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A FOOTBALL ALBERTA PUBLICATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We are entering challenging times for our sport. The concern over the past decade in the areas of concussion reporting and management has been a very valid issue and the sport of football has responded admirably. As good as our response to that issue has been, there is no doubt that it has made parents in particular warier of entering their kids in any contact sport but it pales in comparison to the new threat...Millennial Apathy.

Recently friends of ours related a story of how easy it was for their son to make the Jr. Volleyball team at his high school. He simply just had to show up and even then, they only had 11 boys interested. And this was at a school of over 1,000 students. This is volleyball for crying out loud. Not exactly the poster child for concussion wariness. Plus, that school had three Jr. High Schools feeding it all with strong volleyball programs. So, what's going on?

School sports in particular are getting harder and harder to get kids committed to. I hate using the term "back in my day" but.... back in my day we clamored to be on school teams partly because there really wasn't anything else to do. Stores closed at 5 p.m. on weekdays so no one had part time jobs. TV was still limited in the number of channels available and our video games were pretty lame compared to the highly addictive ones today. School spirit wasn't exactly like that found all over the United States but it was at least palpable. That particular feeling has been flatlining for years and combine that with a myriad of other activities (i.e. jobs, gaming, competition from community-based sport teams) available to young men in particular and you've got a real problem in some schools of fielding a football team.

You can add to that the issues of the expectations of player and parent alike. It's no longer just enough to be a part of the team. A fee (a hefty one in some cases) has been paid and today's parent in particular expects to see their kid on the field no matter how talented or untalented they are for that fee. As well, no one is interested in being a back-up any more so those 10-15 extra kids who were content in those roles in the past are now dropping out to play a little "Fortnight" in their basements instead. No one's a back-up in "World of Warcraft". You might also be surprised by the number of parents that are shocked (shocked!) that their precious child is expected to show up for ALL of the

listed practices especially on days when they have homework or the weather conditions aren't great. The concept of commitment seems to be negotiable today and quitting is waaaaay to easy. Sadly, all of that is backed up by a lot of parents who want to be seen as being in their child's corner – no matter what – rather than force their child to meet the commitments they made to a team or activity (and the lessons that come with that).

Don't believe me? So far this year we've had at least five high school teams fold up their tents after a couple of weeks into the season. They just can't get the kids out. And some of them have been well known programs in the past. Our Minor Football numbers are good and up in many places in the province compared a couple of years ago so I can only speculate that it's at the high school level where we're going to suffer for a while. And we're not the only sport that will have that problem but it will be most acute with us since we need more bodies than any other school sport to field a team.

Now, this isn't to say that most schools in the Province are just fine for numbers, but watch out. You have to work harder than ever to make your team "the place to be". Building team culture both during the season and off-season is now more imperative than ever. Making it both fun and challenging is a very difficult task indeed but if you don't have the "fun" part – you're going to be down a lot of bodies. I wish I had more answers but today's kid is today's kid and we all have to adapt, because today's kid can sure use the great character-building opportunities that our sport provides.

For those programs out their struggling, keep fighting the good fight, but also keep in mind the 6-Man option if your 12-man team is running low on players. It's not a "demotion" in any way and many programs in the past have used it as either an entry point or as a "lifeboat" to regroup and keep the program alive until the numbers return. Plus, it's a lot of fun and the tangible involvement for all the players on the field is amazing.

All the best with the rest of your seasons and keep at it. Our sport is too valuable to the creation of great future citizens.

– Tim Enger, Executive Director

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2018 FOOTBALL CANADA U16 WESTERN CHALLENGE

Football Alberta hosted the 2018 Football Canada U16 Western Challenge July 3-7 at U of A's Foote Field. This was the second straight year Alberta hosted the event featuring British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

Team Alberta hosted British Columbia in the first game which marked the Semi-Final of the 2 game tournament. The game didn't start well for Alberta as British Columbia got on the scoreboard early with a pick six to take a 7-0 lead.

However, Alberta would strike back with just over two minutes left in the first quarter. Quarterback Luc Nolin found Cale Brownell for a touchdown score. At halftime, British Columbia led Alberta 10-7. The teams traded touchdowns in the 2nd half and B.C. lead late in the game until Quarterback Luc Nolin connected with Adrian Minakata for a touchdown pass to seal the win for Alberta 21-16. The Alberta Offensive Player of the Game

was Martin Sialeu and the Defensive Player of the Game was Jack Dutton.

Alberta moved onto the finals to take on Manitoba who beat Saskatchewan 20-10. Once again the game did not start well for Alberta as Manitoba lead 14-10 at the half. In the second half, Alberta came alive as they scored 35 unanswered points. Duncan Critch scored back-to-back touchdowns in the third quarter. Then, within a span of 1:08, Ayomanor add two consecutive majors. The final score was 47-21 giving Alberta back to back Western Championships.

The Offensive Player of the Game was Luc Nolin and the Defensive Players of the Game was Jack Dutton. Players of the tournament were Nolin (Alberta) for Special Teams, Elic Ayomanor (Alberta) for offence and Jack Dutton (Alberta) for defence.

FOOTBALL CANADA U16 WESTERN CHALLENGE 2019 IS IN KAMLOOPS, BC – JULY 15-22



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2018 FOOTBALL CANADA U16 FLAG REGIONALS

This years U16 Flag Football Regionals were considered very successful and enjoyable from the female side. Team Alberta partnered up with Team Manitoba to field two “West Canada Allstar” teams.

Our Alberta girls played as part of the “West White” team, alongside a group of Manitoba girls.

After finishing some very competitive round robin play, we took the semi final game against our counterparts the “West Black Allstars”. From there we played in he championship game against Team Saskatchewan and came out with a silver medal.

Overall it was a wonderful experience for both the players and coaches. I think this tournament was a huge step in the right direction for girls flag football, and I look forward to see where we can take this team and competition next year.



2018 FOOTBALL CANADA CUP

The Football Canada Cup was played on home turf for Team Alberta for the first time since 2011 in Lethbridge. This year’s 2018 event in Calgary had the same results as in 2011 with a silver medal finish for Team Alberta. Football Alberta would like to thank **Gary Morabito** and his **committee of volunteers in Calgary** for running arguably the best ever Football Canada Cup. Below are the results for each day *courtesy of the Football Canada website*.

Game Day 1 – Monday July 16th, 2018

On Monday night at Shouldice Park in Calgary, host Alberta gave their fans something to cheer about by defeating British Columbia 31-21. Alberta opened the scoring with 5:35 left in the first quarter when pivot Anton Amundrud found Adley Mayala for a 70-yard touchdown. British Columbia threw an interception into the hands of Keon Adams who takes the ball to the 1 yard line, giving Alberta another chance to strike. Matthew Peterson snuck into the end zone for a 1 yard major to increase Alberta’s lead with 4:14 left in the first quarter.

However, British Columbia made things interesting before the half as Trey Jones found Keelan White for a touchdown score, cutting Alberta’s lead. At halftime, Alberta had a 13-7 advantage over British Columbia.

White would tally his second major of the game with 9:08 left in the third quarter to give British Columbia a slim one point lead. Jonathan Giustini added a field goal to give the host back the lead late in the third quarter. With 2:10 left in the quarter, Mayala would score his second touchdown of the game – a 32 yard reception.

British Columbia tried to mount a late comeback. Trey Jones connected with Sebastian Hansen for a 5 yard touchdown with 2:37 left in the game. However, Alberta put the game out of reach when Jaxon Hume tallied a major to round out the scoring.

Offensive Players of the Game were Mayala (Alberta) and White (British Columbia). **Defensive Players of the Game** were Daniel Flanagan (Alberta) and Addison Sadler (British Columbia).

GAME 1	SASKATCHEWAN 48//MANITOBA 6
GAME 2	ONTARIO 27//NOVA SCOTIA 11
GAME 3	QUEBEC 56//NEW BRUNSWICK 0
GAME 4	ALBERTA 31//BRITISH COLUMBIA 21

Game Day 2 – Thursday July 19th, 2018

On Thursday night at Shouldice Park in Calgary, host Alberta knocked off defending gold medallists Quebec 24-13 in front of the hometown crowd. After a scoreless first quarter, Alberta opened the scoring when Jonathan Giustini added a 17 yard field goal with 6:58 left before the half.

Quebec responded back when Nicholas Cenacle sprinted down the field for a touchdown score to give the team the lead. With 1:56 left before the half, Matthew Peterson powered his way into the end zone and tallied a major for Alberta. However, Tiemoko Sanogo runs into the end zone for a touchdown with eight seconds left be-

fore the half. At halftime, Quebec held a 13-10 advantage over Alberta.

Peterson would tally his second major of the game to give the host the lead back with 5:51 left in the third quarter. Alberta would seal the victory when Romeo Nash converts a pick six into a touchdown score.

Offensive Players of the Game were Peterson (Alberta) and Cenacle (Quebec). **Defensive Players of the Game** were Nash (Alberta) and Yshad-Shane Benjamin (Quebec).

With this victory, Alberta ended Quebec’s string of winning gold the last three tournaments. Quebec has won the past six of seven gold medals at Football Canada Cups.

GAME 5	BRITISH COLUMBIA 10//NEW BRUNSWICK 0
GAME 6	NOVA SCOTIA 13//MANITOBA 18
GAME 7	SASKATCHEWAN 32//ONTARIO 8
GAME 8	QUEBEC 13//ALBERTA 23



2018 FOOTBALL CANADA CUP

Game Day 3 – Sunday July 22nd, 2018

After the disappointment last year of losing the gold medal with close to 18 seconds left in the game, Saskatchewan made sure that this time, the same fate would not happen in Calgary at the 2018 Football Canada Cup.

In an exciting and dramatic game, Saskatchewan got past host Alberta 31-26 to win gold at Shouldice Athletic Park. Alberta got on the scoreboard first just 53 seconds into the game when Matthew Peterson sprinted into the end zone for a 6-yard touchdown score. However, Saskatchewan responded when quarterback Keegan Kaytor connected with Mason Novik for a 35-yard touchdown pass to tie things up in the first quarter. Alberta would pull ahead when Jonathan Giustini added a field goal. Saskatchewan followed suit when Emmett Steadman added a 25 yard field goal in the second quarter.

Before the end of the 1st half, Giustini would boot another successful field goal. This one was an 11-yard attempt. At halftime, Alberta held a 13-10 advantage over

Saskatchewan.

Only 39 seconds into the second half, Kaytor found Kieran Poissant for a 71-yard major to give Saskatchewan the lead. Alberta took over the lead when Adley Mayala returned the punt for a 90 yard touchdown. Soon after, Lucas Robertson tallied a major to increase Alberta's advantage. Kaytor connects with Poissant once again for a 75 yard touchdown score to pull Saskatchewan within one point. Saskatchewan would take over the lead when Isaac Birdsell-Tyndale adds a five-yard rushing major. That score sealed the victory and gave Saskatchewan the gold medal.

Offensive Players of the Game were Poissant (Saskatchewan) and Robertson (Alberta). Defensive Players of the Game were Ramsey Derbas (Saskatchewan) and Daniel Flanagan (Alberta).

Tournament MVPs were Saskatchewan's Kaytor (Offence) and Derbas (Defence) as well as Alberta's Mayala (Special Teams).

- GAME 9

GAME 10

GAME 11

GAME 12
- BRITISH COLUMBIA 23//MANITOBA 10

NOVA SCOTIA 9//NEW BRUNSWICK 14

QUEBEC 33//ONTARIO 8

SASKATCHEWAN 31//ALBERTA 26



ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES 2018



2018 Alberta Summer Games

Football Schedule

Community Knowledge Campus Field (CKC)
Wembley Field (WF)
Grande Prairie & Wembley



Game #	TIME	Home		Away	Field
Friday, July 20					
1	10:00 AM	Zone 3 - 49	vs	Zone 8 - 0	CKC
2	10:30 AM	Zone 5 - 40	vs	Zone 7 - 15	WF
3	1:00 PM	Zone 4 - 18	vs	Zone 6 - 14	CKC
4	1:30 PM	Zone 1 - 26	vs	Zone 2 - 28	WF
Saturday, July 21					
5	10:00 AM	Zone 1 - 0	vs	Zone 7 - 20	CKC
6	10:30 AM	Zone 6 - 25	vs	Zone 8 - 13	WF
7	1:00 PM	Zone 5 - 19	vs	Zone 2 - 9	CKC
8	1:30 PM	Zone 3 - 37	vs	Zone 4 - 0	WF
Sunday, July 22					
9	8:00 AM	Zone 1 - 33	vs	Zone 8 - 32	WF
10	8:00 AM	Zone 2 - 27	vs	Zone - 26	CKC (Bronze)
11	10:30 AM	Zone 6 - 23	vs	Zone 7 - 9	WF
12	10:30 AM	Zone 3 - 40	vs	Zone 5 - 0	CKC (Gold)
MEDAL PRESENTATIONS					

ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES 2018

The 2018 Alberta Summer Games were hosted in Grande Prairie July 19-22 with 8 Alberta Zone Teams participating. Zone Selection Camps were hosted around the province with 513 players registering the tryout weekends, with each zone selecting 35 players.

The Zone teams were made up of six coaches from their region along with a Zone General Manager. The event was hosted at CKC Field in Grande Prairie and in the Town of Wembley about 15 minutes outside of Grande Prairie. CKC Field has a turf field and brand new bleachers, dressing rooms and spotters box, making it a perfect venue to host the Alberta Summer Games.

The opening day saw two close match-ups and two lopsided results. Zones 2, 3, 4 & 5 advanced the semi-finals with quarterfinal victories. On the second day Zone 5

Blackgold beat Zone 2 Big Country 19-9 in one semi-final while Zone 3 Calgary shutout Zone 4 Parkland 37-0 to advance to the final.

The final day at the Albert Summer Games featured some excellent football with two overtime games and a shutout to win Gold. In Wembley the host Zone 8 lost a heartbreaker in Overtime 33-32 against Zone 1 Sunny South and in the Bronze Medal game it was Zone 2 winning in Overtime 27-26 over Zone 4. The Gold medal game was over early with Zone 3 Calgary dominating from the opening kick off beating Zone 5 40-0.

Despite a little bit of rain the Alberta Summer Games were a huge success for Football Alberta and continue to be a premier showcase event on our calendar every two years.



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PACIFIC CHALLENGE 2018 – HAWAII

The Pacific Challenge is a program set up for the top U17 players in Alberta who do not crack the Team Alberta U18 roster in their first year of eligibility. The goal of the program is to keep these kids engaged in training and make them better football players over the entire process.

This year's team was selected out of the final U18 Camp in April. They then reconvened over the weekend of June 8-10 in Red Deer for a mini-camp, which culminated in some joint practices and scrimmage vs. Team Saskatchewan Selects who were chosen in a similar manner from their U18 tryouts. The result was an extremely entertaining scrimmage which Saskatchewan won 10-8 over Alberta.

The next stop for Team Alberta U17 was a

trip to Maui, Hawaii where the intent was to run a development camp while making the experience as close as possible to the Football Canada Cup experience in terms of number of competitions, practices, and the travel etc.

Team Alberta set up camp in Kihei, Maui and experienced three joint practice/scrimmages vs. King Kamehameha H.S., Baldwin H.S., and Seabury Hall H.S. over their eight days in Maui.

The result was an extremely enjoyable time where the players did indeed get better while training in paradise. Football Alberta would like to thank their gracious hosts at all three high schools as well as the Team Saskatchewan Select crew for giving our players a great and challenging experience.



FOOTBALL ALBERTA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Jonathan Ericson – Rural Zone Scholarship

Carter Johnson – Calgary Zone Scholarship

Jake Withrow – Edmonton Zone Scholarship

Subomi Oyesoro – Calgary Stampeders Scholarship

Tyler Duguid – Edmonton Eskimo Scholarship

Tyson Rowe – Brock Jacobs Scholarship

Dakota McKay – Wildcard Scholarship

Daniel Shin – Wildcard Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS



2018 FOOTBALL ALBERTA MINOR PROVINCIALS

****A = League #1 Team; A2 = League #2 Team; B = League #5 Team; B2 = League #6 Team**

BANTAM SEMI-FINALS//SATURDAY//NOV. 10

Tier I

Southern Alberta "A2" at Capital District "A"

Calgary "A" at Southern Alberta "A"

Tier II

Capital District "B" at Central Alberta "A"

Rangeland "A" at Calgary "B"

Tier III

Grande Prairie "A" at Wheatland "A"

Southern Alberta "B" at Central Alberta "B"

FINALS//SATURDAY//NOV. 17

Tier I

Winner Southern Alberta "A2"/ Capital District "A" hosts

Tier II

Winner Rangeland "A"/Calgary "B" hosts

Tier III

Winner Southern Alberta "B"/Central Alberta "B" hosts

PEEWEE FINALS//SATURDAY//NOV. 10

Tier I

Calgary "A" at Capital District "A"

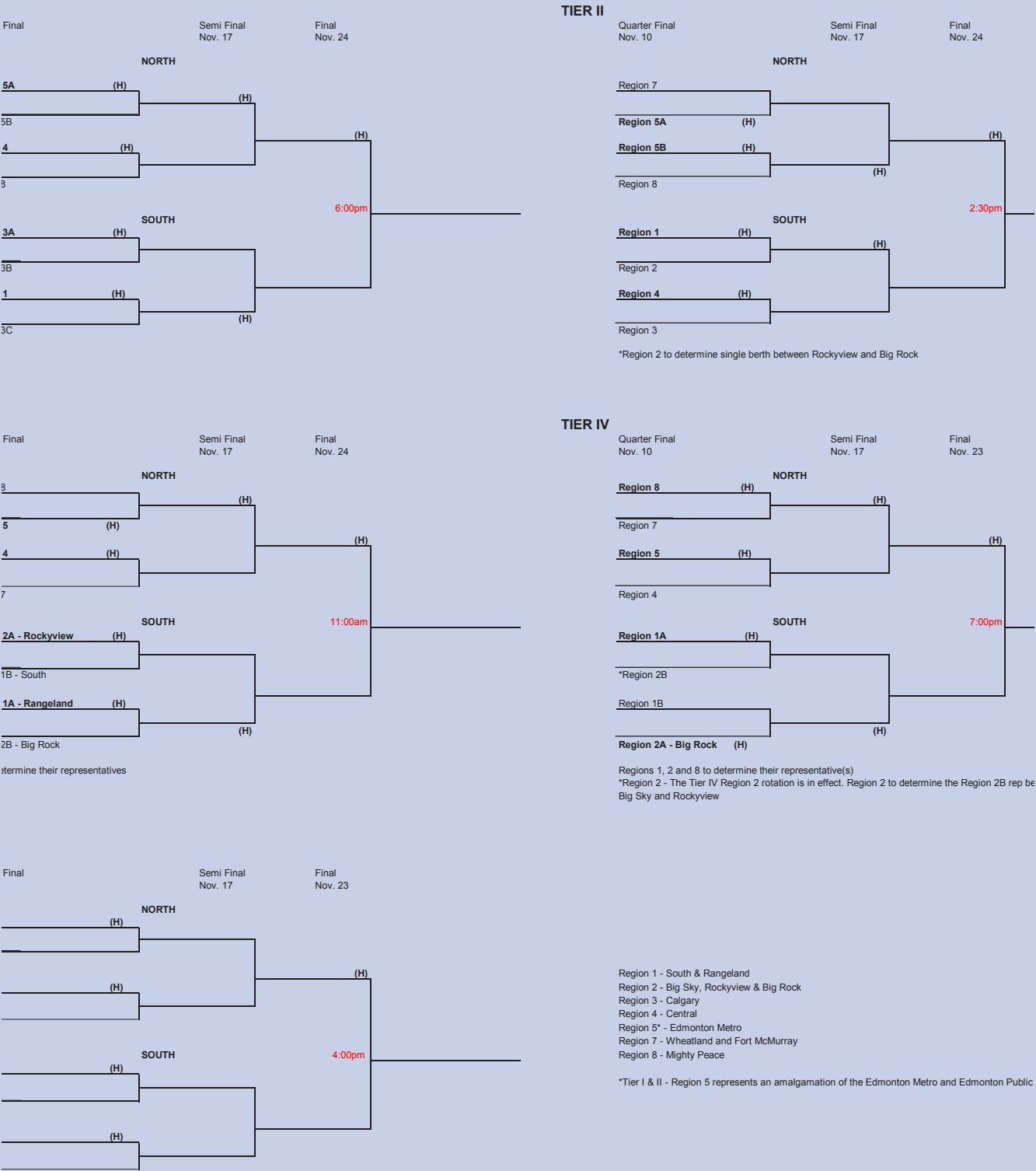
Tier II

Winner Rangeland "A"/Calgary "B" hosts


Tier III

Winner Southern Alberta "B"/Central Alberta "B" hosts

2018 ASAA PROVINCIAL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE



2018 FOOTBALL CANADA NATIONAL TEAM




FOOTBALL CANADA
U18 NATIONAL
TEAM

ALBERTA

U
18

Matthew Peterson (RB), Brooks
Ajou Ajou (REC), Edmonton
Adley Mayala (REC), Calgary
Jacob Weller (OL), Red Deer
Lucas Robertson (FB), Edmonton
Daniel Flanagan (LB), Calgary
Romeo Nash (DB), Calgary
Tyshon Blackburn (DB), Calgary



2018 FOOTBALL CANADA U16 WEST ALL STAR



FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

LUC NOLIN





FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

ADRIAN MINAKATA





FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

ETHAN HENDERSON





FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

MAXWELL VON MEUHLDOERFER





FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

BRYAN GALINDO





FOOTBALL CANADA
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DEON WILLIAMS





FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

NICHOLAS LEMAY





FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

JACK DUTTON





FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

ELIC AYONMANOR





FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

DUNCAN CRITCH





FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

JOEL DEMALE





FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

MARTIN SIALEU





FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

MAXX FEODEROFF





FOOTBALL CANADA
U16 WEST
ALL STAR

MICHAEL PELOSO



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA GOLDEN BEARS 2019 FOOTBALL ACADEMY

ACADEMY INFORMATION

Minor Academy (Minor Football players in 2019)
High School Academy (High School Football in 2019)

All positions

Eight Sunday Sessions, from January 13 to March 10
Foote Field Dome, U of A South Campus,
11601- 66 Ave.

Schedule

- Jan 13, 12:30 - 2:00 PM - Feb 10, 12:30 - 2:00 PM
- Jan 20, 6:00 - 7:30 PM - Feb 24, 12:30 - 2:00 PM
- Jan 27, 12:30 - 2:00 PM - Mar 3, 12:30 - 2:00 PM
Feb 3, 12:30 - 2:00 PM - Mar 10, 12:30 - 2:00 PM

Academy Fee \$400



The Golden Bears Football Academy has successfully developed the skills and abilities of football players in Alberta. The Academy focuses on fundamental skill development progressions delivered and led by trained and experienced coaches. Many graduates of the Academy have gone onto play football at the post-secondary (USport, CJFL) level including going on to the CFL. The program will run on Sundays starting in January and continues until March. There will be a total of eight sessions with each session being 90 minutes in length.

Avoid disappointment and register early as the Academy has filled up in previous years.



To Register:

Call the U of A Customer Service Centre 780-492-2231 or visit www.activityreg.ualberta.ca

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
GOLDEN BEARS



FOOTBALL SKILLS CAMP

January 4-6, 2019, Foote Field Dome

Camp Information

Minor Skills Camp (Pee-wee & Bantam players in 2019)

- Friday, January 4 5:30 - 7:00 PM
- Saturday, January 5 9:00 - 10:30 AM
- Saturday, January 5 1:30 - 3:00 PM
- Sunday, January 6 9:00 - 10:30 AM

High School Camp (High School & Midget players in 2019)

- Friday, January 4 7:00 - 8:30 PM
- Saturday, January 5 10:30 - 12:00 PM
- Saturday, January 5 3:00 - 4:30 PM
- Sunday, January 6 10:30 - 12:00 PM

Positions: Quarterbacks, Running Backs, Receivers,
Linebackers, Defensive Backs

Camp Fee \$150.00 Register early to avoid disappoint as
there is a quota per position

Foote Field Dome 11601 68 Avenue, Edmonton

Equipment: Participants are required to provide and wear
certified helmets, mouth guards, shoulder pads, football pants,
thigh, knee, hip and tail pad. Bring your own cleats

To Register: Call the U of A Customer Service Centre
780-492-2231 or visit www.activityreg.ualberta.ca

Camp Questions: Call the Golden Bears Football Office
at 780-492-8468







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LINEMEN CAMP

January 4-6, 2019, Foote Field Dome



- Camp Information**
Minor Football Camp (Pee-wee & Bantam players in 2019)
High School Camp (High School & Midget players in 2019)
- Friday, January 4 8:30 - 10:00 PM
 - Saturday, January 5 12:00 - 1:30 PM
 - Saturday, January 5 4:30 - 6:00 PM
 - Sunday, January 6 12:00 -1:30 PM

Positions: Offensive & Defensive Linemen

Camp Fee \$150.00 **Register early to avoid disappoint as there is a quota per position**

Foote Field Dome 11601 68 Avenue,Edmonton

Equipment: Participants are required to provide and wear certified helmets, mouth guards, shoulder pads, football pants, thigh, knee, hip and tail pad. Bring your own cleats

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Membership Information

Football Alberta Membership consists of TWO plans: Plan #1 provides annual team membership and insurance for all players and team personnel. Plan #2 is available for teams that do not require insurance. Please note that all minor teams; Bantam, Peewee and Atom are required to obtain Football Alberta insurance to be eligible for Minor Provincials.

PLAN #1 TEAM & PLAYER INSURANCE

Includes \$5 Million Liability & Accident Insurance for the following rates:

- (Team Fee + Mandatory Insurance for all Minor teams)
- These fees are in effect when payment is made on time
- After the fee deadline, late fees will apply
- Fees include GST

Atom, PeeWee. Midget	Team fee of \$157.50 + \$28 per person	Late fees of \$125 per team
Bantam	Team fee of \$236.25 + \$28 per person	Late fees of \$125 per team
Minor: 6-man tackle	Team fee of \$78.75 + \$28 per person	Late fees of \$65 per team
High School: 9 & 12-man	Team fee of \$262.50 + \$28 per person	Late fees of \$125 per team
High School: 6-man	Team fee of \$78.75 + \$28 per person	Late fees of \$65 per team
Junior/University	Team fee of \$262.50 + \$28 per person	Late fees of \$125 per team
Senior Men/Female	\$28 per person	Late fees of \$65 per team
Flag/Touch	\$11 per person	

- **Minor late fees:** After Sept. 30, add \$125 (12-man, 10-man) and \$65 (6-man)
- **High School/Other late fees:** After Oct. 7, add \$125 (12-man and 9-man) and \$65 (6-man)
- Fees include GST

High School: 9 & 12-man	Team fee of \$262.50	After Oct. 7, late fees of \$125
High School: 6-man	Team fee of \$78.75	After Oct. 7, late fees of \$65
Junior/University	Team fee of \$262.50	After Oct. 7, late fees of \$125

Membership Information

PLAN #2 TEAM MEMBERSHIP ONLY, NO INSURANCE

- (Team Fee + Optional Insurance if required)
- High School, 6-Man High School, Junior, University

League Coordinators and Team Managers

Membership and insurance runs on the calendar year (January 1 to December 31). It is easiest for league/team administrators to register players at the start of the year for gym nights in January & February and then continue to register players as they join the team thru spring camp and summer and fall. It is extremely important for the welfare of players and team personnel that insurance is valid (and thus paid for) as soon as you start registration. Please note that the insurance policy provides both accident and liability coverage and is valid regardless of how long players are with your team (one day, one week or all season).

For more information on Football Alberta Membership and Team Insurance, please go to the [membership page](#) on our website. Or email Sally Ferrero, Administrative Coordinator: admin@footballalberta.ab.ca.

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REMEMBERING MAXINE . . .

On September 12, 2018 after a long battle with illness, one of the most iconic figures in amateur football in the Calgary area passed away. This person never put on the pads, officiated a game, scheduled a league, or patrolled the sidelines coaching kids. However you'll be hard pressed to find anyone in the Calgary area who played, officiated, or coached the game of football in the past 30 years who didn't know of her. Maxine Latour was a legend for doing one thing, and one thing only – she patrolled the entrance to the Amateur Sports Facility portion of McMahon Stadium.

It wasn't just that she patrolled it, she owned it. Nobody, and I mean nobody, who didn't belong in the facility did not get in. If you ran in the halls, if your music was too loud in the dressing

line at your peril indeed. However, inside she had a heart of gold. If you were running an event at McMahon, you knew that your possessions were safe and secure and she was doing her level best to make sure you and your group were treated well and with respect.

If you returned that favour to her, you were in good hands the entire time you were on site. In my job I would spend at least one weekend a year under her watchful gaze at McMahon running programs and was proud to (eventually) earn her respect and call her a friend. Her personal story is that of a single mom who lost her husband early and raised a family on her own. She also put in years of work with the Boy Scouts and minor hockey playing both mom and dad to her chil-

However, inside she had a heart of gold. If you were running an event at McMahon, you knew that our possessions were safe and secure . . .

rooms, if did anything that might come close to damaging the facility, Hurricane Maxine was in your face in an instant. And believe me, you did not want to experience that moment. Frankly, your best plan of attack was to just go about your business quietly and orderly and you wouldn't have any issues. And for that reason the facility at McMahon was the best kept and most secure place for football in the province for decades.

In some ways she can be credited for helping develop better independence in young men, as the parent of a player coming for a camp or game was stonewalled at the door each time so basically the kid had no choice but to cut the cord and find Locker Room 4 all by themselves. I once had a coach from Northern Alberta coming down for a Senior Bowl weekend who bragged that he wasn't going to be bossed around by that lady at the door. Let's just say it didn't end well for him. The Hindenburg had a better landing. Anyone from Atom kids to CFL players and coaches lost the battle every time if they chose to take her on.

Now, she sounds harsh, and she was – but only if you did something to deserve it. She had a job to do and she did not take it lightly. Cross the

dren. It was a honor for us at Football Alberta to invite her to the Senior Bowl Banquet in the last years before her retirement from McMahon. And let me tell you, once the players at the event who had experienced her for the weekend leading up to the banquet heard the announcement that she was one of our guests – the line-up for the buffet got a lot more orderly.

Upon her retirement, she was replaced by an all-seeing camera above her usual perch at the Southwest Door. I'm sure it does the job but sometimes I wish they had recorded some of Maxine's greatest hits like "No running!" and "Keep it down!" to be piped into the hallways if the camera notices anything out of the ordinary. Those hallways are definitely missing something these days. If St. Peter has any sense, he's put her to work and the Pearly Gates are way more organized now.

You never threw a pass but you'll always be a huge part of Alberta football. Godspeed Maxine Latour. – **Tim Enger**

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