

**GAME NOTES**  
**Calgary Stampeders vs Edmonton Elks**  
**McMahon Stadium**  
**Week 13**  
**Monday, Sept. 1, 2025**



## **1. GAME OVERVIEW**

The first Battle of Alberta of the 2025 Canadian Football League season is on tap as the Calgary Stampeders play host to the Edmonton Elks in the annual Labour Day Classic.

Since 1982 and for all but two seasons since 1969, the Stampeders have faced their provincial rivals at McMahon Stadium on the first Monday of September.

It was in 1949 that the now-familiar Calgary-Edmonton Labour Day matchup was born as the Alberta teams played five straight years in Edmonton before the series was briefly abandoned. Then, in 1959, the rivalry was renewed with Calgary serving as hosts and, with only a few exceptions, it is in this form the tradition continues.

Calgary and Edmonton have played 59 times on Labour Day since 1959 and the Stamps lead the series 31-27-1. Including games against other opponents, a total of 69 Labour Day games have been played in Calgary over the years, with the Stamps posting a 41-27-1 record.

The Labour Day Classic represents the front half of the traditional home-and-home series between the Alberta clubs as the Stamps will travel to Edmonton on Saturday for the rematch. The rivals will meet for a third time in the 2025 regular season on Oct. 24 in Edmonton.

The Stampeders (7-3) enter Monday's contest having won back-to-back games against divisional opponents, with the victories sandwiched around a bye week. On Aug. 9, a last-second 40-yard field goal by René Paredes lifted the Red and White past the Winnipeg Blue Bombers 28-27. Last week, the Stamps scored 18 unanswered points in the second half to down the Saskatchewan Roughriders 32-15. The win over Saskatchewan leaves the Stamps two points back of the Roughriders for first place in the West Division heading into Week 13 action.

The Elks (4-6) are riding a three-game winning streak with a string of victories over East Division opponents – Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa.

The Stampeders are 4-2 at home so far this season and 5-0 against West Division opponents. The Elks are 2-3 on the road and 0-4 against the West.

## **2. HISTORICAL NOTES**

- Today's game is the 1,305th regular-season game in Stampeders history. The Stamps have 711 wins, 571 losses and 22 ties since 1945. Calgary has played 653 games at home, with a record of 413-229-11, and 651 games on the road (298-342-11)
- This is the 243rd all-time regular-season meeting between Calgary and Edmonton. The Stamps are 107-132-3 all-time against their provincial rivals including a 60-60-2 mark in Calgary

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### 3. 2025 STATS LEADERS

#### CALGARY STAMPEDERS

- PASSING YARDS: Vernon Adams Jr. – 2,435
- RUSHING YARDS: Dedrick Mills – 738
- RECEIVING YARDS: Dominique Rhymes – 543
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Jacob Roberts – 56
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Godfrey Onyeka – 13
- SACKS: Jaylon Hutchings – 6
- INTERCEPTIONS: Adrian Greene – 4
- TOUCHDOWNS: Dedrick Mills – 8
- POINTS: René Paredes – 84

#### EDMONTON ELKS

- PASSING YARDS: Cody Fajardo – 1,542
- RUSHING YARDS: Justin Rankin – 436
- RECEIVING YARDS: Steven Dunbar Jr. – 511
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Nyles Morgan – 50
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: D.K. Bonhomme, Kenneth Logan Jr. – 10
- SACKS: Noah Taylor – 3
- INTERCEPTIONS: Jake Ceresna, Tyrell Ford – 1
- TOUCHDOWNS: Justin Rankin – 6
- POINTS: Vincent Blanchard – 80

### 4. NOTABLES

- **Diversity is strength:** Calgary's offence this season has featured a mixture of ground-and-pound and a multifaceted long-range aerial attack. The Stamps' per-game average of 118.2 rushing yards heading into Week 13 is just slightly behind league-leading Winnipeg at 119.1 and, despite a league-low 278 passing attempts, Calgary is among the league leaders in explosive pass plays with 21 completions covering at least 30 yards. The Stamps are also spreading the ball around as seven players have at least 10 receptions and seven have at least one touchdown catch
- **One hundred for Dom:** Stamps receiver **Dominique Rhymes** this week is slated to play the 100th regular-season game of his CFL career. Rhymes broke in with Ottawa in 2019 and had two tours of duty with the Redblacks and also suited up with the BC Lions before signing with Calgary this past off-season. Rhymes enters this week's contest with a catch in 64 consecutive games, the third-longest active streak in the CFL

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- **And for Derrick, too:** Also on tap to play his 100th career contest on Monday is Calgary defensive back **Derrick Moncrief**. Like Rhymes, Moncrief is in his first season with the Red and White and, like Rhymes, he has made a profound impact on his new club. The former Edmonton Elk and Saskatchewan Roughrider has 39 tackles including a league-leading seven tackles for loss and a pick-six
- **Classic confrontation:** The Stamps came up short in last year's Labour Day Classic but on the while Calgary has fared well in recent years with 10 victories in the past 12 Labour Day meetings with Edmonton

Year	Result
2012	W 31-30
2013	W 37-34
2014	W 28-13
2015	W 16-7
2016	W 45-24
2017	W 39-18
2018	W 23-20
2019	W 25-9
2020	Season cancelled
2021	L 20-23
2022	W 26-18
2023	W 35-31
2024	L 20-35

- **Bagging QBs:** Early in the season, the Calgary defence had several players among the league leaders in quarterback pressures but relatively little to show for it with just three sacks in four games. That has changed since Week 5 as the Stamps have bagged the opposing QB 17 times in six games including back-to-back four-sack outputs in the team's two most recent outings, wins over Winnipeg and Saskatchewan. **Jaylon Hutchings** (six) and **Clarence Hicks** (five) lead the Calgary sack attack followed by **Folarin Orimolade** with three and **Miles Brown** with two

**Team sack totals**

Weeks 1-5		Weeks 6-12	
Toronto	14	Saskatchewan	18
Montreal	13	<b>Calgary</b>	<b>17</b>
BC	10	Montreal	13
Saskatchewan	10	Toronto	10
Ottawa	7	Winnipeg	10
Hamilton	6	Edmonton	8
Winnipeg	5	Hamilton	8
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>3</b>	BC	8
Edmonton	2	Ottawa	5

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- **Make it a dozen for No. 30:** In Week 10 at McMahon Stadium, **René Paredes** kicked a 40-yard field goal on the final play of the game to lift the Stamps to a one-point victory over Winnipeg. It's the 12th time in Paredes' illustrious career he kicked a walk-off field goal including four against the Blue Bombers. Eight of the 12 game-winners have been at least 40 yards in length including four of 50 yards or more

**Paredes' last-play game-winning field goals**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Final</u>
Nov. 2, 2012	at Edm.	44	30-27
June 26, 2015	Ham.	50	24-23
Oct. 2, 2015	at Ham.	37	23-20
Sept. 24, 2016	Wpg.	52	36-34
Oct. 13, 2017	at Ham.	17	28-25
Sept. 3, 2018	Edm.	43	23-20
July 25, 2019	at Ott.	31	17-16
Oct. 9, 2021	at Ssk.	44	22-19
Nov. 20, 2021	Wpg.	27	13-12
July 15, 2023	at Ssk.	50	33-31
June 29, 2024	Wpg.	52	22-19
Aug. 9, 2025	Wpg.	40	28-27

- **Paredes is three-mendous:** Calgary kicker **René Paredes** became the sixth member of the CFL's 600 club in career field goals when he connected on a 37-yard attempt against the Ottawa Redblacks in Week 8. Paredes needs 13 field goals to pass Troy Westwood on the CFL's all-time list in three-pointers and five points to pass Dave Ridgway for seventh place in all-time scoring

**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>605</b>

**All-time CFL scoring leaders**

Lui Passaglia	3,991
Paul McCallum	3,145
Mark McLoughlin	2,993

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Paul Osbaldiston	2,932
Troy Westwood	2,748
Sean Fleming	2,573
Dave Ridgway	2,374
<b>René Paredes</b>	<b>2,370</b>

- **Stamps stingy on D:** Calgary has allowed the fewest offensive touchdowns in the CFL with just 15 majors yielded in 10 games. That's six fewer than Winnipeg, the league's second-stingiest teams in the league when it comes to TDs allowed

**Fewest offensive touchdowns allowed  
(Thru Week 12)**

<b>Calgary</b>	<b>15</b>
Winnipeg	21
Saskatchewan	23
Ottawa	25
Hamilton	26
Edmonton	27
Montreal	27
BC	30
Toronto	32

**5. MILESTONE WATCH**

- Dedrick Mills needs 78 rushing yards for 3,000 in his career
- René Paredes needs five points to pass Dave Ridgway for seventh place on the CFL's all-time scoring list
- Dominique Rhymes needs one game played for 100 in his career
- Derrick Moncrief needs one game played for 100 in his career
- Micah Teitz needs one special-teams tackle for 50 in his career
- Adrian Greene needs one game played 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)

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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 (GAWD-free 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)  
Dolani Robinson (DOH-lawn-ee)  
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)