



TIGERtales

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2014 Promising To Be Eventful!

CANADIAN FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION WEEKEND

Former Tiger-Cat and Ottawa Gee-Gees star running back Neil Lumsden will be among a class of seven inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame this year. Neil played ten seasons in the CFL including two with Hamilton as a player and four more in the Tiger-Cat front office. Neil, who holds the CIS career record for points, will be inducted in the amateur category along with legendary Western Mustangs Coach Larry Haylor.



B.C. Lions General Manager and VP of Football Operations Larry Buono headlines the remaining class of 2014, which also includes former CFL players Ben Cahoon, Uzoma Okeke, Maurice (Moe) Racine and Charles Roberts.

Induction weekend will be held **September 20-21** in Montreal. For tickets to the dinner or the game, call the Alouettes ticket office at (514) 787-2525.

WALK OF FAME DINNER

The Cats Claws Fan Club will host their annual Tiger-Cat Walk of Fame dinner on **Friday, May 23rd** at the Renaissance Banquet Centre.

This year, Miles Gorrell and Mike McCarthy (builder) will be inducted into the Walk of Fame. The Charlotte Simmons award will be presented to Mark Beswick.

Tickets are \$65 each and they can be purchased by contacting Carol Rose at crose2@cogeco.ca or (905) 664-6117. Cocktails are at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm.



29TH ANNUAL TIGER-CAT ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's Alumni golf tournament will take place on **Monday, May 26th** at Sundrim Golf Course in Caledonia. The tournament is open to the public and it is a great chance to golf and mingle with team-mates or favourite players from the past.

As always there will be lots of great prizes available including a \$10,000 hole in one.

REGISTRATION

Registration is only \$160 which includes lunch, steak dinner and golf. Registration forms can be accessed online at www.htcaa.ca and emailed to mark@relevent.ca. Payment can also be made on line via PayPal.

Contact Mark Bowden at (905) 981-9409 for more information

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TIM HORTON'S CAMP DAY



The Hamilton Tiger-Cat Alumni is once again proud to be participating in Tim Horton's Camp Day. Every year over 20 Alumni members

volunteer their time by visiting local Tim Horton's locations to serve up some brew and mingle with fans on **Wednesday, June 4th**.

Camp Day is the one day each year when Tim Hortons restaurant owners donate 100 per cent of the proceeds from coffee sales to the Tim Horton Children's Foundation (THCF), making it the Foundation's largest fundraiser each year.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 19TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Get in on the action with the greatest legends of Canadian Football at our 19th Annual Golf Tournament to be held on **Tuesday, September 16th**. Visit www.CFHOF.ca for more information.



WALL OF HONOUR DINNER

This year's Wall of Honour dinner will be held on **Tuesday, November 4th** at Carmen's Banquet Centre. Check out the Alumni website for the announcement of this year's inductee and for ticket information.

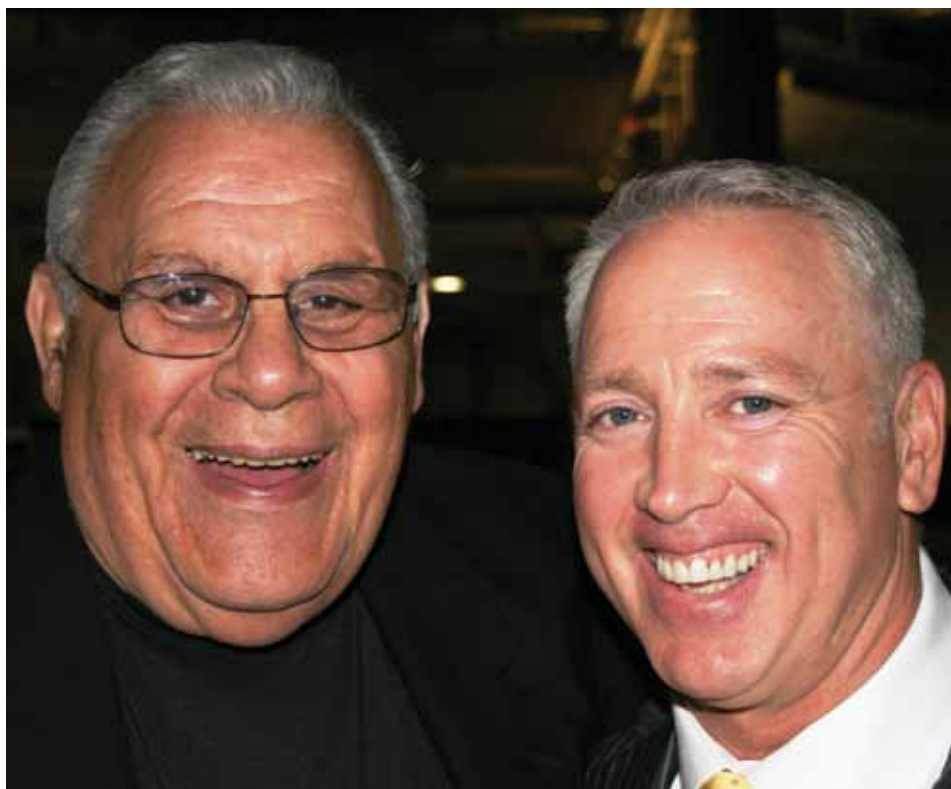
MATT DUNIGAN INDUCTED AS GRIDIRON GREAT

CFL Hall of Famer and Tiger-Cat Alumnus Matt Dunigan was inducted into the Gridiron Greats Assistance Funds Hall of Fame on **May 16th** at an event held at Detroit's Ford Field. Matt joins other CFL Greats Angelo Mosca, Hugh Campbell and George Reed as CFL Inductees.

The Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund's Hall of Fame event started six years ago to honour retired players for their fabulous careers on the field, and the equally outstanding deeds off the field," says Shannon Jordan, President of the Gridiron Greats. "This is a great way for us to honor deserving individuals not just because they were great players but because they have given so much back to the community."

All profits from the event go to the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund to support former players who have fallen upon hard times. A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the CFL Alumni Support Fund.

CFLAA Executive Director Leo Ezerins and Tiger-Cat legend Angelo Mosca were on hand to take in the festivities.



McMaster Hosts “Up Front Lineman Camp”

Now in its sixth consecutive year, Tiger-Cat Alumnus and current McMaster Marauder offensive line coach Jason Riley hosted his “Up front Lineman camp” at McMaster University this past month.

It is the premier camp for kids ranging from 13 to 18. Over 125 O/D Linemen



participated in a full day of training on and off the field.

The camp features two sets eight separate offensive and defensive skill and drill stations designed for both the running and passing game. The camp also features two seminars on nutrition and strength and conditioning. The players get to finish their day with some live one on one contact drills to put what they have learned to practice.

Players are put through the paces by an experienced staff of former Tiger-Cat and CFL players, current and past McMaster Marauders and other guest coaches.

Tiger-Cat and CFL alumni/players that participated included: John Malinosky, Dave Richardson, Darrell Harle, Bob Macdonald, Ralph Scholz, Branko Vincic, Lee Knight, Ryan

Donnelly, Dale Sanderson, Jeff Robertshaw, Joe Sardo, Kevin Eiben, Matt O'Meara, Kyle Koch and Jason Pottinger. Many other local high quality coaches and McMaster players also participated.



Tiger-Cat Alumni Help Kids “Play Like The Pros”

Several Hamilton Tiger-Cat Alumni participated in the Hamilton Wentworth Minor Football “Play like the Pros” skill camp at Redeemer University Sports Complex this past winter.

The Camp is a non-contact, skills teaching camp that is designed to give each player a solid foundation in football fundamentals.

Run on seven consecutive Saturdays, each player received 7 weeks of hands-on instruction as they participated in drills and new techniques. The camp is designed to focus on the fundamentals of football, specific player positions as well as strength and conditioning.

The camp is a partnership between the HWMFA, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the CFLPA along with CYO Crusader Athletics, Hamilton's NFL 5 on 5 Flag, McMaster Football, Hamilton Hurricanes and DBFA Football Academy and Sports Specific training.

“This powerful combination is very unique in minor sports and will unite and bring together Hamilton's best football people, coaches and training experience to the youth

of our region”. Says Joe Sardo former Toronto Argonaut and HWMFA minor director.

Tiger-Cat Alumni that participated included: Kojo Aidoo, Less Brown, Lou

Caffazzo, Rob Hitchcock, Mike Jovanovich, Ray Mauriz, Mike Morreale, Jason Riley, Dave Stala and Tiger-Cat Offensive Coordinator Tommy Condell.



TIGER-CAT Q&A

Name: Jason Riley

Years with Tiger-Cats: 1984–93

Position: OL

CAREER

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

Banting Jr Secondary School in Coquitlam, BC had grade 8 football and I joined the team at 115 lbs. I played punt returner, tailback, and outside linebacker my first year. I loved it so much I prayed that I would grow so I could keep playing football, my new found love.

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

I was recruited to play at UBC by legendary coach Frank Smith. Won a Vanier Cup my senior year, 1982. Was drafted in the first round by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, one of 5 players from UBC drafted in the first round that year.

3. Do or did you hold any records?

Played DL for UBC and held the CIS record for QB sacks with 11. That record was recently broken by Marauder, Ben D'Aguilar. Was All-Canadian DE at UBC for 1981 and 1982 and JP Metris nominee for the Western Conference both years.

Eastern All-Star 4 times and All-Canadian Guard in 1989 for the Hamilton Tiger Cats. Played in 4 Grey Cups winning in 1986. I was also inducted into the Tiger-Cat Walk of Fame and received the Charlotte Simmons Humanitarian Award in 1987.

4. Do or did you have a nickname?

Nickname in college was Mad Dog.

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

Playing 3 consecutive Grey Cups with 3 different QBs, '84 – Brock, '85 – Hobart, '86 – Kerrigan (winning 3rd). Part of the best OL in the league with the least sacks against for multiple years. Comradery of the OL in the locker room.

6. Who were some of the team-mates and opponents you admired the most and why?

Rocky DiPietro for being the classiest and toughest teammate going across the middle with broken ribs and a flack jacket still catching the ball. Ben Zambiasi the toughest linebacker in the league. Dale Sanderson, Miles Gorrell, John Malinosky, Mike Derks, Ralph

Scholz and Pat Brady the 86' Grey Cup OL unit.

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

Al Bruno for being a family oriented coach, who always found a way to bring the players together. OL Coach John Salavantis building the best OL unit and never swearing at us, even when we deserved it.

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

Pat Brady dancing in his locker in his jock strap with a bottle of champagn in each hand, after we beat Toronto in the back to back Eastern Final in T0. Beating the favoured Eskimos in every facet of the game in the 1986 Grey Cup game in front of my home town crowd and family in Vancouver.

POST CFL CAREER

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

My wife Paulette and I set down roots in Hamilton while I was playing and decided to raise our kids here because we love all the big city advantages we have here, in a small city. Also, after Al Bruno left the Tiger Cats in 1990, he was hired as head coach by McMaster. He contacted me when I retired from playing and I have been the Marauder Offensive Line coach ever since. I work as a high school teacher and coach in Burlington and absolutely love my job. It is very rewarding working with kids.

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

One of the things I love most about Hamilton is the network of biking trails there are throughout the city. Because of the unique geography of the Niagara Escarpment passing directly through the city I can be on natural trails 10 minutes from my home. The City and the Conservation Authority do a great job of continually developing the trail network and making the many water falls accessible to the public. These are unknown jewels to anyone outside the city.

11. Share with us some of the places you've been or things you have experienced.

Vancouver for the 2011 Vanier Cup that we (McMaster) won in the same building that we won the Grey Cup in '86 – that was almost as exciting as winning the Grey Cup! Paulette and I drove to PEI for the first time last summer



and plan to return there for my old team mate Bob Macdonald's wedding this summer. This was a gorgeous trip – please see the wonderful diversity of Canada before you visit other countries!

THE GAME

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

I enjoy the speed and wide open Canadian game more than any other. The motion that we enjoy really opens things up for the offence and helps keep our game less predictable than the US game. They would love to enjoy the large field we have open up their game, but they can't fit it in their new stadiums. All the rules in our game make it so there are no dead plays like the fair catch, so punt returns become very exciting regularly.

13. Is there any aspect of the game you would change if you could?

I like our game the way it is. Many people criticize the rouge but this is a historical connection to the game of rugby, which football evolved from. This can be used to strategic advantage and again often adds excitement to the game.

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

Work hard and listen to your coaches. There is no substitute for hard work to make you the player you want to be. If things don't work out with your first team, keep working until you find your niche. Hamilton was my 3rd team and I almost quit before I came here – if I had I would have regretted missing out on all that the Tiger Cat experience had to offer me and my family.

A Season Preview – “The Ins And Outs”

By Ed Valtenbergs



Coming off their first Grey Cup Appearance in 14 years the Tiger-Cats and their fans have lots to be excited about for the upcoming season. Past performance however does not guarantee future results and Coach Kent Austin knows that the Club still requires some tinkering if they plan to hoist the Cup at the end of the season.

One of the difficult decisions each coach must make is when to let go veteran players along with their leadership and replace them with youth and renewed energy. It's a delicate balance that is the key to sustained success.

Letting go a QB who has thrown for over 10,000 yards and 70 touchdowns the last 2 seasons is something you rarely, if ever will see. But at age 38, Henry Burris was released and allowed to join the expansion Ottawa RedBlacks. In his place the club signed young and promising free agent Zach Collaros from the rival Argonauts. Coming of an impressive season filling in for injured Ricky Ray, Collaros will compete with last year's back-up Dan Lefevour for the starting position.

It was out with the old and in again with the old as P/K Justin Medlock returns to the Tiger-Cats after 2 seasons in the NFL and will replace the released K - Luca Congi and P - Josh Bartel. Medlock had a very strong season with the Tiger-Cats in 2011 connecting on 49 of 55 field goals and a 41.6 punting average.

After five strong seasons and almost 500 tackles, 31 year old LB Jamall Johnson was released as was 30 year old receiver Onrea Jones and Hamilton native Dave Stala (34).

Among players lost in the Ottawa expansion draft were speedster and back-up running back Chevon Walker and long-time centre and team and community leader Marwan Hage who has since retired.

THE INS

QB - Zach Collaros

S - Craig Butler

WR - Cary Koch

LB - Abraham Kromah

DB - Brandon Stewart

OL - Steve Myddelton

QB - Tyler Tettleton

RB/KR - Isi Sofole

OL - Dominic Alford

WR- Kelvin Bolden

WR - Giovanni Aprile

LB - David Caldwell

DE - Joseph LeBeau

DT - Myles Wade

DB - Mike Daly

FB - Isaac Dell

WR - LaMark Brown

WR - Brandon Collins

WR - Rashad Evans

RB - Mossis Madu

DB - James Rogers

WR - Jay Diston

WR - Matt Coates

LB - Pawel Kruba

DB - Kyle Miller

WR - Giovanni Aprile

WR - Spencer Armstrong

In addition to Collaros, the Tiger-Cats signed free agent LB/S Craig Butler from the Saskatchewan Roughriders. The versatile Western graduate was a West Division All-Star in 2011 and Butler amassed 135 tackles, 34 special teams' tackles, 4 quarterback sacks, 11 interceptions and 6 fumble recoveries in 3 seasons with Saskatchewan. Other key off-season additions include WR, Cary Koch from the Eskimos, DB, Brandon Stewart from Winnipeg and OL, Steve Myddelton from the Stampeders.



THE OUTS

LB - Jamall Johnson

LB - Simoni Lawrence

QB - Henry Burris

C - Marwan Hage

RB - Chevon Walker

FB - John Delahunt

LB - Brandon Isaac

OL - Cody Husband

DB - Matt Bucknor

WR - Onrea Jones

P - Josh Bartel

LB - Kevin Scott

K - Luca Congi

DE - Louie Richardson

LB - Shomari Williams

QB - Brian Brohm

WR - Simon Charbonneau-Campeau

WR- Dave Stala

LB - Kevin Eiben

2014 DRAFT PICKS:

PICK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
ROUND 1			
# 8	Landry, Beau	LB	Western
# 9	Gill, Evan	DL	Manitoba
ROUND 5			
# 8	Johnson, Christopher	LB	Toronto
ROUND 6			
# 7	Girard, Mathieu	DL	Montreal
# 8	Mawa, Stephen	DL	UBC
ROUND 7			
# 8	Pesek, Martin	DL	Acadia

HTC-75 ORIGINALLY AUTOGRAPHED PRINTS

The Ultimate gift for Tiger-Cat fans. Renowned Canadian sports artist Gary McLaughlin created the original painting depicting 75 of the greatest CFL 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 the 145th season of Hamilton football in 2014 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 many Alumni of this select group.

Autographed prints sell for \$249 and are available online at www.htcaa.ca or from the Tigertown store.



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 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.



WWW.HTCAA.CA WEBSITE

We can hardly believe that the alumni website will soon be entering its 5th year of existence. Not only is it a source of information on all Tiger-Cat Alumni events and activities, it is also the ultimate resource for all your historical Tiger-Cat information.

This year we have already added a few new pages with a few more in the development stages. We have added a "Tiger-Cat Ownership" history page as well as "Hamilton Grey Cup" historical page highlighting information on all Grey Cups that a Hamilton team has participated in as well as information on all Grey Cup help in Hamilton.

In the works is an "All Time Team Photo Page" where we are attempting to post photos of every Hamilton team year by year, hopefully as far back as 1869, as well as a "Stadium History" page.

We also have plans to add to our "Video" page with highlights of past Hamilton Grey Cup games.

Be sure to check out our site for an already extensive resource of Tiger-Cat information and photos.



BEN ZAMBIASI 2004 HALL OF FAME RING

Ben played 10 years with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (1978 to 1987) and in 4 Grey Cup games winning one championship in the 74th Grey Cup in 1986. He won the CFL's Most Outstanding Defensive Player Award in 1979 and was an all-star 8 times. He was selected to the University of Georgia Bulldogs' Team of the Century and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats Wall of Honour in 2002. He was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 2004.



Ben Zambiasi's Canadian Football Hall of Fame ring

WHO AM I?

I played "End" for the Tiger-Cats in 1956 for Coach Jim Trimble

- I was an All-American at the University of Kentucky
- I won a NCAA National Championship as Offensive Co-ordinator at Alabama under coach Bear Bryant

- I won a Super Bowl as Offensive Coordinator for the undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins under Coach Don Shula
- I won a NCAA National Championship as Head Coach of the Miami Hurricanes in 1983

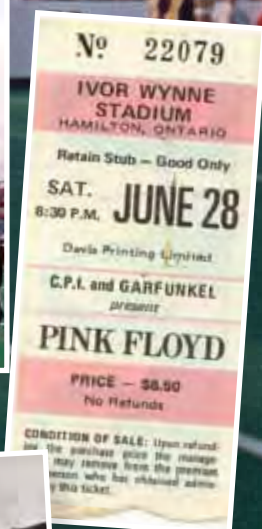
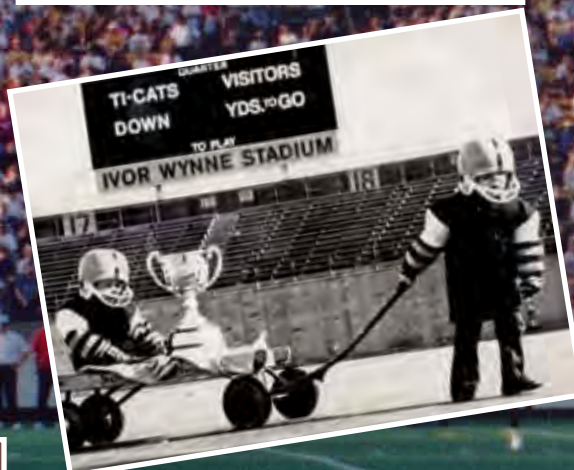
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Memorabilia

The Tiger-Cat Alumni are on a quest to collect photos of "Team Memorabilia" to display on our web-site. Please ensure the item is displayed on a plain white background. We are also looking to collect unique items that you may want to lend or donate to the Alumni Association to put on display in the "Alumni Room" inside the new stadium. If you have anything you feel may be of interest, please contact us at admin@htcaa.ca.

We are also looking for "Game Program Covers" to complete the set on our web-site. If you have any programs from the past, please scan the cover and name the file with the year and opponent and send to us via email, admin@htcaa.ca.





HALLOWED GROUND

BY ED VALTENBERGS

When the Hamilton Tiger-Cats take the field this year for the 145th consecutive season of football in Hamilton, they will be returning to Hallowed Ground bordered by Cannon, Balsam, Melrose and Beechwood Ave. This parcel of land has a rich history as we look back on the stadiums and events over the past 100 years.

Athletics were first played on these grounds in 1913 when the city expropriated 13 acres from farmer J.J. Scott who wanted \$18,500 an acre but was knocked down to \$6,835 by the city. The city began to construct playing fields on the property and by 1921; the land was home to two soccer fields, a baseball field, a cricket pitch, bowling green and children's playground. For many years, the area was just referred to as "Scott's Field".

In 1928, construction began on what was known as "Civic Stadium". For the first few years while the stands were still under construction, the stadium was mainly used for track & field by the Hamilton Olympic Club and men's soccer teams.

By the summer of 1930, the 2,000 seat stadium was complete and ready to host the British Empire Games (later known as the commonwealth games)

Football was first played regularly on this field from 1941 to 1949, as the Hamilton Wildcats of the ORFU called it home. On November 25th, 1944 the first Grey Cup game on these grounds was played when the St. Hyacinthe-Donnacona Navy defeated the Hamilton Flying Wildcats 7 to 6 before 3,871 fans

In 1950 the Hamilton Tigers and Wildcats merged to form the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the team took up permanent residence in the stadium, and by the late 50s new bleachers were added to the east side of the stadium to increase capacity.

More construction was in the works in 1959, when the south grandstands were built with a seating capacity of approximately 15,000. New washroom and concession facilities and new Tiger-Cat headquarters were also added in time for the Royal Visit on July 2, 1959.

On August 8, 1961, the Tiger-Cats defeated the visiting Buffalo Bills, at that time a member of the American Football League, in a preseason exhibition game. The

Bills played the entire game under Canadian rules and lost 38-21. The game marked the only CFL-AFL meeting.

By 1970, the stadium was in need of significant upgrades and a \$2-million renovation was started. On December 9, the Parks Board voted to rename the former Civic Stadium as Ivor Wynne Stadium to honour the late Ivor Wynne for his contributions to the Parks Board, McMaster University, and the local and national sports scenes. Renovations took place the following year that included the addition of the north stands and the installation of the first Astro Turf playing surface in Canada. Seating capacity was increased capacity to 34,500 which was the biggest in the league until 1975.

In 1972, the City was able to showcase its newly renovated stadium as the Hamilton Tiger-Cats hosted and won the Grey Cup game defeating the Saskatchewan Roughriders before a crowd of 35,950.

Some concerts also occurred at Ivor Wynne. The biggest was Pink Floyd in 1975. It was the last show of the North American Tour, so in a dramatic finale Pink Floyd's crew decided to go out with a bang and used up their remaining pyrotechnics around the stadium scoreboard. The explosion at the climax of the show was so intense it blew the scoreboard to pieces and shattered windows in neighboring houses. The last concert held at Ivor Wynne was Rush in 1979 until the Tragically Hip played on October 6, 2012 before departing for an American tour

In the 1980s, the west end zone bleachers were removed so that a new scoreboard could be added. That dropped capacity to about 29,500. In 1986, a new press box was installed, as well as accessible seating and ticket booths.

September 25th, 1988 was a record setting day as Earl Winfield became the first player to score a touchdown three different ways. Earl had 400 total yards that game including a 100-yard kickoff return touchdown, a 101-yard punt return touchdown and a pass reception for a touchdown in a 56-28 win over the Argos.

A retrofit of the north stand's lower east section for handicapped access in the 1990s dropped capacity further to just under 29,000. During the 90s, new corporate boxes were added, player facilities were improved

and an upgraded sound system, all in time for the city to host the 1996 Grey Cup.

Temporary west and east end zone seating raised capacity to 40,000. That game, perhaps one of the greatest of all time, was played in a steady snowstorm, and was won by Doug Flutie and the Toronto Argonauts over the Edmonton Eskimos 43-37 in front of 38,595 fans.

Perhaps the single most memorable moment at Ivor Wynne came in the 1998 Eastern Final. Trailing by one point against the Montreal Alouettes, Paul Osbaldiston connected on a 54 yard field goal into the east end zone on the game's final play to send the Tiger-Cats to the Grey Cup

The stadium was renovated again after the 2002 football season and had a new second-generation AstroTurf playing surface installed. Shortly after the 2003 season, a new scoreboard was erected in the west end of the stadium known as TigerVision.

In 2011 there were discussions to complete yet another extensive renovation to Ivor Wynne, but after intensive studies and discussions between the City of Hamilton and the 2015 Pan Am Games Board of Directors, it was decided that a new \$150 million dollar multi-use facility be constructed for the games and as a new and permanent home for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats beginning in 2014.

All in all, 36 CFL Hall of Famers along with all 22 Wall of Honour inductees called this field home. Many new memories and football heroes will be created, but many more will remain at home on Hamilton's Hallowed Land.

HAMILTON FOOTBALL HOME FIELDS

1869-1872: Hamilton Baseball Fields
1872-1949: Hamilton Athletic Association Grounds
1941-1970: Civic Stadium
1971-2012: Ivor Wynne Stadium
2013: Alumni Stadium, Guelph, ON
2014: Tim Horton's Field

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BEER!

The CFLAA is excited to announce a licensing agreement has been reached with Lake of Bays Brewing Company, Baysville, Ontario.

The craft brewer will be marketing and selling CFLAA Beer. The proceeds of the sale of any beer will benefit the CFL Alumni Association Support Fund. One of the goals would be for CFL Alumni to participate in creating the unique name for our beer!

A launch event was held on April 12th at the brewery and attended by many CFL Alumni including Leo Ezerins, Tony Gabriel and Angelo Mosca. Needless to say, a fun time was had by all!



I AM:

The answer to Who Am I from page 7 is:

HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER

WHAT'S COOKING?

CHILI IN A BISCUIT BOWL

Recipe courtesy of the Food Network

INGREDIENTS

- Vegetable oil cooking spray
- 2 cups biscuit baking mix (recommended: Bisquick)
- 2/3 cup whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Flour, for dusting the work surface
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 (14-ounce) cans Mexican-style stewed tomatoes
- 1 (15-ounce) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Toppings:
 - Shredded sharp Cheddar
 - Sour cream
 - Sliced green onions (white and green parts)
 - Corn chips



INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Invert a muffin tin and spray the underside with vegetable oil cooking spray.
- Stir together the baking mix, milk, and cayenne. Shape into a ball. Turn out onto a floured surface and knead 3 or 4 times. Divide the ball into 6 pieces. Roll each piece into a 6-inch circle. Place a dough circle over the back of each muffin cup.
- Press around the cup to form a bowl shape. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, until lightly browned. Let cool slightly. Remove the biscuit bowls and reserve.
- Brown the ground chuck over medium heat in a Dutch oven. Add the onion and green pepper and continue to cook until the meat is completely browned and the vegetables are tender. Drain off any fat and discard. Stir in the tomatoes, beans, chili powder, and salt. Bring the mixture to a boil, cover, and reduce the heat to low. Simmer for 35 minutes.
- When ready to serve, spoon the hot chili into the biscuit bowls. Garnish with shredded cheese, sour cream, sliced green onions, and corn chips.

In Conversation With...."Ray Bibbles Bawel"

By Chris Durka

The 1957 Grey Cup game was played in Toronto at Varsity Stadium between the Hamilton Tiger-Cats coached by Jim Trimble and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers coached by Bud Grant. The final score in that game was 32 to 7 in favour of the Tiger-Cats, however if it wasn't the blow-out that the score depicted.

Winnipeg's offensive stats were better than Hamilton's but it was the Ti-Cat defence that made the big and timely plays that day. The defence stopped the Blue Bombers at least four times inside their red zone preventing Winnipeg from scoring any points.



One of the defensive stars in that game was an individual by the name of Ray Bawel better known as "Bibbles Bawel". Ray wore number 72 and he had an outstanding game. He picked up a fumble in the first quarter

of the game and returned it 55 yards for a touchdown. He also recovered another Winnipeg fumble inside the Tiger-Cat 10 yard line and intercepted a pass in the Tiger-Cat end zone; in both cases ending Winnipeg's scoring drives.

However, what he is best remembered for is the infamous "Bibbles Bawel" trip. In the fourth quarter of that 1957 Grey Cup game #72 picked up his second interception of the game and was running in full stride and in the clear along the side lines when it happened...someone standing close to the Winnipeg bench stuck out their foot and tripped him.

Initially it was thought that one of the Winnipeg players had tripped Bawel but it turned out to be a spectator by the name of David Humphrey, a Toronto lawyer who was the culprit.

Never the less, all hell broke loose with both teams storming that area of the field. The referees had to improvise on how to solve the dilemma because there were no direct rules for that type of situation. They



eventually decided to penalize Winnipeg and place the ball half the distance to the goal line from the point in which Bawel had hit the ground even though there was a good possibility

that he would have scored a touchdown. When David Humphrey was interviewed he simply stated that he thought that it would be funny.

At the end of the day Ray Bibbles Bawel was the defensive star with two pass interceptions, two fumble recoveries and a defensive touchdown.

This past January I had the distinct pleasure of talking to Ray Bawel. He is 83 years of age now and resides in Indiana with his wife Mary-Anne. We talked about a number of things particularly how he ended up in Hamilton to play for the Tiger-Cats. He said that half way through the 1957 football season coach Trimble requested his services to help out the defensive secondary which was riddled with injuries. Bawel and Trimble had a history together in Philadelphia with the NFL Eagles. Bawel agreed to come up to play for Hamilton but only for the remainder of the season and he was true to his word because after the Grey Cup he retired from football and returned to Indiana.

While up here he and his wife rented a furnished house in Dundas and said that they still have many fond memories of their stay in Canada.

They both never forgot about the infamous trip nor did the tripper himself forget because a few years ago Ray said that David Humphrey, who was a retired Judge, invited Ray and his wife to spend a weekend with him as his guests. They accepted his invitation and Ray said that they had a great time. Humphrey also gave Ray a gold watch with an inscription on it

that read "The Tripper". Funny though, Ray told me that Humphrey still never apologized for tripping him but instead took credit for it and stated that he was responsible

for making Ray famous because if it wasn't for that trip, no one today would have remembered Ray Bibbles Bawel. (David Humphrey passed away only a couple years ago.)

I asked Ray how he got his nickname Bibbles Bawel and he told me that it originated quite innocently from a college basketball team-mate of his one day during practice and stuck ever since.

It was truly good luck that Ray Bawel accepted coach Trimble's invitation to come to Hamilton and play the remainder of the 1957 season because if it hadn't been for his timely interceptions and fumble recoveries the final outcome of the '57 Grey Cup may have completely different. The Cats could have used Bibbles Bawel for the '58 and '59 Grey Cups because he was a player that always seemed to be in the right place at the right time except for the time when he was tripped.



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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.

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Bob Krouse

By Brian Snelgrove

Ask a Tiger-Cat player from the '60s or '70s to name a couple of their outstanding teammates and the names Henley, Faloney, Barrow and Mosca are invariably mentioned.

So too is the name Bob Krouse.

Krouse played 13 years for the Tiger-Cats (1963–75) and was an unsung, often unheralded linebacker, who was an integral part of some of the best defenses in the history of the team.

"He was a guy who asked every question going at meetings," says Mosca who played with Krouse for ten seasons. "He came well-prepared to play the game. He read plays well and knew where everybody was supposed to be; that's what made him such a great player. When he started here in '63 we had a lot of star players and he maybe got lost a bit but he was a great player."

Krouse joined the Tiger-Cats directly from Central High School in Hamilton, where he had played running back and defensive back. He was recruited by Ralph Sazio and agreed to try out when he was also allowed to also attend McMaster University. "I was very excited and very proud to make the team in 1963 as a local guy," he says. "I could see right away that a winning tradition was there and when you expect to win it makes it tough to lose. I learned in my first year or two that you have to contribute. It wasn't good enough just to make the team. You weren't just here for the ride; you had to make an impact. That stuck with me throughout my career."

Converted to linebacker, Krouse continued to play defensive back and was a back-up running back throughout his career.



1972 was a special year as the Tiger-Cats won the Grey cup in front of a hometown crowd. "In '72 Jerry (Williams) brought Chuck (Ealey) in and Chuck was a winner," says Krouse. "Jerry kept it very simple. I was calling defensive signals and I would ask him what to call and he would say 'you know best, you're out there, you call it. That gave me a lot of confidence."

In the championship game Krouse blocked a Bob Pearce punt in the first quarter to set up a 27 yard field goal by Ian Sunter. "I noticed from watching films that I could go right up the middle," he says. "It's something you plan but never expect to happen. I delayed slightly then took off straight up the middle and nobody touched me. I remembered to cross my hands and blocked the punt." Krouse also partially blocked a punt in the fourth quarter on a similar play. "The guy across from me seemed to be having a tough time adjusting to the turf," says Krouse, "and I was getting the jump on him in punting situations."

If not for Sunter's heroics, Krouse could have easily been named the Most Outstanding Canadian in the '72 Cup win. "I thought I had played a very strong game," says Krouse. "It

was a tough game. I called defensive signals and even though I was not used to being in the middle I stuffed a few draws. They had some great guys with Lancaster and George Reed. Of all the Grey Cups I played in it is the one I felt most bad for the other team. A lot of us really felt bad for the losing team."

Krouse, who played in five Grey Cups for the Tiger-Cats, counts former Alouette running back Moses Denson as the best he ever faced. "He was the toughest fullback I ever played against," says Krouse. "He could run and block and man was he tough. Reed was more of a straight-up running back."

In 1975 Krouse enjoyed his final season in the Black and Gold and as a testament to his defensive skills and knowledge was named a player/coach under Williams. "Yeah it was nice to be recognized in that way," says Krouse. "I really tried to help a lot of the younger players."

"During my playing days I kept myself in good shape, I had good speed and I played with my head," says Krouse who fought off all challenges for his position for thirteen seasons in the CFL. "I had a knack for knowing plays and formations and watched a lot of films looking for little things, little nuances that would give me an advantage."

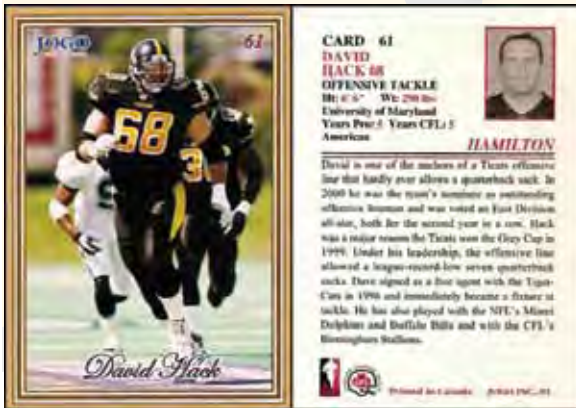
Following his retirement Krouse taught high school in and around Stoney Creek for more than 30 years. He is a familiar face at many Tiger-Cat events and is actively involved with the Tiger-Cat Alumni Association. Now 71, Krouse lives in Grimsby, Ontario and is married with three children. For years he was a dedicated runner and competed in marathons and Hamilton's famous Around the Bay 30k classic. He gave up running a number of years back after having both knees replaced.

"A team can have a lot of great players but you still need those journeymen to win," says Krouse with a slight chuckle. "I guess I was a journeyman."

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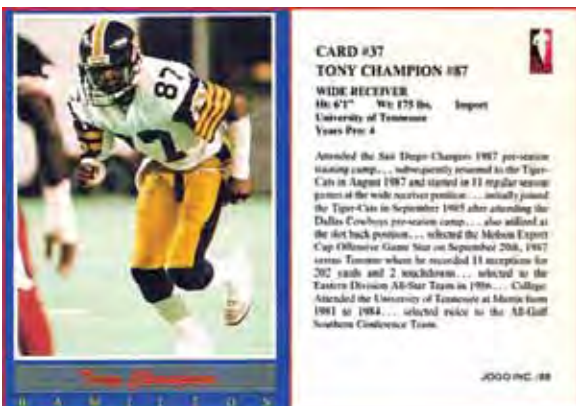
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