



TIGERtales

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THE GREAT "68"...

Fans and teammates came out to celebrate the Hamilton Tiger-Cats retirement of Angelo Mosca's #68 on August 27th at Tim Horton's Field. It was only the second number (Bernie Faloney #10) to ever be retired by the Club. Angelo was joined on the field at half-time by his family and Spectator writer Steve Milton and former Mayor Bob Bratina in paying tribute to Ang.

The Club raised a commemorative flag in his Honour in the northwest corner of the stadium.

A special Alzheimer's Society fundraising tribute event "Still Mosca" was held the previous evening at Carmen's banquet centre. Many former teammates came out to recognize Angelo along with celebrity host Mike Bullard and Brian Williams. Boxer George Chuvalo

and hockey player Doug Gilmour were also in attendance. Fans enjoyed a stadium type buffet while they were entertained with video about Angelo's career. A wrestling ring set up at centre stage played home to various speakers and entertainment.



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HAMILTON TIGER-CAT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SOCIAL & RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Saturday, November 7th

CHAMPIONS CLUB AT TIM HORTON'S FIELD

(Centre entrance off Melrose Ave. N.)

STADIUM TOUR: 3 pm

RECEPTION: 4 pm (watch Tiger-Cats @ Redblacks)

DINNER: 5:30 pm



Complimentary tickets for all Alumni & spouse/significant other.

Tickets: \$30 for additional family.

***Attendees must RSVP in advance to:
admin@htcaa.ca or (905) 643-1772***



Dave Sauve, Leo Ezerins, Pigskin Pete, Bill Symons, Pete Martin, Mike Philbrick and Gerry Sternberg pose for a pic before the Tiger-Cat Alumni golf tournament



Leo Ezerins and Jason Riley took time-out to check out the new Steam Whistle on the Northeast corner concourse at Tim Horton's Field. The whistle blows to signify the start of every Tiger-Cat game along with each touchdown.



Mike Samples, Jason Riley, Bob MacDonald and Lance Trumble team up for the McMaster Football golf tournament



Less Browne takes time out to sign a few autographs and Tiger-Cat Community Day at Tim Horton's Field



Jason Riley, Chris Walby, Less Browne, Terry Lehne, Lee Knight, Bob MacDonald, Dave Richardson, Joe Poplawski and Peter Dalla Riva were all part of the large contingent of CFL Alumni that came out for "Still Mosca"



Dale Sanderson took time out to pose for a pic with a young fan and Ed Valtenbergs at Tiger-Cat Community Day

TIGER-CAT Q&A

Name: Angelo Mosca
Birth date (M/D/YY): February 13, 1937
School/Jr. Football: Waltham High School, Notre Dame
Position(s): Defensive Tackle
Years with Tiger-Cats: 1958–59, 1962–72

CAREER

1. Tell us about how you got started in football and your amateur career.

Tony Zullo, my High School Coach was a big influence in starting me in football

2. How did you get started in the CFL (draft, free agent, trade etc.)?

Drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in 1959, but had already decided to come north to play for the Tiger-Cats the previous year.

3. Do or did you have a nickname?

Big Nasty, King Kong

4. Tell us about some of your fondest memories with the Tiger-Cats or in the CFL.

Playing in 9 Grey Cups and winning 5 and also having my number retired.

5. Who were some of the teammates and opponents you admired the most and why?

Bernie Faloney – Great guy on and off the field

Chuck Walton – Great Player

Dave Fleming – Tough guy

6. Which coach did you respect or enjoy playing for the the most and why?

Jim Trimble – Tough but fair

7. Tell us about some of your favourite Grey Cup memories.

1972 because we won the game on home turf.

POST CFL CAREER

8. Tell us about your life and career after playing/working with the Tiger-Cats or CFL?

My wrestling career as “King Kong” Mosca allowed me to travel and see the world.

9. Tell us about your interests, hobbies, your passion or anything else you would like to share about yourself.

I enjoy doing volunteer work for various charity organizations.

10. Share with us some of the places you’ve been or things you have experienced.

South Africa, Japan, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand – All with wrestling.

THE GAME

11. What aspects of the Canadian game do you like the most?

Wider field, 3 downs, faster moving.



ANGELO MOSCA Def.End.
6'4" 272 lbs

HAMILTON TIGER-CAT FOOTBALL CLUB

FINAL THOUGHTS

12. What advice do you have to either young players or those just starting out in the CFL?

Play hard and have fun.

13. What advice do you have to either young players or those just starting out in the CFL?

Winning teams start in the locker room.

BIO

To anyone who saw him play, the name Angelo Mosca conjures up images of one of the roughest and toughest guys to ever play in the CFL. Mosca played for the Fighting Irish at Notre Dame in 1956 before finishing his college career with Wyoming and then coming north to the CFL. Mosca played 15 years in the CFL from 1958 to 1972, all but two and half with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

In total, Mosca played in 10 Grey Cups, winning five of them, one with Ottawa in 1960 and four with Hamilton in 1963, 1965, 1967 and 1972. Besides playing football, Mosca also had an outstanding career as a professional wrestler. Angelo Mosca was elected to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1987. In 2012, Angelo Mosca became the first CFL player to be inducted into the Gridiron Greats Hall of Fame.

Courtesy of www.CFLapedia.com



HTC-75 ORIGINALLY AUTOGRAPHED PRINTS

The Ultimate gift for Tiger-Cat fans. Renowned Canadian sports artist Gary McLaughlin created this original painting depicting 75 of the greatest players to ever wear a Hamilton uniform. Included are all Hall of Fame and Wall of Honour inductees as well as members of the Walk of Fame and Fans All-time team.

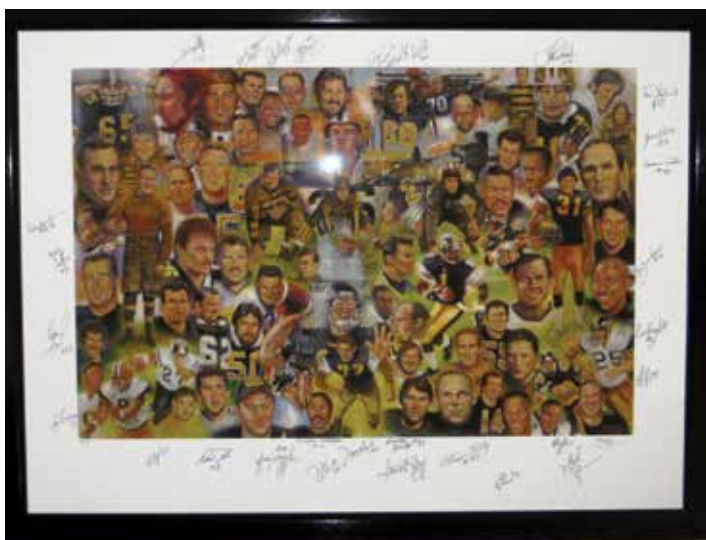
In recognition of last year's 145th season of Hamilton football and the launch of a new stadium, 145 limited edition numbered prints were created to commemorate this event. Each print was then originally autographed by over 25 Alumni of this select group.

Originally autographed "28 x 33" prints sell for \$150 and are available online at www.htcaa.ca or from the Tigertown store. Poster prints "16 x 24" are now also available for only \$20.

SOUVENIR "LAST GAME AT IVOR WYNNE" PRINT

Saturday, October 27th 2012 marked the last Tiger-Cat game at Ivor Wynne Stadium. To commemorate the event, almost 40 Tiger-Cat Alumni present at the game signed this special framed matte. We inserted a photo from the actual game and marked it with the date and final score to create this treasured keepsake.

The original will be displayed inside the Alumni Lounge at the new stadium, but we will make a limited number of copies to share. Prints measure 16" x 20" to easily fit inside your own frame of choice. Posters can be purchased for \$20 at the Tigertown store, 1 Jarvis St.



WALL OF HONOUR SIGNS FOR SALE!

If you're a big Ti-Cat fan, here's your chance to get a big piece of authentic Tiger-Cat Alumni memorabilia for just \$200.

For sale are the ORIGINAL Wall of Honour signs that were displayed on the press box at Ivor Wynne stadium.

Signs measure 3' high and length depends on each name. Signs are available for purchase at our ebay store, pick-up only. Signs still available are Willie Bethea, Less Browne, Tommy Joe Coffey, Bill Danychuk, Jake Gaudaur, Pete Neumann, Paul Osbaldiston, Ralph Sazio & Don Sutherin.

Visit our website or email admin@htcaa.ca for more info or to order.

ALUMNIWEAR

The HTCAA now has a number of items for its members including dress shirts, golf shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and hats. They are great for members to wear casually or any Club events to proudly display your Alumni membership.

We also have specially branded "Property of HTCAA" t-shirts and sweatshirts for friends of the Alumni.

All items can be ordered from our website at www.htcaa.ca.





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STILL
MOSCA



In Conversation With... Zeno Karcz

By Chris Durka



I recently had a the pleasure of talking to Zeno Karcz, a Tiger Cat great that played his entire CFL football career in Hamilton from 1957 to 1966. He was part of 8 Grey Cup games, winning in 1957, 1963 and 1965.

Zeno grew up in Windsor and attended the same high school as CFL Legends, Joe Krol, Tony Golab and Tommy Grant. Karcz played junior football for the Windsor AKO Fratman and college football at Michigan before joining the Tiger Cats in 1957 and is still considered as one of the best linebackers in Tiger-Cat history. In 1956 Ralph Sazio recruited Zeno by placing him on the Hamilton Tiger Cat negotiation list. Sazio enticed Zeno with promises of a football future and other job opportunities that would be available to him in Hamilton so the rest is history.

I asked Zeno what were some of his most memorable highlights in his career as a Tiger-Cat and he said that there were so many but winning both the Grey Cup and the Schenley Award as the Outstanding Canadian in 1965 was one of most memorable. Another one that he mentioned was receiving a pass from Cam Fraser in a fake punt situation and scoring a 40 yard touchdown as a result of that reception. He also stated that the first game of the 1963 total point eastern semi-final game in Ottawa when the Ti-Cats resoundingly won 45-0 was another highlight that stands out.

I went on to asked him what were some of his more less memorable moments and he said losing the 1961 Grey Cup to Winnipeg especially when the Cats were up 14-0 in that game and eventually lost it in overtime 21-14. He also mentioned the 1958 Grey Cup when Ralph Goldston was ejected from that

game after Leo Lewis kicked Ralph when he was down. Although Goldstone retaliated Zeno felt that referee Dojack's decision was too severe.

I asked Zeno which coach did he like playing for the most, Jim Trimble or Ralph Sazio. He said that they were both good coaches and that he had no real preference. Sazio recruited him and Trimble gave young and new players the opportunity to play. Zeno was quick to add that although Ralph Goldstone was a defensive player only and not a coach, he was great in instructing and assisting him and other defensive players.

When I asked him who was the leader of the Tiger Cats during this time, without hesitation Zeno said Bernie Faloney. He said without a doubt that Faloney had great leadership skills, he was a great team mate and a real gentleman.

He said the toughest players that he ever played against were Herb Gray, the outstanding offensive and defensive player with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Ron Stewart, the great running back with the Ottawa Rough Riders. Not only was Stewart hard to tackle but he was a punishing blocker also.

Zeno played with so many great legends but he singled out team mates such as Ralph Goldston, Gino DeNoble, Hal Patterson, Bernie Faloney and Tommy Grant as some of the players that he really enjoyed playing with. He especially mentioned Tommy Grant. He and Tommy Grant were very close. They grew up together, went through grade school and high school together and played Junior football and professional football together.

Zeno stated that the best team he was part of was the 1957 Tiger Cats, with the likes of Faloney at quarterback, McDougall and Gilchrist in the back field, Goldstone and Bawel on defence, Davis and DeNoble on the offensive line just to mention a few.

I asked Zeno about the 1965 Grey Cup that has been often referred to as the "Wind Bowl" due the very strong prevailing winds during that game. He said that Joe Zuger's driving punts were a strong reason for the Ti-Cats success in that game. The Blue Bomber kicker's punts went high and



then backward due to the extreme winds which ended up costing them three safety touches. Joe Zuger's low driving punts into the wind on the other hand gave the Ti-Cats good field position during that game. Zeno also took great personal pride in the 1965 Grey Cup game because Sazio gave him the special assignment to cover and blanket the Bomber's great running back Leo Lewis throughout the game. Wherever Lewis went it was his responsibility to go with him. Zeno was referred to as monster man in that assignment and successfully contained Lewis throughout the game.

Zeno Karcz came to Hamilton and settled here, retiring in 1966 as a Tiger Cat. His last comment was a tribute to the fans in Hamilton. He said that he loved the Ti-Cat fans when he played here, that they are the best fans in the CFL and nothing has changed, they are the same today as they were then.

CHRIS DURKA

Chris is a long-time Tiger-Cat fan, season ticket holder, historian and collector of Tiger-Cat memorabilia and autographs. Over the years, Chris has had the honour to speak with many Tiger-Cat players whom he now recalls in conversation.

MESSAGE FROM THE CFLAA



WINNIPEG IS EXCITED TO BE HOSTING the 103rd Grey Cup Festival and holding this year's Grey Cup Championship Game at the state-of-the art Investors Group Field.

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the Grey Cup Festival Committee are offering an unprecedented package of free and discounted tickets to both the events and Grey Cup. The Winnipeg Blue Bomber Alumni are engaged and providing support.

Tickets to this year's CFL Alumni Legends Luncheon have been SOLD OUT to the public since the beginning of July! A limited supply of tickets are still available for Alumni. Contact Leo Ezerins leo@cflalumni.org.

Alumni will be hosted in the Alumni Lounge at the Winnipeg Convention Center and to many other activities. It is fair to say you will not have to dig too deep into your pockets once there. We have preferred rates at the Hotel Fort Gary and the Mere Hotels.

The CFLAA and the HTCAA presented **STILL MOSCA** on August 26 at Carmen's in Hamilton. It was a tribute to Angelo Mosca, his life, his careers in football and wrestling, his work in the community and to his family. The event was a celebration not necessarily a fundraiser. We did make money which will go to CFLAA and HTCAA support funds. It was also to bring awareness to Alzheimer's and to raise money for their cause.

We had over 700 people in attendance. CFL and Celebrity notables included Russ Jackson, Dave Raimy, David Braley, Kissing Bandit aka Adriano Belli, Brian Williams, Chris Walby, Terry Evanshen, Russ Jackson, Joe Poplawski, Ron Perowne, JoAnn Polak, Matt Dunigan, Miles Gorrell, Rocky DiPietro, Marwan Hage, Mike Morreale, Paul Osbaldiston, Fred Dunbar, Less Browne, Sandy Annunziata, Bob McDonald, Lee Knight, Dave Marler, Terry Lehne, David Sauve, Dave Hack Jason Riley, Dave Richardson and Mike Bullard as emcee.

Tiger Cats teammates of Ange's were there to celebrate and reconnect, guys like Dave Fleming, Joe Zuger, Bill Danychuk, Gary Innskeep, Don Sutherin, Marty Martinello, Zeno Karcz, Willie Bethea, Gene Capatelli, and Jim Papai. The Hamilton Tiger Cats football club were a great partners in the event and we especially like to thank Scott Mitchell, Matt Afinec, Steve Lowe and owner/caretaker Bob Young.

A special thanks to Mark Bowden, Dan "Pigskin Pete" Black, Mike Nabuurs, Matt Smellie, Brian Williams, Bill Kelly and Mike Bullard for their incredible professional performances. As well, local and national media were very supportive a shout out to CHCH (Ken Welch/Mike Katrycz/Roman Podzyhun), Hamilton Spectator (Steve Milton), Toronto Star (Curt Rush), CHML (Bill Kelly), Bell Media Radio/TSN 1150, and Bell Media/ TSN.

Recently we have provided financial support to a couple of Alumni who have medical/financial challenges. It is also important to note a number of players who had requested support have been denied as the reasons for requests include support for such things as divorce lawyer costs.

Dahrran Deidrick (36), recently retired after a 12 year football career, 3 in the NFL and 9 in the CFL, has been diagnosed with a rare cancer, splenic marginal zone B- Cell lymphoma. The CFLAA Support Fund has made a financial commitment, as deemed appropriate through his application, to provide funding for medications not covered by OHIP. His CFLPA/CFL insurance had expired so we stepped up.

Also, through a concerned neighbour reaching out to us we "found" a former player who because of his physical disability was unable to support himself. Unfortunately, the Quebec and Canada social safety net, the twice monthly food bank allotment, and the medications not covered left him in deficit position. Struggling to say the least. His landlord has been helping. The CFLAA support fund has committed to a monthly payment to his pharmacy to cover some of his prescription costs. We thank those of his friends for stepping up to help to determine whether support met criteria, namely Ron Perowne and Dave Supleve. Also his neighbour Cathy for "finding" our guy.

The funds are not paid to the players directly. Any money is paid directly to the service provider by the CFL Alumni Support Fund upon receipt of invoice. The decision to help is determined by the board of directors.

The Never Alone Foundation Rose Project www.neveralonefoundation.ca is now completed for 2015, our inaugural year. A total of over 25 CFL Alumni appeared at over 30 events across Canada in support of the project. A portion of the sale of the special Never Alone Rose will go to the CFL Alumni Support Fund. Our portion will be in excess of \$20,000.

The official beer of the CFL Alumni Association, Pigskin Pilsner brewed by Lake of Bays Brewery, Baysville, ON, was launched for 2015 in Manitoba and is on tap in a few Ontario drinking establishments due to the hard work of Argo Alumnus, Paul Markle, once a beer rep always a beer rep! Thanks Spark! A signature Chris Walby growler will also be launched in Manitoba around Oct 1. A portion of the sales of Pigskin Pilsner goes into the CFL Alumni Association Support Fund. Watch for Pigskin to be on Ontario shelves and taps in the next couple of weeks.

The Canadian Sports Concussion Project continues to perform neurological assessment for clinical studies. We have had over 40 former CFL players go through the testing and a few for follow up. You do not to have to have symptoms. In fact, we can learn a great deal about why some players have challenges and others do not.

Thank you to Dave Lane for his continued work and support on the CFLAA board and to the HTCAA for your support and comradery.

Check out our website for more info: www.cflaa.ca.

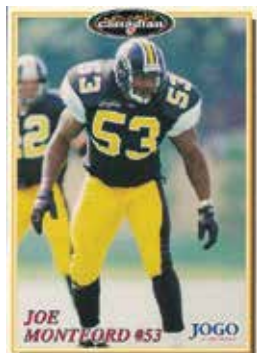
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Executive Director CFLAA



A QUARTERBACK'S NIGHTMARE:

Joe Montford

By Brian Snelgrove



He was one of the finest pass rushers of his era, recording 135 quarterback sacks over a 12 year CFL career.

Only four players in the history of the Canadian Football League have more

career sacks than Joe Montford. He recorded a single season high of 26 in 1999, second best in League history and led the CFL in sacks four times.

Few CFL quarterbacks could escape the clutches of Joe Montford.

Montford played in the CFL from 1995–2006 – mostly with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (1996–2001 and 2003–04) but also with Shreveport, Toronto and Edmonton. He was a five-time CFL All-Star and was named the CFL's Most Outstanding Defensive Player three times (1998, 2000 and 2001) in a four-year span.

Montford was named to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 2011 and is on TSN's Top 50 players in CFL history list (#40).

The Buford, North Carolina native attended South Carolina State University from 1989-93 and joined the Shreveport Pirates in 1995. Following the demise of the Pirates he was selected by the Tiger-Cats in the dispersal draft and first suited up for the Black and Gold in 1996.

"Well for me playing for the Tiger-Cats was very special," says Montford who now lives in Atlanta, Georgia. "The old stadium, Ivor Wynne. We had a great group of guys and great coaches. It was awesome for me

to understand how football worked, playing under coaches like Don Sutherin. I learned a lot in college but the different dynamics of it I learned in the CFL. A lot of Canadian guys helped teach me the game as well. I moved from linebacker to defensive end around my third year and it worked really well for our system. The coaches were like 'you are talented at this, so go do this.'"

I really have an appreciation for the people of Hamilton. The whole city didn't mind getting their hands dirty and getting things done. I can't help thinking about the similarities with Pittsburgh and the Steel Curtain."

Montford won a pair of Grey Cups, in 1999 with Hamilton and in 2005 with the Edmonton Eskimos.

"The 1999 Grey Cup was one of those things like when you have a basketball and you walk out on to the court and you take everything. That is how we felt," says Montford. "We just knew we were going to win that game. The year before Calgary beat us and I remember their guys getting their rings and talking junk and so on and we were thinking, well just wait until the next Grey Cup. We probably should have won in '98 but in '99 we were just waiting for it to come along. We kept the corps of our team with great Canadian players like Mike Campbell."

Following two seasons with the Eskimos, Montford retired from the CFL in 2006.

When he's not busy with his wife Temikia and children Maysan, Logan and Aiden, Montford finds time for golf ("I'm not very good but I'm good at getting out there"). He is also one of the honorary flag bearers for the Atlanta Falcons flag that comes out on the field before every home game.



He has coached high school football and soccer and worked as a juvenile officer. He now runs his own landscaping company.

"The Tiger-Cats brought me back for the home opener this year. I think it (the new stadium) was awesome," says Montford. "I just got out and walked the stands, the field, outside on the grass, the tailgate parties, just mixed it up with the fans. It is definitely a wonderful stadium."

As for his fondest memory of the CFL and his time in Hamilton?

"I'm not a big awards type of guy," says Montford, now 45. "Just sitting in the dugout after we've made a great defensive play, looking up at the Box J boys and the fans. Labour Day games. I never took the fans for granted. They paid their money and I wanted to give my all on every play."

A final thought from a Ti-Cat superstar.

"I love the whole CFL. Milt Stegall is still a great friend of mine. He was a football player. I'm a guy who decided to play football. I'm just thankful to God for putting me in a great city – there are great people all over Canada, the whole experience is my greatest memory."

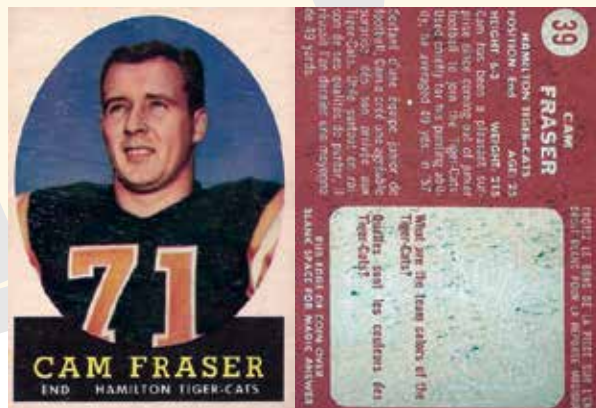
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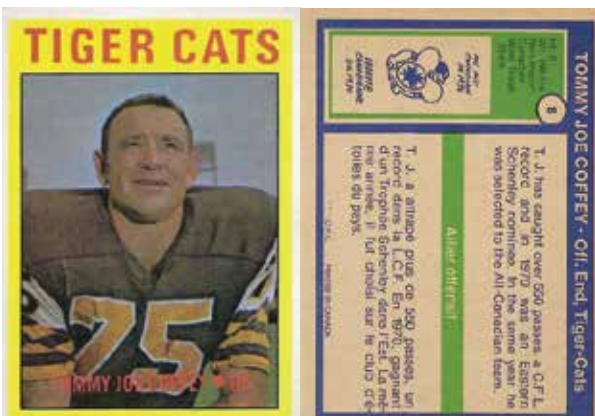
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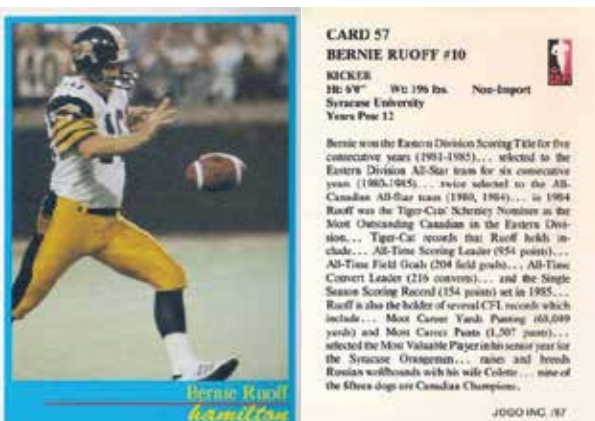
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Cam Fraser, 1958



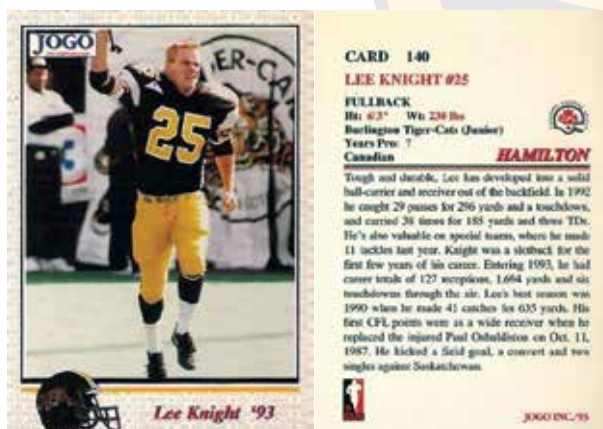
Tommy Joe Coffey, 1972



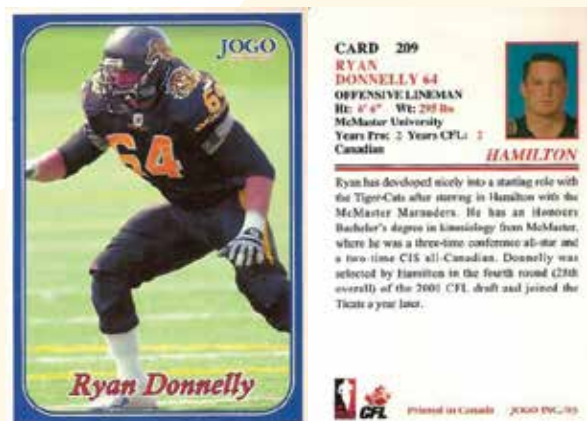
Bernie Ruoff, 1987



Chet Miksza, 1962



Lee Knight, 1993



Ryan Donnelly, 2003



THIRST DOWN

INTRODUCING PIGSKIN PILSNER

Lake of Bays Brewing and the CFL Alumni Association proudly present our first collaboration, Pigskin Pilsner. Developed in consultation with more than 200 Canadian football and craft beer enthusiasts who sent us their preferences and suggestions, this refreshing, true-to-style pilsner is made with the finest two-row Canadian and German pilsner malt and Hallertaur hops and presented in a 1.89L growler. The ultimate for sharing, collecting and game-time celebrating (but definitely not for throwing touchdowns. That would be a bad idea.).

TASTING NOTES

Pours crystal clear with a brilliant golden hue and dense white foam. Aromatics are of fresh-cut hay with slight floral notes and the unmistakable graininess that is the hallmark of a traditional German-style pilsner. The mouth feel is light-bodied with a subtle hint of citrus and the pleasant tanginess of Hallertaur hops. Finishes clean and refreshing.

AVAILABILITY

October release. Available while it lasts.

APPEARANCE

Brilliant gold with crystal clarity and dense white foam.

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MOUTH FEEL

Light bodied and crisp.

INGREDIENTS

Made with malted barley, hops, toasted wheat flakes, yeast and fresh Lake of Bays water.

PAIRINGS

Finger foods like wings, nachos and fries; mozzarella, ricotta cheeses. Entrees with milder flavours like ham, sushi.

SIZES

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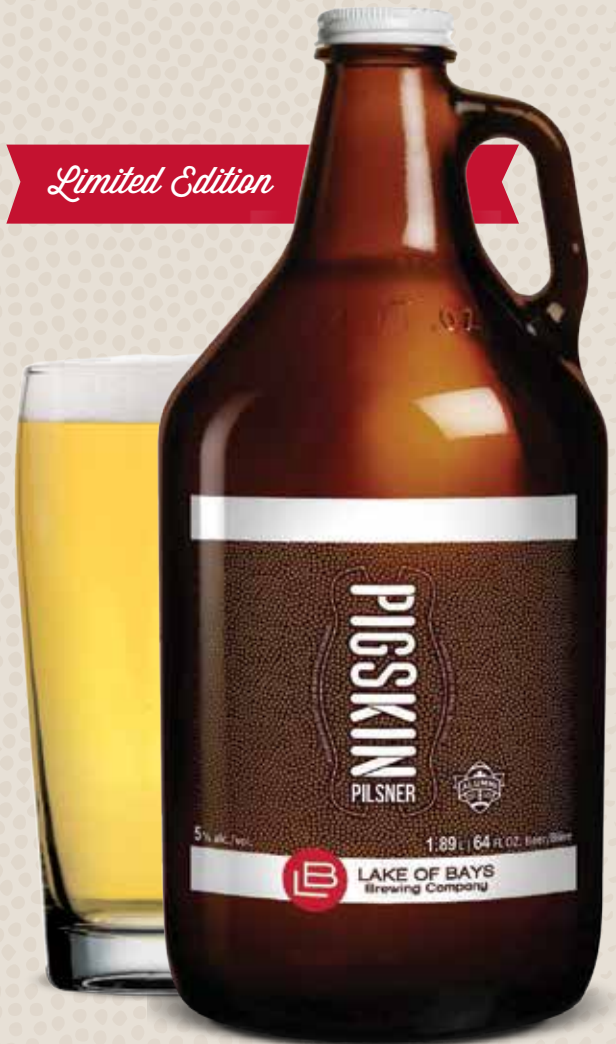
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