

GAME NOTES
Calgary Stampeders vs Hamilton Tiger-Cats
McMahon Stadium
Week 1
Saturday, June 7, 2025



1. GAME OVERVIEW

For the second consecutive season, the Calgary Stampeders face the Hamilton Tiger-Cats to kick off their Canadian Football League regular-season schedule.

This will be the sixth time in history the Stamps have opened the season against the Tabbies. They're 5-0 in the previous curtain-raisers against Hamilton – all of them played at McMahon – with wins in 1998 (by a score of 21-20), 2007 (37-9), 2015 (24-23), 2018 (28-14) and 2024 (32-24).

Overall, the Stampeders are 39-35-4 all-time in season-openers.

Calgary and Hamilton split the 2024 season series – after the Stamps' victory in Week 1, the Ticats evened the score with a 42-20 win on home field in Week 20.

Calgary was 2-0 in pre-season action with a 26-16 win over the BC Lions in Langford, B.C., followed by a 31-4 home-field victory over the Edmonton Elks. The Ticats were .500 in tune-up action as they split a pair of games with the Toronto Argonauts, winning 24-14 on home field and dropping a 24-17 decision in Guelph, Ont.

2. HISTORICAL NOTES

- Today's game is the 1,295th regular-season game in Stampeders history. The Stamps have 705 wins, 568 losses and 22 ties since 1945. Calgary has played 647 games at home, with a record of 409-227-11, and 647 games on the road (295-341-11)
- This is the 104th regular-season meeting of all time between Calgary and Hamilton. The Stamps hold a 68-35 edge including a 40-10 mark at home

3. 2024 STATS LEADERS

Top statistical performers on the current rosters from the 2024 season

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

- PASSING YARDS: Vernon Adams Jr. – 2,929 (with BC)
- RUSHING YARDS: Dedrick Mills – 923
- RECEIVING YARDS: Reggie Begelton – 1,150
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Damon Webb – 68 (with Ott.)
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Bailey Devine-Scott – 16
- SACKS: Folarin Orimolade – 6 (with Tor.)
- INTERCEPTIONS: Damon Webb – 5 (with Ott.)
- TOUCHDOWNS: Tevin Jones – 6 (with Edm.)
- POINTS: René Paredes – 157

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HAMILTON TIGER-CATS

- PASSING YARDS: Bo Levi Mitchell – 5,451
- RUSHING YARDS: Greg Bell – 625
- RECEIVING YARDS: Tim White – 1,164
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Kyle Wilson – 88
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Tyler Ternowski – 12
- SACKS: Casey Sayles – 7
- INTERCEPTIONS: DaShaun Amos – 5 (with Tor.)
- TOUCHDOWNS: Tim White – 8
- POINTS: Marc Liegghio – 169

4. NOTABLES

- **Revamped roster:** After missing the playoffs for the first time in two decades a year ago, the Stampeders enter the 2025 campaign with a new and improved roster. The projected opening-night lineup features 28 players who weren't on the active roster in Week 1 of the 2024 season including 18 on the defensive side of the ball. The newcomers on D include a trio with all-star experience on their resumes – defensive end **Folarin Orimolade**, SAM **Derrick Moncrief** and safety **Damon Webb**
- **New man under centre:** Off-season trade acquisition **Vernon Adams Jr.** is slated to get the nod to start at quarterback for the Stampeders. The nine-year veteran becomes the eighth different pivot since 2000 – when current Stamps general manager and head coach **Dave Dickenson** was under centre – to get the opening-game assignment for the Red and White

Calgary's season-opener QBs since 2000

Dave Dickenson	2000
Ben Sankey	2001
Marcus Crandell	2002-04
Henry Burris	2005-11
Drew Tate	2012-13
Bo Levi Mitchell	2014-19, 2021-22*
Jake Maier	2023-24
Vernon Adams Jr.**	2025

* No season in 2020

** Projected starter

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- **Been there, done that:** Quarterback **Vernon Adams Jr.** may be new to the Stampeders but he's certainly no stranger to season-openers at McMahon Stadium as this will be the third time in four years Adams has played in the Stamps' opening game. In 2022 with Montreal, Adams threw for one touchdown and rushed for another to lead the Alouettes to a 30-27 victory over Bo Levi Mitchell and the Stamps. In 2023 with BC, Adams threw for 300 yards and two touchdowns and also had a rushing major as the Lions beat Calgary 25-15
- **Captains, Our Captains:** Receiver **Reggie Begelton**, quarterback **Vernon Adams Jr.**, defensive lineman **Folarin Orimolade** and kicker **René Paredes** will serve as captains for the Calgary Stampeders in 2025. Paredes will be serving as Calgary's special-teams captain for the 11th time in his career

5. MILESTONE WATCH

- Vernon Adams Jr. needs four touchdown passes for 100 in his career
- Derrick Moncrief needs two tackles for 300 in his career
- Dominique Rhymes needs 64 receiving yards for 5,000 in his career
- Jalen Philpot needs 24 receiving yards for 1,000 in his career

6. PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Damien Alford (AL-furd)
Jeshrun Antwi (JESH-rawn ANT-wee)
Kelechi Anyalebechi (kuh-LEH-chee AN-yuh-luh-BE-chee)
Reggie Begelton (BEG-uhl-tuhn)
Eno Benjamin (EE-no)
Ludowick Choquette (LOOD-wik SHUH-ket)
Josiah Coatney (joh-SY-uh KOAT-nee)
D'Antne Demery (dee-AWN-tay DE-muh-ree)
Anthony Federico (FED-uh-REE-koh)
Chris Fortin (fawr-TIHN)
Marloshawn Franklin (MAR-loh-shawn)
George Idoko (ih-DOH-koh)
Tomas Jack-Kurdyla (TO-mawss JAK-kuhr-DIL-uh)
Vyshonne Janusas (vuh-SHAWN JAN-a-sis)
Tevin Jones (TE-vin)
Ben Labrosse (LUH-bross)
Marquel Lee (MAR-kell)
Fraser Masin (FRAY-zuhr muh-ZIN)
Dedrick Mills (DEE-drik)
Christy Nkanu (nuh-KA-noo)
Godfrey Onyeka (OWN-yeah-kuh)
Folarin Orimolade (fo-LAIR-in oh-RIM-uh-LAW-day)

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Rene Paredes (puh-RED-ess)
Jalen Philpot (JAY-lin FILL-pot)
Dominique Rhymes (daw-muh-NEEK)
Justin Sambu (SAM-boo)
Jackson Sombach (SOM-back)
Kaylyn St-Cyr (KAY-lin SAINT-SEER)
Micah Teitz (MY-kuh TIGHTS)
Kelon Thomas (KUH-lawn)
Mark Vassett (VA-sett)
Cedric Wilcots II (SED-rik)