

Tiger-Cats Win 1972 Grey Cup

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Two months after Paul Henderson scored the most famous goal in Canadian hockey history, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats beat the Saskatchewan Roughriders 13-10 to capture the 60th Grey Cup.

The year was 1972 and under first year Head Coach Jerry Williams the Tiger-Cats compiled a record off 11-3 good enough for a first place finish in the East. Hamilton knocked off the Ottawa Rough Riders in the two-game total point Eastern Final to advance to the National Championship against the Western 'Riders.

The team was led by rookie quarterback Chuck Ealey who had arrived in Hamilton three games into the season. Ealey had never lost a game in high school or in college at The University of Toledo. The sensational rookie pivot was surrounded by a supporting cast of

veterans including Garney Henley, Tony Gabriel, Tommy Joe Coffey, Al Brenner, Mark Kosmos, Bob Krouse, Dave Fleming, Bill Danychuk and in his last CFL season, Angelo Mosca.

Playing before a capacity home-town crowd at Ivor Wynne Stadium, the Tiger-Cats jumped out to a 10-0 first-half lead. Saskatchewan tied the game at ten before halftime and there was no further scoring until the final drive of the game. Gabriel had been held without a catch for the entire contest but caught three Ealey aerials in a row on the final Hamilton possession. Henley caught the last one to set the stage for 19 year old rookie kicker Ian Sunter's heroics. Sunter booted the winning field goal, a 34 yarder, on the game's final play to give the Ticats their first Grey Cup since 1967.



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