

**GAME NOTES**  
**Calgary Stampeders vs Montreal Alouettes**  
**McMahon Stadium**  
**Week 8**  
**Thursday, July 24, 2025**



## **1. GAME OVERVIEW**

The Calgary Stampeders look to continue their recent momentum as they play host to the Montreal Alouettes at McMahon Stadium.

Calgary carries a three-game winning streak into the contest including back-to-back road victories in Regina and Winnipeg the past two weeks. The Stamps are bidding for their first four-game winning streak since the first four dates of the 2022 season.

It's a battle of division leaders on Thursday as Calgary sits atop the West at 5-1 along with the Saskatchewan Roughriders while the Alouettes are tied with Hamilton on the perch in the East at 4-2.

Both teams were winners last week as Calgary picked up a 41-20 victory in Winnipeg while Montreal shaded Toronto 26-25.

Vernon Adams Jr. threw for three touchdown passes in the Stamps' win over the Blue Bombers including a pair to Damien Alford. It's the second consecutive week Alford, the top pick in the 2025 draft, has scored two touchdowns. The Calgary defence contributed three sacks and four interceptions including a pick-six by Damon Webb.

Meanwhile, Montreal rallied from a 25-7 third-quarter deficit to upend the Argonauts. Cole Spieker led the Alouettes with nine receptions for 129 yards and one touchdown.

Defence has played a big role in both teams' early-season success as the Stamps allow a league-low average of 18.5 points per game while the Alouettes are second in that category at 22.8 points per game.

The Stamps and Larks met twice in 2024 with the Stamps dropping a 30-26 decision in Montreal and the clubs playing to a 19-19 overtime draw at McMahon Stadium.

Calgary is 2-1 at home so far this season and 2-1 against East Division opponents. The Alouettes are 2-1 on the road and 1-1 against the West.

## **2. HISTORICAL NOTES**

- Today's game is the 1,301st regular-season game in Stampeders history. The Stamps have 709 wins, 569 losses and 22 ties since 1945. Calgary has played 650 games at home, with a record of 411-228-11, and 650 games on the road (298-341-11)
- This is the 87th regular-season meeting of all time between Calgary and Montreal. The Stamps lead the all-time series 43-41-2 including a 28-14-2 mark at home

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### 3. 2025 STATS LEADERS

#### CALGARY STAMPEDERS

- PASSING YARDS: Vernon Adams Jr. – 1,720
- RUSHING YARDS: Dedrick Mills – 466
- RECEIVING YARDS: Jalen Philpot – 347
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Jacob Roberts – 31
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Godfrey Onyeka – 8
- SACKS: Jaylon Hutchings – 4
- INTERCEPTIONS: Adrian Greene – 3
- TOUCHDOWNS: Damien Alford, Dedrick Mills – 5
- POINTS: René Paredes – 54

#### MONTREAL ALOUETTES

- PASSING YARDS: Davis Alexander – 1,106
- RUSHING YARDS: Sean Thomas-Erlington – 267
- RECEIVING YARDS: Tyler Snead – 337
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Najee Murray – 35
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Alexandre Gagné – 12
- SACKS: Isaac Adeyemi-Berglund – 4
- INTERCEPTIONS: Kabion Ento – 3
- TOUCHDOWNS: Tyson Philpot, Sean-Thomas Erlington – 3
- POINTS: José Maltos – 69

### 4. NOTABLES

- **Deep threats:** Through the first six games of the season, the Stampeders have 14 pass completions covering at least 30 yards. That's a significant turnaround from the 2024 season when Calgary ranked last in the CFL with just 19 explosive passing plays. The explosions have been spread out as **Damien Alford** leads the team with five catches of 30-plus yards, **Clark Barnes** and **Jalen Philpot** and each have three, **Dominique Rhymes** has chipped in with two and **Tevin Jones** has one
- **Irresistible force meets immovable object:** One of the most compelling aspects of the Calgary-Montreal matchup involves the Stampeders' rushing attack against the Alouettes' run defence. Led by **Dedrick Mills**, who leads the CFL with 14 carries of at least 10 yards, Calgary is No. 1 in the league with 130.5 rushing yards per game. Meanwhile, Montreal has allowed a league-low per-game average of 69.8 yards along the ground

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- **The VA-to-DA connection:** Stampeders quarterback **Vernon Adams Jr.** and rookie receiver **Damien Alford** are developing a very productive relationship with five touchdown connections in the past three games including a pair of scores in each of Calgary's recent road victories in Regina and Winnipeg. Alford is the eighth receiver to be on the receiving end of at least five touchdown tosses from Adams, who surpassed the career 100-TD mark in Week 6 against Saskatchewan. **Dominique Rhymes**, a former Adams teammate in BC and now again in Calgary, is also on the frequent-target list

**Most frequent targets of Vernon Adams Jr. TD passes**

Player	TDs
Jake Wieneke	15
Alexander Hollins	14
Justin McInnis	10
Keon Hatcher	9
<b>Dominique Rhymes</b>	<b>8</b>
Eugene Lewis	8
Quan Bray	8
<b>Damien Alford</b>	<b>5</b>

- **Bombs away:** With three touchdown passes last week in Winnipeg, **Vernon Adams Jr.** now has a personal-best 17 touchdown passes against the Blue Bombers. Adams has thrown at least nine touchdowns against seven teams in the league, the only exceptions naturally being the two teams with which he had spent his career before joining the Stampeders – the Montreal Alouettes and the BC Lions

**Vernon Adams Jr. career TD passes by opponent**

Team	TDs
Winnipeg	17
Hamilton	16
Calgary	15
Ottawa	14
Toronto	14
Saskatchewan	12
Edmonton	9
Montreal	6
BC	1

- **Pick-six of the litter:** Through six games in 2025, the Stampeders have a league-leading four interception-return touchdowns to surpass their total from the previous two seasons combined. **Damon Webb** has two pick-sixes including one last week in Winnipeg while **Adrian Greene** and **Derrick Moncrief** have one apiece. A free-agent signing during the off-season, Webb now has four interception-return touchdowns in his career

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- **Rhymes on a roll:** Stamps receiver **Dominique Rhymes** enters this week's contest with a catch in 61 consecutive games, the third-longest active streak in the CFL. Winnipeg's Nic Demski is the active leader with a catch in 76 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
- **Paredes is three-mendous:** Calgary kicker **René Paredes** has 12 field goals through the first six games of the season to increase his career total of three-pointers to 599. He's just one field goal 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>599</b>

**5. MILESTONE WATCH**

- Vernon Adams Jr. needs 90 passing yards for 18,000 in his career
- Vernon Adams Jr. needs 280 passing yards for 2,000 this season
- René Paredes needs one field goal for 600 in his career
- Micah Teitz needs two special-teams tackles for 50 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)

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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)