

**GAME NOTES**  
**Calgary Stampeders at Edmon Elks**  
**Commonwealth Stadium**  
**Week 21**  
**Friday, Oct. 24, 2025**



## 1. GAME OVERVIEW

The Calgary Stampeders conclude their regular-season slate of games with a visit to Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium and a date with the Elks.

Calgary (10-7) has locked up a berth in the Western Semi-Final and the results of the final weekend of action will determine the Stampeders' opponent – either the BC Lions or the Winnipeg Blue Bombers – and the location of the game – either a home date at McMahon Stadium or a trip to Vancouver's BC Place.

The Stamps, who will be participating in the playoffs for the 19th time in the past 20 seasons, were 44-13 winners last week against the visiting Toronto Argonauts. Meanwhile, Edmonton (7-10) was eliminated from playoff contention by a 37-24 loss at BC.

Dedrick Mills rushed for 115 yards for in the Calgary win over the Boatmen, Vernon Adams Jr. threw three touchdown passes and the Stamps defence had four sacks and two interceptions including a pick-six by Adrian Greene to open the scoring.

Friday's game is the rubber game of the 2025 season series between the provincial rivals as the Stamps won the Labour Day Classic 28-7 at McMahon on Sept. 1 and the Elks prevailed 31-19 in the rematch five days later in Edmonton.



The Stamps are 4-4 on the road this season and 6-3 against West Division rivals. The Elks are 5-3 at home and 3-6 against the West.

## 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 245th all-time regular-season meeting between Calgary and Edmonton. Calgary is 108-133-3 all-time against the Green and Gold including a 47-73-1 mark in games played in Edmonton

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### 3. 2025 STATS LEADERS

#### CALGARY STAMPEDERS

- PASSING YARDS: Vernon Adams Jr. – 3,962
- RUSHING YARDS: Dedrick Mills – 1,340
- RECEIVING YARDS: Dominique Rhymes – 847
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Jacob Roberts – 84
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Godfrey Onyeka – 17
- SACKS: Clarence Hicks – 11
- INTERCEPTIONS: Adrian Greene – 6
- TOUCHDOWNS: Dedrick Mills – 11
- POINTS: René Paredes – 158

#### EDMONTON ELKS

- PASSING YARDS: Cody Fajardo – 3,136
- RUSHING YARDS: Justin Rankin – 1,012
- RECEIVING YARDS: Kaion Julien-Grant – 783
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Joel Dublanko – 80
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Kenneth Logan Jr. – 15
- SACKS: Jonathan Kongbo, Noah Taylor – 4
- INTERCEPTIONS: Tarvarus McFadden – 6
- TOUCHDOWNS: Justin Rankin – 13
- POINTS: Vincent Blanchard – 146

### 4. NOTABLES

- **Back to the dance:** The Stampeders return to the post-season after the team's run of 18 consecutive playoff appearances was snapped by a last-place finish in 2024. No team has qualified for the post-season more often in the past 20 seasons

#### **Playoff appearances 2005-25 (20 seasons)**

<b>Calgary</b>	<b>19</b>
BC	17
Montreal	16
Saskatchewan	15
Hamilton	13
Winnipeg	13

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Toronto	12
Edmonton	10
Ottawa*	5

\* *Ottawa Renegades in 2005; Ottawa Redblacks from 2014-present*

- **Road to 300:** The Stampeders are one win away from being the second CFL team to reach the 300 mark in all-time road victories. Coincidentally, the attempt will come against Edmonton, the first club to achieve the milestone

**All-time road victories (thru Week 20)**

Edmonton	306
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>299</b>
Winnipeg	292
Toronto	291
Saskatchewan	263
BC	259
Hamilton	239
Montreal	227
Ottawa	214

**All-time Stampeders road wins by opponent**

Saskatchewan	61
BC	51
Edmonton	47
Winnipeg	45
Hamilton	29
Toronto	24
Ottawa	20
Montreal	15
Sacramento	2
Baltimore	1
Birmingham	1
Las Vegas	1
San Antonio	1
Shreveport	1

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**Dedrick Mills**

- **Mills' quest for rushing title:** Calgary tailback **Dedrick Mills** enters the final week of the regular season with a league-leading 1,340 rushing yards and a 155-yard lead on BC's James Butler, who sits second in the race for the CFL rushing crown. 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 44 carries of at least 10 yards and is tied with Butler for the most rushing majors with 11

**Stampeders rushing champions**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>
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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- **Ground gains:** The production of tailback **Dedrick Mills** has been the centrepiece of the Stampeders' league-leading ground attack this season. Calgary enters the final week of play averaging a league-best 127.8 rushing yards per game with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers second at 121.0 yards per contest. Calgary has been particularly effective at running the ball in recent action as the Red and White is averaging 157 yards per game over the past five contests



**Derrick Moncrief**

- **Ring of honour:** Defensive back **Derrick Moncrief** is the 2025 recipient of the Stampeders' Presidents' Ring award. The Presidents' Ring has been presented annually since 1967 to the Stampeders player who best demonstrates excellence on and off the field as voted by the players. Candidates are judged on their in-game contributions, leadership, inspiration and motivational skills. In his first year with the Red and White and his eighth in the CFL, Moncrief has emerged as a locker-room leader and has been a valuable contributor on the field with 63 tackles including a league-leading 10 tackles for loss, two interceptions including a pick-six, six knockdowns, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery in 17 starts at the SAM position

**Recent Presidents' Ring recipients**

**2025 – Derrick Moncrief**  
2024 – Reggie Begelton  
2023 – Derek Wiggan  
2022 – Derek Wiggan

2021 – Jamar Wall  
2019 – Brandon Smith  
2018 – Micah Johnson  
2017 – Joshua Bell

2016 – Deron Mayo  
2015 – Rob Cote  
2014 – Corey Mace  
2013 – Rob Cote

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**Adrian Greene**

- **Greene thumb:** Calgary cornerback **Adrian Greene** heads into the final weekend of play with a share of the league lead with six interceptions. The first-year Stamp came into 2025 with three career picks over 42 games with the BC Lions in his first seasons in the league. Greene has returned two of the interceptions for touchdowns, making him the first Stamp to have multiple pick-sixes in a season since Keon Raymond in 2011
- **Adams is a Jr. achiever:** Stampeders quarterback **Vernon Adams Jr.** last week became the 39th player in CFL history to throw for 20,000 yards. He needs 38 passing yards in the regular-season finale for his second career 4,000-yard season
- **Philpot honoured:** Stamps receiver **Jalen Philpot** earlier this month was named the 2025 winner of the club's 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 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

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2019), Kamar Jordan (2021), Colton Hunchak (2022), Reggie Begelton (2023) and Marken Michel (2024)

- **Moncrief is a loss leader:** Calgary defensive back **Derrick Moncrief** has a league-leading 10 tackles for loss this season and is 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

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

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

- **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 42.1 yards. The league record for highest net-punting average for a season is 41.5, which was set by the Stampeders' Cody Grace in 2021

**Net punting leaders in 2025 thru Week 20**

	Avg.
<b>Mark Vassett, Cgy</b>	<b>42.1</b>
Jamieson Sheehan, Wpg	39.5
Jake Julien, Edm	39.1
Joseph Zema, Mtl	38.8
Carl Meyer, BC	38.7
Nik Constantinou, Ham	38.3
John Haggerty, Tor	36.8
Joe Couch, Ssk	36.6
Cody Grace, Edm	36.5
Richie Leone, Ott	35.1

**5. MILESTONE WATCH**

- Stampeders need one regular-season road win for 300 in franchise history
- Vernon Adams Jr. needs 38 passing yards for 4,000 this season
- Dedrick Mills needs three receptions for 100 in his career

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**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 OVN-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)