yard punt return TD. Matt Lariviere who made 2 grabs for 34 yards & Marsh Burnett-Joseph would catch TD tosses from Johnston who would complete 11 of 16 for 157 yards. But on this day, 670 yards of Wildcat net offense powered them to a 2-0 season record with a resounding win over the 0-2 Rifles.



Wildcats ball carrier Liam Dow shaking off the tackle of Rifles Jordan Findley

EDMONTON HUSKIES 21 CALGARY COLTS 36

Two teams with a thing or two to prove took to the field at McMahon Stadium on Sunday afternoon. The visiting Huskies looked to shake off a 51-11 shellacking to Regina, while the Colts were surprised 35-21 by the Edmonton Wildcats in the season's opening week.

The Colts bolted out in front a mere 82 seconds when Cuong Thai Lieu would run 1 yard following a 52 yard game high gallop the previous play for his first of 2 TD's on the afternoon. Karim Ould-Hamouda would make it a 10 point Calgary lead with a 37 yard field goal almost 3 and a half minutes later. Mattias Hencke would put the Huskies on the board at 6:51 with a 43 yard field goal. Calgary led 10-3 after 15 minutes.

After a safety touch 2 and a half minutes into the second quarter drew the Huskies to within 5, Lieu would score his 2nd TD scooting 15 yards on his way to a 202 yard game on 25 carries. Jeremy Long would make it 24-5 with a 1 yard run and it appeared that the Colts would run the Huskies right out of McMahon.

The Huskies would get up off the deck 7:37 into the 3rd as Anthony Barrett was on the receiving end of a 39 yard strike from Colby Briard but a two point convert attempt went incomplete. Hamouda would miss from 39 yards and Calgary led by 14. The mood at McMahon became a lot more tense when Brett Fabian scored from 1 yard out to pull a win-hungry Huskie outfit to within 7, 25-18 with 1:08 left in the 3rd.

Calgary would expand their lead to 9 after the 2nd safety of the game. Mattias Hencke was good from 40 yards away to make it 27-21. The Huskies were forced to give up a safety, their 2nd of the quarter to boost the lead to 8.

Ryan McDermit would latch on to a 23 yard TD strike from Clayton Masikewich to seal the deal. Colts even their record at 1-1 winning 36-21. The 0-2 Huskies host 0-2 Winnipeg next week.

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SASKATOON HILLTOPS 24 REGINA THUNDER 26

A matchup between these two Saskatchewan sides more often than not provides a healthy dose of excitement & Saturday night at Mosaic Stadium was no exception.

The PFC titleholders drew first blood as Jordan Penner fired a 6 yard touchdown pass to Todd Aramenko 5:46 into the first. After a safety made it 9-0, the Thunder rumbled to life as Jeff Bolen took in a 29 yard pass from Reid Quest at 12:48 to pull the Thunder to within 2 after 15 minutes. Chase Bradshaw would replace a struggling Jordan Penner at pivot. Penner completed only 4 of 14 passes for 40 yards before being replaced

The 2nd quarter featured 3 field goals as Chris Bodnar would put the Hilltops up by 5, then Jonathan Probe clicked with a pair of placements & Ben Koot added a punt single to vault the Thunder to a 14-12 halftime edge.

Chris Bodnar would get a late field goal for the only score of the 3rd to put the Hilltops back on top at 15-14. Todd Aramenko scored his 2nd TD, scampering 2 yards to move the visitors closer to victory at 22-14 5:07 into the 4th. Jeff Bolen, continuing his hot start, took a Reid Quest pass 52 yards to make it 22-20.

The two point attempt was no good. A safety made it 24-20 Saskatoon. Quest, who ended the night 36 of 51 for 492 yards with 3 TD, 2 INT then engineered a final drive comeback finding Jay Smith for 30 yards, Jonathan Probe & Kolten Solomon for back to back 1st downs. Then after a 9 yard toss to Bolen, Quest found Solomon for the 10 yard major with 28 seconds left. Probe's convert was blocked..

One last Saskatoon drive went for naught and the Thunder celebrated a huge 26-24 win to go to 2-0 while the champs slip to 1-1.



Jeff Bolen of the Regina Thunder jumps over Saskatoon Hilltop Laramie Davies Photo Troy Fleece Leader Post

Bolen caught 13 passes on the night for 205 yards, while Solomon in his season debut caught 11 for 132. Mark Coons ran for 47 yards on 12 carries. Regina would rack up 539 yards in net offense to Saskatoon's 264. Landon Perra would have 8 DT and 1 AT for 17 DPTS. For Saskatoon, Bradshaw went 6 of 15 for 77 yards with 1 INT. Brendan Gryba would lug the ball 104 yards on 25 carries. Kit Hillis had 2 catches for 23 yards. While on defense, Karbino Deng had 17 DPTS on 4 TKLS, 2 AT, a half QB sack, pass knockdown as well as a blocked kick.

FOR THE RECORD.....*Regina Thunder QB Reid Quest 's 36 completions in the win over the Hilltops on Saturday was the second most ever in CJFL history. The record holder is former Thunder QB John Makie who completed 40 in a game in 2003.*

PFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK	DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK	SPECIAL TEAM PLAYER OF THE WEEK
<p>Reid Quest Regina Thunder</p>	<p>Korey Johnson Edmonton Huskies</p>	<p>Chris Bodnar Saskatoon Hilltops</p>

P.F.C. WEEK 3 PREVIEW



Saskatoon Hilltops (1-1) @ Edmonton Wildcats (2-0) Saturday August 22, 7:00 PM at Clarke Park. After only their second loss ever to the Thunder last weekend, the Hilltops venture into Clark Park for a date against the undefeated Wildcats. The Hilltops struggled against the Thunder and have to find their passing game. To date they are 18 of 50 for 361 yards. If they are able to move the ball along the ground, it should open up some passing lanes. Their main task however will be to slow down the Wildcats running game which has three players with over 100 yard seasons so far.



The Wildcats, who had little trouble with the Rifles, know a win would help in their quest to host a playoff game. Hitting on all cylinders thus far, the Wildcats are a tough foe both offensively and defensively. Defensively they have only given up 222 rushing yards, a PFC best, while churning out 629 themselves along the ground, also a PFC best. The Wildcats are potent through the air as well and after watching film of the Hilltops giving up 492 passing yards to the Thunder, you can bet that the game plan will evolve around Andy Pilon's arm. This should be the game of the weekend in the PFC.



Winnipeg Rifles (0-2) @ Edmonton Huskies (0-2) Sunday August 23, 12:00 PM at Clarke Park. The Rifles make their first long trip into Edmonton this year for a game against the Huskies. Both clubs have yet to taste a victory, and a win by either team would go a long way to getting back on track. The Rifles, coming off a 60-22 defeat to the Wildcats last week, have to find the formula to slow the other team's offenses down. So far, they have given up 614 rushing yards, which leads the PFC and 498 yards passing. However, they themselves have had success along the ground as PFC leading rusher Kienan LaFrance is a workhorse in the Rifles backfield.



The Huskies, who have only rushed for 109 yards in two games, have to find a way to move the ball along the ground. Passing hasn't been anything to write home about, but it has had its moments. If any semblance of a running game can be found, then the passing attack could see some success. Defensively, the Huskies have recorded five team sacks, which are tied for the most in the PFC. Pressure on the passer, and keeping LaFrance in check will enable the Huskies an opportunity of not extending their losing streak to thirteen games.



Regina Thunder (2-0) @ Calgary Colts (1-1) Sunday August 23, 1:00 PM at McMahon Stadium. Knocking off defending PFC champion Hilltops last weekend, the Thunder surprised many in the PFC, but also took control of their own destiny for the 2009 campaign. This match against the Colts could be their most important of the year. Are they living on the win over the Toppers or are they focused and not ready to be upset. Against the Colts, the Thunder just has to play their game. And passing is their game. In just two weeks of play, QB Reid Quest has already thrown for 737 yards at a 67.5 completion rate. If they can get after the young Colts secondary, they should be able to get back on the bus sporting a 3-0 record.



The Colts who finally got into the win column last week, know the Thunder could be ripe for the upset. They have to play mistake free and make sure that Thunder QB Reid Quest is pressured all afternoon. Running back Cuong Thai Lieu ran all over the Huskies last weekend for 202 yards and should see more than his fair share of the ball against the Thunder. If the Colts can keep the ball out of Regina's hands and capitalize on any Thunder mistakes, then there could be a logjam of 2 and 1 teams.



Calgary Colts running back Cuong Thai Lieu rushed for 202 yards on 25 carries in the Colts win over the Huskies last weekend.



PFC Stats at a Glance

STANDINGS

Team	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	For	Against	Points
EDM.WILDCATS	2	2	0	0	95	43	4
REGINA	2	2	0	0	77	35	4
SASKATOON	2	1	1	0	68	47	2
CALGARY	2	1	1	0	57	56	2
WINNIPEG	2	0	2	0	43	104	0
EDM. HUSKIES	2	0	2	0	32	87	0

Top Three Scoring

Player	Team	TD'S	FG	Sing	C1	C2	Points
JEFF BOLEN	REGINA	4	2	1	4	0	35
CHRIS BODNAR	SASKATOON	0	5	0	7	0	22
KEVIN WUTHRICH	ED.WILDCATS	3	0	0	0	0	18

Top Three Rushing

Player	Team	Carries	Yards	Average	Long	TD
KIENAN LAFRANCE	WINNIPEG	39	234	6.0	32	2
CUONG THAI LIEU	CALGARY	32	218	6.8	52	2
REGAN SCHULER	SASKATOON	38	195	5.1	27	1

Top Three Receiving

Player	Team	Recept.	Yards	Avg	Long	Tds
JEFF BOLEN	REGINA	22	351	16.0	52	4
KEVIN WUTHRICH	EDM. WILDCATS	12	221	18.4	62	3
JERIT LAMBERT	EDM WILDCATS	6	171	28.5	65	2

Top Three Passing

Player	Team	A	C	%	Yds	Av. Gain	TD	% TD	LG	Int.	% INT	EFF Rate
ANDY PILON	EDM.WILDCATS	41	24	58.5	438	10.7	6	14.6	65	0	0.0	135.0
TYLER JOHNSTON	WINNIPEG	24	15	62.5	194	8.1	2	8.3	31	0	0.0	115.6
REID QUEST	REGINA	77	52	67.5	737	9.6	6	7.8	52	3	3.9	108.0