

GAME NOTES
Calgary Stampeders at BC Lions
BC Place Stadium
Week 18
Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025



1. GAME OVERVIEW

The Calgary Stampeders travel to Vancouver on Saturday to face the BC Lions in a crucial Week 18 battle in the Canadian Football League.

Calgary and BC are two of the three West Division teams who enter this week's slate of games with eight victories, with the Stamps holding a game in hand on both the Lions and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Saskatchewan leads the West with a 10-4 record as the teams battle for a top-two spot in the division and the opportunity to host a playoff game.

Calgary (8-6) is attempting to snap a three-game losing streak, a stretch that includes a 52-23 setback on home field against BC two weeks ago and a 38-20 defeat last week in Montreal. The Lions (8-7) have won three in a row including a 27-22 decision over the Toronto Argonauts last week at BC Place.

Calgary lost both their regular-season visits to BC Place during the 2024 campaign but from 2014 to 2023 the Stampeders were 9-2 in Vancouver.

Saturday's contest features two of the three 1,000-yard rushers in the CFL heading into Week 18. Calgary's Dedrick Mills is third in the league with 1,035 yards, trailing BC's James Butler (1,061) by just 26 yards. Saskatchewan A.J. Ouellette (1,057 yards) and Winnipeg's Brady Oliveira (971) are two other leading contenders for the league rushing title.

Calgary quarterback Vernon Adams Jr. will be playing his first game in Vancouver since being acquired by the Stampeders in an off-season trade with the Lions.

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

The Stamps are 3-3 on the road in 2025 and 6-2 against West Division rivals. The Lions are 4-3 at home and 3-4 against the West.

Vancouver is the middle stop in a stretch of three consecutive road games for the Red and White. The Stamps will travel to Hamilton next week to conclude the road swing before returning to McMahon Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 18 to host the Argos.

2. HISTORICAL NOTES

- Today's game is the 1,309th regular-season game in Stampeders history. The Stamps have 712 wins, 574 losses and 22 ties since 1945. Calgary has played 655 games at home, with a record of 414-230-11, and 653 games on the road (298-344-11)
- This is the 210th all-time regular-season meeting between Calgary and BC. The Stampeders are 114-90-5 all-time against the Lions including a 51-50-3 mark in Vancouver

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3. 2025 STATS LEADERS

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

- PASSING YARDS: Vernon Adams Jr. – 3,189
- RUSHING YARDS: Dedrick Mills – 1,035
- RECEIVING YARDS: Dominique Rhymes – 711
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Jacob Roberts – 73
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Godfrey Onyeka – 16
- SACKS: Clarence Hicks, Jaylon Hutchings – 7
- INTERCEPTIONS: Adrian Greene – 4
- TOUCHDOWNS: Dedrick Mills – 8
- POINTS: René Paredes – 117

BC LIONS

- PASSING YARDS: Nathan Rourke – 4,170
- RUSHING YARDS: James Butler – 1,061
- RECEIVING YARDS: Keon Hatcher – 1,404
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Micah Awe – 103
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Patrice Rene – 20
- SACKS: Mathieu Betts – 13
- INTERCEPTIONS: Garry Peters – 3
- TOUCHDOWNS: James Butler – 11
- POINTS: Sean Whyte – 143

4. NOTABLES

- **Dedrick hits 1K:** Calgary tailback **Dedrick Mills** last week became the first CFL player this season to reach the 1,000-yard mark in rushing. Later in the weekend, Mills (who has 1,035 yards) was joined by BC's James Butler (1,061) and Saskatchewan's A.J. Ouellette (1,057) in the 1,000-yard club and the trio enters Week 18 separated by just 26 yards in the battle for the CFL rushing crown. Mills is the Stamps' first 1,000-yard rusher since 2017 as Ka'Deem Carey accumulated a league-leading 1,088 yards in 2022. Mills is on pace for 1,331 yards, which would be the highest total by a Stamp since Jon Cornish rushed 1,813 yards in 2013
- **While Adams reaches 3K:** Calgary QB **Vernon Adams Jr.** last week surpassed the 3,000-yard in passing for the 2025 season. It's the third 3,000-yard season of Adams' career as he previously reached the milestone with Montreal in 2019 and with BC in 2023.

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- **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
- **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 42.8 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	42.8
Joseph Zema, Mtl	39.1
Jamieson Sheehan, Wpg	39.1
Carl Meyer, BC	38.9
Nik Constantinou, Ham	38.6
Joe Couch, Ssk	36.6
Cody Grace, Edm	36.5
John Haggerty, Tor	36.0
Richie Leone, Ott	34.3

- **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 four more field goals to pass Troy Westwood for fifth place on the CFL's all-time list in three-pointers

CFL career leaders in field goals

Lui Passaglia	875
Paul McCallum	722
Mark McLoughlin	673
Paul Osbaldiston	669
Troy Westwood	617
René Paredes	614

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5. MILESTONE WATCH

- Godfrey Onyeka needs one special-teams tackle for 50 in his career
- Clark Barnes needs five receptions for 100 in his career
- René Paredes needs four field goals to pass Troy Westwood (617) for fifth place in CFL history
- Justin Herdman-Reed needs one regular-season game played for 100 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)
Jacobe Covington (juh-KO-bee)
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)
Devonte O'Malley (duh-VON-tay)
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)

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Kelon Thomas (KUH-lawn)
Mark Vassett (VA-sett)