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NEW SCHOOL TO BEAR CUSTIS NAME



One of Hamilton's newest high schools will be named for Tiger-Cat Alumnus Bernie Custis, a local sports legend, long-time educator and the first black quarterback to play for a professional football team in North America.

Custis's professional career began with the Tiger-Cats in August 1951. He was named an all-star in his first season before moving to running back and eventually winning the Grey Cup with the team in 1953.

Custis went on to become a teacher and principal with the former Wentworth County Board of Education and a coach for the McMaster Marauders, where he spent eight seasons and was named Canadian university football's coach of the year in 1982.

"Trustees are honoured to name the new north secondary school after Hamiltonian Bernie Custis, a leader, educator, and trail-

blazer, whose achievements crossed borders and whose name will continue to inspire students for generations," said Todd White, chair of the board.

The three-story school located across the street from Tim Horton's Field will hold up to 1,250 students and includes a unique collaboration with the City of Hamilton that will offer "state-of-the-art physical education opportunities for students. It's set to open in September 2019.

Bernie Custis died in 2017 at age 88.

WEBSITE ADDITIONS

Updates to our website are coming along as we strive to meet of our "Associations Mission" to preserve and promote the history of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats

We have added video highlights of past Tiger-Cat Grey Cup appearances. In addition, we have added statistical records for the club and are in the process of adding team rosters by year.

Be sure to check out and spread the word.



TigerTales is the official newsletter of the Hamilton Tiger-Cat Alumni Association. It is published 3 times per year in May, September & December. For more information visit our website at www.htcaa.ca.

EVENTS

HTCAA ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Over two dozen alumni were on hand to take part in our annual golf tournament at Southbrook Golf & Country Club. A Fantastic turn-out along with great weather, food and prizes made this one of our most successful tournaments ever. Thanks to all that participated and especially to our sponsors.

Mark your calendars for Monday, May 27th next year as we traditionally play the Monday following Victoria Day.



WALK OF FAME INDUCTION DINNER



The Cats Claws hosted their Walk of Fame Induction Dinner on July 12th at Carmen's.

This year's inductee was Dave Hack who played ten seasons Tiger-Cats. He was named Eastern All-Star five times and was a part of the Grey Cup Championship-winning Tiger-Cats in 1999.

On hand were many fans and alumni who were entertained by "roaster" Paul Osbaldiston who told many amusing stories.



CFHOF INDUCTION

This year's Hall of Fame Induction took place on the newly redesigned "Hall of Fame" level at Tim Horton's Field. A specially erected elevated stage provided attendees with a close-up view of inductees with a spectacular back-drop of the stadium.

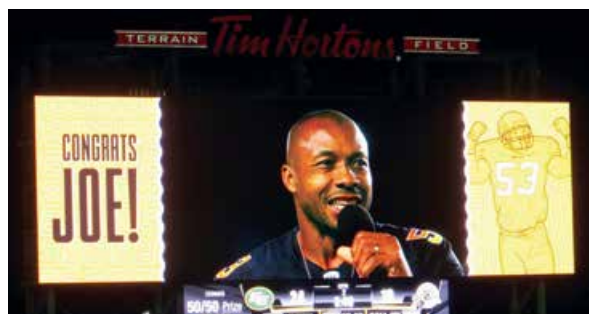
Tiger-Cat Alumnus Frank Cosentino was inducted as a builder, and was one of a total of seven new inductees.

Frank played, coached, wrote and taught about the game, as a leading academic and Canadian football's 'professor emeritus'. He was drafted by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats first overall in the 1960 CFL Draft. During his 10-year CFL playing career, he helped Hamilton to five consecutive Grey Cup appearances, and Grey Cup victories in 1963 and 1965.

WALL OF HONOUR

The "Sackmaster" was back in town as Joe Montford was the 23rd inductee into the Tiger-Cat Wall of Honour.

In his 9 year career (8 as a Tiger-Cat), Joe amassed 135 sacks to go along with 35 forced fumbles and 18 recoveries, He was a 5-time CFL All-Star and 3-time CFL Most Outstanding Defensive Player. He was voted #40 of the Top 50 CFL players of all time and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2011.



ALZHEIMER FUNDRAISER

The Club helped organize a special event to raise funds in support of Alzheimer's. Held at Macassa Lodge senior's home on Upper Sherman, resident Angelo Mosca was joined by Less Browne, Jason Riley and Ryan Donnelly. The community room was packed for a fun-filled afternoon that was also entertained by Tiger-Cat mascot "Stripes".



TIM HORTON'S CAMP DAY



Tiger-Cat Alumni were once again out in force to assist in the Tim Horton's Annual Fundraiser to help send kids to camp. Thanks to Tony D'Agostino, Mike Samples, Less Browne, Terry Lehne, Glenn Timlock, Rocky DiPietro, Mike McCarthy, Jim Papai, Bob Krouse, Ralph Scholz, Jason Riley and Ryan Donnelly



BENCH BREWING

Some Niagara area Alumni were special guests for a luncheon hosted by CFLAA partner Bench Brewing in Beamsville. Performing quality control on product were Leo Ezerins, Brian Hutchings, Angelo Mosca, Darrel Harle, Ralph Scholz and chief inspector Terry Lehne.



CONVENIENCE STORE DAY

Thanks to Alumni member Ernie Caterini who secured a sponsor for Alumni to participate in this year's annual C-Store Day hosted by the Canadian Convenience Store Association. Alumni were on hand at the Pioneer Gas Bar & Store on Crockett St. to sign autographs and hand out footballs while encouraging customers to donate to the Children's Wish Foundation.

Thanks to Mike Samples, Mike McCarthy, Jason Riley, Hans Viergever, Steve Kearns, Less Browne, Derek Noble & Bob Richardson for helping out.



IN MEMORIAM

GENE CEPPELELLI

Gene Ceppetelli passed away on June 14th at the age of 78. Gene played Centre for 7 years in the CFL, including 5 with the Tiger-Cats (1963-67) where he was a member of the 63, 65 & 67 Grey Cup Champions.

JOHN HOHMAN

John passed away on August 2nd at the age of 75. John played Guard for the Tiger-Cats from 1967c1973 and was a member of the 1967 and 1972 Grey Cup Champions. John was also a CFL All-Star in 1972.

HARRY LAMPMAN

Harry Lampman passed away on June 9th at the age of 87. Harry played "End" for 9 years in the CFL including 3 (1957-59) with the Tiger-Cats. He was a member of the 1957 Grey Cup Champion team.

JIM STYRES

Jim passed away on August 29th at the age of 88. He was a long-time member of the Alumni Association having played junior football with the Tiger-Cats from 1951-57

ROGER YACHETTI

Lawyer Roger Yachetti passed away on September 16th at the age of 78. Roger assembled a consortium to purchase the Tiger-Cats in 1992 and was instrumental in rebuilding the team's profile and base of support. He was chairman of the Tiger-Cats from 1992 to 1995, and also served as chair of the board and governor of the Canadian Football League.

ALUMNI NEWS

HAMILTON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

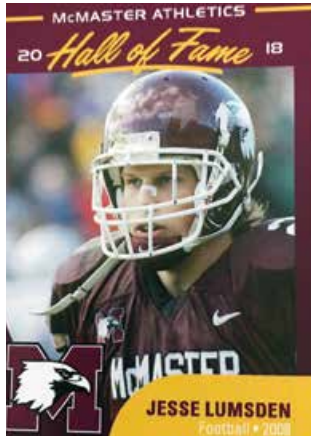
Don Sutherin will be the latest Tiger-Cat alumnus to be inducted into the Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame.



Don played 8 years with the Tiger-Cats as both DB and kicker. He was a 3-time CFL All-Star and 4-time Grey Cup Champion. He also was a Tiger-Cat coach for 8 years including four as head coach

The 9th Annual Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame Induction Reception is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10 at Michelangelo Events and Conference Centre, 1555 Upper Ottawa Street at 12 noon. A limited number of tickets, at \$35 each are available from David Watkins, [dwtkins@loudse.com](mailto:d Watkins@loudse.com).

JESSE LUMSDEN RUNS TO THE HALL



Jesse Lumsden, one of, if not the greatest RB this community has ever produced has been inducted in the McMaster Athletics Hall of Fame.

Tearing up school, conference and national record books over the course of four exceptional seasons as a Marauder, Lumsden's record of 4,138 career rushing yards eclipses the nearest Marauder by 1,498 despite his playing only four seasons. His 2004 tally of 21 touchdowns is an OUA record and ties the national mark, while his 1,816 yards that season broke both conference and national records.

Jesse was drafted in the first round of the 2005 CFL Draft by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. He played 4 spectacular but unfortunately injury marred seasons with the team which left fans amazed and wanting more to achieve his unrealized potential.



PIGSKIN PETE HANGS UP HIS HAT

Dan Black, aka "Pigskin Pete" has retired from his role as official Ti-Cat cheerleader. Citing personal reasons and a desire to spend and focus more time on family, Dan led his last "Oskee Wee Wee" on Labour Day this year.

Dan has played the role of "Pigskin Pete" for the past 10 seasons. Dan also made numerous community appearances with and for the Tiger-Cat alumni and we thank him for his time and dedication to keeping the tradition alive.

The Tiger-Cats say they are now looking for a new Pigskin Pete, saying they "look forward to one of the greatest fan traditions in sport continuing for years to come."



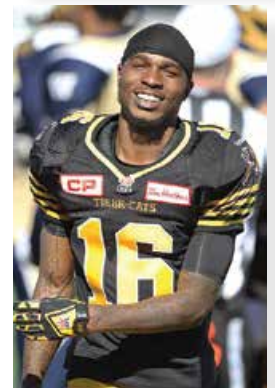
REMEMBERING DAVID LANE

This past May, Shaw Communications Inc. and the Canadian Football League (CFL) announced that Shaw will donate \$50,000 to three children's charities selected by James Wilder Jr., Mike Reilly and Brandon Banks – the Shaw CFL Top Performers of the 2017 season.

Hamilton Tiger-Cats receiver Brandon Banks had a career year in 2017, recording his first 1,000-yard season while scoring a career-high 11 touchdowns that led him to finish third in the Shaw CFL Top Performers leaderboard. Banks will contribute \$10,000 to the David Lane Youth Success Fund at John Howard Society through Give Proof to Our Youth in Hamilton.

"Over the past three years, I've had the pleasure of working with Give Proof to Our Youth in Hamilton who help promote education and positive participation in community activities among youth in the city," said Banks. "I'm happy to help them raise money for their partners at John Howard Society and the David Lane Youth Success Fund so they can continue to do this important work for kids in Hamilton."

David Lane who we lost suddenly in 2016 was a valued TigerTown Council member and friend of many in TigerTown. We are proud to have our players contributing to his legacy.



In Conversation With ... Bill Redell

By Chris Durka

I recently had the opportunity to have a conversation with Bill Redell who played an integral role in the outstanding success of the Hamilton Tiger Cat defence in 1967. Many in fact believe that this was the greatest Ti-Cat defence of all time. The 1967 defence did not allow a single touchdown to be scored against them in the last 6 games of the season including the 2 game eastern total points final and the Grey Cup game.

Bill was not only a stalwart defensive back; he was also the team's backup quarterback which provided the Ti-Cats with a reliable insurance policy in the event Joe Zuger, the team's starting quarterback was injured.

Bill was an accomplished and experience quarterback in his own right. He was the starting QB for the Edmonton Eskimos prior to arriving in Hamilton and could have easily been a starting QB for other teams in the Canadian Football League. He was a two way player also and in 1966 he was selected as a CFL All-Star.

Redell started playing quarterback in San Marino High School in Westlake Village California where his talents were noticed by scouts from the University of Southern California and he was ultimately presented with a football scholarship. Soon after however, Bill decide to transfer to Occidental College where he felt that he would have a better opportunity to play quarterback. The choice he made was an excellent one because he ended up having an exceptional career as a quarterback there. He led Occidental College to 2 Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships and was named All Pacific Coast Quarterback and All American Defensive Back in 1962-63.

In 1964 Bill was drafted by the National Football League Los Angeles Rams and by the Denver Broncos of the American Football league. Bill choose to try out for the NFL Rams but after training camp he was found expendable and this is when he made contact with coach Neil Armstrong of the Edmonton Eskimos who was looking for a quarterback.

Bill played quarterback for the Eskimos from 1964 to 1966 and in 1967 he was traded to the Tiger Cats in a blockbuster trade orchestrated by Jake Gaudaur the Ti-Cat General Manager at that time. The Ti-Cat management recognized

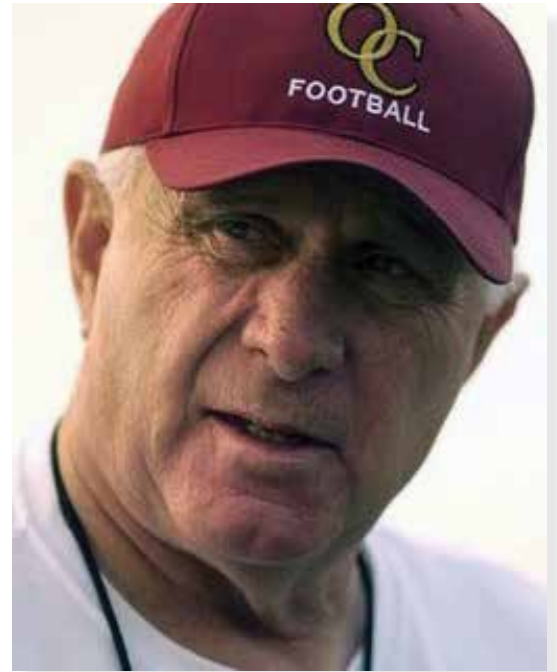
Bill's playing abilities both as a quarterback and as a defensive back which was a necessity for the team at that time. Bill would immediately start on the defence and also provide the Ti-Cats the quarterback experience in the backup role that was so vitally needed. The trade was a great trade for the Cats because they also received all-star receiver Tommy Joe Coffey and Hamilton native Ed Turek in that trade.

Bill quickly adapted to his new surroundings and his team mates. He mentioned what a great experience it was to be surrounded with players such as Garney Henley, Joe Zuger, Dave Fleming, Angelo Mosca, Hal Paterson , Dave Viti, John Barrow, Bob Krouse and list went on. His fondest memory was to be part of that great 1967 team and winning the Grey Cup that year. He continued to say that he liked playing for Ralph Sazio who he described as being a tough coach who possessed a keen ability to thoroughly prepare his team for every game.

Bill said that he really enjoyed his time in Hamilton particularly experiencing the articulate character of the supportive Ti-Cat fans. He remembered the happy times he and his family had when they stayed at 21 Duff Street during his stay in Hamilton.

After football, Bill went into a business career for 10 years before returning to football to become a renowned coach in California at all levels. As a college coach he was an assistant at California State University, Fullerton and California Lutheran University. He then continued his coaching at the high school level as a head coach for 25 years. His high school teams went on to set 9 CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) records of 48 consecutive wins, 9 consecutive CIF Championship appearances and 8 CIF Championships.

Bill has been named the US Nations High School Coach of the year on 4 separate occasions and has won numerous awards ranging from the prestigious Southern California Broadcasters Life Time Achievement Award



to the Gerald R. Ford Award. In 2001, he was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame. He is also a member of 10 other Hall of Fames, most recent being the Occidental Collages' Inaugural Athlete Hall of Fame.

This year he was selected the winner of the nation-wide contest for 'Coaches Who Have Made a Difference'. This honour was awarded by the National College Football Hall of Fame and the 2018 Rose Bowl Committee. He accomplished all this while running a large insurance firm of 135 employees, called Bolton and Company.

Bill was very candid and open in our conversation. He asked about a number of his former teammates and demonstrated a deep concern for all their well-being. It was a distinct pleasure to have had the opportunity to talk to # 12 Bill Redell, another great Hamilton Tiger Cat legend.

CHRIS DURKA 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 CFL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Canadian Football League Alumni Association (CFLAA) is once again leading other professional sports Alumni by participating in important research related to the health and wellness of our members.

The CFLAA has always sought to make a difference by providing support to our Alumni, many of whom experience medical challenges following their athletic careers. We are collaborating with one of the world's leaders in medical cannabis research, MedReleaf (recently bought by Aurora), in hopes of gaining to gain further insight into the benefits of medical cannabis in managing chronic pain -- insight that could be invaluable to all our current and future members.

The observational research study is sponsored by MedReleaf Corp. The study protocol was prepared by BioPharma Services, and the clinical portion of the study will be conducted by CannaConnect and Cannascribe Clinics. This study has been approved by a Medical Ethics Review Board.

The CFLAA is making you aware of the study and asking for you participation. Your participation

in the study is voluntary and the personal results obtained are kept strictly confidential. You will not be named in any reports, publications, or presentations that may be released from the study. You can find attached a brief procedure which describes how you can become a participant.

There is **NO COST** to participate either on intake (doctors fees usually apply) and whatever product (oil, lotion, gel cap or flower) is determined for you to use there will also be **NO COST**. As well, we have been offered a discount on product on an ongoing basis. The study goes on for 4 months.

The HTCAA will be hosting a presentation from Medreleaf on Tuesday, October 16th at 7 pm in the Alumni Clubhouse at Tim Horton's Field.

If you have any questions that are not addressed on the following pages, please contact Shannon O'Hearn, Manager, Clinical Affairs, MedReleaf at sohearn@medreleaf.com, 289.317.1009, or Denise Riposati, Corporate Communications, MedReleaf at driposati@medreleaf.com, 289-317-1000 EXT. 1118.





The **Canadian Concussion Centre** is the **world's first program** dedicated to a four-pronged approach to concussions: research, education, diagnosis and treatment. The project is based at the Krembil Neuroscience Centre at the University Health Network's **Toronto Western Hospital**, and is led by internationally acclaimed concussion expert, **Dr. Charles Tator**. The team includes world leaders in brain injury, cognition, imaging, mental health and clinical care working together to determine how concussions can affect us all.

The **CFL Alumni Association** has taken a leadership role in promoting research and awareness of brain injury and concussion. The advisory group includes former players, **Leo Ezerins**, **Matt Duniگان**, former CFL Commissioner, Honourable **Roy McMurtry**, former NHL hockey player **Ken Dryden** and, as well as, a number of prominent business executives, led by SmartCenters owner **Mitchell Goldhar**.

The research is designed to better understand the full spectrum of concussions, in particular, persistent symptoms of concussion and the delayed effects of multiple concussions.

The **MISSION** is to identify who has and who is at risk of developing the delayed neurodegeneration

associated with multiple concussions. We are developing better diagnostic tools to detect the effects of multiple concussions, and we are trying to figure out the underlying causes of their long term effects. All of the above information is used to develop mechanism-based treatments to prevent or minimize the enduring effects of multiple concussions.

If you are interested in being a participant in the research study or to donate your brain, please contact:

**Project Coordinator, Mozghan Khodadadi,
416-597-3422 ext. 7873**

Email: Mozghan.Khodadadi@uhn.ca

NOTE: There will be coverage for all of the travel expenses (hotel, transportation, and per diem) incurred to participate in the research program. Plan on two days of testing.

With the help of all the participants (**71 former CFL players**) who generously donated their time to our research program we are starting to make some strides in better understanding concussion and the delayed effects of multiple concussions.

Thank you to all participants!





The Canadian Tire CFL Alumni Association Legends Luncheon

Join us



Friday November 23rd 2018 at Shaw Center, Hall D
to honour



Hector Pothier



Brian Fryer

CFLAA Men of the Year

As well as our
Legends of Our League

and to kick-off the 106th Grey Cup weekend.

Wear your team colours.

Great opportunity to bring out
family and friends, young and old.
Photo and autograph opportunities available.

Hot Stove with CFL Legends



Tom Wilkinson	Bruce Lemmerman	Damon Allen	Matt Dunigan	Ricky Ray	Jason Maas	Tracey Ham	Warren Moon
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Silent and Live Auction to raise funds for the
CFL Alumni Support Fund

Cost: \$125 Per Person
(Taxes and Fees Included) **\$1000 Per Table** (Table of 8)
(joined by Alumni on a first purchased first served basis)



For more information or to order tickets
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