

**GAME NOTES**  
**Calgary Stampeders vs Winnipeg Blue Bombers**  
**McMahon Stadium**  
**Week 5**  
**Thursday, July 3, 2025**



## **1. GAME OVERVIEW**

It's the inaugural Stampede Bowl as the Stampeders play host to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on the eve of the opening of the 2025 Calgary Stampede festival. This is Calgary's first game this season against a West Division opponent.

The Stampeders are coming off a bye week and carry a 2-1 record into the Thursday-night clash at McMahon Stadium. Calgary opened the season with wins over Hamilton and Toronto before dropping a Week 3 decision to Ottawa.

The Blue Bombers, meanwhile, have started the season 3-0 with a pair of victories over the BC Lions and a 36-23 home-field win against Edmonton in Week 4.

This is the first of three meetings this season between Calgary and Winnipeg, with all the action taking place in a six-week span. The Stamps will travel to the Manitoba capital on July 18 and the Blue Bombers will be back at McMahon on Aug. 9.

The teams rank at the top of the CFL defensively as the Blue Bombers are first with an average of just 19.0 points allowed per game while the Stamps are the next-tightest team at 21.7 points allowed per contest.

The Stamps and Bombers split their 2024 season series with each side prevailing at home. Calgary was a 22-19 winner at McMahon in Week 4 while Winnipeg evened the score with a 41-37 decision at Princess Auto Stadium two weeks later.

Following this week's game, the Stamps hit the road with visits to Regina on July 11 and to Winnipeg on July 18.

## **2. HISTORICAL NOTES**

- Today's game is the 1,298th regular-season game in Stampeders history. The Stamps have 706 wins, 569 losses and 22 ties since 1945. Calgary has played 649 games at home, with a record of 410-228-11, and 648 games on the road (296-341-11)
- This is the 217th regular-season meeting of all time between Calgary and Winnipeg. The Stamps lead the all-time series 114-102 including a 70-37 record in Calgary

## **3. 2025 STATS LEADERS**

### CALGARY STAMPEDERS

- **PASSING YARDS:** Vernon Adams Jr. – 803
- **RUSHING YARDS:** Dedrick Mills – 218
- **RECEIVING YARDS:** Clark Barnes – 173

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- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Marquel Lee – 15
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Godfrey Onyeka, Micah Teitz – 4
- SACKS: Jaylon Hutchings – 2
- INTERCEPTIONS: Adrian Greene – 2
- TOUCHDOWNS: Dedrick Mills – 4
- POINTS: René Paredes – 33

**WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS**

- PASSING YARDS: Zach Collaros – 513
- RUSHING YARDS: Matthew Peterson – 237
- RECEIVING YARDS: Keric Wheatfall – 275
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Tony Jones – 19
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Tanner Cadwallader – 7
- SACKS: Kyrie Wilson – 2
- INTERCEPTIONS: Marquise Bridges – 2
- TOUCHDOWNS: Nic Demski – 4
- POINTS: Sergio Castillo – 30

**4. NOTABLES**

- **Deans of the sideline:** The opposing head coaches in Thursday's contest – Calgary's **Dave Dickenson**, who got the job in 2016, and Winnipeg's Mike O'Shea, who was hired in 2014 – are the longest-serving current bench bosses in the CFL. Dickenson and O'Shea went into the 2025 season with a combined 18 seasons and 316 regular-season games in their current positions while the league's other seven head coaches between them have combined for 19 seasons and 371 games. The past eight West Division representatives in the Grey Cup have been coached by Dickenson – 2016-2018 – or O'Shea – 2019, 2021-24
- **Rhymes on a roll:** Stamps receiver **Dominique Rhymes** enters this week's contest with a catch in 58 consecutive games, the third-longest active streak in the CFL. Winnipeg's Nic Demski is the active leader with a catch in 74 straight games while Calgary's **Reggie Begelton** – currently on the six-game injury list – is second with 72 consecutive contests with at least one reception
- **V.A. aiming for 17K:** Calgary quarterback **Vernon Adams Jr.** is now just seven 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. Fourteen of the 46 QBs who have reached that total played at least a part of their careers with the Stamps – Henry Burris, Danny McManus, Kevin Glenn, Doug Flutie, Bo Levi Mitchell, Danny Barrett, Dave Dickenson, Joe Kapp, John Hufnagel, Khari Jones, Peter Liske, Joe Barnes, Jerry Keeling and Marcus Crandell

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- **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 four 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>596</b>

**5. MILESTONE WATCH**

- Vernon Adams Jr. needs four touchdown passes for 100 in his career
- Vernon Adams Jr. needs seven passing yards for 17,000 in his career
- Tevin Jones needs 41 receiving yards for 2,000 in his career
- Clark Barnes needs three receiving yards for 1,000 in his career
- René Paredes needs four field goals for 600 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)  
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)

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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)