

**GAME NOTES**  
**Calgary Stampede vs Ottawa Redblacks**  
**McMahon Stadium**  
**Week 3**  
**Saturday, June 21, 2025**



## 1. GAME OVERVIEW

The Calgary Stampede are looking to build on their solid start to the 2025 season when they play host to the Ottawa Redblacks in a Saturday matinee at McMahon Stadium.

Calgary is 2-0 to begin the new year including a 38-26 victory at home against Hamilton in Week 1 and a 29-19 win in Toronto against the reigning Grey Cup champions in Week 2. The Stamps enter Week 3 action tied with Saskatchewan for top spot in the West Division and are trying to start a season 3-0 for the first time since 2022.

The Redblacks are 0-2 so far in 2025 after losing 31-26 at Saskatchewan and then dropping their home-opener 39-18 to Montreal.

Ottawa won both head-to-head meetings with Calgary in 2024, winning 33-6 on home field and 31-29 at McMahon thanks to a 51-yard field goal by Lewis Ward on the final play of the game. The Stamps have an 11-5-2 record against the Redblacks since the return of CFL football to the Nation's Capital in 2014.

In last week's win in Toronto, the Stamps were led by quarterback Vernon Adams Jr., who threw for 301 yards and had a rushing touchdown, receiver Jalen Philpot, who set career highs with six catches and 117 receiving yards, and cornerback Adrian Greene, who had two interceptions including the first pick-six of his CFL career.

Two members of the Stampede are facing their former club in this week's contest. Receiver Dominique Rhymes had a pair of 1,000-yard seasons – including 1,011 a year ago – as a member of the Redblacks while defensive back Damon Webb earned CFL all-star honours as a member of Ottawa's secondary in 2024.

Ottawa's active roster includes two former Stamps – quarterback Matt Shiltz and receiver Luther Hakunavanhu.

This is Calgary's final game before the team's first bye week of the season. The Stamps will return to McMahon on July 3 when they face the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the first-ever Stampede Bowl.

## 2. HISTORICAL NOTES

- Today's game is the 1,297th regular-season game in Stampede history. The Stamps have 706 wins, 568 losses and 22 ties since 1945. Calgary has played 648 games at home, with a record of 410-227-11, and 648 games on the road (296-341-11)
- This is the 78th regular-season meeting of all time between Calgary and Ottawa teams, including the Rough Riders, Renegades and Redblacks. The Stamps lead the all-time series 47-28-2 including a 27-10 record in Calgary

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### 3. 2025 STATS LEADERS

#### CALGARY STAMPEDERS

- PASSING YARDS: Vernon Adams Jr. – 585
- RUSHING YARDS: Dedrick Mills – 122
- RECEIVING YARDS: Jalen Philpot – 138
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Marquel Lee – 15
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Micah Teitz – 4
- SACKS: Jaylon Hutchings, Folarin Orimolade – 1
- INTERCEPTIONS: Adrian Greene – 2
- TOUCHDOWNS: Dedrick Mills – 4
- POINTS: Dedrick Mills, René Paredes – 24

#### OTTAWA REDBLACKS

- PASSING YARDS: Dru Brown – 413
- RUSHING YARDS: William Stanback – 55
- RECEIVING YARDS: Bralon Addison – 164
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Adarius Pickett – 10
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Tyron Vrede – 4
- SACKS: Blessman Ta'ala – 1
- INTERCEPTIONS: C.J. Coldon – 2
- TOUCHDOWNS: Dustin Crum – 2
- POINTS: Dustin Crum – 12

### 4. NOTABLES

- **V.A. aiming for 17K:** Coming off the 24th 300-yard passing game of his career in last week's win in Toronto, Calgary quarterback **Vernon Adams Jr.** is now just 225 yards shy of the 17,000 mark for his career. He's bidding to become the 47th player in CFL history to reach the milestone
- **Rhymes with 5K:** With an 18-yard reception in last week in Toronto, first-year Stamps receiver **Dominique Rhymes** became the fifth active member of the 5,000-yard receiving club. He joins teammate **Reggie Begelton**, Eugene Lewis of Ottawa, DaVaris Daniels of Toronto and Nic Demski of Winnipeg in that select group. Rhymes also owns the third-longest active streak of games with at least one catch at 58

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- **Deep threats:** Through the first two weeks of the season, the Stampede lead the CFL with six pass completions covering at least 30 yards. During the 2024 season, Calgary ranked last in the CFL with just 19 explosive passing plays. **Jalen Philpot** and **Dominique Rhymes** each have two catches of 30-plus yards so far this season while **Clark Barnes** and rookie **Damien Alford** have one apiece
- **Paredes is three-mendous:** Calgary kicker **René Paredes** has six field goals through the first two weeks of the season to increase his career total of three-pointers to 593. He's just seven field goals away from becoming the sixth player in CFL history to boot 600 field goals

**CFL career leaders in field goals**

Lui Passaglia	875
Paul McCallum	722
Mark McLoughlin	673
Paul Osbaldiston	669
Troy Westwood	617
<b>René Paredes</b>	<b>593</b>

- **Ground gains:** In just two games this season, Stampede running back **Dedrick Mills** has already matched his single-season high with four rushing touchdowns. Mills had four rushing TDs in 2023 but he came into the current season with just one major along the ground in his previous 16 regular-season games. Mills opened 2025 with a bang – finding the end-zone three times in a win over Hamilton – and he hit paydirt again last week in Toronto

**5. MILESTONE WATCH**

- Vernon Adams Jr. needs four touchdown passes for 100 in his career
- Vernon Adams Jr. needs 225 passing yards for 17,000 in his career
- Tevin Jones needs 57 receiving yards for 2,000 in his career
- William Langlais needs one game played for 125 in his career
- Tevin Jones needs one game played for 50 in his career
- Clark Barnes needs 64 receiving yards for 1,000 in his career
- Damon Webb needs two defensive tackles for 200 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)  
Morice Blackwell Jr. (moh-REES)

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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)  
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)