

# REPORT

## Jan/05: Executive Director's Report - Brian Fryer

**Coaches Clinic/NCCP:** In conjunction with the Annual Univ. of Calgary/FAB Coaches Clinic a NCCP Technical Level I clinic will go on at the same time. Coaches must attend and pay for both clinics to receive the Technical completion because of the total hours required from both areas. **Annual Coaches Clinic date is March 11-12/2005.** The NCCP Level I will continue on after the Awards Luncheon from 3:00 – 7:00 and Sunday/March 13 from 9–1 pm.

A separate registration form will be sent for a list of other NCCP clinics. Remember, any local league/ass./team may host a clinic but must have at least 12 coaches and a location. We will line up the course conductors/dates, subject to their availability. To avoid confusion in regards to Certification, following the completion of the Technical and Theory NCCP components, one season of coaching must be completed before a Practical Experience form can be filled out (available by contacting Football AB). Remember that the new Theory Part A is the same as Theory Level 1 and Theory Part B is the same as Theory Level 2. These courses are available as per the NCCP Theory schedule in this newsletter.

### **Pull Your Price & Donate Fundraiser Winners:**

Here is the winner from the 2004 Football AB Team Fundraiser. 22 participating Teams raised \$2,400 each. Thanks to everyone for taking part. In early April another memo will go out to all teams with information on the 2005 Team Fundraiser with the Grand Prize to be a trip to the Vancouver Grey Cup on Nov. 27th. Stay tuned and get involved to raise some team dollars.

Grand Prize Winner – was Jen Wheeler of Edmonton  
2004 Grey Cup Deluxe Package (Value of \$3,200.00)

### **MEMBERSHIP/SENIOR BOWL – Reminder of the Tryout Policy to both selection camps.**

All high school coaches should be reminded again that the policy for the Senior Bowl is, **only players from Football Alberta paid member schools will be allowed to tryout in the selection camps and participate in the Senior Bowl.** All high school membership team fees (\$100) must be into Football Alberta's office **prior** to April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the end of the 2004 membership date (April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005).

North Selection Camp: April 15-17  
South Selection Camp: April 22-24

Membership registration forms to be sent out in early March for the 2005 season (April 1/05 – March 31/06). Information on membership, insurance and downloadable forms are on our website at [www.footballalberta.ab.ca](http://www.footballalberta.ab.ca)

### **CANADIANS SHINE IN NCAA**

Here are some Canadians who had a banner year playing university football south of the border:

**Clifton Dawson (Scarborough, ON)** – played for Harvard and was named a unanimous All-Ivy league running back. Dawson finished with 1,329 yards, 5.2 yards per carry and 17 touchdowns.

**Eric Deslauriers (Gatineau, PQ)** – one of the top all-around receiving performances in Eastern Michigan history, hauling in 84 passes for 1,257 yards and 13 touchdowns.

**Keith Shologan (Edmonton/Parkland)** – True freshman defensive lineman performed admirably for the Central Florida Knights. The local Alberta standout finished with 30 tackles.

**O.J. Atogwe (Windsor, ON)** – was named recipient of Stanford's Jack Huston Award given to the Cardinal player who "exemplifies aggressiveness, exceptional performance and unheralded efforts". Atogwe lead the team with 76 tackles, 4 interceptions and 7 pass break-ups.

**Nick Kazcur (Brantford, ON)** – Toledo's offensive guard helped the offensive line give up only 14 sacks this season. Kazcur was drafted in the CFL last year and should be selected in this spring's NFL draft.

**Matt Kudu (Mississauga, ON)** – Senior defensive lineman of Eastern Michigan finished with 42 tackles.

Akron had three players who performed well. Defensive lineman **Jermaine Reid (Pickering, ON)** finished with 19 tackles and two sacks, Linebacker **Cam Yeow (Surrey, BC)** had 29 tackles and two sacks and freshman **Jabari Arthur (Montreal, PQ)** finished with 23 receptions for 270 yards.

### **THANKS TO THE ESKIMOS**

The Edmonton Eskimo Football Club has made a \$400,000 contribution to amateur football in Edmonton. The Huskies, Wildcats and Golden Bears will all receive \$50,000 over five years (\$10,000 per year) for scholarships and an additional \$50,000 each to upgrade their respective locker rooms, weight rooms and equipment.

Football Alberta will receive \$100,000 (\$20,000 for five years) to host an annual Level 2/3 type of coach's clinic in Edmonton, an annual officials clinic, help out the annual High School All-Star Senior Bowl and to help out in establishing a North-South Bantam All-Star game.

"Edmonton and the province of Alberta have produced a wealth of football talent and you can look at our own line-up with Tim Prinsen (Jasper Place) and Brock Ralph (Raymond) as prime examples. We hope this donation helps northern Alberta continue its growth of quality football players and coaches," said Eskimo chief Operating Officer, Rick LeLacheur, and a press conference held in mid-December at the Molson House. Big thanks again to the Eskis.

### **EARN YOUR STRIPES – Become a Football Official**

Do you have what it takes to Become a Football Official?

As football programs throughout Canada increase, the need for competent officials is on the rise. The rewards and challenges are great. Beginning at the youth and recreational levels, many officials work their way up to high school and university games. An elite few will eventually find themselves refereeing in the professional leagues.

#### **Personal Skills:**

The football officials of today must have certain qualities. Acting as a positive role model for children and young adults, the individual is in a position of authority. Encouraging sportsmanship, overseeing the safety of a game and making split-second decisions under stress are the main duties. The official must also be prepared to resolve conflicts and bring a sense of fairness and calm to often chaotic situations. All this must be executed without occupying center stage. It takes a special person to fill this role. Aside from good judgment and personal skills, the football official must be physically fit. Quick reaction and speed are essential, as well as excellent eyesight.

Don't let this scare you though as official associations in your area will bend over backwards to bring the beginner along with training and words of wisdom. Call the Football AB office for official contacts in your area.