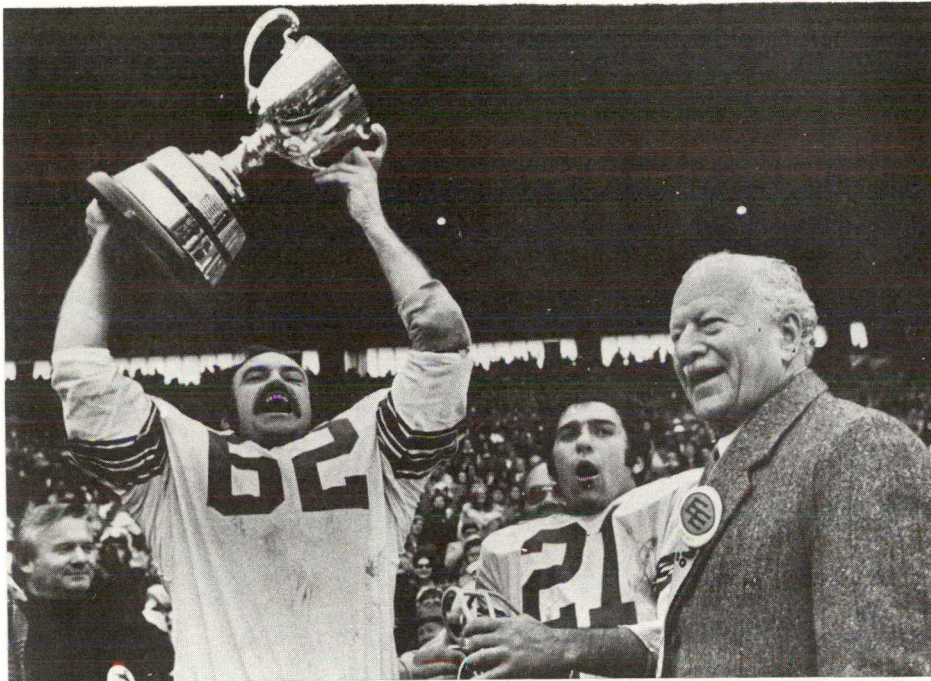


**Ottawa Rough Riders defeat Edmonton Eskimos to win 1973 Grey Cup**

Ottawa Rough Riders, who lost their first few league games, went on to win eleven of their next twelve games including the last game of the season, the Grey Cup final. The Rough Riders won the Canadian Football League championship by defeating the Edmonton Eskimos, 22-18 in Toronto on November 25.

cracked ribs. Without Wilkinson's exciting scrambling, the Eskimo offence sputtered for the rest of the game. His replacement Bruce Lemmerman, severely handicapped by a deep gash in his throwing arm sustained during Edmonton's last-minute win the previous week over Saskatchewan Roughriders in the Western final, was able



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*Mo Racine, co-captain of the victorious Ottawa Rough Riders, triumphantly displays the Canadian Football League's national trophy the Grey Cup, won on November 25 at Toronto in the final game against Edmonton.*

The Eskimos took a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter when fullback Roy Bell, the leading ground-gainer in Canada this season, scored on a 39-yard touchdown run. Ottawa was able to score a few minutes later when Rick Cassata, taking advantage of good field position after a short Edmonton punt, found Rhome Nixon in the open and threw him a 38-yard touchdown pass.

Before the first quarter was over Tom Wilkinson, who had started as quarterback for the Eskimos and who had led the team to the early touchdown, was hit by two members of Ottawa's touch defensive line and was forced to leave the game with two

*Presentation of the Grey Cup was made by Governor-General Roland Michener, (right). William Davis, the Premier of Ontario (left) and No. 21 Wayne Giardino, the other Ottawa captain, look on.*

to finish off a scoring drive started by Wilkinson with a field goal by Dave Cutler. But the three points so earned were the only ones scored by Edmonton until the last minute, when Wilkinson came back to direct a final touchdown by throwing a short pass to Gerry Lefebvre. Lefebvre, who also kicked a single and made two interceptions, was voted the top Canadian player in the game and won the Dick Suderman Award, which is given in memory of a Calgary player who died last year.

Ottawa dominated the rest of the scoring. Gerry Organ, named the best Canadian player this year, kicked two field goals, including one in the dying seconds of the first half from the

46-yard line to set a Grey Cup record for the longest field goal and to give Ottawa a 12-10 lead at half-time.

The Rough Riders opened up their lead in the third quarter when Jim Evenson, who had come to Ottawa from B.C. Lions at the beginning of the season, scored on an 18-yard run. Jerry Keeling, who had been Ottawa's regular starting quarterback since the early season losses, was unable to play because he had injured his knee in the Rough Riders' victory over the Montreal Alouettes in the Eastern final. Rick Cassata, who had been booed by the Ottawa supporters early in the season, was a capable leader of the Ottawa attack.

It was along the line, however, that the game was won by Ottawa. The defensive play of Wayne Smith, Rudy Sims, Tom Laputka and Charlie Brandon, backed up by Mark Kosmos and Jerry Campbell, rendered the Edmonton offence almost totally ineffective. Brandon who played both offence and defence was named the outstanding player of the game in a poll of the football reporters of Canada.

**Summary**

*First quarter*

Edmonton, touchdown (Bell)	3:29
Edmonton, convert (Cutler)	
Ottawa, touchdown (Nixon)	7:34
Ottawa, convert (Organ)	
Edmonton, field goal (Cutler)	11:26

*Second quarter*

Ottawa, safety touch	0:21
Ottawa, field goal (Organ)	14:57

*Third quarter*

Ottawa, touchdown (Evenson)	9:45
Ottawa, convert (Organ)	

*Fourth quarter*

Ottawa, field goal (Organ)	7:08
Edmonton, single (Lefebvre)	9:21
Edmonton, touchdown (Lefebvre)	14:53
Edmonton, convert (Cutler)	

**Statistics**

	Edmonton	Ottawa
Total offence	298	269
First downs	19	12
Yards rushing	92	119
Yards passing	208	161
Passes attempted	42	23
Passes completed	20	11
Fumbles	5	2
Fumbles lost	2	1
Penalties	4	10
Yards lost by penalty	29	101