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### Football Canada Cup 2012 - London, Ontario

Team Alberta competed at the Football Canada Cup in London, Ontario from July 14-21.



The Football Canada Cup is a competition for the top high school football players selected onto Provincial Teams at the U18 level (mainly Grade 10's and 11's). Here are the results and details of the games. Note the school of the player listed behind them this write up...

## Sunday, July 15 - Quarterfinals - Alberta 39 Nova Scotia 8

Alberta survived a shaky special teams effort which saw three kicks blocked by Nova Scotia in the game, yet pulled away in the second half to win 39-8 in their opening game of the Football Canada Cup.

The opening drive of the game saw Alberta drive the length of the field from their own 10 yard line to score on a Ryder Stone (Holy Trinity Academy - Okotoks) 2 yard run. Alberta's second drive of the game got them close again but the field goal attempt from Daniel Ellis (Harry Ainlay - Edmonton) was blocked. Alberta found pay dirt again early in the second quarter on a one yard QB plunge by Boston Rowe (St. Francis - Calgary). This was followed a few minutes later by a 29 yard FG from Ellis to make the score 17-0 with 2 minutes left in the half. Unfortunately the next Alberta drive stalled and Ellis' punt was blocked and recovered for a TD by Nova Scotia. The second half opened with a kickoff for a single by Nova Scotia to draw them within nine points but that was as close as they would come as Alberta scored three TD's in the second half on a one yard plunge by Rowe and a 28 yard TD pass from Chris Merchant (Western Canada - Calgary) to Scott Hannah (Crescent Heights - Medicine Hat) in the third quarter and a 8 yard run by Merchant in the fourth quarter. Nova Scotia also conceded a safety and Alberta's last convert attempt was blocked to make the final 39-8.

Game MVP's for Alberta were Merchant on offense who went 8/14 passing for 154 yards and one TD, plus rushed for 32 yards and a TD. Defensively it was linebacker Troy Hansen (Jasper Place - Edmonton) who lead a stingy defense that held Nova Scotia to only 52 yards of offense and -5 yards rushing.

The next game for Alberta would be the Semi-Final on Wednesday vs. Ontario West who defeated Manitoba 31-16 in their Quarterfinal. The other winners on the day were Saskatchewan with a come from behind thrilling 30-26 win over Ontario East and Quebec with a 36-0 rout of New Brunswick .

## Wednesday, July 18 - Semi-finals - Alberta 35 Ontario West 0

It was the Ryder Stone show from start to finish as the Holy Trinity Academy (Okotoks) tailback scored three times leading Team Alberta past Ontario West 35-0 in the semi-final of the Football Canada Cup.

Stone wasted no time getting started as he took the opening kickoff 100 yards to pay dirt giving Alberta a 7-0 lead with just 14 seconds off the clock. Alberta's defense took over from there and stymied the Ontario West attack until Stone took it over from 8 yards with 4:09 left in the first half to make it 14-0 at the break.

Alberta roared out of the gate in the second half taking their first drive to the house with Stone again breaking the plane from 3 yards out at 8:05 of the third quarter. Daniel Ellis from Harry Ainlay (Edmonton) then short kicked per-fectly with the ball being knocked out of bounds by Levi Sim from Austin O'Brien (Edmonton). Three plays later Adam Zajdel (Henry Wise Wood - Calgary) scored on a 20 yard run off a fake field goal at 5:56 to make it 28-0. Ontario West's only real chance to get back in the game came on the next series after they blocked a punt to get the ball first and goal at the three. Three plays later they turned the ball over on downs as they failed to gain an inch against the stingy Alberta defense.

The fourth quarter saw Alberta score one more time on a Boston Rowe (St. Francis - Calgary) 10 yard run at 7:57 putting the cap on Alberta's victory. Players of the game for Alberta were on offense - Stone, and on defense - Brad Friesen from Jasper Place in Edmonton. They now advanced to the Gold Medal game for the 14th time in the history of the Football Canada Cup - the most appearances of any province in the history of the event. Alberta has won the Gold six times in the past winning in 1995, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001 & 2007. Their opponent would be the powerful team from Quebec who they met in the final last year losing 28-2.

## Saturday, July 21 - National Championship - Quebec 21 Alberta 11

Turnovers were the order of the day for Alberta and not in a good way as they lost two fumbles and tossed six interceptions on their way to their second loss to Quebec in the National Championship in as many years.

Quebec struck first with a Field Goal at 2:37 of the first quarter. From there it became a defensive struggle as both teams spent a lot of time going two and out. Alberta actually carried the play but on both times they drove the ball deep Daniel Ellis (Harry Ainlay - Edmonton) was wide left on two field goal attempts with only one of them garnering a single point. Quebec also gained a single on a punt downed in the end zone then a costly interception for Alberta late in the first half set Quebec up for 37 yard FG as time expired to make it 7-1 at the half.

The third quarter was a defensive masterpiece by both teams and stayed that way until the last play of the quarter when Quebec rushed 40 yards to pay dirt for the games first TD. Alberta gained two points when Quebec conceded a single with 8:14 left then pinned Quebec deep only to see them pass and run the ball 95 yards on their next series to go up 21-3 with 5:31 left in the game.

The game became interesting late as a muffed snap near their end zone cost Quebec dearly as Alberta linebacker Brad Friesen (Jasper Place - Edmonton) pounced on it for Alberta's only touchdown of the day with 1:44 left (the two point convert attempt was unsuccessful). Alberta had the ball two more times after that put failed to capitalize and received their final two points as Quebec ran out the clock conceding a safety to make the final 21-11.

Alberta placed three players on the tournament all-star team. OL Bryce Mackinnon (Cochrane), DL Nick Haggerty (Jasper Place - Edmonton), and LB Brad Friesen (Jasper Place - Edmonton).

# Football Alberta Membership & Insurance

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

(All information is on the website at <u>http://footballalberta.ab.ca/web/membership/</u>) Football AB membership and insurance is valid January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. <u>All</u> minor teams must take out insurance.

**Payment is past due, along with team rosters, as of your first practice.** CDMFA register with their own league online registration system. Please call the office to help clarify any issues and/or concerns you have about the system.

#### **Online Registration**

Once again, teams and/or leagues should use their username and password to register their team. If your team or league registrar changes, please provide notify us of the new contact person, including their email address.

#### Insurance Plans

#### Plan #1 (2012 Team Membership

+ Player & Team Personnel Accident & Liability Insurance)

Minor (Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam)	Team fee of \$157.50 (incl. GST) + \$20.00 per person
& Midget	
High School	Team fee of \$183.75 (incl. GST) + \$20.00 per person
Junior/University	Team fee of \$183.75 (incl. GST) + \$20.00 per person
Senior Men/Female	\$20.00 per person
Flag/Touch	\$7.00 per person



\$3 Million Liability and Accident insurance

Insurance is valid for the 2012 calendar year.

Any player who has been on the field, or in the gym with you even once should remain in the database.

If a player is deleted, there will be no record of them on file. An insurance claim could be denied.

#### Plan #2 (Team Membership Only, No Insurance)

Rates: High School, 6 & 9 Man, Midget, Female, Junior & University teams: \$183.75 (incl. GST) This plan is for teams that have adequate insurance.

## **Adult Football in Alberta**

#### <u>Touch</u>

Edmonton City Playoffs - September 22nd and 23rd Division Winners: Men's Div #1 - Frost Div #2 - Ravens Div #3 - Diplomats Div #4 - Hornets Women's - Rage

#### Calgary City Playoffs - September 10th - 19th Division Winners: Men's A - Turtles B - Seminoles Women's - Gators

#### Senior Men's

The Lloydminster Vandals finished on top in the regular season with a record of 6-0.

#### Women's Tackle

There are currently 3 Alberta women's teams that play in the WWCFL (See <u>www.WWCFL.com</u>). Played in the Spring, Women's Tackle is growing in Alberta. The contact for the league is Linda Craig, lcraig10@shaw.ca or by phone at 403-819-1283.

For more information on the Edmonton Storm team, contact Erin Devlin at <u>edmontonstorm@hotmail.ca</u>.

In Calgary, the team is the Calgary Rage--contact Shelley Perry at <u>saperry@shaw.ca</u>.

There is also the Lethbridge Steel team and their Head Coach is Jamie Fisher, email jamie.fisher@lrps.ca

## Team Alberta Hawaii a Success for 2012!

Team Alberta Hawaii, an annual summer camp for high school aged players, saw 36 players representing 15 different schools take on King Kamehameha H.S. in Pukalani, Maui on August 6<sup>th</sup>. The result was a 33-14 win for King Kamehameha who also acted as hosts for Team Alberta Hawaii three nights earlier in a joint practice. The whole experience lasted 9 days and saw the players train each day as well as experience special events such as a luau and snorkel cruise.





The only downer on the trip was a flu bug that swept through the team the day of the game limiting the participation of some players (and coaches). On the bright side strong performances were turned in by Nathan LaGrange from St. Francis Xavier in Edmonton who lead the team in rushing and scored one of the touch-downs on a 2 yard plunge. The other Alberta TD was a 40 yard pass from Kieran Prudan to Jordan Briault. Both players are from Notre Dame High School in Red Deer.

Plans for next year's Team Alberta Hawaii are already underway so if you have any interested players please do not hesitate to pass our contact information along. Brochures for next year will be available in November. For more info, see <u>Hawaii Camp</u> page.

## 2012 Football AB Scholarships

This year Football AB offered 8 scholarships to graduating grade 12 players who are registered at an Alberta post-secondary institution and participating with a post-secondary football team. Again, the review committee received many qualified applicants in 2012.

### Congratulations go out to:

NORTH Kyle Somerville - Fort Mercredi, Fort McMurray EDMONTON Nathan Mitchell - Paul Kane, St. Albert CENTRAL Castin Anger - West Central High School, Rocky Mountain House CALGARY Hunter Turnbull - Henry Wise Wood, Calgary SOUTH Kellen Forrest - Cochrane High School, Cochrane

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS Football Alberta/Calgary Stampeders Troy Richardson - Henry Wise Wood, Calgary Football Alberta/Edmonton Eskimos Ben Lysak - Salisbury, Sherwood Park Football Alberta/A.S.A.A. Alberta Bowl (every 2 years) Aidan Panchyshyn - Austin O'Brien, Edmonton

The award winners will each receive \$2,000.00 (\$1,000.00 per semester in 2012/13) based on the criterion established for the fund.

If you or someone you know should considered for a 2013 scholarship, find more information on the Football AB website at <a href="http://footballalberta.ab.ca/web/grants/scholarships.php">http://footballalberta.ab.ca/web/grants/scholarships.php</a>.

## **2012 Tentative Football Alberta Minor Provincials**

BANTAM <u>Semi-Finals - Saturday, Nov. 10</u> Tier I Southern Alberta "A2" at Capital District "A" Calgary "A" at Southern Alberta "A1" Tier II Central Alberta "A" at Capital District "B" Southern Alberta "B" at Calgary "B" Tier III Capital District "C" at Wheatland Central Alberta "B" at Calgary "C" Tier IV Grande Prairie at Capital District "D" Southern Alberta "C" at Central Alberta "C"

Finals - Saturday, Nov. 17 Tier I Southern Alberta "A2"/Capital District "A" host Tier II Southern Alberta "B"/Calgary "B" host Tier III Central Alberta "B"/Calgary "C" host Tier IV Southern Alberta "C" / Central Alberta "C" host

## **PEE-WEE**

Semi-Finals and Finals - Saturday, Nov. 10 Tier I - FINAL Calgary "A" at Capital District "A" Tier II - FINAL Calgary "B" at Capital District "B" Tier III - SEMI-FINAL Central Alberta "A" at Calgary "C" Capital District "C" - BYE Tier IV - SEMI-FINAL Central Alberta "B" at Lloydminster Capital District "D" - BYE

Finals - Saturday, Nov. 17 Tier III Winner of Semi-Final at Capital District "C" Tier IV Winner of Semi-Final at Capital District "D"

# ATOM

Provincial Finals - Saturday, Nov. 3 Capital District "A1" vs. Capital District "A2"

### 2012 High School Provincial Playoffs

The ASAA and Football Alberta will be hosting the 4th Alberta Bowl, where all four Tier finals will be played at the same venue. The finals will take place on November 23rd and 24th at Foote Field in Edmonton. Please watch the ASAA website (<u>www.asaa.ca</u>) for more details.



Quarterfinal Games: November 10th Semi Final Games: November 17th Final Games: November 23rd - Tier II, 6 Man November 24th - Tiers I, III, IV

Defined regions in the province are :

Region 1 - South & Rangeland Region 2 - Big Sky, Rocky View & Big Rock Region 3 - Calgary Region 4 - Central Region 5 - Edmonton Metro Region 6 - Edmonton Public Region 7 - Wheatland & Fort McMurray Region 8 - Mighty Peace

# **Senior Bowl Report**

### "North" wins 2012 Senior Bowl 23-15

It was all North early on in the 23rd Annual Football Alberta Senior Bowl High School Football All-Star Game. After trading punts for most of the first quarter the North struck pay dirt using the Austin O'Brien connection with runningback Leonardo Mantuila scampering for 42 yards down to the South's 15 yard line which was immediately followed by fellow Crusaders QB Jesse Schneider and SB Rick LeMoignan hooking up for the 15 yard TD pass with 1:27 left in the quarter. The next North possession saw Salisbury QB Matt Bonaca bootleg 62 yards setting up a 24 yard FG from Ideen Samadi out of Paul Kane at 13:54 of the second quarter

The South responded late in the second after a 18 yard interception return by L.C.I.'s Connor Robinson plus an unnecessary roughness penalty put the ball on the North's one yard line, Bishop O'Byrne's Jarvis James plunged over for the TD to make it 10-7 with 4:45 left in the half. With 9 seconds left in the half Samadi added his second field goal of the day with a 37



yarder to make it 13-7 North at the half.

The second half opened with a bang as Holy Trini-

bang as Holy Trinity Academy's Brandon Bellman took the opening kickoff for the South to the North's five yard line. The South immediately fumbled on the next play giving the ball to the North on their one. Three plays later the North conceded a safety touch to bring the score to 13-9 for the North at 12:58 of the third. At 6:26 of the third the North extended their lead to 20-7 with a three yard run from Bev Facey's Jordan Samoil following a thrilling 40 yard scramble from Schneider the play before.

The South threatened early in the fourth but a 3rd

and one gamble at the North 10 yard line was shut down by Austin O'Brien linebacker Aidan Panchyshyn. From there the North was unable to move the ball and on the ensuing South drive St. Timothy QB Aaron Elock Colye hooked up with Notre Dame's Coel Bazinet three times before taking it over for the one yard QB sneak himself to make it 20-15 (the convert failed) with 8:03 left in the game. The next North drive saw Braiden Annabale from Archbishop Jordan stripped of the ball at the North's 35 yard line which the South failed to turn into points. With 1:33 left in the game the North iced it with a 40 yard FG from Samadi making it 23-15 which was the final score.

This now ties the series at 11 wins a piece with one tie. For their efforts, Panchyshyn was named the North MVP and Taylor Brooks, a wide receiver from Foothills with four tough catches in the game was named the South MVP.





## Team Alberta U18 Coaching Positions Open

Football Alberta is currently accepting applications for Team Alberta coaches. If you would like to become a part of the coaching staffs for the Team Alberta Provincial Team Program for the next three years, please read on for more details.

This will be a team for U18 players which will mainly be Grade 10's and 11's. Note that we will still be holding our Senior Bowl for graduating Grade 12's but it will not be the selection process for our U18 team. The U18 program will be selected via a preliminary North and South Camp in April followed by a main camp in May (Note: this may change under the direction of the new head coach but for now it is the template).

The coaching staff for the Team Alberta U18 program are on a three year rotation. This past Football Canada Cup marks the end of the current coaching staffs engagement and we will be welcoming applications for the next three years this fall and those who previously served are more than welcome to re-apply. The Football Canada Cups for that time period are scheduled for New Brunswick in 2013, and TBA for 2014 and 2015. If you are interested in joining the program please be aware of the following:

Coaches will have the choice of applying for either a head coach candidate or one of six assistant coach candidates. Only head coach candidates will be short listed and interviewed by the Provincial Team Selection Committee (PTSC) made up of members of the Football Alberta Board and Staff. Assistant coach candidates will simply be putting their name into a pool to be selected from by the head coach and the PTSC once the head coach is finalized.

The preferred guidelines for coaching selection will have at least 3 of the coaches from Northern Alberta (i.e. Red Deer and north) and at least 3 from Southern Alberta (i.e. south of Red Deer). No more than 4 of the coaches can come from either the City of Calgary or Metro Edmonton areas and no more than two coaches from the same current staff. However, that is **dependent on the strength and number of the applications**. If there is not sufficient applications to meet those guidelines then leeway will be allowed as approved by the PTSC.

• <u>Time Commitment:</u> For the U18's there would only be the expectation of two weekend in April, one in May (for the Provincial Team Selection Camp) and up to a 12 day commitment in July with the possibility of an extra mini-camp in June.

- <u>How will the Selections Work:</u> For the U18's separate North and South Preliminary Selection Camps will be run in April with assistance from CIS and Junior Coaches. The Main Selection Camp where you will select your team will be in early May. The last few years have seen a mini camp run in June prior to getting together one week in advance of the Football Canada Cup in July (dates TBA) but that will be at the discretion of the new head coach.
- <u>What is the Football Canada Cup like:</u> The FCC is a National tournament vs. other provincial teams. Alberta usually has a four or five day training camp prior to going to the FCC. Once there, the event lasts for 8 days in July and normally will feature, at the most, 3 games depending on the tournament structure used which is dependent on the number of teams participating at each level. At the end a National Champion is crowned at each level.
- <u>Qualifications:</u> Must take the NCCP Introduction to Competition prior to the FCC. Football Alberta will be running a special session for selected Provincial Team Coaches in March to meet that requirement. :
- <u>Who is Making the Decisions</u>: A Provincial Team Selection Committee (PTSC) made up of members of the Board of Directors and staff of Football Alberta has been struck and it will be their goal to finalize the selections for each team.

<u>Coaching Selection Timelines:</u> All applications are required to be into the Football Alberta office by *Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>*. Over the following month the committee will shortlist head coaching candidates for interview in late November or early December. Once selected the Head Coach of the U18 team will fill out the other six positions on staff from the pool of applications for assistant coaches with the help of the PTSC. Note that it is our hope that the staff will have an equal number of coaches from North and South Alberta as well as no more than four coaches from either Calgary or Metro Edmonton and no more than two coaches from any current staff on each team - *however* that is all dependent on the strength and number of applications. Final coaching rosters should be finalized by January 15, 2013 for presentation to the Football Alberta AGM at the end of the month.

Interested still? Well you will find the application in this copy of the Wideside on pages 9 & 10, but BEFORE YOU DO PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING (ON THE NEXT PAGE)...

The Football Canada Cup and related Selection Camps are a 24/7 football overdose. They are much, much more than simply coaching a team between the lines. The successful candidates for the head coaching position must be big picture thinkers and understand that they are responsible for the off-field deportment and behavior of their team as much as they are for their proper on-field development as a team. The team will be assigned a General Manager, Athletic Therapist, and Equipment Manager, but that does not absolve the coaching staff of off field duties. Coaches will be active participants in travel assistance, field clean-up, curfew enforcement, and any other duties that present themselves during their tenure on the team. If you are only interested in the on-field coaching and are not interested in anything else beyond that then this program is not for you.

### Attention Head Coaching Candidates:

As the head coach you will have total control of the on-field part of the team. You will be totally responsible for the development of the selection camps for the U18 team as scheduled by the Football Alberta office. You will also be totally in charge of the design of the training camp for your team within the timeframe set by the Football Canada Cup guidelines and as booked by Football Alberta. These positions will involve three (possibly four) weekends in the spring and 12 days in July for the Football Canada Cup. For this you will be given an honoraria of \$1500. For your information in advance so there are no misunderstanding here is a list of things that you will **NOT** have a say in and must accept as gospel from Football Alberta or the FCC in order to properly function as a team:

- Selection Camp dates
- Training Camp dates and number of practices
- Jersey Design and Color
- Coaching Apparel
- Athlete numbering
- Transportation to FCC
- Accommodations for Selection Camps
- Support staff selection
- Player eligibility
- FCC curfew times and other rules pertaining to behavior.

As well, any and all communication with Football Canada regarding the FCC will be handled by the Football Alberta office and all decisions made at that level will have to be 100% accepted by the head coach and his assistants.

### Attention Assistant Coaching Candidates :

As an assistant coach you will be responsible for whatever duties you are assigned by the head coach. This could range from coordinating an offense or defense to simply just coaching a position with no input into systems. In any event you should be willing to accept whatever role provided to you no matter how great or small with a positive attitude and an eye on the big picture. The FCC is always more enjoyable when everyone pitches in. This position will involved three (possibly four) weekends in the spring as well as 12 days in July for the Football Canada Cup for which all assistant coaches will receive a \$200 honoraria.

Should anyone have more questions or concerns please contact the office at (780)427-8108 or email Tim Enger at <u>tenger@telus.net</u>. Otherwise please see the attached form for application and we look forward to seeing the many applications.

# TEAM ALBERTA COACHING APPLICATION FORM

NAME:	NCCP NUMBER:
CURRENT TEAM:	
ADDRESS:	
СІТҮ:	POSTAL CODE:
PHONE #'S (Home)	(Bus)
(Cell)	EMAIL:
POSITION APPLYING FOR:	<u>Under 18 Team</u> Head Coach Off. Coordinator Def. Coordinator Special Teams
	<ul> <li>Position Coach</li> <li>* - Please check as many positions as you would like to be considered for (i.e. th head coach of the team should also be one of the coordinators) Note that only the head coaching applicants will be contacted for interview.</li> </ul>

### FOR HEAD COACH APPLICANTS ONLY:

\_ I am willing to let my name stand for a coordinator or position coach on my team of choice if I am not selected as head coach

\_\_\_\_ I am only willing to let my name stand for a head coaching position

AREA OF EXPERTICE: \_\_\_QB \_\_\_RB \_\_\_REC \_\_\_OL \_\_\_DL \_\_\_LB \_\_\_DB Note: You may check off as many positions as you like

### ATTACHMENTS: Please include the following for specific applications:

### Head Coach:

Cover letter and proof of NCCP Certification at Level III or higher.

Reference letter from a person of authority (i.e. school administrator, parent group president)

List of three other references (please include all contact information)

A Coordinators Mini-Package (see below) if you are applying for a Coordinators role as well

A list of times that would be best for you to be interviewed via telephone conference call

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Coordinators (Off., Def., Special Teams):

Cover letter and proof of NCCP Certification at Level I or equivalent in the new NCCP.

Reference letter from a person of authority (i.e. school administrator, parent group president)

List of three other references (please include all contact information)

A Coordinators Mini-Package (contact Football Alberta if you wish to get a copy of last years):

no more than four (4) pages long

- offensive package should cover terminology, sets, receiver routes and include no more than eight (8) base running plays and eight (8) base passing plays
- defensive package should include terminology, fronts, coverages, and blitzes. No more than three (3) coverages, and no blitzes.

special teams package should include terminology and a base look for all special teams.

Position Coach:

Cover letter and proof of NCCP Certification

Reference letter from a person of authority (i.e. school administrator, parent group president)

List of three other references (please include all contact information)

Please send this form and all attachments to:

Team Alberta Coaching Selections c/o Football Alberta, 11759 Groat Road, Edmonton, AB T5M 3K6 By: Thursday October 25, 2012

For more information please contact Tim Enger at (780)427-8108 or via email at tenger@telus.net.

# SALUTE TO AMATEUR FOOTBALL

Football Alberta and the Edmonton Eskimos are once again offering a special deal for football teams to attend a CFL game...

**Edmonton Eskimos vs. Hamilton Tiger-Cats**, Friday, October 5th.

An annual event where teams can attend an Eskimo game for a per-team fee that covers tickets for players. It is a great team event. <u>Click here</u> for more details on Football Alberta and Edmonton Eskimos' *Salute to Amateur Football*.

