

# PRESS RELEASE

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**FROM: Alberta Schools' Athletic Association/Football Alberta**  
**RE: High School Football Provincial Finals**  
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The following are the draws for the **2019 ASAA Provincial High School Football Alberta Bowl**. All games will take place at Comets Stadium in Raymond and the times are included as well as the provincial ranking of the teams (as determined by Football Alberta) and contacts for each team involved. For general information about the draw and the playoffs please contact:

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## TIER I (School Pop. 1250+)

### Provincial Final

**#4 Harry Ainlay Titans at #1 St. Francis Browns**  
**Sat. Nov. 23 - 6:00 p.m., Comets Stadium (Raymond)**

The rubber match. This will be the third year in a row these traditional powerhouses will meet in the Alberta Bowl. The previous two contests have been tight contests that went right down to the wire with the Titans winning 12-3 in Lacombe in 2017 and the Browns taking the rematch last season with a 3-2 win in Fort McMurray. Defence certainly has been the calling card for these games so it figures that the defending champion Browns might be favoured going into this game. The stingy St. Francis defence, lead by Team Alberta U18 stars Charlie De Land, Adrian Minakata, and Saihaj Virdee, has given up a grand total of 17 points in three games since playoffs began including only a single point to LCI in last weekend's Southern Final. The Titans have Team Alberta U18 stars as well, but curiously they are all on offense with QB Eli Hetlinger, receiver Sony Bermudez-Chavez and massive offensive linemen Evan Beck and Albert Reece. This hasn't hurt them in that category as they have averaged 5 TD's a game ever since their playoffs began and scored 48 points in last weekend's win over Grande Prairie in the Northern Final. Again, it has been said that defence wins championships but on a dry track in good weather in Raymond will the Titans unstoppable force be enough to get past the Browns immovable object. We'll see on Saturday.

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### PAST TIER I CHAMPIONS

1986 - Salisbury Sabres	1994 - L.C.I Rams	2002 – Bev Facey Falcons	2010 – Raymond Comets
1987 - Harry Ainlay Titans	1995 – St. Francis Browns	2003 – St. Francis Browns	2011 – Harry Ainlay Titans
1988 - L.C.I. Rams	1996 – Raymond Comets	2004 – St. Francis Browns	2012 – Notre Dame Pride
1989 - L.C.I. Rams	1997 - Raymond Comets	2005 – Raymond Comets	2013 – Notre Dame Pride
1990 - L.C.I Rams	1998 - Raymond Comets	2006 – Salisbury Sabres	2014 – Notre Dame Pride
1991 - Henry Wise Wood	1999 – Jasper Place Rebels	2007 – St. Francis Browns	2015 – St. Francis Browns
1992 - L.C.I. Rams	2000 – Strathcona Lords	2008 – Raymond Comets	2016 – St. Francis Browns
1993 – L.C.I. Rams	2001 – Strathcona Lords	2009 – Raymond Comets	2017 – Harry Ainlay Titans
			2018 – St. Francis Browns

## TIER II (School Pop. 750-1249)

### Provincial Final

**#3 Austin O'Brien Crusaders at #1 Holy Trinity Academy Knights**  
**Friday, Nov. 22 – 7:00 p.m., Comets Stadium (Raymond)**

Green and black are definitely the colours of choice in the Tier II Alberta Bowl Final. Both teams proudly sport these colours and enter the game coming from different perspectives. For the HTA Knights, the path back to the final has been their mission all season after getting to the big game last year only to lose out to the Lloydminster Barons 22-7 in Fort McMurray.

They've been challenged in both of their Provincial games so far but pulled away at the end in each of them to win comfortably by eerily similar scores of 36-22 over Cardston and 35-22 last weekend against Bert Church. On the other side of the ball are the Cardiac Kids from Austin O'Brien. This is the year the field goal counted. Last season they went toe to toe with the eventual Tier II Champions from Lloydminster in the first round only to lose 18-17 on a field goal attempt on the last play that had plenty of leg but hit the upright for no points. This season they found themselves against the Barons again in the Northern Final and staged a comeback for the ages trailing 31-15 deep into the fourth quarter before reeling off 17 unanswered points - including a field goal that counted this time with 33 seconds left - to win 32-31 and advance to their first Alberta Bowl since 2013. These two teams have met before here with the Crusaders winning their first ever Tier II Provincial Championship in 2011 with a 21-3 win over the Knights. Will history repeat itself or will Holy Trinity Academy win their first ever Provincial Title in Raymond in the feature game on Friday night. Should be a classic!

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### PAST TIER II CHAMPIONS

1986 - Stettler Wildcats	1994 – Lloydminster Barons	2002 – Arch. Jordan Scots	2010 – Catholic Central Cougars
1987 - Cardston Cougars	1995 – Brooks Buffalos	2003 – Arch. Jordan Scots	2011 – Austin O'Brien Crusaders
1988 - Salisbury Sabres	1996 – Cochrane Cobras	2004 – Foothills Falcons	2012 – Austin O'Brien Crusaders
1989 - Archbishop Jordan Scots	1997 – Brooks Buffalos	2005 – St. Mary's Saints	2013 – Austin O'Brien Crusaders
1990 - Cardston Cougars	1998 – Cochrane Cobras	2006 – Foothills Falcons	2014 – St. Joseph's Celtics
1991 - Cardston Cougars	1999 – George McDougall	2007 – Notre Dame Pride	2015 – Foothills Falcons
1992 - Cardston Cougars	2000 – Foothills Falcons	2008 – Notre Dame Pride	2016 – Foothills Falcons
1993 - Cardston Cougars	2001 – Med. Hat Mohawks	2009 – Foothills Falcons	2017 – Foothills Falcons
			2018 – Lloydminster Barons

## TIER III (School Pop. 450-749)

### Provincial Final

#### **#4 Holy Rosary Raiders at #1 Cochrane Cobras Sat. Nov. 23 – 2:30 p.m., Comets Stadium (Raymond)**

We've been over the record of the Cobras throughout the playoffs as their participation in this game is seemingly inevitable as death and taxes. This indeed will mark Cochrane's 15th appearance in the Tier III Championship game in the last 18 seasons (predating the Alberta Bowl itself by six seasons) and their 11 victories including the last five in a row (a Provincial record for All Tier's) is pretty daunting. To say they know a thing or two about winning this thing would be an understatement and last weekend's 42-0 victory over the Crescent Heights Vikings shows they're poised to make it six in a row. On the other side of the ball are the Holy Rosary Raiders who are on a streak of their own qualifying for their seventh straight Alberta Bowl going back to their days as a Tier IV team in 2013 and 2014. Last weekend they punctuated their run of seven straight Northern Championships with a 56-0 shutout of the Sturgeon Spirits, however where the Northern Final has been heavenly for the Raiders, the Alberta Bowl for the past four seasons has been a Buffalo Bills-esque hell as while they held their own they dropped each and every contest to Cochrane. Will it be business as usual for the Cobras or will the Raiders finally have enough in the tank to take down the perennial favourites? Should be beautiful weather in mid-day conditions for this contest on the turf in Raymond.

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### PAST TIER III CHAMPIONS

1986 - Cochrane Cobras	1994 – Wainwright Commandos	2002 - Cochrane Cobras	2010 - Cardston Cougars
1987 - Cochrane Cobras	1995 – Kate Andrews Spartans	2003 - Cochrane Cobras	2011 - Stettler Wildcats
1988 - Medicine Hat Mohawks	1996 – Sexsmith Sabres	2004 - Cochrane Cobras	2012 - Cochrane Cobras
1989 - Will Sinclair Rebels	1997 – Springbank Phoenix	2005 - Cochrane Cobras	2013 - Cardston Cougars
1990 - Raymond Comets	1998 – McCoy Colts	2006 - Wetaskiwin Sabres	2014 - Cochrane Cobras
1991 - Raymond Comets	1999 – W.R. Myers Rebels	2007 - Cochrane Cobras	2015 - Cochrane Cobras
1992 - Raymond Comets	2000 – W.R. Myers Rebels	2008 - Cochrane Cobras	2016 - Cochrane Cobras
1993 - Bert Church Chargers	2001 – W.R. Myers Rebels	2009 - Brooks Buffalos	2017 – Cochrane Cobras
			2018 – Cochrane Cobras

## **TIER IV (School Pop. 449 or less)**

### **Provincial Final**

**#6 St. Paul Lions at #1 Willow Creek Cobras**

**Sat. Nov. 23 – 11:00 a.m., Comets Stadium (Raymond)**

Another team looking for redemption from last year are the St. Paul Lions. Always putting out a quality team the Lions finally kicked down the door to the Alberta Bowl last season only to run into the Cinderella Wolverines from Canmore who came from nowhere to win the Alberta Bowl 24-10 over the Lions. This year St. Paul fought their way through the tough Wheatland League to a .500 record during the regular season but have taken off again with a solid 30-12 win over Sexsmith in the first round then a nailbiter 19-14 win over Ardrossan in the Northern Final. Both teams were ranked higher than the Lions going into the contests so St. Paul is definitely on a mission. Facing them are the traditional Tier IV power out of the South, the Willow Creek Cobras from Claresholm who have had no problem getting to the Alberta Bowl in the last five seasons qualifying in 2014, 2015, and 2017 with their only victory coming in 2017 with a 42-0 blanking of Cold Lake. Their resume coming into this game is pretty impressive with no one coming within six TD's of them since the playoffs began including a 53-0 shutout of last years Tier IV Champion Canmore Wolverines in the first round and a 48-7 win over the #2 ranked Drumheller Titans in the Southern Final last Saturday. First game of the day on Saturday in Raymond could provide some fireworks.

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### **PAST TIER IV CHAMPIONS**

1999 - Oilfields Drillers	2005 - Ardrossan Bisons	2011 - Drumheller Titans	2017 – Willow Ck. Cobras
2000 - Oilfields Drillers	2006 - Willow Creek Cobras	2012 - Drumheller Titans	2018 – Canmore W'rines
2001 - Ardrossan Bisons	2007 - Sylvan Lake Lakers	2013 - Drumheller Titans	
2002 - Bow Valley Bobcats	2008 - Ardrossan Bisons	2014 - Holy Rosary Raiders	
2003 - Bow Valley Bobcats	2009 - Rundle College Cobras	2015 - Ardrossan Bisons	
2004 - Ardrossan Bisons	2010 - Rundle College Cobras	2016 - Bow Valley Bobcats	

## **6-MAN**

### **Provincial Final**

**#2 Breton Cougars at #1 J.C. Charyk Hawks**

**Friday, Nov. 22, 4:00 p.m., Comets Stadium (Raymond)**

11 games in a row and counting is the win streak for the defending 6-Man Provincial Champion J.C. Charyk Hawks. Based on what they've been doing in Provincials so far it might be an even twelve on Friday as the Hawks have won both of their Provincial games so far by an average score of 78-18. Now, big scores are nothing new to 6-Man Football but that's pretty impressive on the defensive side of things, especially against the top opposition present at the Provincial level. On the other side is the cradle of 6-Man Football in Alberta with the Breton Cougars still looking for their first ever Provincial Title. As the first 6-Man team in the modern era they have taken a school with one of the smallest populations in the Province to great heights over the years but still are missing something from their trophy case. Two seasons ago they advanced to their first ever Alberta Bowl and lost on the last play of the game when their receiver who caught a ball deep in the end zone was ruled out of bounds. Last season they made it to the Provincial Semi-Final only to be dispatched by the same team they will be playing in the Alberta Bowl, the J.C. Charyk Hawks, in another thriller 62-60. The Cougars are sick of close enough and the Hawks of Hanna just want to keep rolling. A great way to start the Alberta Bowl this Friday in Raymond.

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### **PAST 6-MAN CHAMPIONS**

2011 – Father Mercredi Trappers	2016 – St. Joseph's Crusaders
2012 – Millwoods Christian Royals	2017 – Rimbey Spartans
2013 – Rimbey Spartans	2018 – J.C. Charyk Hawks
2014 – Rimbey Spartans	
2015 – St. Joseph's Crusaders	