



TIGERtales

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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HTCAA MISSION STATEMENT

Recently the Board of Directors met to discuss the creation of a Mission Statement to act as guide in the operations of our Association. We are pleased to present to our member our new Mission Statement:

TO PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP AMONG ITS MEMBERS,
PRESERVE THE LEGACY OF THE HAMILTON TIGER-CATS,
AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOOTBALL
IN THE GREATER HAMILTON COMMUNITY
THROUGH CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES.

The HTCAA has prominently placed a plaque inside our new Clubhouse to remind us all of our Association's mission.



1957/67 REUNION

The September 30th game vs. the Argos will mark a very special occasion with the celebration of the 60th and 50th reunion of the 1957 and 1967 Grey Cup Champions.

The weekend kicks off on Friday night with a special invite only dinner celebration along with a screening of both games and a fireworks display.

On Saturday, the Alumni is hosting a special "Pre-game Pounce" at the Holy Trinity Church Hall just a block from Tim Horton's Field. The event is open to all alumni, their friends and family and of course our fans. Tickets are only \$20 which include food (cash bar) and can be purchased online at www.htcaa.ca. All Alumni will gather inside the Clubhouse prior to the game in preparation for a special half-time on-field introduction.

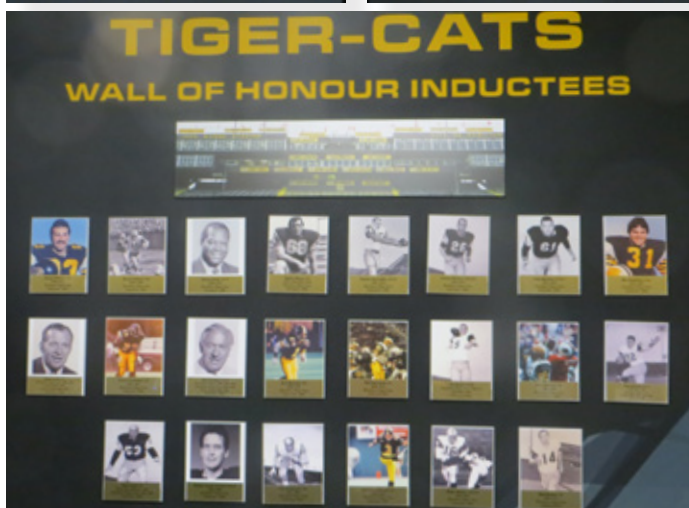
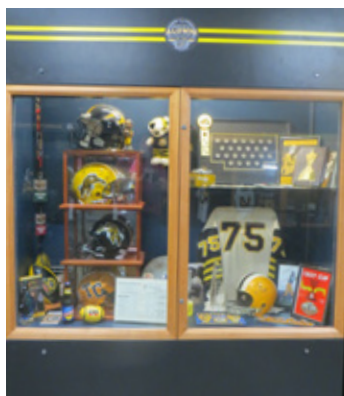
Events conclude Sunday with a brunch at Tim Horton's Field and tour of the stadium.

We hope to see as many of our Alumni on-hand to recognize members of these two great teams from our past!



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For more information visit our website at www.htcaa.ca.**

ALUMNI CLUBHOUSE UPDATE



The HTCAA has made a number of aesthetic improvements to our Clubhouse in time for the start of the season. We have redone the Grey Cup Champions Wall to include larger photos and double-checked rosters. A new Wall of Honour now includes 8" x 10" photos of all inductees along with name plate. We have added three display cabinets to the room, 2 of which include historic memorabilia and an alumni merchandise cabinet. Various historic photos have also been added including our "Signature Piece" which is a framed 4' x 4' canvas displaying signatures from the walls of the old Green Room.





TIGER-CAT COMMUNITY DAY

Fans gathered at Tim Horton's Field for a special community day where they were able to take in a number of events including the opportunity to meet some of their favourite Alumni and get some autographs. On hand were Jason Riley, Bob Richardson, Ben Zambiasi, Bob Krouse, Mike McCarthy, Henry Waszczuk and Lee Knight.



TIM HORTONS' CAMP DAY



Tiger-Cat Alumni once again stepped up to participate in the Annual Tim Horton's Camp Day Fundraiser. Various Alumni were at Tim Horton's locations around the city to lend a hand. Participating this year were Bob Krouse, Terry Lehne, Rocky DiPietro, Bill Kyle, Glenn Timlock, Mike Samples, Bob Richardson, Jim Papai, Ryan Donnelly, Jason Riley and Jeff Howe.



UPFRONT LINEMAN CAMP

Jason Riley's Upfront Lineman Camp was hosted this year at Tim Horton's Field for the first time. Along with several Tiger-Cat Alumni on hand to help, the event was also open to coaches across the OUAA to participate in the coaching and training of young lineman. Alumni on hand this year were Coach John Salavantis, Dave Richardson, Lee Knight, Glenn Timlock, Brian Hutchings, Bob Macdonald, Ralph Scholz and John Malinosky.



DAVID LEVY DAY

David "Doc" Levy recently retired as Chief Medical Doctor for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. David started his career in 1972 and continued to look over the medical operations of the Club for the next 45 years.

At the Tiger-Cats home opener on July 15th, the Club honoured Dr. Levy during the game while in the Alumni Clubhouse many players from the past which he has helped nurse back to health were on hand to say thank-you for his many years of service. A special plaque commemorating his years of service was presented to him by Alumni President Jason Riley. A replica of the plaque has also been mounted in the Clubhouse.

"Doc" Levy will continue to work at the Sport Medicine and Rehabilitation Centre at McMaster University as well as serve as team doctor for the Hamilton Bulldogs and Toronto Rock.



TIGER-CAT Q&A

Name: Ron Brewer

Birthday (M/D/YY):
03/11/37

School/ Jr. Football:
Central Tech High and
Parkdale Lions

Position(s): Linebacker

Years with Tiger-Cats:
1967

CAREER

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

I started in Central Tech High School in Toronto playing fullback and then onto Parkdale Lions Junior Football. We won the Junior Championship against the Winnipeg Rods.

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

I was a territorial protected draft pick of the Toronto Argonauts in 1958. I played for four different teams as a result of trades including Montreal and Edmonton and finally Hamilton.

3. Do or did you hold any records?

In junior football in 1956 I set a record for most yards gained in a game and season.

4. Do or did you have a nickname?

My nickname was the BIG BREW.

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



The best memory was of the 1967 Ti-Cat team when I came out of retirement. I received a phone call from Jack Gaudaur at my farm residence and he told me that Tommy Joe Coffey and Angelo Mosca went to Ralph Sazio and said "If you want to win the Grey Cup get Ron Brewer out of retirement". The Ti-Cats lost the first few games that season and it was at this time I agreed to come out of retirement to help. We finished the 1967 season of not having any team score a touchdown in the last 6 games in the final season ending

with the Grey Cup victory over Saskatchewan 23-1.

6. Who were some of the teammates and opponents you admired the most and why?

Teammates that I admired are Mosca, Coffey, Barrow, Zuger, Henley and Stover on the 67 team. I consider that team as a bunch of misfits that have been brought together this one time in our lives, all the players on that team were great in their own rights, so much so that the Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame inducted the entire '67 together.

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

Coaches Ralph Sazio and Joe Rustic both knew how to put the best players in their proper positions and design the various offences and defences to fit the individual team players to get the best results.

For example, in the 1967 Grey Cup, Saskatchewan had George Reed who was the best RB



in the league. Our coaches changed our defence one week before the game this was unknown to the Roughriders. We went to a 5-3 defence and they moved me into a middle guard position when it appeared Regina was in a running mode. Saskatchewan running game was shut down. Reeds power was taken out of the game. As a linebacker I would move back into a 4-4 defence or a 4-3-5 defence position. That's what made these two coaches best in the league they had the foresight to utilize the various players skills in a time of need.

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

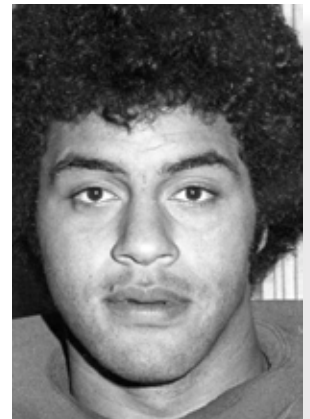
My favourite memory was winning the 1967 Grey Cup.

IN MEMORIAM

Lou Clare

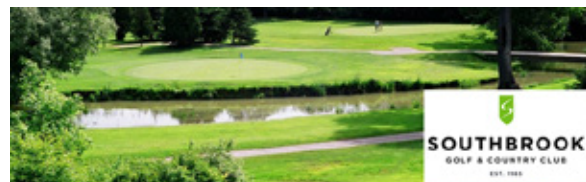
Tiger-Cat Alumnus linebacker Lou Clare passed away on August 21st at the age of 67.

Lou grew up in Mississauga, ON and was awarded a football scholarship to the U of Minnesota. This led to his pro football career wherein he played in the CFL for 8 years (1973-81) He played with the Tiger-Cats from 1973-75 and 1979/80 as well as the Saskatchewan Roughriders and Montreal Alouettes and was fortunate to have played in 2 Grey Cup games.



TIGER-CAT ALUMNI ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 31st Annual Tiger-Cat Alumni Golf Tournament was held on Monday, May 29th at Southbrook Golf & Country Club. It marked the first time the Binbrook course has hosted the tournament. Both the course and facilities were very impressive as everyone walked away happy (except for some scores, lol). A near capacity field enjoyed great weather, a good meal and fun times with lots of prizes. Be sure to join us next year the Monday following Victoria Day.



GRIDIRON GREAT INDUCTION

Former Tiger-Cat Linebacker Leo Ezerins was in Las Vegas with friends and family recently to accept his induction into the Gridiron Great Hall of Fame. The Gridiron Greats group helps former players who need assistance in their post-career lives. According to the website, some 1,500 former players have received some sort of assistance. Inductees are honoured not just for their careers but also for giving back to the game after they've stopped playing it.



Kyla Ezerins, Dillon Ezerins (son), Leo, great friend Glenn Cumyn, Sandy Shields (life partner), Mike Ditka and Estella Cumyn

UBC TOP 100 PLAYERS

HTCAA President Jason Riley recently placed #13 in the University of British Columbia's list of Top 100 players of all-time. His achievements included:

- Hardy Cup Finalist ('81)
- Vanier Cup Champion ('82)
- Led Canada West in QB-Sacks ('82)



- Tied Canada West record most QB sacks in a season (11)
- Canada West Trophy MOP Lineman ('81,'82)
- Canada West All-Star ('81,'82)
- All-Canadian ('81,'82)
- 1st Rd pick, 7th overall CFL ('83-'93 WPG, HAM)
- Set school record for most QB sacks in a season (11) in 1982

Congratulations to Jason!

BUFFALO BILL WALL OF FAME

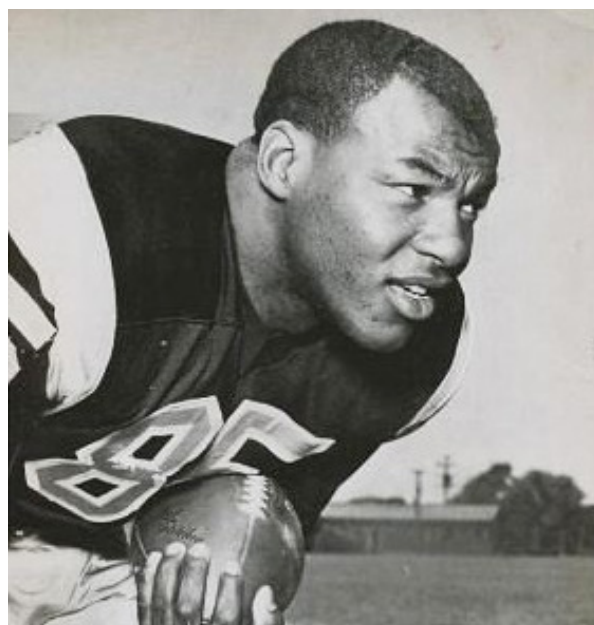
Former Tiger-Cat running back Cookie Gilchrist will be inducted posthumously into the Buffalo Bills Wall of Fame on October 29th when the Bills host the Raiders.

Gilchrist came to the Bills in 1962 after a five-year career in the Canadian Football League, where he played for three different teams winning a Grey Cup with Hamilton in 1957 and was named an All-Star fullback all five seasons. Gilchrist was a six-time division all-star in the CFL, five times as a running back and once as a linebacker. Gilchrist recorded 4,911 rushing yards, 1,068 receiving yards and 12 interceptions over his CFL career.

Cookie coined the phrase, "Lookie, Lookie, here comes Cookie," It was a phrase that was true – he knew it and opposing teams felt it.

The former AFL MVP helped the Bills to their first American Football League Championship in 1964, and was one of the most beloved players during the team's AFL era. To say that the fullback was dominant was an understatement. At 6-3 and 250 pounds, Gilchrist was a one-man wrecking crew. He averaged 4.5 yards per carry in his three seasons with the Bills rushing for just over 3,000 yards with 35 total touchdowns.

"Cookie" was a dominant force feared by opponents on both sides of the ball. Gilchrist also played linebacker, on the defensive line and even kicked field goals over six CFL seasons before continuing his strong play in the American Football League.



HTC-75 ORIGINALLY AUTOGRAPHED PRINTS

The Ultimate gift for Tiger-Cat fans. Renowned Canadian sports artist Gary McLaughlin created this original painting depicting 75 of the greatest players to ever wear a Hamilton uniform. Included are all Hall of Fame and Wall of Honour inductees as well as members of the Walk of Fame and Fans All-time team.

In recognition of the 145th season of Hamilton football, 145 limited edition numbered prints were created to commemorate this event. Each print was then originally autographed by over 25 Alumni of this select group.

Originally autographed "28 x 33" prints sell for \$100 and are available online at www.htcaa.ca or from the Tiger-Cat Shop. Poster prints "16 x 24" are now also available for only \$20.



END ZONE BAR & GRILL



The End Zone Bar & Grill recently stepped with a generous donation to our Alumni Clubhouse. The End Zone has been catering our AGM meetings the past few years as well several Board Meetings. They have also generously agreed to credit back a percentage of sales back to the HTCAA when you identify yourself as a member of the Tiger-Cat Alumni. We encourage you to visit the End Zone Bar & Grill at 1305 Main St. E (across from Delta H.S.) Check out their special 69 cent wings on Tuesday nights!



IVOR WYNNE ALUMNI ROOM AUTOGRAPHED WALL PANELS AND BRICKS

Own a piece of history by purchasing the originally autographed wall panels or bricks from the old Alumni Room at Ivor Wynne stadium.

Panels were carefully removed prior too demolition and stored. We have 8 panels measuring 4' x 4' that include signatures from some of the greatest Tiger-Cat and CFL players to ever play the game including names like Ralph Sazio and Jim Trimble; John Barrow and Ellison Kelly; Earl Winfield and Joe Montford...over 130 in all.

We also have the originally signed bricks from the room which were carefully cut out individually and removed.

Asking \$100 per panel and \$25 per brick with proceeds to the HTCAA. Contact admin@htcaa.ca.



ALUMNIWEAR

The HTCAA now has a number of items for its members including dress shirts, golf shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and hats. They are great for members to wear casually or any Club events to proudly display your Alumni membership.

We also have specially branded "Property of HTCAA" t-shirts and sweatshirts for friends of the Alumni.

All items can be ordered from our website at www.htcaa.ca.



HALL OF FAME WEEKEND IN HAMILTON

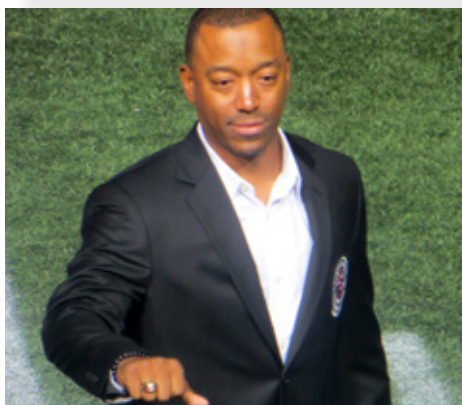
The Canadian Football Hall of Fame held its induction ceremonies in Hamilton September 14th and 15th.

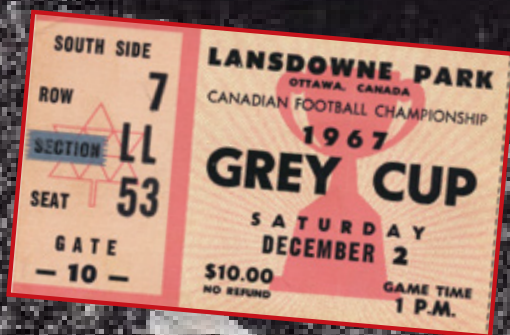
Thursday night kicked off with a wonderful dinner in Champions Lounge at Tim Horton's Field. Many fans, team representatives, media as well as past and current inductees were able to mix and mingle prior to the formal ceremony.

After dinner, inductees were welcomed to the stage at field level where they received their rings, revealed their busts and presented their induction acceptance speeches. TSN's Rod Smith hosted the event which also included speeches from Commissioner Randy Ambrosie and Tiger-Cat owner Bob Young.

On Friday, inductees were introduced to the fans during a special half-time game presentation.

This year's inductees included; Anthony Calvillo, Geroy Simon, Mike O'Shea, Kelvin Anderson, Brian Towriss and Stan Schwartz.





HAMILTON CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL WITH GREY CUP

By Brian Snelgrove

The country was in the throes of a centennial celebration and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats were putting together one of the most impressive seasons in their long and storied history. The year was 1967 and Bobby Gimby had Canadians singing “Ca-na-da” from coast-to-coast. Hamilton and their fans celebrated the national bash as the Tiger-Cats won the 55th Grey Cup by a lopsided score of 24-1 over Saskatchewan.

The Tiger-Cats finished the regular season in top spot in the East with a record of 10-4. They knocked off the Ottawa Rough Riders by a combined 37-3 in the two-game total point Eastern Final to advance to the Grey Cup against the Western ‘Riders. In one of the stingiest stretches of defense in CFL history, Hamilton, incredibly, didn’t surrender a single touchdown in their final six contests. The team boasted some of the best players in Tiger-Cat history including John Barrow, Angelo Mosca, Garney Henley, Herb Paterra, Tommy Joe Coffey, Bob Krouse, Billy Ray Locklin, Smokey Stover, Willie Bethea, Hal Patterson, Joe Zuger, Dave Fleming, Dave Viti, Ellison Kelly, Ted Watkins, Ron Brewer and Tommy Grant.

“We started off the season a little slow but gained momentum as the year went on,” says Krouse who resides in Grimsby, Ontario. “Ralph (Sazio) was a different type of coach. He was very defensive-oriented. We had a lot of different defenses and it was a lot of fun.

“There weren’t as many guys on a team back then,” Krouse adds. “It was tighter and guys contributed more. It was a great team. Playing with guys like Hal Patterson and Garney Henley. It was an unbelievable season. As for the Grey Cup, Krouse says, “It was a tough game. We were in control. What they were doing wasn’t working. I know Lancaster and some of their guys were very frustrated. Once we got our offence going, Zuger got us going and we were ok.”

“I remember the field was brutal,” says 1967 Grey Cup MVP Joe Zuger. “We tried broomball shoes but when you tried to cut the rubber would peel off the shoes. We had

a lot of good guys on that team. Dave Fleming was something else. He was a real motivator. Garney Henley was a gentleman. A great football player and a great person. He and Hal Patterson were very much alike.

“It was different in those days,” adds Zuger, who has lived at the top of Hamilton mountain since 1965. “When (Jim) Trimble hired me he said ‘the more you can do, the better chance you got.’ That motivated me to play both offense and defense and kick. I took a lot of pride in that. I also remember our string of victories (six) at the end of the season.”

“We had 12 players and all worked as one unit,” says former running back Willie Bethea, who still lives in Hamilton. “The other teams couldn’t beat us. We shared the ball with the receivers and backs and used our running backs to catch a lot of passes. We all participated – Zuger, Henley, Dave Fleming, Dick Cohee, to name a few.

“Saskatchewan was a good team. They had George Reed. He did everything. Lancaster was good in the West but I think our defense was just too tough.”

“We had a heckuva team in those days,” Bethea adds. “We thought we could go undefeated.”

“It was very cold, says Dave Fleming of the ‘67 Grey Cup. “We couldn’t figure out what shoes to wear. There was solid ice just below the surface. Ed Chalupka had the best idea – he just wore regular cleats. The cold weather didn’t stop us. Saskatchewan was one of the best teams I ever played against. They didn’t make mistakes. They played the game with no cheap shots and no yapping back and forth. If you made a mistake you paid for it. I remember Ralph (Sazio) said, ‘We’ll give them one point and that’s it.’ He turned out to be right.



“The ‘67 team was the best team defensively I played for in Hamilton,” adds Fleming who spent 10 seasons with the Ticats. “Our defense was scary. Mosca and I were room-mates for nine seasons.”

“I came out of retirement that year,” says Ron Brewer. “Mosca and Tommy Joe Coffey said to Sazio, ‘If you want to win the Grey Cup, sign Ron Brewer and he did, Brewer adds with a laugh. He turned out to be right. We lost our first game. We didn’t want to lose any games. There was a good camaraderie and a mature respect on that team. Ralph was a good coach. I enjoyed him immensely.

“I’d spent ten years in the league and nothing was going to get in the way of us winning the Grey Cup,” adds Brewer who now lives in Burlington. I played middle guard and linebacker in that game. I don’t think Saskatchewan had any idea who they were playing. That ‘67 team was a perfect balance. If somebody went down there was always somebody else to step in.”

Both the 1957 and 1967 Grey Cup Champion Tiger-Cat teams will be honoured at Hamilton’s home game against the Toronto Argonauts on September 30.

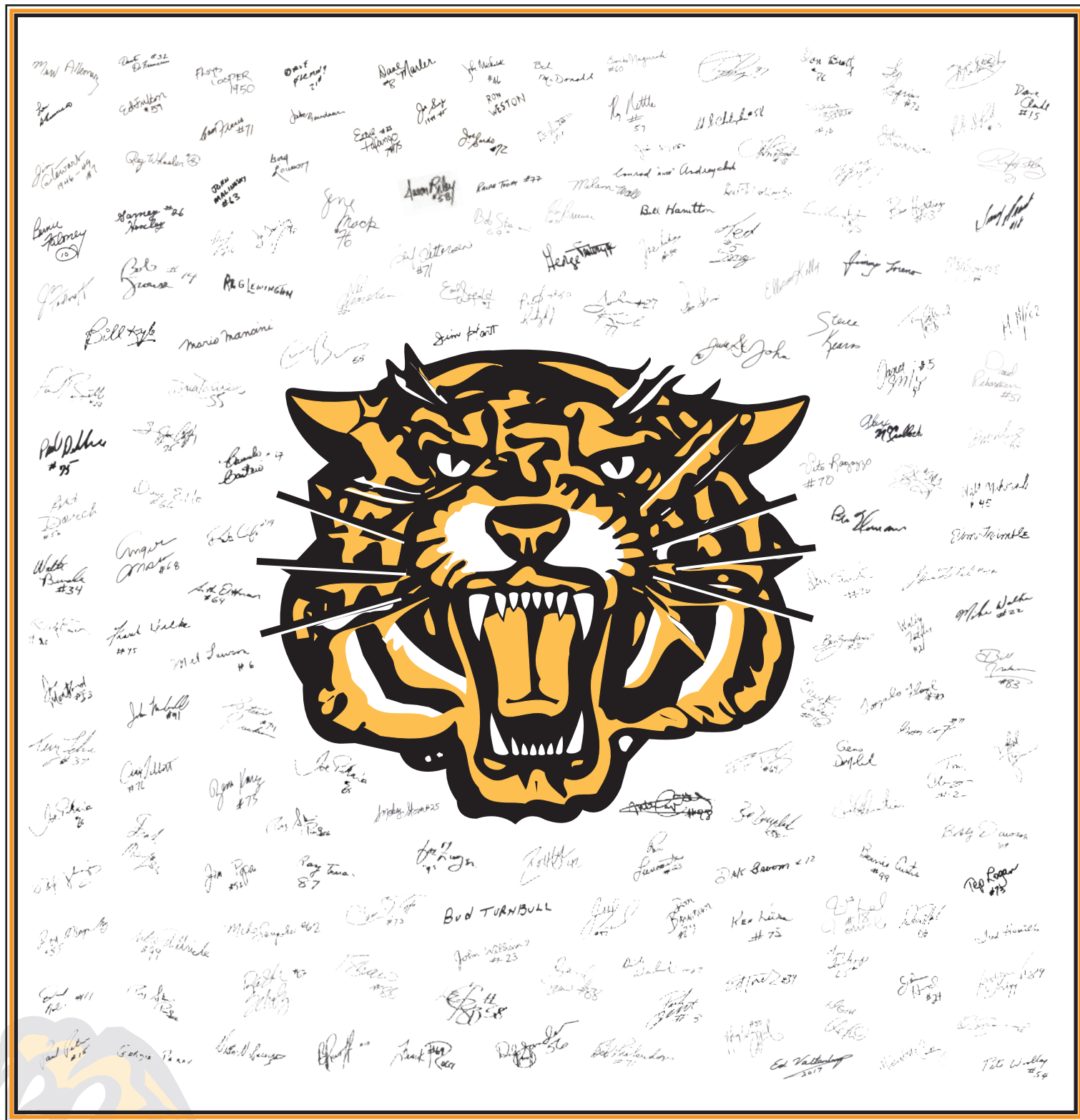
Brian Snelgrove is a life-long fan of the CFL and has written extensively for the CFL, the CFL Alumni Association, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats as well as the Official Grey Cup magazine.

HAMILTON TIGER-CAT SIGNATURE PANEL

This piece of artwork was created to link the past to the present with 165 signatures of Tiger-Cat Alumni. Can you match the names on the right with the signatures below?

The final 4' x 4' framed canvas piece is proudly displayed in our Clubhouse at Tim Horton's Field.

You can order your own framed canvas replica 2' x 2' Signature piece from our website www.htcaa.ca for only \$250 including shipping.



**This legacy SIGNATURE PIECE was created from original autographs
taken from the walls of the Ivor Wynne Stadium Alumni "Green" Room.**

Marv Allemang
Conrad Andreychuk
John Barrow
Don Beatty
Walter Bender
Paul Bennett
Willie Bethea
John Bonk
Don Bowman
Ron Brewer
Less Browne
Chris Burns
Lou Cafazzo
Mike Campbell
Carmelo Carteri
Ed Chalupka
Tony Champion
Gord Christian
Dave Clarke
Tom Clements
Tommy Joe Coffey
Floyd Cooper
Grover Covington
Rufus Crawford
Rob Crifo
Bernie Custis
Bill Danychuk
Art Darch
Doug Davies
Bobby Dawson
Paul Dekker
Gino Denobile
Mike Derks
Dante Di Francesco
Lou Di Francesco
Frank Dilks
Rocky DiPietro
Seth Dittman
Ryan Donnelly
Matt Dunigan
Chuck Ealey
Dick Easterly
Dunc Ellis
Terry Evanshen
Leo Ezerins
Bernie Faloney
John Fedesoff
George Festeryga
Dave Fleming
Gonzalo Floyd
Cam Fraser
Ed Fulton
Tony Gabriel
Jake Gaudaur

Ed George
Miles Gorrell
Bill Graham
Tommy Grant
Andrew Grigg
Dick Groom
Dave Hack
Marwan Hage
Bill Hamilton
Fred Hamilton
Jim Hart
Garney Henley
Rob Hitchcock
Dutch Holland
John Hood
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Don Irvin
Steve Jackson
Zeno Karcz
Steve Kearns
Ellison Kelly
Ken Kilrea
John Kinch
Lee Knight
Bob Krouse
Peter Kudryk
Bill Kyle
Craig Labbett
Ron Lancaster
Dave Lane
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Mel Lawson
Terry Lehne
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Reg Lewington
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Joe Lukas
Neil Lumsden
John Macdonald
Gene Mack
John Malinosky
Mario Mancini
Dave Marler
Frank Marof
Mike McCarthy
Alex McCulloch
Bob McDonald
Danny McManus
John Michaluk
Joe Montford
Michael Morreale
Angelo Mosca
Ron Murphy

Bronko Nagurski
Ray Nettles
Pete Neumann
Walt Nikorak
Derek Noble
Paul Osbaldiston
Jim Papai
Gordie Parry
Paul Peterson
Leif Petterson
Mike Philbrick
Pigskin Pete
Joe Pikula
Ernie Polango
Vito Ragazzo
Bob Richardson
Dave Richardson
Jason Riley
Frank Rocca
Bernie Ruoff
Mike Samples
Dale Sanderson
Joe Sardo
David Sauve
Ralph Szabo
Blaine Schmidt
Ralph Scholz
Dana Segin
Trevor Shaw
Joe Siepi
Jesse Small
Obie Spanic
Victor Spencer
Jude St. John
Bob Steiner
Jim Stewart
Smokey Stover
Jim Styres
Ian Sunter
Don Sutherin
Calvin Tiggie
Glenn Timlock
Ralph Toohy
Jim Trimble
Ray Truant
Ed Turek
Bud Turnbull
Dom Vetro
Mike Walker
Milam Wall
Henry Waszczuk
Dick Weslowski
Ron Weston
Reg Wheeler



GREY CUP

As you all know Ottawa is hosting the 105th Grey Cup Game to be played at TD Place Field on Sunday, November 26, 6:00 PM EST.

The CFL Ottawa Alumni Association lead by Jeff Avery and Jim Cain and the CFLAA will be hosting all Alumni.

Once again, our main event is the **CFLAA Legends Luncheon** to be held on **Friday, November 25** at the Metro Toronto Convention Center. Our Luncheon has become a "go to" event at Grey Cup as fans are able to connect with CFL Legends past, present and future. We will be honoring Jeff Avery and Russ Jackson as **CFL Men of the Year**. A hot stove will include the 2017 Hall of Fame Class of Inductees **Geroy Simon, Mike O'Shea, Anthony Calvillo,** and **Kelvin Anderson**.



PAID UP members (players) of local Alumni Associations are **FREE** of charge and your guest at 50% off. Please wear your team jersey to receive your free ticket. **NOTE:** We have suppliers in place who can produce your jersey provided we receive your order prior to October 28. The cost per jersey will be @\$125.

All proceeds from the fundraising will go to the **CFL Alumni Support Fund**. Also, we have negotiated a percentage of each **General Public** sale we make to go to the **CFLAA Support Fund**. Please forward the link

www.cflaa.ca/cfl-alumni-association-legends-luncheon-2017 to friends, family, business contacts, etc. **Their promo code is CFLAA.**

ALUMNI LOUNGE – location to be determined, Thurs, Fri and Sat. Times TBD. The **CFL Ottawa Alumni** are hosting the Lounge.

A great way to connect with former team mates, friends, etc. No cost for entry with a cash bar.



ALUMNI REGISTRATION - Please contact Leo Ezerins leo@cflaa.ca to register. You must register to receive your **FREE** ticket. You will also have an opportunity to buy other selected event tickets.

OTHER NEWS – ADDITIONAL MEMBER BENEFITS

We have recently entered into partnership agreements with several CFL partners to provide benefits to our Alumni.

Athabasca University
Marks
Freedom Mobile

Please check our website under member benefits for details.
www.cflaa.ca.

Best,
Leo Ezerins, CFLAA Executive Director





9th ANNUAL CFLAA LEGENDS LUNCHEON

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24 2017
SHAW CENTRE, CANADA HALL

SINGLE TICKET \$100.00~TABLE OF 10 - \$850.00
DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 AM~LUNCH SERVED 12:00 PM
SILENT AUCTION STARTS 11:00 AM

- Fan friendly event, we encourage you to wear your team colours
- CFL Legend at your table wearing a game-worn jersey
- More CFL Legends than at any other Grey Cup event
- Autograph opportunities with CFL Legends after the luncheon
- Opportunities for photos of your favorite Legend with the Grey Cup.



The CFL Alumni Men of the Year-Jeff Avery and Russ Jackson will be honored



The 2017 Canadian Football Hall of Fame inductees (Kelvin Anderson, Anthony Calvillo, Mike O'Shea, Geroy Simon) will attend and will participate in a 'hot stove panel' with other Legends.

**To order tickets www.tdplace.ca/promo-code
(Promo Code - CFLAA)**

All funds raised from the silent and live auctions and the Coin Toss go to the CFL Alumni Association's Support and Emergency Funds which offer financial support to fellow Alumni and families who are experiencing a financial hardship due to a medical condition or the sudden loss of income.

In Conversation With... Dave Fleming

By Chris Durka

My recent conversation was with former Ti-Cat legend Dave "The Fly" Fleming. Dave played his entire professional football career in Hamilton, from 1965 to 1974 and played on 3 Grey Cup Championship teams in 1965, '67 and '72. During his illustrious career Dave scored 50 touchdowns, both by running and receiving, the most by a Ti-Cat running back. He also holds the team record for the longest touchdown pass reception of 108 yards and accumulated over 3,300 yard rushing during his career. In 1970 Dave was selected as a CFL Eastern All Star.

Dave is originally from Pittsburgh where at tender age 18 he went directly from high school to play semi-pro football. This is where the football scouts of the NFL Pittsburgh Steelers spotted him and signed him to a contract. He spent a couple years with the Steelers and then was picked up by the AFC New York Jets where he roomed with Joe Namath during the pre-season, until Ti-Cat coach Ralph Sazio made the scene. Sazio was on a scouting trip and offered Dave a couple thousand dollars more than the Jets plus a starting position with the Cats so Dave jumped at the opportunity.

During his playing days in Hamilton, Dave was extremely versatile in that not only did he play offence but also defence and special teams. He said that he loved playing for coach Sazio because of his rough character and especially because he would constantly yell at

him. Dave said, "he was the craziest coach that he had ever played for".

Angelo Mosca was Dave's closest team-mate and for 10 years they were room-mates during the out of town football games. Dave mentioned one time when he came back to the room at curfew time and found big Ang under the sheets reading the bible. I wasn't sure if Dave was serious or not with this mainly due to his joking nature. He did say though that he and Mosca would love to go out and socialize together at some of Hamilton's finest establishments.

There were numerous great memories that Dave recalled starting with, as he put it, the great Hamilton football fans. He said that they were hard working, strong steel town people similar to the folks from his hometown area in Pennsylvania. The 3 Grey Cup victories stand out he said particularly the 1967 Grey Cup team that he said had to be the greatest team ever. Another highlight was his touchdown reception in the 1972 Grey Cup game. When I mentioned that many who remember that game still feel that his foot was out of bounds he just laughed and said that he was definitely inbounds. As mentioned previously, the 108 yard touchdown reception was another highlight in his career. It was on Labour Day, 1971 when he caught a swing pass from Joe Zuger and out manoeuvred and out ran 2 Argo defenders the length of the field.

During his time in Hamilton Dave said that enjoyed playing for 2 quarterbacks, Joe Zuger and Chuck Ealey, who he mentioned had their own distinct QB styles. Zuger he said was mainly a drop back pocket passer while Ealey more of a roll out pass or run QB. Dave said that he liked both styles but did mention that he really liked when Zuger would call the QB option where Joe would roll out to run wide and then flip the ball to him just before being tackled.

Dave said that he had the great pleasure of playing with a number of great players, giving special mention to Angelo Mosca, Bill Danychuk, Jon Hohman, Willie Bethea and Joe Zuger. It was his team mates that gave him the nick-name "The Fly" while at the same time nick-naming his running mate Ed Buchanan "The Flea". So the Ti-Cats had both the Fly and



the Flea in their backfield that year.

After his retirement Dave settled back to his Pittsburgh area roots where he got involved in weightlifting. He eventually set a number of U.S. bench pressing records in his age class. He also got into coaching and helped the local semi-pro football team; the Pittsburgh Colts win a couple national championships. Recognized for his football and sports achievements Dave was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Dave stated that he had no regrets leaving the New York Jets to come and play in the CFL. He said that he loved it in Hamilton particularly playing for the dedicated football fans here. He recalled the great support from the fans at the football rallies that were held during the semi-final playoffs. He also mentioned numerous times during our conversation that he would really like to be inducted onto the Hamilton Tiger Cat Wall of Honour at Tim Horton's Field. Due to his numerous football accomplishments during his lengthy career in Hamilton there is definitely a strong argument for this.

This conversation with another Hamilton Tiger Cat great and legend was again enlightening and intriguing. His candid and fun loving nature made the whole conversation a lot of fun. Dave Fleming, the player was without a doubt a true grit Tiger-Cat.

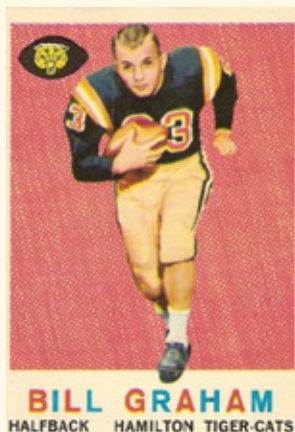


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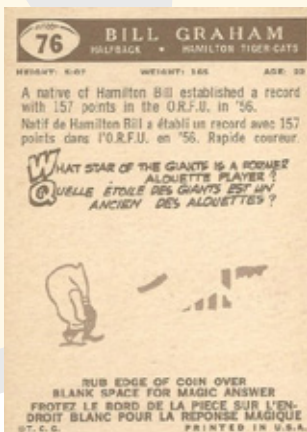




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Bill Graham, 1959



Henry Waszczuk, 1984

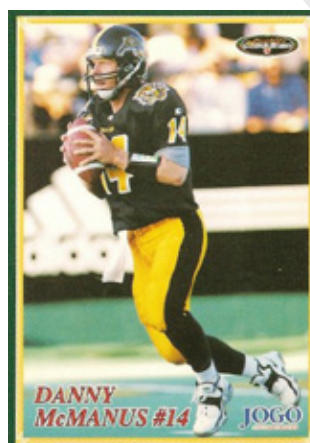
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HENRY WASZCZUK — 50

CENTER

Ht: 5'9" Wt: 235 Years Pro: 16
Kent State University

In 1975 Henry was the Tiger-Cats protected draft choice in the Canadian College Draft pick. At University he was given an honourable mention All-American in 1975 as well as being All-Mid American Conference All-Star and All-Mid American Conference All-Academic team. Since Henry joined the Tiger-Cats he has been selected an Eastern Division All-Star in 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, and 1982. Henry was selected a Scholar Nominee in 1980 and 1981 for Most Outstanding Lineman.



Danny McManus, 1998

CARD 1

DANNY McMANUS #14

QUARTERBACK

Ht: 6'0" Wt: 206 lbs

Florida State University

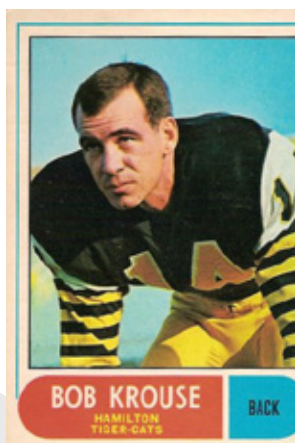
Years Pro: 10 Years CFL: 10

American

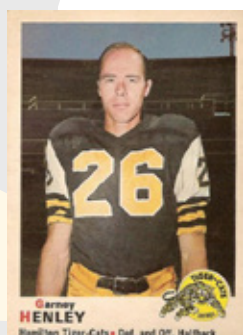
Here's how good Danny is: under his leadership, the Ticos, 2-16 last season, jumped out to a 6-1 start to lead the CFL early this season. McManus was averaging more than 300 yards passing a game even though he sat out some fourth quarters because the Tiger-Cats had rolled up such large leads. He signed with Hamilton this season, joining head coach Ron Lancaster and receiver Darren Flutie in moving from Edmonton to St. John's. Danny had his third consecutive 4,000-yard season in 1997 and led the Eskimos to a 12-6 record, best in the West Division. He quarterbacked the B.C. Lions in the 1994 Grey Cup championship and led the Esk to the 1996 title game.



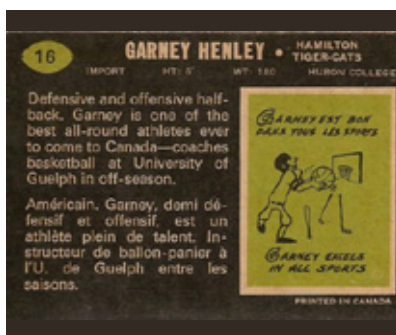
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Bob Krouse, 1968



Garney Henley, 1970



Otis Floyd, 2009

CARD 170

OTIS FLOYD 35

LINE-BACKER

Ht: 6'2" Wt: 233 lbs

University of Louisville

Years Pro: 10

American

Hamilton

Otis signed with Hamilton as a free agent on January 20, 2009. In 2008 he played in 18 games during his fifth season in B.C. and recorded 56 defensive tackles, four quarterback sacks, five tackles for a loss, one fumble recovery and seven pass knockdowns. Over his career he has been a CFL All-Star in 96, Western All-Star in 95, 96, 97, CFLPA All-Star in 96, voted Scotia Bank Defensive Player in 96, nominated Defensive player for the Lions in 96, won 2 Grey Cups, one with Calgary in 2001 and the other with BC lions in 2006.



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