

GAME NOTES
Calgary Stampeders at Toronto Argonauts
Hamilton Stadium
Week 20
Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025



1. GAME OVERVIEW

The Calgary Stampeders wrap up the home portion of their 2025 regular-season schedule on Saturday when they play host to the Toronto Argonauts.

Calgary (9-7) enters this week's action tied with BC for second place in the West, two points ahead of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and four in front of the Edmonton Elks. A Stamps victory over the Argos would allow Calgary to lock up a playoff spot.

The Red and White, who play the final game in the Week 20 slate, could also qualify for the post-season before they take the field on Saturday if either Winnipeg or Edmonton suffer a loss on Friday. The Blue Bombers play host to the Saskatchewan Roughriders while the Elks are in Vancouver to face the Lions.

Toronto (5-12) has been eliminated from post-season contention in the East Division.

Both teams were on the road last week as the Stamps picked up a 37-20 victory in Hamilton against the East-leading Tiger-Cats while the Argos dropped a 27-19 decision in Regina against the Roughriders, the West Division frontrunners.

Stamps running back Dedrick Mills enters Week 20 as the leading rusher in the CFL with 1,225 yards. He starts the week with a 46-yard lead over Saskatchewan's A.J. Ouellette.

This is the second and final meeting of the 2025 regular season between the Stamps and Argos. The clubs met in Week 2 at Toronto's BMO Field, with Calgary claiming a 29-19 victory. Vernon Adams Jr. threw for 301 yards in the win and also contributed a rushing touchdown. The defence was led by Adrian Greene, who had a pair of interceptions including a pick-six.

The Stamps are 5-3 on home field 2025 and 3-4 against East Division opponents. The Argos are 2-6 on the road and 3-6 against the West.

The Stampeders will wrap up their regular-season schedule next week when they travel to Edmonton to face the Elks for a Friday Night Football showdown.



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2. HISTORICAL NOTES

- Today's game is the 1,311th regular-season game in Stampeders history. The Stamps have 713 wins, 575 losses and 22 ties since 1945. Calgary has played 655 games at home, with a record of 414-230-11, and 655 games on the road (299-345-11)
- This is the 105th all-time regular-season meeting between Calgary and Toronto since inter-division play started in 1961. The Stampeders are 59-45-1 all-time against the Argonauts including a 35-17 record in Calgary

3. 2025 STATS LEADERS

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

- PASSING YARDS: Vernon Adams Jr. – 3,749
- RUSHING YARDS: Dedrick Mills – 1,225
- RECEIVING YARDS: Dominique Rhymes – 792
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Jacob Roberts – 78
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Godfrey Onyeka – 17
- SACKS: Clarence Hicks – 11
- INTERCEPTIONS: Adrian Greene – 5
- TOUCHDOWNS: Dedrick Mills – 10
- POINTS: René Paredes – 144

TORONTO ARGONAUTS

- PASSING YARDS: Nick Arbuckle – 4,370
- RUSHING YARDS: Spencer Brown – 310
- RECEIVING YARDS: Dejon Brissett – 887
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Cameron Judge – 77
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Isaac Darkangelo – 21
- SACKS: Andrew Chatfield – 7
- INTERCEPTIONS: Tarvarus McFadden – 6
- TOUCHDOWNS: Jake Herslow – 9
- POINTS: Lirim Hajrullahu – 201

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4. NOTABLES



Vernon Adams Jr.

- **Adams closing in on 20K:** Stampeders quarterback **Vernon Adams Jr.** enters this week's contest needing 61 passing yards to reach the 20,000 milestone for his career. He would join Bo Levi Mitchell, Trevor Harris, Zach Collaros and Cody Fajardo as active members of the 20,000-yard club and would be the 39th player overall in league history to achieve the mark
- **Philpot honoured:** Stampeders receiver **Jalen Philpot** this week was named the 2025 winner of the Stampeders' Herm Harrison Memorial Award for community service. In his fourth season with the Red and White, Philpot has been a consistent presence in Calgary schools, connecting with youth through the Stamps' off-season basketball program as well as the Football 101 and flag football initiatives. The University of Calgary alum has also participated in the Reading . . . Give It a Shot! literacy program and contributed to CGY Champs by creating video content that supports K-8 students in building social and emotional learning skills. Additionally, he serves as an ambassador for the Hike for Hospice, visiting local hospice facilities and participating in events to raise awareness and support for end-of-life care, and is also an active member of the Every Yard Counts program, which features player visits to the Alberta Children's Hospital before every home game. Past winners of the Herm Harrison Memorial Award include Rob Cote (2013), Randy Chevrier (2014), Bo Levi Mitchell (2015 and 2016), Joshua Bell (2017), Rob Maver (2018 and 2019), Kamar Jordan (2021), Colton Hunchak (2022), Reggie Begelton (2023) and Marken Michel (2024)

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- **Paredes is three-mendous:** Earlier this season, Calgary kicker **René Paredes** became the sixth member of the CFL's 600 club in career field goals. With his first successful kick in last week's win in Hamilton, Paredes passed Troy Westwood for fifth place on the CFL's all-time list. Paredes had a total of five field goals against the Ticats in Week 19 and now sits at 622 in his career

CFL career leaders in field goals

Lui Passaglia	875
Paul McCallum	722
Mark McLoughlin	673
Paul Osbaldiston	669
René Paredes	622
Troy Westwood	617



Clarence Hicks

- **You have clearance, Clarence:** Calgary defensive end **Clarence Hicks** recorded two sacks last week at Hamilton and now has a team-leading total of 11 for the season. The second-year pro out of the University of Texas at San Antonio has joined join Mike Rose (2023), Shawn Lemon (2022), Cordarro Law (2019), Micah Johnson (2018), Charleston Hughes (2015, 2016 and 2017) and Freddie Bishop III (2015) on the list of Stamps in the past decade who have reached double digits in sacks in a season

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Derrick Moncrief



Henoc Muamba

- Moncrief is a loss leader:** Calgary defensive back **Derrick Moncrief** last week recorded his league-leading 10th tackle for loss of the 2025 season. He's the first CFL player to register double digits in that department since Montreal's Henoc Muamba had 11 tackles for loss in 2018. In addition, he is the first Stamp to record at least 10 tackles for loss in a season since Charleston Hughes had 12 in 2008

Stampede – most tackles for loss in a season (since 1990)

Player	Year	TFL
Will Johnson	1991	13
Charleston Hughes	2008	12
Will Johnson	1992	11
Derrick Moncrief	2025	10

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- **Mills in hunt for rushing title:** With his first career 1,000-yard rushing season already in the bank, Calgary tailback **Dedrick Mills** now sets his sights on the CFL rushing title. With two weeks remaining in the regular season, Mills leads Saskatchewan's A.J. Ouellette by 46 yards, BC's James Butler by 122 yards and Winnipeg's Brady Oliveira by 137. Mills, who is bidding to become the 11th Stampeders in franchise history to win the league rushing crown, also is first in the CFL with 38 carries of at least 10 yards and is tied with Butler for the most rushing majors by a tailback with 10

Stampeders rushing champions

Player	Year(s)
Earl Lunsford	1961
Lovell Coleman	1963, 1964
Hugh McKinnis	1970
Willie Burden	1975
James Sykes	1980, 1981
Gary Allen	1986
Joffrey Reynolds	2008, 2009
Jon Cornish	2012, 2013, 2014
Jerome Messam	2016
Ka'Deem Carey	2022

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Mark Vassett

- **Thunder from Down Under:** Rookie punter **Mark Vassett** is making an impact in his first season with the Stampede as he leads the CFL with a net punting average of 42.8 yards. The league record for highest net-punting average for a season is 41.5, which was set by the Stampede's Cody Grace in 2021

Net punting leaders in 2025

	Avg.
Mark Vassett, Cgy	42.8
Joseph Zema, Mtl	39.1
Carl Meyer, BC	38.9
Nik Constantinou, Ham	38.3
Jamieson Sheehan, Wpg	38.2
Joe Couch, Ssk	36.6
Cody Grace, Edm	36.5
John Haggerty, Tor	36.3
Richie Leone, Ott	34.8

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5. MILESTONE WATCH

- Vernon Adams Jr. needs 61 passing yards for 20,000 in his career
- Vernon Adams Jr. needs 251 passing yards for 4,000 this season
- Dedrick Mills 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)
Jacobe Covington (juh-KO-bee)
D'Antne Demery (dee-AWN-tay DE-muh-ree)
Anthony Federico (FED-uh-REE-koh)
Chris Fortin (fawr-TIHN)
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)
Kelon Thomas (KUH-lawn)
Mark Vassett (VA-sett)