

GAME NOTES
Calgary Stampeders vs BC Lions
McMahon Stadium
Week 16
Friday, Sept. 19, 2025



1. GAME OVERVIEW

The Calgary Stampeders return to action after a bye week to play host to the BC Lions in Week 16 Canadian Football League action at McMahon Stadium.

It's the first regular-season meeting in 2025 for the West Division rivals, who will also face each other in Vancouver on Oct. 4. It's also Calgary quarterback Vernon Adams Jr.'s first game against his former team since being acquired by the Stampeders in an off-season trade with the Leos.

Adams threw for 9,202 yards and 53 touchdowns in 44 games for the Lions from 2022-24.

The Stampeders (8-4) enter Week 16 as the second-place team in the West while the Lions (6-7) are tied with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers for third spot.

It's a proverbial matchup of the immovable object against the irresistible force as the Stamps have allowed a league-low 245 points so far this season while the Lions are the highest-scoring team in the West with 378 points.

Two of the CFL's top running backs go head-to-head on Friday as BC's James Butler leads with the league with 989 rushing yards while Calgary's Dedrick Mills, who has played one fewer game, has 882 yards.

Three of the CFL's top quarterback-chasers will be on display as Mathieu Betts of the Lions is tied for the league lead with eight sacks while Clarence Hicks and Jaylon Hutchings of the Stamps are one behind with seven.

Calgary is looking to get back on track after seeing its three-game winning streak come to an end with a 31-19 loss in Edmonton prior to the bye. The Lions are coming off a 38-27 home-field victory over the Ottawa Redblacks.

Calgary and BC met three times in 2024 with the home team winning on each occasion. The Stamps were 25-24 winners at McMahon Stadium and lost 26-17 and 32-15 in two visits to BC Place.

The Stampeders are 5-2 at home so far this season and are 6-1 against West Division opponents. The Lions are 3-4 on the road and 2-4 against the West.

2. HISTORICAL NOTES

- Today's game is the 1,307th regular-season game in Stampeders history. The Stamps have 712 wins, 572 losses and 22 ties since 1945. Calgary has played 654 games at home, with a record of 414-229-11, and 652 games on the road (298-343-11)
- This is the 209th all-time regular-season meeting between Calgary and BC. The Stampeders are 114-89-5 all-time against the Lions including a 63-39-2 mark at home

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3. 2025 STATS LEADERS

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

- PASSING YARDS: Vernon Adams Jr. – 2,826
- RUSHING YARDS: Dedrick Mills – 882
- RECEIVING YARDS: Dominique Rhymes – 609
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Jacob Roberts – 68
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Godfrey Onyeka – 14
- SACKS: Clarence Hicks, Jaylon Hutchings – 7
- INTERCEPTIONS: Adrian Greene – 4
- TOUCHDOWNS: Dedrick Mills – 8
- POINTS: René Paredes – 99

BC LIONS

- PASSING YARDS: Nathan Rourke – 3,604
- RUSHING YARDS: James Butler – 989
- RECEIVING YARDS: Keon Hatcher – 1,170
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Micah Awe – 93
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Patrice Rene – 16
- SACKS: Mathieu Betts – 8
- INTERCEPTIONS: Robert Carter Jr., Garry Peters – 2
- TOUCHDOWNS: James Butler – 11
- POINTS: Sean Whyte – 124

4. NOTABLES

- **Common history:** The Stampeders and Lions share a number of names in their history books including Wally Buono, who holds the record for most coaching wins for both franchises. There is also a great deal of commonality in the QB ranks as former Stampeders player and current head coach and general manager **Dave Dickenson** and present-day Calgary starter **Vernon Adams Jr.** both had productive stints as BC pivots. In the BC record-book category of most 300-yard passing games in a season, Dickenson (in 2003) and Adams (2023) share second place with 10. The record of 14 is held by Doug Flutie, another player who starred for both teams. Danny Barrett, Kevin Glenn, Peter Liske and Joe Kapp are other examples of prominent passers who suited up for both teams

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- **Thunder from Down Under:** Rookie punter **Mark Vassett** is making an impact in his first season with the Stampeders as he leads the CFL with a net punting average of 43.4 yards. One of seven Australians on the list of qualified punters in 2025, Vassett also has pinned the opposition inside its own 10-yard line on seven occasions

Net punting leaders in 2025

	Avg.
Mark Vassett, Cgy	43.4
Joseph Zema, Mtl	40.1
Jamieson Sheehan, Wpg	39.4
Nik Constantinou, Ham	38.5
Carl Meyer, BC	38.3
Joe Couch, Ssk	36.6
Cody Grace, Edm	36.5
John Haggerty, Tor	35.8
Richie Leone, Ott	34.3

- **Dynamic duo:** Defensive linemen Clarence Hicks and Jaylon Hutchings share the team lead with seven sacks for the Stamps this season. It's the most in the CFL by a pair of teammates

Most sacks by teammates

Team	Sacks	Players
Calgary	14	Hicks (7), Hutchings (7)
Montreal	13	Adeyemi-Berglund (8), Beverette (5)
Saskatchewan	13	Carney (7), Johnson (6)

- **Stamps stingy on D:** Calgary has allowed the fewest offensive touchdowns in the CFL with just 18 majors yielded in 12 games. That's 11 fewer than Winnipeg, the league's second-stingiest team when it comes to TDs allowed

**Fewest offensive touchdowns allowed
(Thru Week 15)**

Calgary	18
Winnipeg	29
Ottawa	31
Hamilton	31
Saskatchewan	33
Montreal	33
Edmonton	33
BC	37
Toronto	38

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- **Happy returns:** In Week 13 during the Labour Day Classic, **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)

- **Paredes is three-mendous:** Veteran 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 now needs nine more field goals to pass Troy Westwood for fifth place on the CFL's all-time list in three-pointers. In the Labour Day Classic win over Edmonton earlier this month, 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	609

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	2,385
Dave Ridgway	2,374

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5. MILESTONE WATCH

- Dedrick Mills needs 42 rushing yards to surpass his single-season high (923)
- Vernon Adams Jr. needs 174 passing yards for 3,000 this season
- René Paredes needs one point for 100 this season
- Godfrey Onyeka needs three special-teams tackles 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)
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)