



TIGERtales

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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Wall & Hall Team Together



This year's annual Wall of Honour dinner will have a very special theme. Unlike in past years when the dinner featured an induction of a Tiger-Cat great onto the Wall of Honour, this year's event will feature a very special team.

Hamilton's own Canadian Football Hall of Fame is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and it has teamed up with the Wall of Honour committee to recognize Hamilton players inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"With the team playing in Guelph this season and no actual Wall currently in existence to induct a player, the committee came up with a unique and perfectly timed theme for this year's event" said committee

member Bob Krouse. "We will be inviting back all of our Hall of Fame Players for a very special evening, it's certainly a night you will not want to miss!" There are 49 players in the Hall of Fame that have worn a Hamilton uniform of which 28 are still with us. It is expected the majority of these Alumni will be at this event.

This year's dinner takes place on Thursday, October 24th at 6pm at Carmen's Banquet Centre on Stonechurch Rd. Tickets are only \$100 and are available online at www.htcaa.ca, or in person from United Trophy at 99 Cannon St. E. Hamilton.

HAMILTON SPORTS HALL OF FAME WELCOMES CUSTIS, LEVY & STURRUP

The 4th Annual Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame Induction dinner takes place on September 19th at Carmen's Banquet Centre.

Among this year's inductees is Tiger-Cat alumnus Bernie Custis. Bernie spent 4 years (51-54) with the Tiger-Cats and won a Grey Cup in 1953. He is known for being the first black professional quarterback in the modern era. After retirement he spent several years



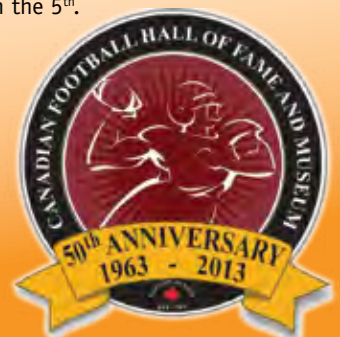
coaching at various levels including 8 years as head coach of the McMaster Marauders.

Dr. Levy has been team physician for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League for 35 years. He has maintained a sports medicine practice in Hamilton for over 30 years.

Bill Sturup was the man on the microphone at nearly every sporting event in Hamilton for 40 years, including many years as the public address announcer at Tiger-Cat games.

CFHOF INDUCTION IN EDMONTON

The CFHOF welcomes two Tiger-Cat Alumni and another Hamilton native to the Hall. Long-time Tiger-Cat greats Earl Winfield and Miles Gorrell will join referee John "Jake" Ireland as the newest members. Induction events will be held in Edmonton from October 2-5, concluding with the Hall of Fame game on the 5th.





28TH ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

On June 11th the Alumni held their Annual Golf Tournament at Sundrim Golf Course. An almost sold out field took to the links under sunny skies for a fun afternoon of golf and “refreshments”. As always, there were many prizes up for grabs including \$10,000 and a car for a hole in one as well as a big screen television for closest to the pin. Alumni and fans got to mingle afterwards as they enjoyed a wonderful steak dinner. Be sure to join us next year!



MOSCA TO JOIN ANOTHER HALL

Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Gridiron Greats Hall of Famer Angelo Mosca is set to be inducted into yet another Hall of Fame. The Ontario Sports Hall of Fame will



The Terry Fox High School Varsity Football Team

induct Angelo on September 26th at a dinner at the Spirale Banquet Hall in Mississauga.

HTCAA HOSTS B.C. HIGH SCHOOL

The Hamilton Tiger-Cat Alumni Association is pleased to have supported a unique national youth football exchange program. The Terry Fox High School Varsity Football Team from Port Coquitlan, B.C., under the coaching leadership of Mr. Tom Kudaba, former CFL Player, were special guests at the August 24th Tiger-Cat game courtesy of the Alumni Association. The Terry Fox Varsity Football Team is involved in an exciting exchange program with Saint Mary's High School Varsity Football Team in Hamilton.

HTCAA SUPPORTS THE MARAUDERS

The Alumni Association has continued its support this season of the McMaster Marauders. On July 23rd at Flamborough Hills, several of our Alumni were on hand for the McMaster Football Tom Pain Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament. Many Alumni were also on hand May 2nd for the 16th Annual McMaster Football Gala Dinner & Reception. The Alumni congratulate the Marauders for their past success and wish them the best of success for the upcoming season!

MEMBERS SERVE IT UP ON TIM HORTON'S CAMP DAY



In what is becoming a tradition, Alumni members came out on June 5th to area Tim

Horton's locations to help serve up coffee in support of the Annual Tim Horton's Camp Day fundraiser. All proceeds from the sale of coffee that day are donated to help send economically disadvantaged kids to camp. On hand to help out were Less Browne, Bob Krouse, Dick Weslowski, Leo Ezerins, Joe Zuger, Tony Gabriel, Mitchell Price, Angelo Mosca, David Sauve, Andrew Grigg, Richard Nurse, Lee Knight, Jason Riley, Dave Lane, Rudy Florio and Dale Sanderson.

ALUMNI SELECT STEEL CITY ALL-STARS

As part of supporting various levels of football in Hamilton, Alumni were on hand to select game stars at the 23rd Annual Steel Bowl. The game was held on June 7th at Ron Joyce Stadium at McMaster University. It pits the best Hamilton-Wentworth Public and Catholic High School players against each other in an East versus West showdown. On hand to help select the game stars were Glenn Timlock, Bill Kyle, Jim Papai and Dave Richardson.



Commemorative Painting Brings Past to the Future

By Ed Valtenbergs



A new stadium will welcome a new era in Hamilton football next year when the Tiger-Cats kick-off the 145th season of football in Hamilton. To celebrate this momentous event, the Alumni have partnered with a renowned sports artist to recognize 75 of the best players to wear a Hamilton uniform.

"The project was originally to feature only Hall of Fame players who have worn a Hamilton uniform" said Ed Valtenbergs, the coordinator of the project. "After further consideration we realized that with such a unique one-time piece, there really should be many more Tiger-Cat greats recognized on the painting. Rather than create debate by hand-picking all the additional players, it was decided to just include the additional players inducted into the Wall of Honour, the Walk of Fame and the recently named All-time team."

For commercial Illustrator Gary McLaughlin this is another project in a career that has included many other sports teams and players.

His first assignment was to paint an original canvas for the 50th anniversary of Maple Leaf Gardens. Harold Ballard commissioned the work and personally directed the details of the images in the montage. The original hung in the lobby of the arena for over a decade. One of his most recent pieces was to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Grey Cup.

Throughout Gary's thirty-year freelance illustration career, his artwork has graced the covers of magazines, compact discs, collector plates, china, corporate reports and year end journals, supermarket displays, cereal boxes, romance novels, newspaper and magazine ads and limited edition prints.

Gary has painted many sports superstars including sports greats such as Wayne Gretzky, Mats Sundin, the Fab Four (Gretzky, Orr, Hull and Howe) and Brett Hull, among others. Among his other projects is a series of paintings depicting the stars of all NHL original six teams.

"This is a wonderful project to be involved with" said Gary "and with it coinciding with the 50th Anniversary of the Hall of Fame and the new stadium makes it extra special!. I wanted to make it an identifiable city piece, so not only will you see the players, but there will be some Hamilton landmarks incorporated into the painting."

In keeping with the recognition of the upcoming 145th consecutive season of football in Hamilton, there will be limited edition set of 145 high quality prints available for purchase. Each print will be individually signed by Alumni depicted in the painting and that are in attendance at this year's Wall of Honour dinner. **Prints will sell for \$295 and will be available for advance purchase online at www.htcaa.ca and in person at the Wall of Honour dinner.** Any remaining prints will be available for purchase at the Tigertown store at 1 Jarvis St.

Mid-Season Review

By Wray Perkins

It is said about the Canadian Football League (CFL) that the playoff races start to heat up after Labour Day, and this is proven by the standings of the East Division in 2013. Now past the midway point the Hamilton Tiger-Cats find themselves amidst a battle for the top of the standings in the East Division with the Montreal Alouettes and Toronto Argonauts. With a 5-5 record, good for second place following Week 11 action, the Tiger-Cats sit only one game behind the rival Argos, a very different spot they were in a year ago.

Part of the reason for the Tiger-Cats' success has been improved defensive play; Hamilton had one of the worst defences in the league in 2012, but this season have the second-best defence in the East points-wise, surrendering 277 points through ten games.



CJ Gable

Photo by ttcats.ca

Defensive Coordinator Orlando Steinauer, while having to rely on several rookies in starting roles, has begun to turn around the Tiger-Cats defensively.

Jamall Johnson continues to be the leader in the linebacking corps, with 36 tackles, four for losses including a pair of sacks. The secondary got off to a slow start, and still only five interceptions, however they have all been very timely for the Tiger-Cats, and have been helped by a developing pass rush led by the man in the middle of the defensive line, Brian Bulcke.

Offensively, quarterback Henry Burris is putting together another great season in the black and gold, already over 3,000 yards through the air, currently nearly 600 more than the next CFL passer. Rookie receiver Greg Ellingson has been Burris's favourite target, leading the Tiger-Cats in receptions (48), receiving yards (743) and touchdowns (6). His numbers put him second in the league in receiving yards and touchdowns. Ellingson stepped up in the absence of Andy Fantuz, who missed some games early in the season with a hamstring injury, but has since returned in a big way and sits third on the team in receiving with 30 receptions for 432 yards.

Another emerging star in the CFL has been running back C.J. Gable, who has become an



Photo by John Woods,
The Canadian Press Files

excellent two-way threat over the past few weeks of action. Running the ball, Gable has an average of 5.6 yards a carry, totalling 355 yards and four touchdowns. He also has four touchdowns receiving to go with 334 yards on 29 receptions. His highlight reel from 2013 is already impressive, loaded with hurdles, stiff arms and various broken tackles, bringing a power and motivational style of play to the offence.

Special-teams wise, Marc Beswick leads the CFL in tackles with 15, while punter Josh Bartel and kicker Luca Congi continue their strong play from a year ago, when they were both East Division all-stars.

With a 3-1 divisional record, and six more games within the division remaining on the schedule, things are looking good for head coach Kent Austin and his staff, but the task is tall with two games against Toronto, and three against Montreal; the two other teams vying for top spot in the East.

Walk Of Fame Dinner



Pete Dyakowski and Ryan Hinds

The Cats Claws Fan Club held their annual Walk of Fame dinner on May 24th at the Renaissance Banquet Centre. This year's inductee into the Walk of Fame was alumni WR Andrew Grigg. The Charlotte Simmons award was presented to co-winners OL Pete Dyakowski and DB Ryan Hinds. The Award is presented to a current player who devotes much of their time & energy to the betterment of the local community

It was a wonderful evening full of laughs as Danny McManus and Paul Osbaldiston provided the fans on hand with some funny stories of Andrew Grigg. Fans also got to mingle and get autographs from many



Andrew Grigg

other Alumni on hand which included Angelo Mosca, Bob Krouse, Lee Knight, Dave Hack and Bernie Ruoff.

Tiger-Cats set to return to Atlantic Canada

By Wray Perkins

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats will play their second game in Moncton, NB in the past three years on September 21, and it promises to be an exciting game in the third annual Touchdown Atlantic event.

The Tiger-Cats will play as the home team against Eastern Division rival Montreal Alouettes, so the game does have plenty of playoff implications.

Quarterback Henry Burris is no stranger to the Touchdown Atlantic game, having played in the last one against the Tiger-Cats as a member of the Calgary Stampeders. The Tiger-Cats won the game 55-36.

The game should prove to be a nice change of pace for the Tiger-Cats, who have been playing their home games at Guelph University in 2013, and with Burris and the offence on the roll that they are currently on, the Moncton Stadium should prove to be a welcome home to the Tiger-Cats.

While the 2013 Touchdown Atlantic will

not have as many player-events as the previous two games, the turnout will likely still be a good one; fans from all over Atlantic Canada will be traveling to Moncton to take in the action. Both previous Touchdown Atlantic games have attracted over 20,000 fans, so this could very well be the largest "home" crowd that the Tiger-Cats have this season.

It will likely be a fairly impartial crowd that takes in the game, however football-knowledgeable fans will likely flock towards fan-favourite Burris, and top Canadian talent such as Andy Fantuz and Sam Giguere, and exciting young players like Greg Ellingson and CJ Gable.

The previous two times have featured exciting games. 2010 had the Edmonton Eskimos and Toronto Argonauts locked in a defensive battle, which Edmonton took 24-6, while as mentioned previously, 2011 was a high-scoring affair in which Marcus Thigpen scored a trio of touchdowns for Hamilton, including an electrifying missed field goal return for a score.

The game will also be unique as it will be the only game in the Canadian Football League played on grass this season; being built for primary use as a track and field stadium, the playing surface is grass, with turf in the end zones where the track would normally run.

It will be a homecoming of sorts for offensive lineman Mike Filer, who played his



University football at Mount Allison, about 50km south of Moncton. During his career as a Mount Allison Mountie, Filer played three games in Moncton, albeit at Rocky Stone Field and not Moncton Stadium. The Tiger-Cats also have four players who played in the Atlantic University Sport conference, for the Saint Mary's Huskies: Dave Stala, Marc Beswick, Neil King and Aaron Crawford.

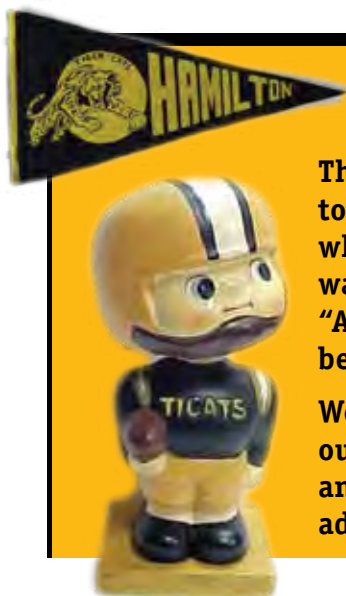
The Moncton Stadium was constructed on the campus of Université de Moncton to host the 2010 IAAF World Junior Track and Field Championships, and has been used for both previous Touchdown Atlantic regular season games, the 2011 CIS Uteck Bowl, and will be used as one of the host locations for the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup. It has 10,000 permanent seats and can be expanded to 20,725, and is the home field for the Université de Moncton Aigles Bleues and Aigles Bleus soccer teams in the CIS.



Memorabilia

The Tiger-Cat Alumni are on a quest to collect photos of "Team Memorabilia" to display on our web-site. Please ensure the item is displayed on a plain white background. We are also looking to collect unique items that you may want to lend or donate to the Alumni Association to put on display in the "Alumni Room" inside the new stadium. If you have anything you feel may be of interest, please contact us at admin@htcaa.ca.

We are also looking for "Game Program Covers" to complete the set on our web-site. If you have any programs from the past, please scan the cover and name the file with the year and opponent and send to us via email, admin@htcaa.ca.



TIGER-CAT Q&A

Name: Lee Knight
Birth date: 02/08/65
School/Jr. Football: Burlington Braves
Position: Fullback
Years with Tiger-Cats: 1986-1997

CAREER

1. Tell us about how you got started in football and your amateur career.

First actual game in equipment was 1984, my last year of high school. Then played for the Burlington Braves 1984-1987, was on the Cats P.R '86 and '87 while still playing Braves. I was signed to contract 3 games into the '87 season.

2. How did you get started in the CFL? (draft, free agent, trade etc.)

Al Bruno lived around the corner from our Braves practice facility and would walk his dog past our practices in the evening. He would chat with the Braves coach Doug Trimble and get updates on me. I went to the '86 free agent camp and did well. I was then invited to the training camp 3 days before it started. I was working at the Discount Car and Truck rental head office at the time. I was clearing \$320 every 2 weeks and stayed on the P.R all year making \$300 weekly.

3. Do or did you hold any records?

No records for me, however I was durable and believe I'm on the top ten of all time games played as a Cat.

4. Do or did you have a nickname?

My first camp in 1986, Tom Porras gave me the Knightrider moniker. Then in early 90's I was given the Rooster handle because my hair would resemble a rooster.

5. Tell us about some of your fondest memories with the Tiger-Cats or in the CFL.

Playing in the '89 Grey Cup was most fondest although we lost, in 1990 had my best game in BC, I started because Rocky had injury in warm ups, I had 9 catches for 163 yards and TD, I switched from Slot to Fullback in 91 and played the Labor day game with Ernie Shrameyer, we were 0-8 and beat the eventual Grey Cup Argos.

6. Who were some of the team-mates and opponents you admired the most & why?

Some great connections with teammates that still last. I played behind Rocky all those years and admired him greatly. The O-line were some of my best buds Jason Riley, Dale Sanderson, Daryl Harle, Brian Hutchings, Ralph Schultz, Dave Richardson

Playing my whole career with Earl "the Pearl" and watching him perform was awesome.

7. Which coach did you respect or enjoy playing for the the most and why?

Loved Al Bruno, he was a leader and showed genuine feelings for his players. He had great assistant coaches and my favorite assistant was Coach Sal. Sudsy was also a great coach to play for. I played for Dieter Brock in Hamilton and Ottawa as well.

8. Tell us about some of your favourite Grey Cup memories.

Being part of that 1986 Grey Cup team and practicing with the team in Vancouver was awesome. Playing in one of the greatest Grey Cup games ever was fantastic. I didn't start, I was more of a special team player, but I was inserted late in the game and caught 2 catches late just before Champion's famous endzone grab.



Photo courtesy of The Spectator

POST CFL CAREER

9. Tell us about your life and career after playing/working with the Tiger-Cats or CFL?

Retired in 1997 and continued working in Corrections, then was hired by Peel Regional Police in 2004. A great move for me and my family. I love Policing and get great satisfaction in my cases. I currently work in Criminal Investigation Bureau and deal with some serious incidents. My highlight was being selected to work the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. There was also several ex-CFL players chosen to escort the Grey Cup after it arrived in Toronto on the Grey Cup Train. I was selected to walk the Cup into the City Hall, a great moment.

10. Tell us about your interests, hobbies, your passion or anything else you would like to share about yourself.

Biggest passion right now is my family and coaching my sons in football. I coach Burlington Stampeder and High School ball. A great way to give back to the community. I was inducted this year to the Burlington Sports Hall of Fame, a great honour, inducted with Tony Gabriel. My # was also retired by the Braves 3 years ago, only other # retired was Peter Dalla Riva.

WHAT'S COOKING?

BAKED MINI CORN DOGS

Recipe courtesy Food Network Magazine.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup reduced-fat milk
- 1 package active dry yeast
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for greasing
- 2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup fine yellow cornmeal
- 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting and kneading
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda

- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper or paprika
- 9 reduced-fat hot dogs, halved crosswise
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon black sesame seeds (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

Warm the milk to about 110 degrees in a saucepan; pour into a medium bowl. Sprinkle in the yeast and let soften for about 2 minutes. Stir in the olive oil, brown sugar and cornmeal with a wooden spoon. Add the flour, salt, baking soda and cayenne pepper; stir to make a sticky dough.

Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead, adding more flour if needed, until smooth but still slightly tacky, about 5 minutes. Shape the dough into a ball, place in a lightly oiled bowl and cover with plastic

wrap. Let rise in a warm spot until doubled in size, 45 minutes to 1 hour. Meanwhile, insert a wooden stick or small skewer into each hot dog half, about 1 inch deep; set aside.

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees and lightly oil a large baking sheet. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface; divide into 18 pieces. With your palms, roll each piece into a 10-inch length. Wrap each piece around a hot dog half, tucking and pressing the edges to seal; place on the baking sheet.

Brush the dough-wrapped dogs with the beaten egg; sprinkle with sesame seeds, if desired. Bake until golden, 15 minutes.



Jimmie Simpson's 1928 Hamilton Tigers Grey Cup Championship Ring

Jimmie Simpson was all of five foot six and 135 pounds of energy. He played Outside Wing (End) and played 11 years for the Tigers from 1928 to 1938; mainly in an era of no or little passing and where players went both ways for sixty minutes. His career with the Tigers came to an end in 1938 when a punch broke his jaw in an exhibition game that caused him to miss the entire season and he couldn't pass the medical in 1939. Football was still in Simpson's blood, however, and he took up coaching with a junior team and working as an official. In 1943, Brian Timmis, another former legendary Tiger asked Simpson to help coach the Wildcats of the ORFU (Ontario Rugby Football Union) and Simpson did one better, unretiring at the age of 37 to play two seasons for the Wildcats. Simpson would win his fourth Grey Cup with the Wildcats in 1943, adding to the three he won with the Tigers in 1928, 1929 and 1932. Simpson also was on the losing end in two Grey Cups, with the Tigers in 1935 and with the Wildcats in his final season in 1944. After finally retiring as a player, Simpson then resumed his officiating career and then went on to become the trainer with his beloved Tiger-Cats from 1957 - 75. Counting his time as an official and a trainer, Simpson participated in 19 Grey Cups in his career.



1928 Grey Cup Championship ring

SOUVENIR "LAST GAME AT IVOR WYNNE" PRINT

Saturday, October 27th 2012 marked the last Tiger-Cat game at Ivor Wynne Stadium. To commemorate the event almost 40 Tiger-Cat Alumni present at the game signed this special framed matte. We inserted a photo from the actual game and marked it with the date and final score to create this treasured keepsake.

The original will be displayed inside the Alumni Lounge at the new stadium, but we will make a limited number of copies to share. Prints measure 16" x 20" to easily fit inside your own frame of choice. Prints are \$20 and are available at the Tigertown store at 1 Jarvis St.



SIGNS FOR SALE

WALL OF HONOUR SIGNS FOR SALE!

If you're a big Ti-Cat fan, here's your chance to get a big piece of authentic Tiger-Cat Alumni memorabilia.

For sale are the ORIGINAL Wall of Honour signs that were displayed on the press box at Ivor Wynne stadium.

Signs measure 4' high and length depends on each name. Signs are available for purchase at our ebay store, pick-up only. Visit our web-site for more info and availability.



CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE HAL



L OF FAME PLAYERS?



- 1 Damon Allen
- 2 "Sugarfoot" Anderson
- 3 Less Browne
- 4 Willie Burden
- 5 Ben Cahoon
- 6 Bob Cameron
- 7 Tom Clements
- 8 Mike Clemons
- 9 Lionel Conacher
- 10 Grover Covington
- 11 Dave Cutler
- 12 Peter Della-Riva
- 13 Rocky DiPietro
- 14 Matt Dunigan
- 15 Ray Elgaard
- 16 Sam Etcheverry
- 17 Terry Evanshen
- 18 Bernie Faloney
- 19 Norm Fieldgate
- 20 Darren Flutie
- 21 Doug Flutie
- 22 Tony Gabriel
- 23 "Earl" Grey
- 24 Tracy Ham
- 25 Wayne Harris
- 26 John Helton
- 27 Garney Henley
- 28 Condredge Holloway
- 29 Russ Jackson
- 30 Bobby Jurasin
- 31 Joe Kapp
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- 35 Ron Lancaster
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- 37 Peter Liske
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- 39 Leon McQuay
- 40 Warren Moon
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Celebrate football in TigerTown

3RD ANNUAL PLAY ACTION DINNER & AWARDS



Tuesday, September 24
HAMILTON PLACE THEATRE
Summers Lane, Hamilton ON

Presented by:

Tim Hortons.

Proceeds from the event go towards the Tiger-Cats Play Action program, the team's comprehensive initiative to lead the development of minor football throughout the TigerTown region. Previous events have generated over \$50,000 in support of local minor football.

Over the course of the evening, several deserving members of the local football community will be recognized.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Keynote Speaker Kent Austin, Tiger-Cats Coach and GM
- Tiger-Cats Caretaker Bob Young
- 2013 Tiger-Cats team

Play Action member associations:

Burlington Minor Football
Guelph Minor Football
Hamilton Minor Football
Hamilton Wentworth Minor Football
Niagara Minor Football

\$125 PER TICKET

OR

10 TICKETS FOR \$1250

Includes access to private live auction of signed jerseys, helmets, game worn memorabilia and more, hosted by Tiger-Cats players.

Reception and tailgate style meal
5:30 p.m.
Molson Canadian Studio

Awards presentation
7:00 p.m.
Hamilton Place Theatre

For more information:

905.547.2287 | ticats.ca

All In The Family

To say athleticism is in the blood for the Nurse family may be an understatement. Tiger-Cat Alumni receiver Richard Nurse spent 6 seasons (90–95) in the black & gold is at the centre of a family of diverse and accomplished athletes.

Richard is the father of Darnell Nurse, the 7th overall selection in this year's NHL entry draft, taken by the Edmonton Oilers. The 6'3" defenseman was a member for the bronze medal winning Team Ontario at the 2012 World U-17 Hockey Challenge and gold at the IIHF U-18 World Hockey Championships.

Darnell's sister, Tamika was a star point guard at both the University of Oregon and Bowling Green earning Academic All MAC team honours. She also starred on Canada's National Junior team and competed in the FIBA U19 World Championships. Their other sister Kia is a point guard at St. Thomas Moore S.S. and has been a member of numerous junior provincial junior and national teams. She is currently the youngest player and Canada's national team.

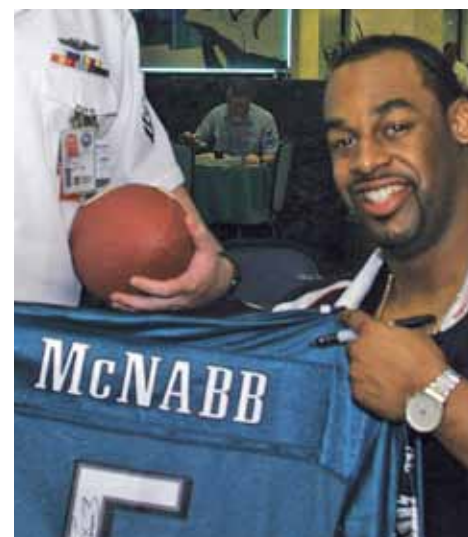
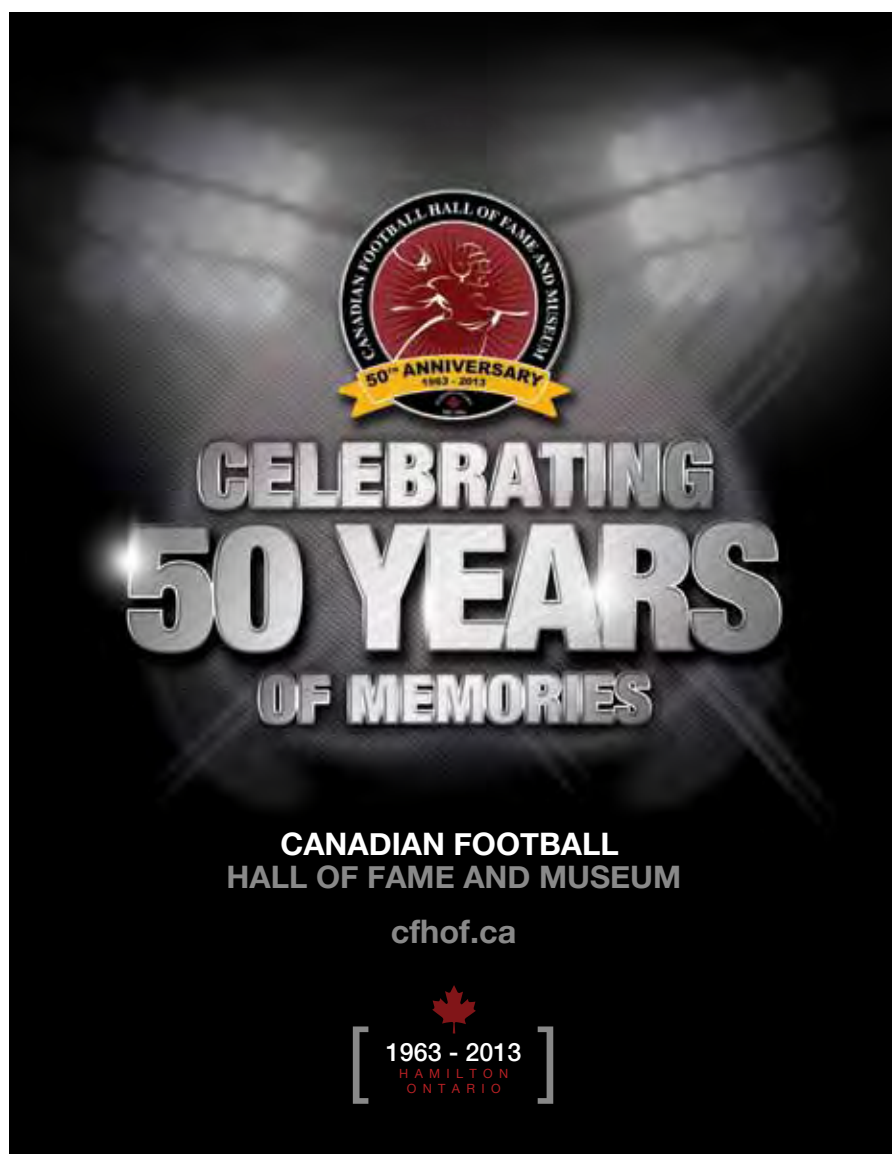


Richards's wife, Cathy was a star basketball player McMaster University and participated in two consecutive National Final 4 tournaments.

Sarah Nurse, Richard's niece is a freshman at the University of Wisconsin and was recently named to Canada's U18 women's national hockey team.

The most well known member of the extended Nurse family is former NFL star QB Donovan McNabb. Donovan, who was also a star QB at Syracuse, married Richard's sister Raquel who starred as an All-American basketball player at the same University.

Richard is one of eight children, still lives in Hamilton where he works as an Insurance Broker.



Jeffrey Croonen Passes Away

Tiger-Cat Alumnus Jeff Croonen passed away in his sleep on July 29 at the age of 46. Jeff played in the CFL from 1989 to 1995 including 1 year with the Tiger-Cats in 1991. He won Grey Cups with both the Edmonton Eskimos and Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Jeff retired after receiving a career ending injury while playing for the Ottawa Rough Riders. Subsequently, Jeff had a very successful sales career in the pharmaceutical industry. Jeff's true passion was as an Author, Inspirational Speaker and Coach.



FORGIVENESS

Jeffrey Croonen

Many years ago my CFL career came to a sudden halt when an acquaintance hit me in the back of my head (skull) and knocked me unconscious and threw me over 27' (feet).

It left me with Brain Damage and a severe bruise on my membrane.



I remember like it happened yesterday.

"Can you tell me you name" the Specialist asked as I began to come to from being knocked unconscious?

Er, um...My name? Ah "Jeffrey Croonen"?

What do you do for a living Jeffrey?

I'm a Professional Football Player in the CFL for the Ottawa Rough Riders.

"NOT ANYMORE", was the quick but soft reply from the nice female MD.

The person who hit me till this day has NEVER apologized?!?!?

But since learning to "Forgive" what happened, I am a better person who has learned to release the inner anger and "Forgive".

That doesn't mean I condone or have forgot what he did or his actions following the horrible incident but I was able to "Forgive".

Once we learn to "Forgive" you will feel a massive relief of weight, pressure and anxiety from your body and mind.

You will become a better person who knows to look at themselves first before pointing blame on another.

Don't take the easy way out and point the "Finger" at another.

Instead look at yourself and forgive yourself and say "I love you and I forgive you"!

Now that you have learned to forgive and not blame others for our issues or mistakes.

Just keep the "Positive" thoughts, words and actions coming and you will notice everything and i mean everything changing for the better in your life..!..

You have just started the next "Chapter" in your life... **GET INSPIRED!**

Canadian Football Research Society

The CFRS, is a not for profit organization which is operated solely by the members, who volunteer their time, is headquartered in Toronto, Ontario. The CFRS is comprised of a group of men and women who are keenly interested in the research, study and promotion of Canadian football history. The CFRS value propositions are listed below;

(a) To promote, develop, and encourage the study of the game of Canadian Football as a significant international athletic and popular social institution.

(b) To establish an accurate historical account of Canadian Football through the years.

(c) To assist in the dissemination of the findings and studies derived from Canadian Football research.

d) To acknowledge and assist in safeguarding the individual property of individual research endeavours conducted by Members of the Society.

WHY JOIN?

The CFRS publishes a quarterly (typically end of March, June, September, December) newsletter called the Flying Wing.

The newsletter contains articles written by members of the Society members and also promotes the research and publication efforts of the Society members.

If you are interested in football in general and in Canadian football history in particular then the CFRS is for you. If you are interested in becoming acquainted with and working with other established Canadian football

historians then the CFRS is for you.



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Tiger-Cats Win 1972 Grey Cup

By Brian Snelgrove

Two months after Paul Henderson scored the most famous goal in Canadian hockey history, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats beat the Saskatchewan Roughriders 13-10 to capture the 60th Grey Cup.

The year was 1972 and under first year Head Coach Jerry Williams the Tiger-Cats compiled a record off 11-3 good enough for a first place finish in the East. Hamilton knocked off the Ottawa Rough Riders in the two-game total point Eastern Final to advance to the National Championship against the Western 'Riders.

The team was led by rookie quarterback Chuck Ealey who had arrived in Hamilton three games into the season. Ealey had never lost a game in high school or in college at The University of Toledo. The sensational rookie pivot was surrounded by a supporting cast of

veterans including Garney Henley, Tony Gabriel, Tommy Joe Coffey, Al Brenner, Mark Kosmos, Bob Krouse, Dave Fleming, Bill Danychuk and in his last CFL season, Angelo Mosca.

Playing before a capacity home-town crowd at Ivor Wynne Stadium, the Tiger-Cats jumped out to a 10-0 first-half lead. Saskatchewan tied the game at ten before halftime and there was no further scoring until the final drive of the game. Gabriel had been held without a catch for the entire contest but caught three Ealey aerials in a row on the final Hamilton possession. Henley caught the last one to set the stage for 19 year old rookie kicker Ian Sunter's heroics. Sunter booted the winning field goal, a 34 yarder, on the game's final play to give the Ticats their first Grey Cup since 1967.



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Joe Zuger

By Brian Snelgrove

He is the only quarterback in the long and storied history of the Canadian Football League to throw eight touchdown passes in a single game – and he did it in his first professional start.

The date was October 15, 1962 and Joe Zuger (1962-71) established the mark as a rookie signal caller for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Zuger lit up the Saskatchewan secondary in what was then Civic Stadium in a 67-21 blowout of the western 'Riders. Garney Henley established a club record for most touchdown receptions in a game (later tied by Terry Evanshen and Tony Akins), as he was on the receiving end of four of those TD strikes. Zuger threw for 475 yards on that momentous occasion. It was, without question, the most outstanding debut in professional football history.

"I thought it was a fluke," Zuger says of his historic night. "I thought no way; this is not going to occur on a weekly basis." Zuger was right. The record of eight TD passes in a game is one of the oldest in the league and has stood for 47 years - a plateau unmatched in either the CFL or NFL.

Zuger also has the distinction of completing the longest pass in Ticat

history when he connected with Dave Fleming for a 108 yard touchdown

in 1971. He is fifth all-time on the Ticat career passing list with 12,676 yards and fifth in completions with 814. His 76 career touchdown passes also ranks fifth in the Hamilton record books.

The Arizona State graduate was a terrific quarterback but was arguably the best punter of his era. He is the only Ticat player to average better than 48 yards per punt in a season and Zuger did it three times (1968, 79 and 71). His career average of 45.5 yards per punt is third best in league history.

Asked whether he was a better quarterback or punter, Zuger says, "That's for others to decide. I was trying to be as versatile as I could. The more I could do, the more I wanted to do it well."

Zuger played in five Grey Cups and was named Most Outstanding Player of the 1967 game as the Ticats knocked off Saskatchewan 24-1 in Canada's Centennial year.

"That was the best team I ever played on," he says.



"It was great, the whole era. We had a great rapport with players, the city, management, owners," says the former Ticat pivot. "We were very close in those days". "You had to win. The fans were tough. They expected you to win. They wouldn't settle for losing."

Following his playing days (and a front page photo of his career-ending injury on the first edition of The Toronto Sun in 1971), Zuger became General Manager of the Tiger-Cats, a post he held from 1981-92.

Zuger, who has lived in Hamilton for the past 45 years, retired in 1993. "I can do whatever I want, whenever I want," he says.

"I am very thankful to Hamilton, the opportunity to play here. It's wonderful that you can spend your whole career in the same place," Zuger says. "I am honoured. I owe a lot to The City of Hamilton."



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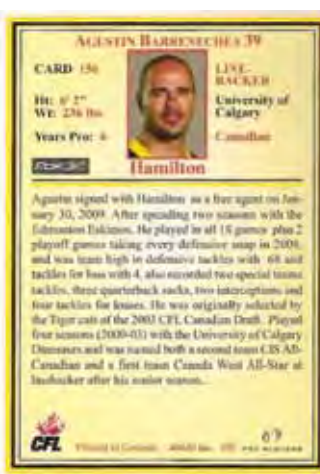
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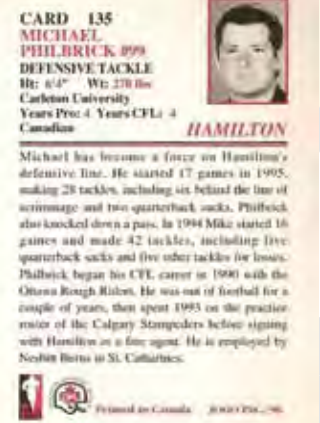
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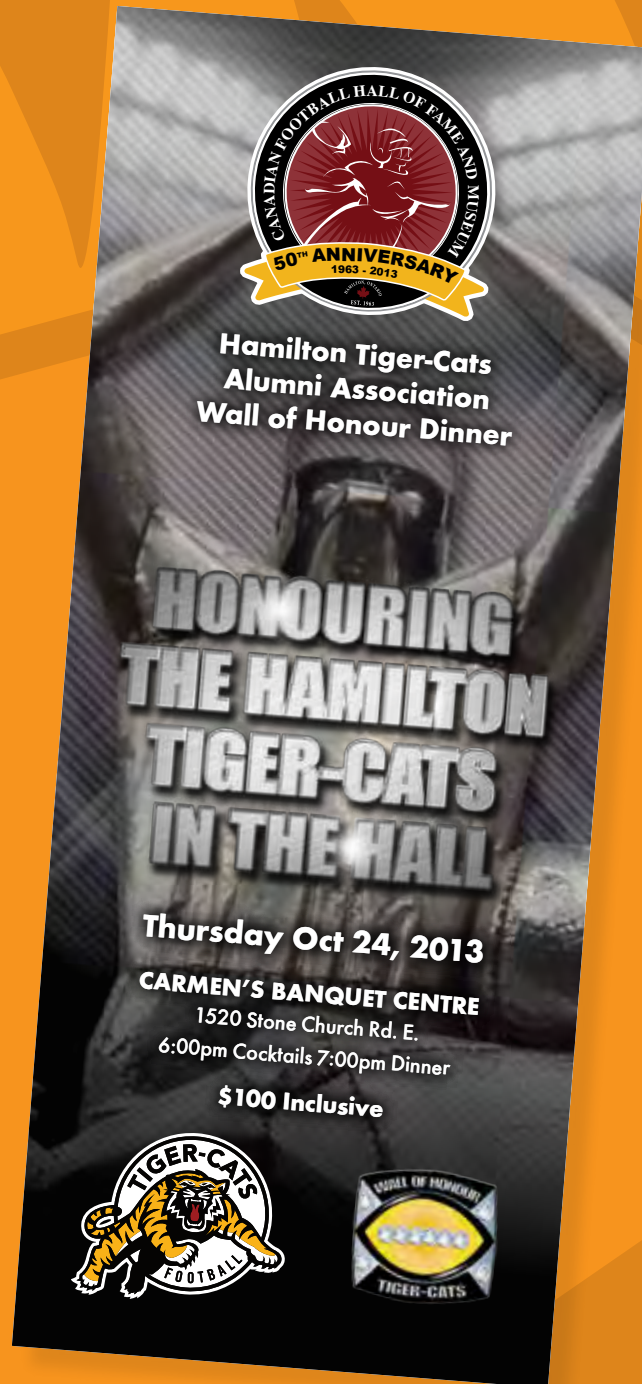
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