

# Canadians still love their Grey Cup parties

by Tim Enger

Pity the poor **Hamilton Tiger Cats**.

This is their third straight **Grey Cup** appearance and it will also mark the third time that they haven't even been remotely favored to win. And, if the world unfolds as it should, it should be their third straight loss in the "Big Game".

The funny thing is, it never seems to bother the game itself that the eastern representative (in the past couple of years) has been nothing but a patsy. Only once in the last eight years has an eastern team taken home the **holy grail** of the **CFL**, but each year both sides of the country come together and wonder "Who's going to win?"

If the **American League** consistently kicked the **National League**, the American public would write off the **World Series** as a waste of time. Strange that a league that most of the Canadian public ignores for the regular season, could so enrapture the country that each year the population fills countless basements to get bombed and try to focus on the TV.

Maybe it has something to do with our culture. Most of us have grown up with the game, and look forward to it each year. I can remember back in 1975 when I had a long conversation with **God**, about a certain **Montreal Alouette** field goal with nine seconds left. Luckily, He hasn't come to collect on all those promises I made after **Jimmy Jones** muffed the hold and **Don Sweet** pocked the kick.

I don't think a protestant would make a very good **Pope**.

Maybe it's that we relate to the two teams suffering in the cold, something we do all winter. These high-priced Americans must prove that they can hack it in our cruel climate before we will accept them. It took me five straight Grey Cup victories before I would forgive the **Eskimos** for playing like pansies during the **1977 Staple Bowl** versus Montreal, on that frozen field.

The point here is that you can fault Canadian fans for a lot of things but you can't fault them for their undying love and support of their Grey Cup. The history and excitement of the game make the **Superbowls** look like an endless procession of over-hyped bore-a-thons.

**Bud Grant**, former coach of the **Minnesota Vikings**, went to four Superbowls. He said that they just couldn't compare to the Grey Cups he went to as coach of the **Winnipeg Blue Bombers** in terms of the excitement surrounding the game.

So it doesn't matter that the league over the years has done its best to make itself the laughing stock of professional sports.

I mean, two teams in a nine team league with the same name? The Eastern Conference champion barely playing over .500 football and usually coming to the game with a team they made up after NFL cuts? What ever they do, the people keep coming back for another Grey Cup party and will keep coming back as long as there is a Grey Cup.

As for me, I'm picking the **Eskimos** by at least 20. That's the way it should happen, but you never know... remember the wussies of '77?

# University Sports Scoreboard

## Top Tens

### BASKETBALL — F

1. Laurentian (1)
2. Bishop's (3)
3. Winnipeg (6)
4. Victoria (2)
5. Calgary (4)
6. Manitoba (8)
7. Toronto (5)
8. U.P.E.I. (10)
9. Dalhousie (7)
10. Laval (NR)

### VOLLEYBALL — M

1. Winnipeg (1)
2. Manitoba (2)
3. Saskatchewan (3)
4. U.B.C. (4)
5. Toronto (5)
6. Waterloo (6)
7. York (9)
8. Dalhousie (8)
9. Western Ontario (10)
10. Alberta (7)

### VOLLEYBALL — F

1. Laval (3)
2. Winnipeg (1)
3. Victoria (2)
4. Manitoba (4)
5. Sherbrooke (5)
6. York (6)
7. Toronto (9)
8. U.B.C. (8)
9. Ottawa (7)
10. Saskatchewan (NR)

## Volleyball

MEN	MW	ML	GW	GL	P
Sask.	4	0	12	2	4
B.C.	2	1	7	4	2
Calgary	2	1	6	5	2
Alberta	2	2	8	6	2
Victoria	0	3	2	9	0
Leth.	0	3	0	9	0

WOMEN	MW	ML	GW	GL	P
Victoria	4	0	12	0	4
Calgary	2	1	8	3	2
Sask.	2	2	7	8	2
B.C.	2	2	6	7	2
Alberta	1	3	3	9	1
Leth.	0	3	0	9	0

### SCOREBOARD:

**MEN:**  
Nov. 21: Calgary 3 at Alberta 2; Lethbridge 0 at Saskatchewan 3.  
Nov. 22: Calgary 0 at Saskatchewan 3; Lethbridge 0 at Alberta 3.  
Nov. 23: British Columbia 3 at Victoria 1.

**WOMEN:**  
Nov. 21: Calgary 3 at Alberta 0; Lethbridge 0 at Saskatchewan 3.  
Nov. 22: Calgary 2 at Saskatchewan 3; Lethbridge 0 at Alberta 3.

## Hockey

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Calgary	12	10	2	0	90	45	20
Manitoba	12	9	2	1	64	44	19
Alberta	12	6	6	0	79	69	12
Sask.	12	6	6	0	70	59	12
Brandon	12	5	7	0	51	62	10
B.C.	10	4	5	1	43	54	9
Regina	10	3	7	0	45	72	6
Leth.	12	2	10	0	44	81	4

### SCOREBOARD:

Nov. 21: Manitoba 6 at Alberta 9; Regina 1 at Calgary 14; Saskatchewan 7 at Lethbridge 3; Brandon 2 at British Columbia 6.

Nov. 22: Manitoba 6 at Alberta 2; Regina 3 at Calgary 8; Saskatchewan 3 at Lethbridge 4 (OT); Brandon 3 at British Columbia 5.

### FUTURE GAMES:

Nov. 28: Alberta at Regina 6:30 p.m., CJSR, 6:15; Calgary at Manitoba 6:30

p.m.; British Columbia at Saskatchewan 6:30 p.m.; Lethbridge at Brandon 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 29: Calgary at Manitoba 1:30 p.m.; Alberta at Regina 6:30 p.m., CJSR, 6:15; British Columbia at Saskatchewan 6:30 p.m.; Lethbridge at Brandon 6:30 p.m.

End of first-half season.

**Canada West Player of the Week:** Ken Vinge, Calgary.

## CWUAA Top Scorer

	GP	G	A	PTS
Paul Geddes, C.	11	18	17	35
Craig Dill, Alta.	12	13	19	32
Ken Morrison, Sask.	12	13	12	25
Todd Elik, Reg.	10	11	14	25
Terry Jones, Cal.	12	9	14	23
Harry Mahood, Man.	11	8	14	22
Mark Trotzuk, UBC	10	12	9	21
Brent Marinos, Reg.	10	12	9	21
Ken Vinge, Cal.	10	10	11	21
Jim Odland, Leth.	12	5	16	21
S. Wakabayashi, Alta.	12	9	11	20
Parie Proft, Alta.	12	8	11	19

## Bears Scoring

	GP	G	A	PTS		GP	G	A	PTS
Craig Dill	12	13	19	32	Jeff Helland	11	2	6	8
Stacey Wakabayashi	12	9	11	20	Brent Severyn	9	1	4	5
Parie Proft	12	8	11	19	Sid Cranston	7	1	3	4
Dave Otto	9	4	15	19	Darwin Bozek	10	0	4	4
Dennis Cranston	10	5	9	14	Rob Glasgow	6	1	2	3
Jack Patrick	10	8	5	13	Howie Draper	9	0	3	3
Todd Stokowski	12	7	6	13	Bill Ansell	4	1	1	2
Denis Leclair	10	5	7	12	Bret Walter	12	0	2	2
Curtis Brandolini	10	3	9	12	Ron Vertz	1	0	1	1
Wes Craig	9	5	5	10	Jeff Lawson	2	0	0	0
Dean Clark	8	3	6	9	Brian Harley	4	0	0	0
Steve Cousins	12	3	5	8	John Krill	11	0	0	0

G-TENDERS	GPI	MIN	GA	EN	AVG	SO	W-L-T	PCT	SHA	SVS	PCT
J. Krill	11	642:03	57	2	5.33	0	4-5-0	.444	319	262	.81
B. Harley	4	105:36	10	0	5.68	0	2-1-0	.667	59	49	.831

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