

GAME NOTES
Calgary Stampeders at BC Lions
BC Place Stadium
Western Semi-Final
Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025



1. GAME OVERVIEW

The Calgary Stampeders are in Vancouver on Saturday to face the BC Lions in the 2025 Western Semi-Final. The winner heads to Regina next week to take on the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the Western Final.

Calgary and BC had matching 11-7 records during the regular season, with the Lions earning second place and the right to host the West semi by virtue of their sweep of the two-game season series with the Stamps. The clubs played twice in a three-week span in the latter stages of the regular season as BC won 52-23 at McMahon Stadium on Sept. 19 and 38-24 at BC Place on Oct. 4.

The results were part of the Lions' six-game winning streak to wrap up the regular-season schedule while the Stamps rebounded from the second loss to BC to win their final three contests including a 20-10 victory in the regular-season finale at Edmonton.

Calgary returns to the post-season after seeing their 18-season run of consecutive playoff appearances come to an end in 2024. The Stampeders (19 times) and Lions (17) lead the CFL in playoff participations since 2005.

The Lions were first in the CFL in 2025 with 559 points scored while the Stamps allowed just 416 points, second in stinginess only to the Roughriders' 409. Calgary was fourth in offence (488 points) and BC was seventh in defence (499 points allowed).

Saturday's contest features the CFL's 2025 rushing and receiving champions as Calgary's Dedrick Mills had a league-best 1,409 yards along the ground while BC's Keon Hatcher was tops in receiving yards with 1,688.

The quarterback matchup features two of the five players this season to hit the 4,000-yard milestone in passing – Calgary's Vernon Adams Jr. (4,247 yards) and BC's Nathan Rourke (5,290 yards, just six behind league leader Bo Levi Mitchell of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats).

On the defensive side of the ball, Calgary's Adrian Greene shared the league with six interceptions while Derrick Moncrief was tops in tackles for loss with 12. The Lions feature sack leader Mathieu Betts (15) and top defensive tackler Micah Awe (114).

On the special teams front, BC's Sean Whyte (88.8-percent career success rate) and Calgary's René Paredes (87.5 per cent) are the two most accurate field-goal kickers in CFL history while the Stamps' Mark Vassett was the CFL's net-punting leader in 2025 and set a franchise single-season record with a gross punting average of 50.0 yards.

Calgary was 7-3 against West Division opposition during the regular season and 5-4 on the road. The Lions were 6-4 against the West and 6-3 at home.

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2. HISTORICAL NOTES

- This is the Stampeders' 37th appearance in a division semifinal. Calgary is 18-18 all-time in this round
- This is the 16th time the Stamps are facing the Lions in the post-season. Calgary leads the all-time series 10-5 including 6-2 in the division-semifinal round

3. 2025 STATS LEADERS

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

- PASSING YARDS: Vernon Adams Jr. – 4,247
- RUSHING YARDS: Dedrick Mills – 1,409
- RECEIVING YARDS: Dominique Rhymes – 886
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Jacob Roberts – 93
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Godfrey Onyeka – 17
- SACKS: Clarence Hicks – 12
- INTERCEPTIONS: Adrian Greene – 6
- TOUCHDOWNS: Dedrick Mills – 11
- POINTS: René Paredes – 171

BC LIONS

- PASSING YARDS: Nathan Rourke – 5,290
- RUSHING YARDS: James Butler – 1,213
- RECEIVING YARDS: Keon Hatcher – 1,688
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Micah Awe – 114
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Patrice Rene – 21
- SACKS: Mathieu Betts – 15
- INTERCEPTIONS: Robert Carter Jr. – 5
- TOUCHDOWNS: James Butler – 12
- POINTS: Sean Whyte – 166

4. NOTABLES

- **Greene thumb:** Calgary cornerback **Adrian Greene** finished the regular season 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 three seasons in the league. Greene returned two of the interceptions for touchdowns as he and Damon Webb were the first Stamps to have multiple pick-sixes in a season since Keon Raymond in 2011

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- **Back to the dance:** The Stampeders are returning 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)

Calgary	19
BC	17
Montreal	16
Saskatchewan	15
Hamilton	13
Winnipeg	13
Toronto	12
Edmonton	10
Ottawa*	5

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

- **Mills is the rushing king:** Calgary tailback **Dedrick Mills** (1,409 rushing yards) produced the best total by a Stampeders since Jon Cornish's 1,813 yards in 2013 to claim this season's CFL rushing title. Mills is the 11th Stampeders in franchise history to win the league rushing crown

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
Dedrick Mills	2025

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- **Road to 300:** The Stampeders last week became the second CFL team to reach the 300 mark in all-time regular-season road victories

All-time road victories

Edmonton	306
Calgary	300
Winnipeg	292
Toronto	291
Saskatchewan	263
BC	260
Hamilton	239
Montreal	227
Ottawa	214

All-time Stampeders road wins by opponent

Saskatchewan	61
BC	51
Edmonton	48
Winnipeg	45
Hamilton	29
Toronto	24
Ottawa	20
Montreal	15
Sacramento	2
Baltimore	1
Birmingham	1
Las Vegas	1
San Antonio	1
Shreveport	1

- **Moncrief is a loss leader:** Calgary defensive back **Derrick Moncrief** had a league-leading 12 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

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Derrick Moncrief	2025	12
Charleston Hughes	2008	12
Will Johnson	1992	11

- **Thunder from Down Under:** Rookie punter **Mark Vassett** made an impact in his first season with the Stamps as he led the CFL with a net punting average of 41.7 yards – a single-season league record – and also set a new team standard with a gross punting average of 50.0 yards. This week he was named to the West Division all-CFL team

Net punting leaders in 2025

	Avg.
Mark Vassett, Cgy	41.7
Jake Julien, Edm	40.4
Carl Meyer, BC	38.7
Joseph Zema, Mtl	38.6
Jamieson Sheehan, Wpg	38.4
Nik Constantinou, Ham	38.0
Joe Couch, Ssk	36.6
Cody Grace, Edm	36.5
John Haggerty, Tor	36.4
Richie Leone, Ott	34.5

5. 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)

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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)