

GAME NOTES
Calgary Stampeders at Edmonton Elks
Commonwealth Stadium
Week 14
Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025



1. GAME OVERVIEW

The Calgary Stampeders and Edmonton Elks go head-to-head at Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday for Round 2 of the 2025 edition of the Canadian Football League's Battle of Alberta.

The Stamps were 28-7 winners in the Labour Day Classic on Monday at McMahon Stadium in the first half of the annual early-September home-and-home series between the longtime rivals.

Dedrick Mills led the winners with 106 rushing yards while the Calgary defence sacked Cody Fajardo four times and forced two fumbles. The special-teams unit also played a big role in the Stamps' win as Erik Brooks scored a touchdown on an 86-yard punt return.

Saturday's game is the middle contest in the 2025 regular season between the Stamps and Elks, who will meet for a third time on Oct. 24 in Edmonton.

The Stampeders (8-3) have won three games in a row heading into this week's game, posting wins over West Division rivals Winnipeg, Saskatchewan and Edmonton. During the winning streak, Calgary has held the opposition to a combined total of seven points in the second half.

The Elks (4-7) saw their own three-game winning streak come to an end when they dropped the Labour Day Classic.

The Stampeders are 3-1 on the road so far this season and are 6-0 against West Division opponents. The Elks are 2-3 at home and 0-5 against the West.

2. HISTORICAL NOTES

- Today's game is the 1,306th regular-season game in Stampeders history. The Stamps have 712 wins, 571 losses and 22 ties since 1945. Calgary has played 654 games at home, with a record of 414-229-11, and 651 games on the road (298-342-11)
- This is the 244th all-time regular-season meeting between Calgary and Edmonton. The Stamps are 108-132-3 all-time against their provincial rivals including a 47-72-1 mark in Edmonton

3. 2025 STATS LEADERS

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

- **PASSING YARDS:** Vernon Adams Jr. – 2,597
- **RUSHING YARDS:** Dedrick Mills – 844
- **RECEIVING YARDS:** Dominique Rhymes – 584
- **DEFENSIVE TACKLES:** Jacob Roberts – 65
- **SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES:** Godfrey Onyeka – 14

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- SACKS: Jaylon Hutchings – 7
- INTERCEPTIONS: Adrian Greene – 4
- TOUCHDOWNS: Dedrick Mills – 8
- POINTS: René Paredes – 92

EDMONTON ELKS

- PASSING YARDS: Cody Fajardo – 1,797
- RUSHING YARDS: Justin Rankin – 484
- RECEIVING YARDS: Justin Rankin – 533
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Nyles Morgan – 52
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: D.K. Bonhomme, Kenneth Logan Jr. – 11
- SACKS: Noah Taylor – 3
- INTERCEPTIONS: Jake Ceresna, Tyrell Ford – 1
- TOUCHDOWNS: Justin Rankin – 6
- POINTS: Vincent Blanchard – 87

4. NOTABLES

- **Happy returns:** In last week's game, **Erik Brooks** scored the first return touchdown of his CFL career when he brought a Jake Julien punt back 86 yards for a major. It was the Stamps' first return TD since Peyton Logan scored on a 104-yard punt return in the 2024 Labour Day Classic

Most recent return touchdowns by Stampeders

Player	Date & opponent	Distance (type)
Erik Brooks	Sept. 1, 2025 vs Edm.	86 yards (punt return)
Peyton Logan	Sept. 2, 2024 vs Edm.	104 yards (punt return)
Peyton Logan	Aug. 13, 2022 vs BC	99 yards (kickoff return)
Peyton Logan	July 7, 2022 at Edm.	122 yards (missed-field goal return)
Roc Thomas	Oct. 16, 2021 at BC	101 yards (kickoff return)

- **Rivalry renewed:** In every season but one since 1989, Calgary and Edmonton have played a home-and-home series that features a game at McMahon Stadium on Labour Day and a return engagement at Commonwealth Stadium later in the week. In the 34 previous home-and-home series, the Stampeders have swept 12 times, Edmonton has six sweeps and the meetings have been split on 16 occasions

Labour Day week home-and-home series results

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2025: Calgary won first game
2024: Edmonton sweeps
2023: Split (home teams won both games)
2022: Calgary sweeps
2021: Split (road team won both games)
2020: season cancelled
2019: Calgary sweeps
2018: Split (home teams won both games)
2017: Calgary sweeps
2016: Calgary sweeps
2015: Split (home teams won both games)
2014: Calgary sweeps
2013: Calgary sweeps
2012: Calgary sweeps
2011: Split (road teams won both games)
2010: Calgary sweeps
2009: Calgary sweeps
2008: Split (road teams won both games)
2007: Calgary sweeps
2006: Split (home teams won both games)
2005: Split (road teams won both games)
2004: Edmonton sweeps
2003: Split (home teams won both games)
2002: Edmonton sweeps
2001: Split (road teams won both games)
2000: Edmonton sweeps
1999: Split (road teams won both games)
1998: Calgary sweeps
1997: Split (home teams won both games)
1996: Split (home teams won both games)
1995: Calgary sweeps
1994: Split (home teams won both games)
1993: Split (home teams won both games)
1992: Not played
1991: Split (home teams won both games)
1990: Edmonton sweeps
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- **Milestone moment:** Calgary receiver **Dominique Rhymes** celebrated his 100th career regular-season game in style last week by scoring the first touchdown in the Stamps' Labour Day Classic matchup with Edmonton. In the process, Rhymes became the fourth player to be on the receiving end of 10 career touchdown passes thrown by **Vernon Adams Jr.** The duo previously connected for six touchdowns as members of the BC Lions and have now combined for four TD passes with the Stampeders this season

Most career TD receptions on passes by Vernon Adams Jr.

Player	TDs
Jake Wieneke	15
Alexander Hollins	14
Dominique Rhymes	10
Justin McInnis	10

- **Ground gains:** Calgary tailback **Dedrick Mills** produced his second 100-yard rushing performance of the season and the 10th of his career in last week's Labour Day Classic. He heads into Week 14 ranked second in the CFL with 844 rushing yards – just 24 behind league leader James Butler of the BC Lions – and needs 80 rushing yards to pass his single-season high of 923, which he established in 2024. The five-year vet shares the league lead with eight rushing majors and has also scored on a two-point convert. Mills' production has been the leading contributor to the Stamps' league-leading team average of 118.8 rushing yards per game
- **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 in the sacks department with just three in four games. That has changed since Week 5 as the Stamps have bagged the opposing QB 21 times in seven games including four-sack outputs in the team's three most recent outings – wins over Winnipeg, Saskatchewan and Edmonton. **Jaylon Hutchings** (seven) and **Clarence Hicks** (six) lead the Calgary sack attack followed by **Folarin Orimolade** with four and **Miles Brown** and **Jacob Roberts** with two apiece

Team sack totals

Weeks 1-5		Weeks 6-13	
Toronto	14	Saskatchewan	23
Montreal	13	Calgary	21
BC	10	Montreal	13
Saskatchewan	10	Hamilton	12
Ottawa	7	Winnipeg	11
Hamilton	6	Toronto	11
Winnipeg	5	Edmonton	8
Calgary	3	BC	8
Edmonton	2	Ottawa	5

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- **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 11 field goals to pass Troy Westwood on the CFL's all-time list in three-pointers. In last week's Labour Day Classic win over Edmonton, Paredes surpassed Dave Ridgway for seventh place in all-time league scoring

CFL career leaders in field goals

Lui Passaglia	875
Paul McCallum	722
Mark McLoughlin	673
Paul Osbaldiston	669
Troy Westwood	617
René Paredes	607

All-time CFL scoring leaders

Lui Passaglia	3,991
Paul McCallum	3,145
Mark McLoughlin	2,993
Paul Osbaldiston	2,932
Troy Westwood	2,748
Sean Fleming	2,573
René Paredes	2,378
Dave Ridgway	2,374

- **Stamps stingy on D:** Calgary kept the Edmonton Elks out of the end zone last week and has allowed the fewest offensive touchdowns in the CFL with just 15 majors yielded in 11 games. That's 10 fewer than Winnipeg and Ottawa, the league's second-stingiest teams when it comes to TDs allowed

**Fewest offensive touchdowns allowed
(Thru Week 13)**

Calgary	15
Winnipeg	25
Ottawa	25
Saskatchewan	27
Montreal	27
Hamilton	29
Edmonton	29
BC	30
Toronto	35

5. MILESTONE WATCH

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- Dedrick Mills needs 80 rushing yards to surpass his single-season high (923)
- Vernon Adams Jr. needs 213 passing yards for 19,000 in his career
- Godfrey Onyeka needs three special-teams tackles for 50 in his career
- Adrian Greene needs one game played for 50 in his career
- Tomas Jack-Kurdyla 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)
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)