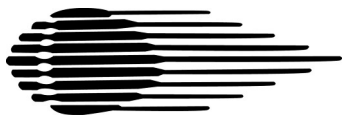


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Alberta Rocks the CFL Draft

Team Alberta at the Football Canada Cup in 2007 was a special team indeed. Winning all of their games by an average score of 40-9 and blasting their way to Alberta's sixth National Championship. However, we didn't know how truly special it was until May 8, 2011 at the CFL Draft.

Four years later, five members of that team went in the 2011 CFL Draft, which is quite an accomplishment indeed considering that hundreds of players are eligible but only 47 get selected. Add to those five players, four more born and raised Albertans (and former Team Alberta players as well) and you have our province providing almost 20% of the players drafted that day, including three first rounders and four in the top 11 (36%).

Quite an accomplishment! Here is a list of players selected and on behalf of the football community in Alberta we would like to wish them every success at the next level.

Name	Selected	Position	CFL Team	University	High School	Team Alberta
Anthony Parker	First Round #3	SB	Calgary	Calgary	Foothills	2007
Nathan Coehorn	First Round #5	WR	Edmonton	Calgary	Medicine Hat	2004
Marco Ianuzzi	First Round #6	WR	B.C.	Harvard	St. Francis	2005 *
Hugh O'Neill	Second Round #11	K/P	B.C.	Alberta	St. Francis Xavier	2007
Paul Swiston	Fourth Round #24	OL	Winnipeg	Calgary	E.P. Scarlett	2007
Alex Krausnick-Groh	Fourth Round #27	OL	Sask.	Calgary	Cochrane	2007
Reed Alexander	Fourth Round #31	OL	Montreal	Calgary	Medicine Hat	2005
Matt Walter	Fifth Round #34	RB	Calgary	Calgary	Bishop O'Byrne	2007
Jadon Wagner	Sixth Round #44	LB	Hamilton	B.Y.U.	L.C.I.	2002

* - selected but was unable to play

Football Alberta Annual Team Fundraiser

PULL YOUR PRICE & DONATE BOOKLET - ANNUAL TEAM FUNDRAISING PLAN

Order 40 Books and Make \$2,400 For Your Team. Interested? Football Alberta is pleased to again offer our winning fundraising campaign. We are offering a highly successful team fundraising plan, based on a pull ticket donation concept. Teams will make \$2,400 with 40 books ordered. This works out to a 75% profit from each book sold. These successful "Pull Your Price & Donate" books have an \$80 value and no More Scratches.

The prize board features a \$3400.00 Grey Cup Deluxe Package. The draw date is November 3rd, 2011.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

You start with a Football Alberta - "Pull Your Price & Donate" booklet containing 50 tickets. Players, coaches & parents approach their favourite people & ask them to pull out a ticket & donate the amount on the ticket. Donation amounts range from Free-\$2.50. There are 5 free tickets per book.

Each book generates \$80.00, of which you keep \$60.00 in profit. \$20 goes to Football Alberta. A certain percentage goes towards the printing of the books, we pay for all of the prizes and the remainder is put towards all of the other programs we offer to amateur football programs. By participating in this fundraiser, the dollars raised stay in amateur football teams in Alberta, not anywhere else.

Consider adding \$80 to a player's registration and hand them a book. All books are then sold up front.

WIN Your Grey Cup Deluxe Package
\$3400.00 Value

Includes:

- Two Tickets to Nov. 27th 2011 Grey Cup (99th) in Vancouver
- 4 nights at Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel
- Airfare for two from Edmonton
- Airport/Hotel transfers
- 2 tickets to Spirit of Edmonton Breakfast

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Please ship us (quantity) _____ books @ a cost of \$20 per book. Payment must be received first before books are sent.

Football Alberta 2011 Membership & Insurance

Football AB membership and insurance is valid January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. All minor teams must take out insurance. **Plan #1 (2011 Team Membership + Player & Team Personnel Accident & Liability Insurance)**

Minor	Team fee of \$157.50 (incl. GST) + \$20.00 per person
High School	Team fee of \$183.75 (incl. GST) + \$20.00 per person
Midget/Junior/University	Team fee of \$183.75 (incl. GST) + \$20.00 per person
Senior Men/Female	\$20.00 per person
Flag/Touch	\$7.00 per person

Plan #2 (Team Membership Only, No Insurance)

High School, 6 & 9 Man, Midget, Junior & University teams: \$183.75 (incl. GST). This plan is for teams that have adequate insurance.

Once again, teams and/or leagues should use their username and password to register their team at <https://footballalberta.ab.ca/members/>. Delete players who will not be returning for 2011 and add any new players. Please do not delete players who attend a 2011 practice/gym night or selection camp and then do not play with the team. Insurance payment should be collected from those players and submitted for coverage for the year. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Senior Bowl 2011



Monday May 23rd, 2011

22nd Annual Senior Bowl

12:00 p.m. McMahon Stadium, Calgary

Tickets \$10/each available at the gate



NORTH All-Star Team

All players listed alphabetically by position

Quarterback

Jordan Olson (Jasper Place, Edmonton)
Taylor Yaremchuk (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)

Runningback

Stas Bessmertny (Hunting Hills, Red Deer)
Tyree Malcolm (Ross Sheppard, Edmonton)
Franklin Marion (Salisbury, Sherwood Park)
Stephan Paleniuk (McNally, Edmonton)

Receivers

Taylor Collins (St. Josephs, Grande Prairie)
Connal Downing (Peace River)
Jordan Garside (Harry Ainlay, Edmonton)
Christian Gottenbos (Spruce Grove)
Tyler Henry (Camrose)
Ryan Smith (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
Landyn Vick (Harry Ainlay, Edmonton)

Offensive Line

Jordan Arkko (Harry Ainlay, Edmonton)
Ashton Batt (St. Josephs, Grande Prairie)
Andrew Boisvert (Salisbury, Sherwood Park)
Jordan Fillippelli (Salisbury, Sherwood Park)
Taylor Frankiw (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
Quinn Glanz (Salisbury, Sherwood Park)
Lincoln Untereiner (Salisbury, Sherwood Park)

Defensive Line

Colton Cardinal (Camrose)
Leif Davidson (Holy Rosary, Lloydminster)
Marcus Goods (Jasper Place, Edmonton)
Spencer Maisonneuve (Salisbury, Sherwood Park)
Cole McCormick (Lloydminster)
Nathan Winchester (St. Albert)
Steven Wuori (Cold Lake)

Linebackers

Tanner Doll (St. Albert)
Michael Hansen (Jasper Place, Edmonton)
Matthew Hudema (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
Brett Morrow (Lloydminster)
Braden Schram (Peace River)
Nik Whalen (Jasper Place, Edmonton)

Defensive Backs

Geoffrey Bekavac (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
Colton Ballou (Harry Ainlay, Edmonton)
Ryan Doram (McNally)
Brandon Foster (Harry Ainlay, Edmonton)
Adam Laurensse (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
Tyler Lewis (Hunting Hills, Red Deer)
Matthew Southwick (Peace River)

Kicker/Punter

Jonathan Heidebrecht (Camrose)

SOUTH All-Star Team

All players listed alphabetically by position

Quarterbacks

Mark Black (Highwood, High River)
Andrew Buckley (Rundle College, Calgary)
Jimmy Underdahl (Notre Dame, Calgary)

Runningbacks

Denzel Morrison (Bishop O'Byrne, Calgary)
Cameron Mundle (Dr. E.P. Scarlett, Calgary)
Connor Ralph (Raymond)
Jeffrey Schidlowsky (Western Canada, Calgary)

Receivers

Kyle Brick (Father Lacombe/Bishop McNally, Calgary)
Cody Chipman (Cardston)
Ryan Hryn (Brooks)
Benjamin Lawrence (Cochrane)
Jimmy Ralph (Raymond)
Aaron Rommele (Willow Creek, Claresholm)

Offensive Line

Meldrick Big Stony (Canmore)
Sean McEwen (Notre Dame, Calgary)
Kelsey Pellerin-Isbister (Henry Wise Wood, Calgary)
Clinton Reeder (Lord Beaverbrook, Calgary)
Taylor Ross (Medicine Hat)
Tyler Scott (Notre Dame, Calgary)
Justin Studer (McCoy, Medicine Hat)

Defensive Line

Dylan Erfle (Medicine Hat)
Gregg Hannah (Crescent Heights, Medicine Hat)
Jared Hildebrandt (Lord Beaverbrook, Calgary)
Riley Horvath (Catholic Central, Lethbridge)
Daniel Lamola (Notre Dame, Calgary)
Owen Sieben (Raymond)
Colin Smithwick (Henry Wise Wood, Calgary)

Linebacker

Anthony Anderson (Medicine Hat)
Keven Blencowe (St. Francis, Calgary)
Cyril Iwanegbe (Brooks)
Tylen Lewis (Notre Dame, Calgary)
Jesse Palmer (Cochrane)
Alexander Van Olm (Western Canada, Calgary)

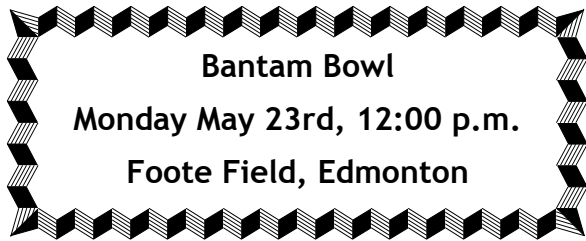
Defensive Backs

Nicholas Bussiere (Notre Dame, Calgary)
Vince Greco (Notre Dame, Calgary)
Ryan Koyzan (John G. Diefenbaker, Calgary)
Daniel Ruddy (Henry Wise Wood, Calgary)
Michael Schmidt (Western Canada, Calgary)
Alex Shackleton (Bowness, Calgary)
Jacob Williams (St. Francis, Calgary)
Dylan Willoughby (L.C.I., Lethbridge)

Kicker/Punter

Marshal Broom (Notre Dame, Calgary)

Bantam Bowl 2011



NORTH All-Star Team

All players listed alphabetically by position

Quarterbacks

Brady Kerr (Stony Plain Blue Bombers)
Brandon Thiessen (Spruce Grove Cougars)

Runningbacks

Jacob Battenfelder (Fort Saskatchewan Lightning)
Donivan Grannum (Lloydminster Mustangs)
Troy Hansen (West Edmonton Raiders)
Quinn Polley (Spruce Grove Cougars)

Receivers

Trevor Aiello (Sherwood Park Rams)
Braden Jackson (Spruce Grove Cougars)
Kain Kell (Grande Prairie Broncos)
Brandon Mellen (West Edmonton Raiders)
Colby Miller (Stony Plain Blue Bombers)
Jonathan Muamba (Millwoods Grizzlies)
Frederic Muamba (Millwoods Grizzlies)
Tyler Turner (St. Albert Fury)

Offensive Line

Christopher Holowaty (Sherwood Park Wolverines)
Jensen Jeffery (Edmonton Chargers)
Mark Korte (Spruce Grove Cougars)
Luc Laplante (Notre Dame Cougars, Red Deer)
Justin Lawrence (Spruce Grove Cougars)
Jacob Wasserman (Leduc Ti-Cats)
Michael Yuzyk (Sherwood Park Northstars)

Defensive Line

Tyler Beaudoin (Sherwood Park Rams)
Jack Hanna (St. Albert Fury)
Tristan Hughes-Nyszczuk (Sherwood Park Rams)
Leo Kennedy (Sherwood Park Rams)
Colby Smith (Grande Prairie Raiders)
Jordan Sperounes (Lloydminster Chargers)

Linebackers

Timothy Atrazhev (Edmonton Chargers)
Nicholas Baharally (Stettler Cougars)
Jassen Brown (Spruce Grove Cougars)
Chad Bullock (Sherwood Park Rams)
Tim Hayward (Lindsay Thurber Raiders, Red Deer)
Graham Loerke (St. Albert Fury)
Jackson Ryan (Sexsmith Shamrocks)

Defensive Backs

Jesse Anderson (Leduc Ti-Cats)
Cole Christianson (Sherwood Park Rams)
Keshone Clement (Sherwood Park Rams)
John Colville (Spruce Grove Cougars)
Dominc Disciglio (Sherwood Park Wolverines)
Nathaniel Martin (Sherwood Park Rams)
Joshua Normandeau (Sherwood Park Rams)

Kicker

Quade Smith (Olds Bulldogs)

Football Alberta is pleased to once again offer the Bantam Bowl, a North versus South All-Star game for graduating grade 9's. The Bantam Bowl began in 2005 and is played every second year, alternating with Alberta Summer Games.

Tickets are \$10/each and are available at the door.

Congratulations to all selected finalists!

SOUTH All-Star Team

All players listed alphabetically by position

Quarterbacks

Kevin Chopek (Medicine Hat Colts)
Benjamin Kopczyncki (Calgary Wildcats)

Runningbacks

Harley Hansen (Calgary Hilltoppers)
Tyler Chow (Calgary Hilltoppers)* - injured
Ross Delauw (Lethbridge Bulldogs)
Josh Duazo (Airdrie Storm)
Wyatt Paton (Calgary Golden Hawks)

Receivers

Jagveer Bahia (Calgary Wildcats)
Dallas Boath (Calgary Colts)
Jackson Bokenfohr (Calgary Wildcats)
Alex Caballero (Raymond Jr. Comets)
Alex Cho (Calgary Falcons)
Brandon Donst (Calgary Hilltoppers)* - injured
Scott Mackay (Calgary Bulldogs)

Offensive Line

Brennan Bray (Calgary Colts)
Damian Brazeau (Calgary Hilltoppers)
Trey Hande (Calgary Stampeders)
Drew Hawes (Parkside Pythons)
Chase Jensen (Calgary Colts)
Wesley Siemens (Raymond Jr. Comets)
Liam West (Parkside Pythons)
Scott Van Der Baaren (Calgary Cowboys)

Defensive Line

Anthony Crowshoe (Calgary Falcons)
Samuel Dyer (Calgary Cowboys)
Edmond Many Guns (Pincher Creek Mustangs)
George Saloum (Calgary Stampeders)
Zachary Urquhart (Calgary Cowboys)
Joel Van Pelt (Lethbridge Bulldogs)

Linebackers

William Buck (Calgary Wildcats)
Jordan Chabot (Calgary Bulldogs)
Carlo Gallotta (Calgary Cowboys)
Brogan Hickey (Calgary Colts)
Hunter Sorgard (Taber Rebels)
Jared South (Calgary Colts)

Defensive Backs

Trey Brass (Raymond Jr. Comets)
Andrew Britton (Calgary Bulldogs)
Kelsey Connick (Calgary Golden Hawks)
Kevin Demmers (Calgary Wildcats)
Wyatt Humber (Calgary Hilltoppers)
Jackson McDonough (Calgary Falcons)
Sean Waugh (Calgary Colts)
Dalton Winkworth (Calgary Stampeders)

Team Alberta - Final Selection Camp 2011

In it's 16th year, the Team Alberta U18 Provincial Team set off to find the top athletes in Alberta born in '94 and '95. Talent ID Camps were held in four regions of AB to bring around 120 athletes to a final Selection Camp to take place **May 20-23 at Catholic Central H.S. West Campus in Lethbridge**. Below is the list of players selected out of the four regional Talent ID Camps to come to the Final Selection Camp. At that time the coaching staff will be selecting the final 40 players for Team Alberta 2011, representing Alberta at the 2011 Football Canada Cup in Lethbridge from July 9-16, 2011. Congratulations to all!

Quarterbacks

Taylor Armsworth (Foothills, Okotoks)
 Brad Baker (Raymond)
 Matthew Bonaca (Salisbury, Sherwood Park)
 Jason Lambert (Peace River)
 Brad Launhardt (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
 Jesse Schneider (Austin O'Brien, Edmonton)

Runningbacks

Prabh Bahia (Western Canada, Calgary)
 Kalon Baumann (L.C.I., Lethbridge)
 Cole Fiedler (Catholic Central, Lethbridge)
 Kellen Forest (Cochrane)
 Jarvis James (Bishop O'Byrne, Calgary)
 Jacob Narbonne (Harry Ainlay, Edmonton)
 Jacob Palmarin (Catholic Central, Lethbridge)
 Brandon Stewart (Salisbury, Sherwood Park)
 Ryder Stone (Holy Trinity Academy, Okotoks)
 Audrey Webster (Harry Ainlay, Edmonton)
 Bryson Wishloff-Dobush (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)

Receivers

Colton Balicki (Ardrossan)
 Kyle Brick (Bishop McNally/Father Lacombe, Calgary)
 Taylor Brooks (Foothills, Okotoks)
 Kyle Doubell (Bishop Carroll, Calgary)
 Andrew Ellis (Cold Lake)
 Stephen Fabian (Brooks)
 Tyler Gradwell (Lord Beaverbrook, Calgary)
 Scott Hannah (Crescent Heights, Medicine Hat)
 Blake Hawkco (Dr. E.P. Scarlett, Calgary)
 Tak Landry (Harry Ainlay, Edmonton)
 Rick Lemoignan (Austin O'Brien, Edmonton)
 Mackenzie Meek (Henry Wise Wood, Calgary)
 Jordan Perreault (Springbank)
 Denzel Radford (St. Francis, Calgary)
 Liam Smith (Cochrane)
 Brendan Thera-Plamondon (St. Albert)
 Devan Wanat (Strathcona, Edmonton)
 Josh Wilkie (St. Albert)
 Adam Zajdel (Henry Wise Wood, Calgary)

Offensive Line

Sawyer Barth (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
 Nolan Beck (Ardrossan)
 Jacob Brett (Fort Saskatchewan)
 Mitch Cameron (L.C.I., Lethbridge)
 Emmitt Campbell (W.R. Myers, Taber)
 Brandon Carlton (Winston Churchill, Lethbridge)
 Daniel Christensen (Camrose)
 Sean Heiligsetzer (Bishop O'Byrne, Calgary)
 Kelton Hurt (L.C.I., Lethbridge)
 Conrad Krasowski (Bishop O'Byrne, Calgary)
 Justin Lanceleve (Cold Lake)
 Cameron MacKenzie (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
 Bryce McKinnon (Cochrane)

Chase Quewezance (Ross Sheppard, Edmonton)
 Evan Rutherford (Harry Ainlay, Edmonton)
 Josh Sauriol (Lord Beaverbrook, Calgary)
 Ryan Sceviour (Bowness, Calgary)
 Alex Stewart (St. Josephs, Grande Prairie)
 Kyle Vandale (St. Francis Xavier, Edmonton)

Defensive Line

Rey Arcega (Central Memorial, Calgary)
 Connor Christensen (Springbank)
 Christopher Corriveau (Fort Saskatchewan)
 Brandon de Gans (Archbishop Jordan, Sherwood Park)
 Caleb Eidsvik (Lloydminster)
 Ben Lysak (Salisbury, Sherwood Park)
 Trey McDonnell (Catholic Central, Lethbridge)
 Garrett Meek (Ross Sheppard, Edmonton)
 Ronnie Mellow (Austin O'Brien, Edmonton)
 Coleton Miller (Cochrane)
 Wyatt Patzer (Highwood, High River)
 Alex Perry (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
 Cody Prechel (Jasper Place, Edmonton)
 Cory Robinson (George McDougall, Airdrie)
 Darnel Tail Feathers (Catholic Central, Lethbridge)
 Brayden Twarynski (Bishop O'Byrne, Calgary)
 Troy Weissbach (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
 Jevon Westerbeek (Bishop Grandin, Calgary)
 Charles White (Lord Beaverbrook, Calgary)

Linebackers

Jordan Blonar (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
 Eric Egan (Bishop O'Byrne, Calgary)
 Kyle Eskelson (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
 Tyler Ferguson (Medicine Hat)
 Bradly Friesen (Jasper Place, Edmonton)
 Cory Geddes (Pincher Creek)
 Dalton Houghton (Winston Churchill, Lethbridge)
 Shaquille Lawson (Archbishop O'Leary, Edmonton)
 Braden Mann (Medicine Hat)
 Aidan Panchyshyn (Austin O'Brien, Edmonton)
 Eric Roberts (Central Memorial, Calgary)
 Jadon Schneider (Holy Trinity Academy, Okotoks)
 Kieran Thomas (Harry Ainlay, Edmonton)
 Daniel Zalucky (Bishop Grandin, Calgary)

Defensive Backs

Ethan Backer (Grande Prairie)
 Ryan Baker (Central Memorial, Calgary)
 Alexander Bymoen (Bishop O'Byrne, Calgary)
 Andrew Carson (Medicine Hat)
 Daniel Ellis (Harry Ainlay, Edmonton)
 Michael Ewanchyna (Bishop Grandin, Calgary)
 Owen Ferguson (Springbank)
 Santiago Fuentes (Springbank)
 Brett Goodwin (Western Canada, Calgary)
 Brandon Jennings (St. Albert)
 Daylan LaBossiere (Lord Beaverbrook, Calgary)
 Jordan Letkeman (Bev Facey, Sherwood Park)
 Mandella Loggale (Austin O'Brien, Edmonton)
 Nathan Mitchell (St. Albert)
 Rees Paterson (Archbishop Jordan, Sherwood Park)
 Niklas Russell-Matycio (Whitcourt)
 Carter Sohn (Medicine Hat)
 Dallas Toso (Foothills)
 Hunter Turnbull (Henry Wise Wood, Calgary)
 Brandon Waeyen (Henry Wise Wood, Calgary)
 Connor West (Salisbury, Sherwood Park)

2010 Football Alberta Coaching Awards

Football Alberta annually recognizes outstanding coaches who have made a commitment to their team(s) and/or the sport of Football in our Province. Winners of the 2010 Coach of the Year Awards were selected from among many nominees and presented with their awards at the Annual Awards Luncheon held during the University of Calgary/Football Alberta Coaches Clinic on March 12, 2011.

Gary Hobson Award (for behind the scenes excellence)

Chris Friskie - Peace River Pioneers H.S. Football Assoc.

Normally this award does not go to an active coach or especially a head coach of a team but when you hear the contribution Chris puts into his program you will understand why he is a very worthy winner of the Gary Hobson Award. During his 8 years with the Pioneer program, Chris has developed two game fields in the community and numerous practice facilities for the sport. The facility at Glenmary High School now features a scoreclock and bleachers and sits as one of the top game sites in the Mighty Peace League. Off the field he has worked tirelessly to continue the development of the bantam association in town as well as serve as MPFL President, Vice-President, and District Representative to Football Alberta. Peace River is a powerful high school football team having advanced to the Tier III Provincial Championship the last two seasons, but make no mistake that the success of the program has as much to do with the off-field dedication of Chris Friskie as it does with his on-field coaching.

Harold Ferguson Official of the Year Bill Shaw - Calgary Football Officials Association

Since 1974, Bill Shaw has been a quality official in our sport. Starting out with stops in Prince George, Vancouver and Saskatoon, Bill finally arrived in Calgary in 1991 and has spent the last 20 years actively working games at all levels. Always looking to improve, Bill reached Level 4 certification and officiated at the CIS and CJFL levels before retiring from active on-field duty to serve as the timer for the U of C Dinos and Calgary Colts. Bill continues to serve the game as a certified course instructor for officials at level 1 through 4 and is a member of the CFOA's Training and Rating Committee. For all of his on-field contribution over the years and his continued excellence as a mentor, we are proud to award the Harold Ferguson Official of the Year Award to Bill Shaw.

Novice Coach of the Year Seth Henderson - Head Coach, St. Paul Bengals Bantam

In 2009 Seth Henderson started his coaching career as the defensive line coach for the St. Paul Bantam Bengals. This past year he stepped into the role of Head Coach as work commitments limited the time of his co-head coach. What transpired was truly remarkable as this young man in his third year of coaching guided the Bengals to an 8-1 regular season record, a Wheatland Bantam Championship, a Northern Alberta Tier III Championship, and a spot in the Tier III Provincial Championship Game. Even though the Bengals lost that game it was the first time a team from St. Paul had advanced to a Provincial Championship game in 27 years of football in that town. A great job by a great young coach with a lot of potential and this year's winner of the Novice Coach of the Year--Seth Henderson.

Atom / Pee Wee Coach of the Year

**Greg Thompson -
Red Deer Steelers PW**

For the second straight year, Greg Thompson lead the Red Deer Steelers to the Provincial Tier III Championship. He not only becoming the first coach ever from Red Deer to win a Provincial Title at any level but now the first to repeat as well. Known as a great team builder who instills a good work ethic and respect for the game in his team, Greg also took the Steelers to the Provincial Tier IV final in 2009 before finishing the job at the Tier III level in 2010. This year was especially sweet in that the team started off with a 1-2 record but kept having fun and learning went on from that point featuring a defense that did not give up a point the rest of the season until the Provincial Final. Quite a job by a very dedicated man and a great ambassador for minor football, our Atom/Pee-Wee Coach of the Year for 2010 - Greg Thompson.

Bantam Coach of the Year

**Aaron Hodges -
Grande Prairie Raiders**

After 17 years of football coaching at all levels, Aaron Hodges, in 2010 added a Provincial Championship to his resume. Being a long time head coach of the Grande Prairie Raiders, Aaron has contributed greatly to his community by not only keeping the Raiders at a high level of excellence but also assisting in the development of Atom and Pee-Wee football over the years. This past season saw the Raiders win the Grande Prairie Minor League Championship then sweep their two Provincial games to win their first ever title at the Tier IV level. A man who is dedicated to the continual improvement of football in his area and a truly deserving winner of the Bantam Coach of the Year - Aaron Hodges.

High School Tier IV Coach of the Year

**Vince Orioux -
Holy Rosary Raiders**

Over the past three seasons there hasn't been a better story in high school football than the rise of the Holy Rosary Raiders from Lloydminster. After years of playing 9 man football in Saskatchewan the Raiders decided to take the plunge in the 12 man game against the strong established teams in the Wheatland League on this side of the border. Not only where they competitive but they reeled off three outstanding seasons that saw them not only compete in the Wheatland Championship game in 2008 and 2009 but also advance to Provincials each year of their existence. 2010 saw the Raiders climb all the way to the Provincial Alberta Bowl Tier IV Final only to lose to powerful Rundle College. Still an amazing accomplishment of excellence right from the beginning and mainly due to the only head coach they have ever known on this side of the border - the Tier IV Coach of the Year, Vince Orioux.

Football Alberta Coaching Awards cont'd.

High School Tier III Coach of the Year
Byron Pierson -
Cardston Cougars

2010 for the Cardston Cougars was an interesting year. Entering Tier III play for the first time in their history, they started slow out of the gates going 1-2 including a 42-3 shelling from perennially powerful Cochrane. After that it seemed like a new team took the field as the Cougars streaked to 11 wins including a 23-12 victory in the South Tier III Final over Cochrane before defeating Peace River 8-6 in a tight Alberta Bowl Tier III Championship Game. Overseeing all of this was their first year Head Coach Bryon Pierson whose passion for the game and attention to detail delivered Cardston's sixth Provincial title and first at the Tier III level. A great young coach with a big future who has delivered big results, the Tier III Coach of the Year, Byron Pierson.

Laurie Robertson High School Tier II Coach of the Year
Mike Nightingale -
Catholic Central Cougars

Described as the classiest coach in the Southern Alberta League, Mike Nightingale, finally lead his Catholic Central Cougars to glory in 2010. The Cougars have always been a top flight program but always seemed to run into walls when it came to advancing to Provincial play. This year looked no different as the Cougars sat below .500 as late as October 15. However, from that point they never lost again, running the toughest board of anyone to get to the promised land defeating powerful teams from Holy Trinity Academy, Foothills, and St. Mary's to advance to the Alberta Bowl Tier II Championship Game where they shut-out the St. Josephs Celtics 25-0. "Finish Strong" was the motto of the Cougars for 2010 and lead by Tier II Coach of the Year, Mike Nightingale, that's just what they did.

Frank Morris High School Tier I Coach of the Year Award
Norm Kimball Coach of the Year
Dustin Ralph - Raymond Comets

Why does Dustin Ralph keep getting this award? Let's first consider the fact that since he took over as head coach of the Raymond Comets program in 2007, his team has only lost *once* on Alberta soil. Four years and three consecutive Alberta Bowl Tier I Championships in 2008, 2009, and 2010 is quite a resume, but also add in there that all of this is being done out of a school of 250 which is 1/5 the size of what a Tier I school team should be and you have most of the reason. However, what is also there is a man of great quality who works hard with a great bunch of assistant coaches in a great community. To say this honor is richly deserved is an understatement but it is with great privilege that we present the Norm Kimball Coach of the Year and Frank Morris Tier I Coach of the Year Awards to Dustin Ralph.

NEED RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR THE COACHING SEASON?

If you missed out on coaching clinics or if you want to better your skills, visit the Resource Materials section on the Football Alberta website <http://footballalberta.ab.ca/web/resources/> for a complete list of materials available through the office.

Life Membership Award
Jim Donlevy -

Retired Head Coach, University of Alberta Golden Bears

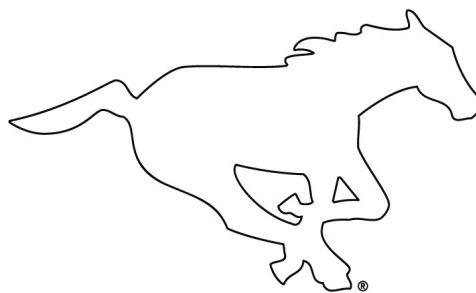
As the winningest coach in Golden Bear football history, Jim Donlevy is now enshrined as a Life Member of Football Alberta. In 18 years at the helm of the Bears, Coach Donlevy compiled an 80-59-3 record which included 5 Hardy Cup Championships in 1971, 1972, 1979, 1980, & 1981, and two Vanier Cup Titles in 1972 and 1980. That is only part of the story for Coach Donlevy as he has been an active contributor to the development of the game for over 50 years.

Starting out coaching at the bantam level in the 1960's, Coach Donlevy moved on through the high school and Junior ranks and served as an assistant coach on the Golden Bears first Vanier Cup victory in 1967. After that as well as being appointed head coach of the Bears in 1971, he was also on the original committee that created the NCCP for football, and served in many capacities, including as President, of the Alberta Amateur Football Association - the forerunner to Football Alberta. Nationally, he was on the Tackle Rule Committee for Football Canada and still serves as the Commissioner of the Canada West Football League in the CIS.

His most lasting legacy is the dozens of coaches in the province who have come from his tutelage at the University of Alberta and continue his passion for details and enthusiasm for the game. A great ambassador for football and now duly recognized for his commitment and excellence it is out pleasure to present the Life Membership Award for 2010 to Jim Donlevy.



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Concussion Care - Go Overtime For Safety As Young Athletes Heal

Expert says MLB's 7-day rule not enough for youth

Though seven days off the diamond might be sufficient for major-leaguers recovering from concussions, a week is not enough time for most youth athletes to heal, according to experts.

"We do know from research that high school athletes recover slower than adults or pros," said Elizabeth Pieroth, a clinical neuropsychologist at the Midwest Center for Concussion Care in Des Plaines. "I don't want MLB's one-week rule to trickle down to youth baseball." Major League Baseball's new seven-day disabled list is in addition to 15- and 60-day lists already in place.

If a major-leaguer suffers a concussion, he is automatically out for seven days. Milwaukee Brewers utility man Erick Almonte is the first player to be put on the seven-day list after he was struck in the forehead by a ball thrown by teammate Craig Counsell during batting practice Tuesday. Almonte went home to sleep under supervision Tuesday night.

If a player suffering from a concussion needs more time to heal, he can be rolled over to the 15-day list or, in the case of a severe injury, the 60-day list. It is the first change to MLB's disabled-list policy since 1988, according to MLB spokesman Mike Teevan.

Though Pieroth said seven to 10 days is the average healing time for an adult and commended MLB for addressing the injury, she emphasized that individual assessment is the most important part of concussion care for players of any age.

"I am very opposed to any set guidelines," she said.

Rules such as the seven-day disabled list can raise the hopes of young athletes who might recover more slowly than expected.

"If you tell a kid, 'You can't go back for two weeks,' at two weeks on the dot they're at your office door," said Pieroth, who said young athletes also must consider academic performance and when to return to school after an injury - something pros don't have to worry about.

Sending a player back to the field too early can be dangerous because concussions can slow reaction time. If players are slower to react, they are more likely to make a mistake and get injured again.

MLB has put hurdles in place that will require every athlete to be cleared for play by a team-designated doctor as well as Gary Green, MLB's medical director, after the seven days expire to ensure they do not return too soon.

Green will be responsible for reviewing medical reports prepared by team doctors to make sure a player is not activated while exhibiting symptoms.

The Northwestern baseball team has a similar system in place. After an initial evaluation to determine whether an athlete has suffered a concussion, the player is out for at least 24 hours, according to Tom Wymer, an NU athletic trainer.

Every morning after the diagnosis, the player must fill out a concussion symptom list, ranking things such as dizziness, confusion and pain on a scale of zero to five.

"We want zeros across the board before they return to play," Wymer said.

Young athletes need extra time to heal from concussion, but one expert opposes setting a specific time to return.

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Temperatures below zero. Wind whipping across the football field. Alberta born and raised players making big play after big play in big game. High School Provincials, right? No. How 'bout Junior or CIS playoffs? Nope. So what the heck were six Alberta kids doing on an abnormally frosty night on February 2nd at Westlake Stadium in Austin, Texas. Well, they were leading the charge for a team of the best 19 year old players in the World taking on the best high school graduates from the USA. Huh, how did that happen?

What's IFAF, you ask? Well, in short its footballs version of the IOC or FIFA or any other international sport organization you can think of. Since 1991, the International Federation of American Football has been growing at a steady rate to the point where they count 59 countries as member organizations. They are now in a position of offering World Championships in flag and tackle for both genders as well as special events such as Team USA vs. Team World.

Not a bad gig indeed as I would be part of selecting 45 players from 16 countries, including Canada, to take on the big bad USA and responsible for another 30 players from around the planet who would serve on the Development Team in hopes of cracking the roster next year. Skipping to the end we came, we did pretty good, but still lost 21-14 on that frigid night in Austin to the Americans. Now, I could write this off as another great experience for me but it was so much more than that and mainly because of the athletes from our province. To make the World Team is not as easy as you might think. One must have a good highlight film because there are no tryout camps for the World Team. IFAF is really coming into its own but the prospect of regional selection camps for this event go way beyond expensive. We're talking about the whole world here. Senior Bowl camps are expensive enough within our borders. How would we run a camp for Canada, Mexico, and American Samoa combined? At this time, you can't - so the coaches relied on video. As tough as that was when the smoke cleared several Canadians were picked including six Albertans.

ALBERTA PLAYERS



Some of the names you know and some may be new to you. It's hard to process that less than six years ago they were all padding along for their respective bantam teams in Alberta, but here they were, Alberta's best selected from hundreds of nominated players from around the world.

First up was runningback **Steven Lumbala**. The current U of C Dino came from a proud history of runningbacks not only from St. Francis High School in Calgary but from his family as well as his brother Rolly graduated from the Browns as well and went on to star at the University of Idaho, spend some time with the Miami Dolphins and currently plays for the B.C. Lions. Quite the history to live up to but Steven was well on his way helping lead the Dinos to two straight Vanier Cup appearances.

Next was receiver **Jake Harty** from the Calgary Colts. He was a tough sell to the IFAF group as his stats were pretty average for a receiver in the Prairie Junior League, but when you added all of his yards from rushing and special teams as well it was clear that the former whirling dervish from Henry Wise Wood High School in Calgary was a difference maker and it wouldn't take him long to prove that to the rest of the world.



The Calgary connection also included the U of C's **Lyndon Gaydosh**, a brick wall of a defensive lineman who originally hails from Peace River and spent his Grade 12 year at Ross Sheppard High School in Edmonton. The perpetually scowling defensive tackle, who was nicknamed "Grumpy" by the World Team staff, had already earned his chops at the next level winning the Rookie of the Year Award in the CIS for 2009 had also been a big part of the Dino's streak to the Vanier Cups.





From the Edmonton area were three players as well. First up was offensive lineman **Kyle Brow**. The quiet giant out of Archbishop Jordan High School in Sherwood Park had resisted the pull from the east that seems to suck all of the top graduating Sherwood Park linemen to Saskatchewan and stayed home to become a two year starter for the U of Alberta Golden Bears right out of high school.

Joining him were two ex-patriots who had not been so lucky in resisting the pull to the east and both currently were playing for the University of Saskatchewan. Up first was **Jahlani Gilbert-Knorren**. Jahlani is well known for his years leading the Edmonton Chargers to championships at Pee-Wee and Bantam and for contributing greatly to the re-birth of Harry Ainlay's football program. The reason I didn't list a position for him is that he plays so many it's hard to nail him down to one. Quarterback, runningback, receiver, defensive back, and return man. The kid could do it all. That problem continued onto the World Team as they simply listed him as "Athlete".

Finally came **Joel Seutter**. The defensive end and fiercely proud graduate of Salisbury High School

in Sherwood Park was a veteran of sorts having played in this game, along with Steven Lumbala, the year before. Joel, with his mischievous smile and constantly running motor, spent most of his time hanging out with his other U of Saskatchewan teammates Luke Thiel and Levi Steinhauer who collectively became known as the "Bad Hair Club for Men" with their constant sporting of bed-head 'dos.

Not a bad representation. Nice to think that we in Alberta could send quality players to such an event, but as a small part of a big world it would be unrealistic to expect a big contribution from us rural hicks. However, a funny thing happened on the way to benchwarmer status for our kids.

Let's keep in mind that this American Team was the real deal. There had been American teams before in Global Championships or World Cups before. However, they were usually regional teams made up of players from a particular State or also rans from failed College players. Not this group. The morning of the game, while the World Team slept, a breakfast banquet was being held for the members of Team USA, who were the top ranked recruits from all over the country, where they were all to sign their letter of intent to go to the University of their choice. And we're not talking College of the Siscayous or Our Lady of Perpetual Sorrow here. Alabama, Notre Dame, Texas, Stanford, and the newly crowned National Champion Auburn Tigers were the destination for these players among other Division I schools. In short - these were their guys!

THE GAME

If I remember anything vividly from this experience it will be the first drive of the game. The Americans had taken the kickoff and were steadily working their way down the field. It wasn't easy for them as the World Team was making them work for every inch. On a second and 8 situation they called a drop back pass. Now we've all seen the movie "The Blindside" so we know how vital offensive linemen are in the US recruiting and lining up to protect the American QB was Matt Hegarty who had just signed a letter of intent to Notre Dame. The kid he was protecting was QB Kiehl Frazier who had done the same thing that morning only inked his moniker to Auburn University. I'm assuming these are programs you've heard of.



As the ball came up Hegarty dropped into to pass pro when a blur wearing the World Team white jersey went blasting by him like he wasn't even there. It was Joel Suetter. The Captain of both the team and the Bad Hair for Men Club kicked it into overdrive and tracked down the top quarterback recruit of Auburn with the efficiency of a top steer wrestler. As he stood over the American QB like Muhammed Ali over a prone Sonny Liston, I couldn't help but think that this kid grew up on Norwich Drive in Sherwood Park and just tracked down the possible heir apparent to the last Heisman Trophy winner. Whoa, we do some good work here.

Soon, Joel was seeing a lot more of Mr. Hegarty and any other help he could muster from other lineman and runningbacks to stop the kid with the constant motor. If they tried to run away from him, Lyndon Gaydosh was there in the middle to limit the run gains with extreme prejudice. On the other side of the ball, rushing yards were hard to come by but if anyone was up to the challenge it was Steven Lumbala who lead all World Team ground gainers in the game. Harty was up to the task as well snatching the first three passes completed by Team World. All in all you couldn't swing a cat without hitting an Albertan contributing to the cause.

Sure, others stepped up to the mat for Team World. Toronto's Tevaun Smith had a stellar game taking a kickoff back for a TD, catching a two-point convert and eventually being named the World Team's MVP. The Austrian offensive linemen Micheal Habetin and Aleksander Milanovic kept the hard charging American's off of our QB's. Defensively, there is a reason that American Samoa is pound for pound the best contributor of NFL talent outside the USA in the world. Linebackers Beck Coulter and David Katina may be playing on Sunday in the future. The enthusiasm of the players from Japan and the wry sense of humour from the Australian contingent were memories that stand out as well.

Late in the game I was checking to see how the last two, Brow and Gilbert-Knorren were doing. As an offensive linemen, Kyle Brow, would be hard to notice much but he did play all of the game but two series so he was definitely getting his money's worth out of the event. As for Jahlani Gilbert-Knorren, his struggles to find and identity had continued all week long in preparation for the game. The coaching staff knew he was a gifted athlete and they tried him at receiver, quarterback, and runningback and still couldn't find the right fit for him in their mind. As a result he spent most of the game watching like I was. Late in the fourth with the World Team trailing 21-7 the USA fumbled a punt return which was pounced on by none other than Bad Hair Seutter. As the World Team offense rushed out on the field I started looking for Jahlani to see if he'd played yet. The problem was I couldn't find him. As I looked at all the groups huddled around the heaters he was nowhere to be found. Just then a huge roar came up from our bench. Ben Rossing, the World Team QB had just heaved a 51 yard TD pass to.....Jahlani Gilbert-Knorren. So that's where he got to. I guess the coaches figured out how to use him after all. As I watched the replay on the big screen (yes, this high school stadium came with a replay screen), I marvelled at the kid who I first saw dodging tacklers from the Edmonton Seahawks pee-wee team eight years ago, blow past the American corner who was headed to the University of Texas in the fall and make a circus catch on a slightly underthrown ball. Sadly, after that despite the heroic efforts of the defence, the American side was able to essentially run out the clock from there to preserve the 21-14 victory.

The moral of this story is that football, Canadian or American, is growing worldwide. There are other areas developing athletes in the game that used to be strictly a North American phenomenon. The Development Team that I was dealing with has some talented up and comers from Spain, Serbia, France, Norway, Sweden, Japan, Mexico, Australia, and – of course – American Samoa that may one day be limiting the percentage of Canadian talent on the World Team. But for now it is what it is, but it should be noted that when it was all said and done, there wasn't a region anywhere on earth that had as much contribution to the World side of the ball than the six Canadian kids from the eastern slopes of the Rockies.

I hope this helps you look at our players in a different light this upcoming fall. On national teams, Alberta does OK, but last year's entry into the World Junior Hockey Championships featured only one Albertan (Dylan Olsen) and there has been only one Albertan on any Canadian National basketball team (Jermaine Bucknor) in recent memory. And, this wasn't a national team – it was a WORLD team and we put six on there. Kids you and I have coached are among the best going in our sport.

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