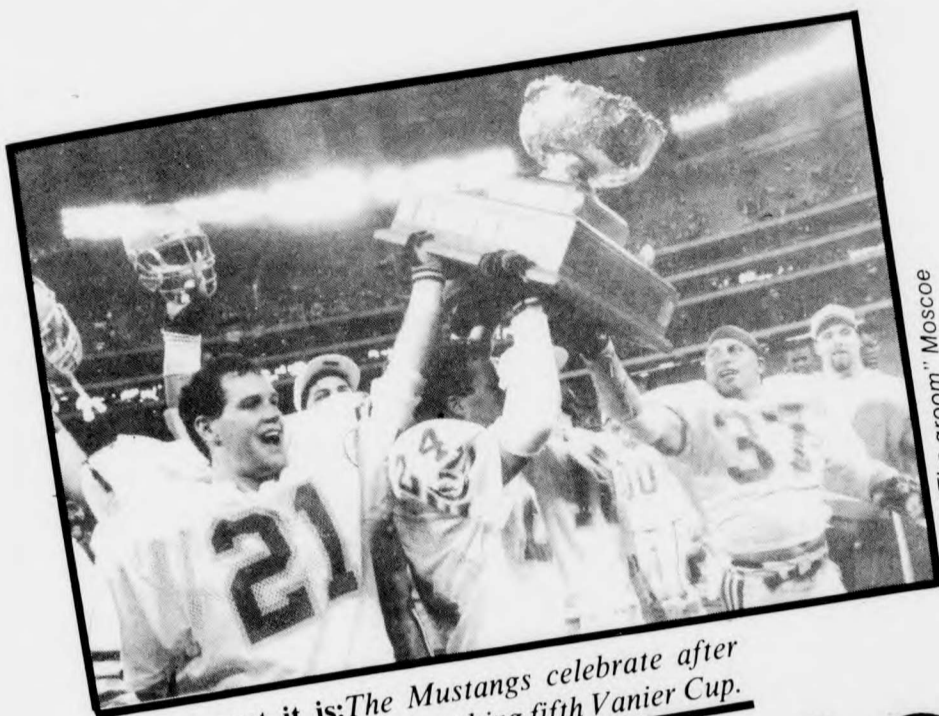


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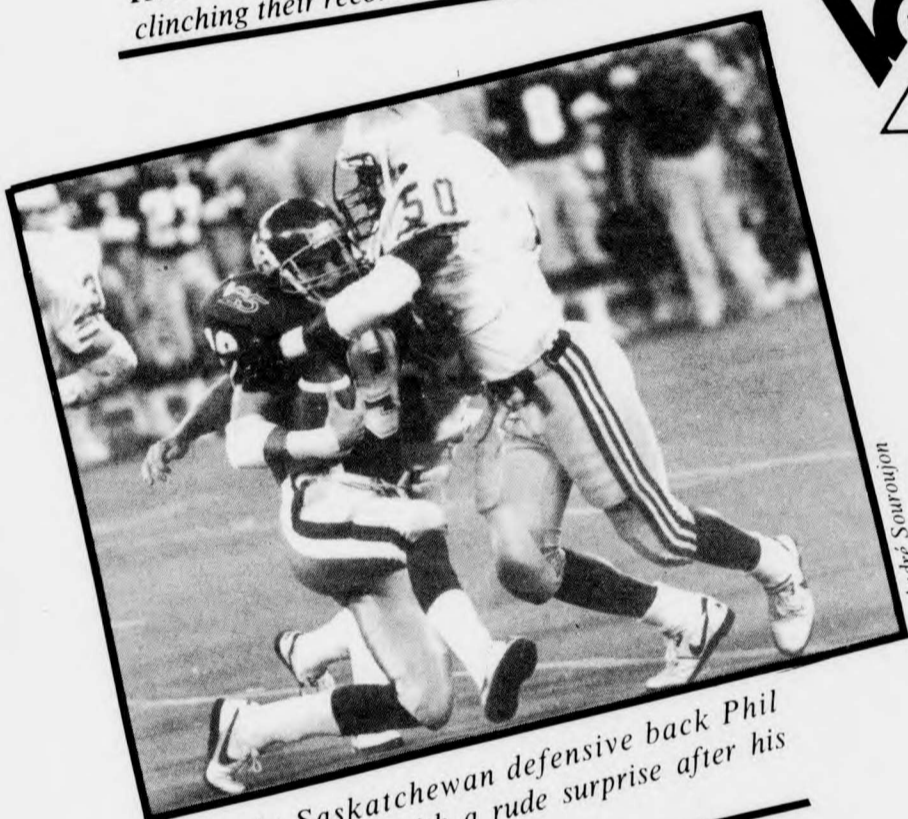
How sweet it is: The Mustangs celebrate after clinching their record-breaking fifth Vanier Cup.

Stuart "The groom" Moscoe



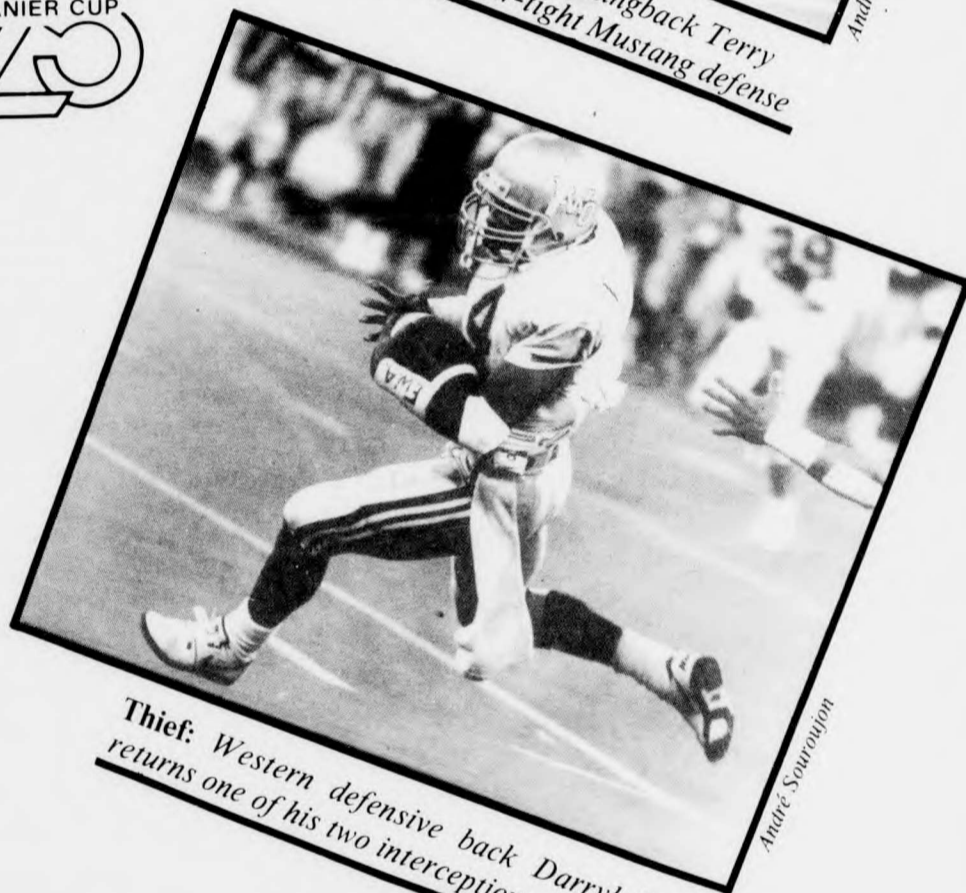
Tripped up: Saskatchewan runningback Terry Eisler is stopped by an air-tight Mustang defense.

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Crunch: Saskatchewan defensive back Phil Guebert is met with a rude surprise after his pickoff.

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Thief: Western defensive back Darryl Forde returns one of his two interceptions.

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## Mustangs trample Saskatchewan

by Paul Murphy

The tradition-rich University of Western Ontario Mustangs added yet another chapter to their illustrious history on Saturday, capturing the 1989 Vanier Cup.

In defeating the University of Saskatchewan Huskies 35-10, Western won its fifth Vanier Cup, the most by any Canadian university in the 25-year history of the game.

On a day when many records would fall, the only one Western could not claim sole ownership of was shattered even before the opening kickoff. In its first year indoors, the Vanier Cup attracted 32,877 to the SkyDome, eclipsing the previous mark set in 1974.

In what was a surprising departure from their normally run-oriented offence, the Mustangs came out throwing early against a highly touted Saskatchewan secondary. In fact it was the

combination of quarterback Chris Gaffney to 6'5" wide receiver Tyrone Williams that enabled Western to emerge victoriously.

The old adage "to the victor goes the spoils" certainly held true on Saturday. Western not only won the Vanier Cup but also collected all three individual player awards. Williams was awarded the Ted Morris trophy as the game's MVP on the strength of five receptions for 157 yards, and one touchdown. Meanwhile Gaffney captured offensive player of the game honours, completing eight of 18 for 183 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions. More impressively, he also set a Vanier Cup record rushing for three touchdowns.

Defensively, Western's Darryl Forde completed the trioka, winning the defensive player of the game award. Forde tied a Vanier Cup record with two interceptions, including one returned for 47 yards which set up the Mus-

tangs first touchdown.

Without a doubt, the turning point of the game occurred with less than a minute to go in the first half and the Huskies trailing 14-10. Saskatchewan was in possession of the ball on its own 42, with third down and two yards to go. The Huskies faced a defence that could make a freight train take a dirt road. They decided to gamble.

Terry Eisler, who averaged 5.2 yards a carry during the regular season, was given the ball and stopped at the line of scrimmage for no gain. Western took over and Gaffney immediately hooked up with Williams for a 37-yard completion. On the next play, rookie runningback Mike Clawson scored from five yards out. Western went into the locker room at halftime leading 21-10, and they never looked back.

When asked after the game about the decision to gamble, Saskatchewan head coach Brian Towriss replied, "I don't have any

problems with that decision. It's the type of thing we've been doing all year and I wasn't about to change that."

The second half would see Western score 14 more points to cement the victory. Mixing up the run and the pass, the Mustangs put on an amazing display of ball control offence, keeping an exhausted Huskies defence on the field while eating up the clock. On the rare occasion that the Saskatchewan offence did get the ball, the Western defenders shut them down completely. By the end of the third quarter, it became apparent Western was destined to win its first Vanier Cup under head coach Larry Haylor.

Since taking over the head coaching reins at Western in 1984, coach Haylor has brought his team to the national championship game on three occasions. Finally, after two previous heartbreaking losses, the champagne was uncorked and the Mustangs

were able to drink out of the "big mug."

In a jubilant, not to mention extremely wet, Western dressing room coach Haylor expounded, "This victory is particularly satisfying in that hopefully it will also silence the critics. Of all the three teams, this one was definitely the most focused and not the least bit bothered by all the distractions that go along with a game of this magnitude. I'm really happy for the guys they really worked hard and deserve it so much."

Any critics of coach Haylor were undoubtedly silenced along with any Vanier Cup detractors. Exciting and highly entertaining are the only words that can describe what was easily the best football game played under the dome this year. Ultimately, the CFL should consider taking notes from the CIAU handbook on how to run a national championship; it couldn't have been done any better.