

# Yearly game Labouring

by Mark Spector

The traditional Labour Day football game between the Edmonton Eskimos and the Calgary Stampeders has lost a lot of its shine.

Both the fans and players just won't get up for this game like they used to.

And for what reason? Actually there are many.

Calgary is a franchise that is averaging 15,000 fans a game this season. Their record is now 1-7 and, if you can believe it, a ticket on the twenty yard line costs \$19.

The Stampeders made no less than seventeen roster moves before Monday's match, and they have a \$1 million quarterback who currently leads the league in interceptions thrown.

A trip to McMahon stadium in Calgary is rivalled only by an excursion across Mexico on the back of a donkey. The seats are hardwood benches, the scoreboard looks like it was stolen out of a high school stadium, and buying a beer requires standing in two lineups: one for tickets, and one for beer.

If you are starting to get the impression that this game is more enjoyable on television, you are correct.

But the demise of this annual affair cannot be blamed wholly on our southern neighbors.

Like the Stamps, the Edmonton Eskimos are suffering through a much deserved period of lean years. And up until this week, the Esks defence had been enough to make even the most ardent fan stay home in front of the tube.

Who wants to go all the way down to Calgary to see your team put in yet another lack lustre performance?

But this is the Labour Day Classic. The Battle of Alberta. The players all want to win this one extra badly right?

Wrong.  
Long time Eskimo veteran Marco Cyncar says that the rivalry has faded lately and that his team's only objective was to come out of the game with two points.

When asked if this contest was anything more than game number eight in a sixteen game schedule, Cyncar replied "Yeah, I guess that's about the best way to put it."

Veteran Neil Lumsden was equally as passive regarding the contest. "When we were winning Grey Cups, I think that Calgary had that theme of revenge, but only the vet's have that now."

"It seems that every year we have one close game, and most years that game comes on Labour Day." But Lumsden failed to attribute this occurrence to any kind of rivalry.

So how are you, the fan, supposed to get more excited about a football game that is nothing special to the players?

"That's a good question," says Tom Thompson, director of Marketing and Communications for the Stamps. "In the past when Edmonton and Calgary were one-two in the West, we were assured of a sell out. But now we're just hoping to sell 16,000 tickets."

"Of course in those days we could count on at least four or five



McMahon stadium. It doesn't get any fuller

photo Mark Spector

thousand fans making the trip from Edmonton."

Monday's attendance at McMahon was 18,253. An estimated 2,000 were Eskimo fans.

There was little rivalry amongst the fans, only a couple of hand-made signs (one by a Calgary fan reading "Help"), and it was apparent that neither group would be bitterly disappointed if their side

should lose.

So what of this famed Edmonton Calgary rivalry? Should it be passed on to the hockey rinks until such time that either city can field a true Grey Cup contender?

Or perhaps the CFL should revert back to the old schedule which saw the two teams clash three times a year, four with exhibition.

I think that it is up to Albertans to

call back to the days of the great CP Rail dispute, when Edmontonians and Calgarians despised each other. True dislike is the fuel needed to rekindle the fire.

Eskimo offensive lineman Bill Stevenson puts it best when he says "I just plain don't like the place."

And in due respect for the Labour Day Classic, these are words for Edmontonians to live by.

## Game cancelled

The only international hockey match scheduled for the university campus this year has been cancelled.

The West German National squad was to have played an exhibition hockey game against the Alberta Golden Bears on Saturday September 7 at the Varsity Arena. The primary reason for the cancellation was a snag in the West Germans proposed schedule for their tour of western Canada.

The Germans had hoped to play a series of exhibition matches with the Canadian Olympic hockey team. Worked in and around those exhibition games were matches against the Golden Bears, the University of Calgary Dinosaurs, and perhaps the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. West Germany

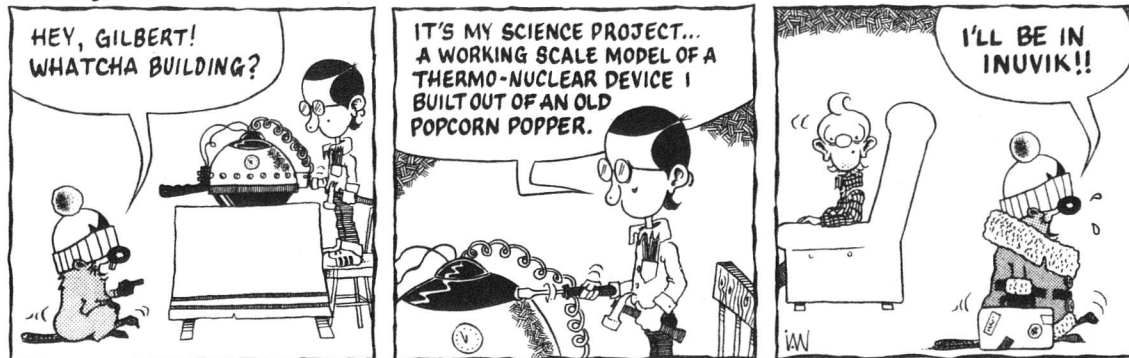
had also planned to do some training in Canada in addition to these games.

But the Canadian squad is currently on a tour of Finland and will not return in time to make the trip worth while for the Germans.

The cancellation is a disappointment for coach Clare Drake who had hoped to see how some of his newcomers would fare against quality competition such as the West Germans. Drake will now have to wait until the weekend of Sept. 19-22 when he plays host to the U of A Junior Invitational tournament.

This tournament will feature a Golden Bear rookie squad against Tier Two junior competition. Alberta enters the tournament as defending champions.

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Golden Bears host Junior Invitational Sept. 19-22 at the Varsity Arena.

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