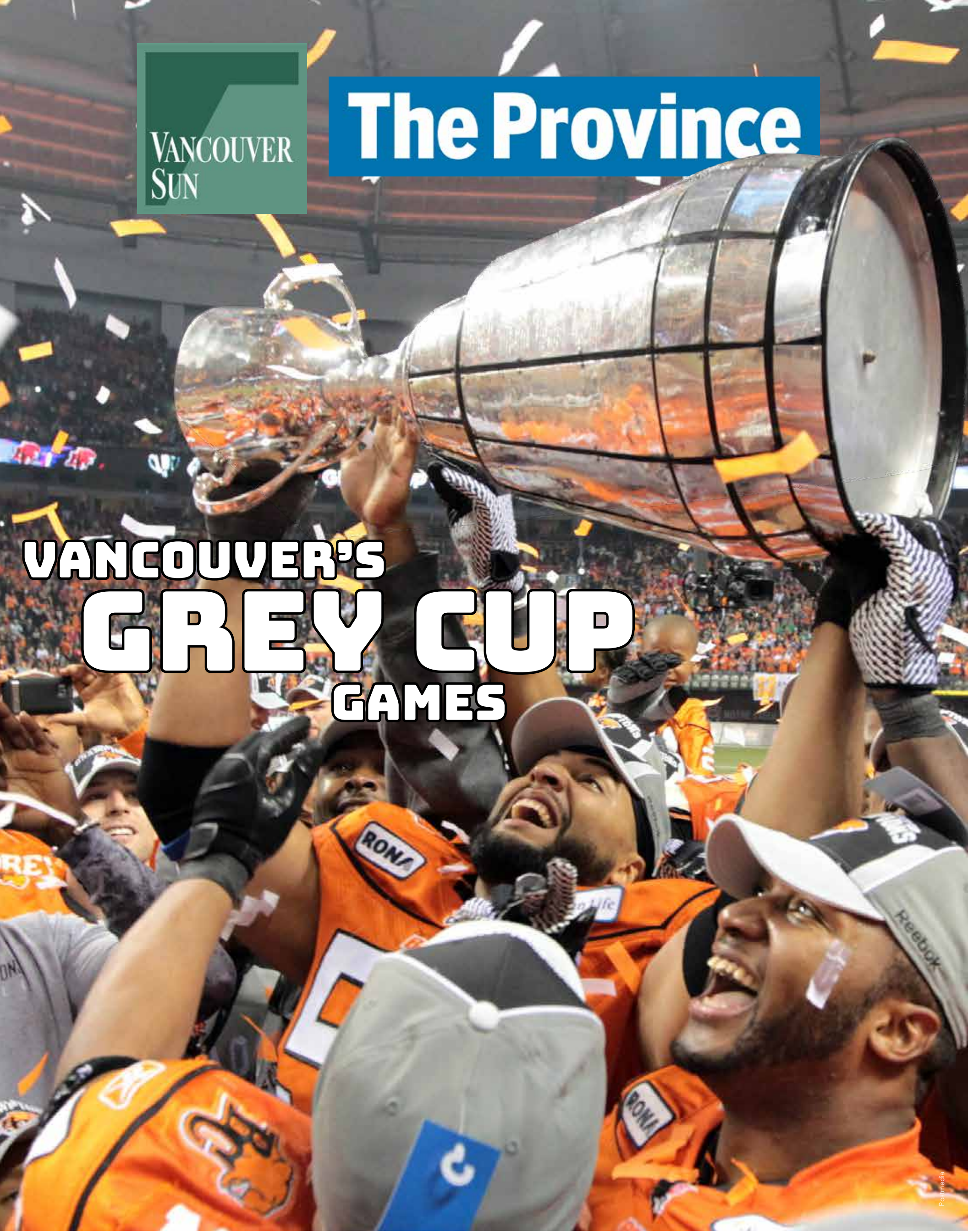


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VANCOUVER'S
GREY CUP
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Letter from the editor

The Grey Cup is back in Vancouver for the first time in a decade.

To help get you into a party mood, we offer this commemorative guide — filled with words and photos — celebrating Grey Cups past in Vancouver, all 16 of them.

Journalists at The Province and Vancouver Sun have covered each one, beginning with the Canadian Football League title game in 1955 at the old Empire Stadium. That was the 43rd Grey Cup and the first held in Western Canada.

Editor Dharm Makwana has compiled this downloadable collection using striking images and stories from our sports archives.

We hope you enjoy this trip through the city's rich Grey Cup history as we await the crowning of the next national champion inside B.C. Place on Nov. 17.

Kind regards,
Harold Munro
Editor-in-Chief
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ESKIS 34 - 19!



Champions defeat Montreal Alouettes

PLAY BY PLAY

ESKIMOS 34 - 19 — Edmonton Eskimos today won the Grey Cup by a score of 34-19 over the Montreal Alouettes in a game that was a physical struggle from start to finish.

The Eskimos led 14-0 at the half and 27-10 at the end of the third quarter. The Alouettes scored their only touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The Eskimos' defense was the key to their victory, holding the Alouettes to a field goal in the first quarter and a touchdown in the fourth. The Eskimos' offense was led by quarterback Jackie Parker, who threw for 150 yards and three touchdowns.

Eskimos just too tough for Als

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43rd Grey Cup

**Edmonton Eskimos 34
Montreal Alouettes 19**

Nov. 26, 1955
Empire Stadium

Champions defeat Montreal Alouettes

Edmonton's famed belly series was more than the Montreal Alouettes could stomach as the West champs ground out a hard-hitting and always exciting win here today.

Injuries to stars J.C. Caroline and Joey Pal plus the wearing down process that finally made a sieve out of the Als line turned the game into a near walkaway for Edmonton.

My star of the game — Jackie Parker. After him a raft of Edmonton players such as Rollie Miles, Johnny Bright and Normie Kwong and those brilliant linemen. For Montreal, well it just wasn't their day.

— Al Pollard



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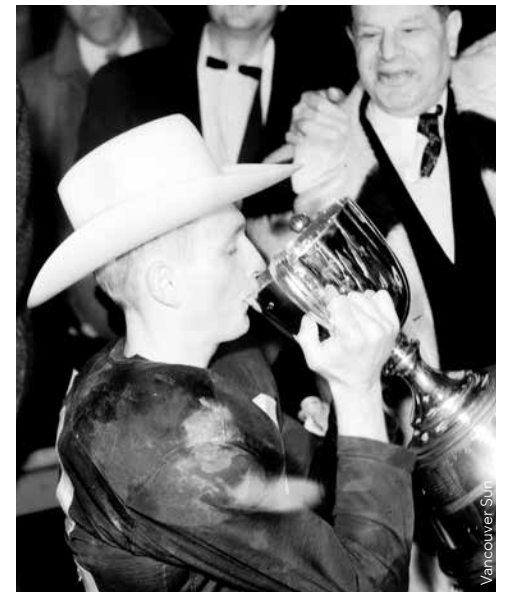


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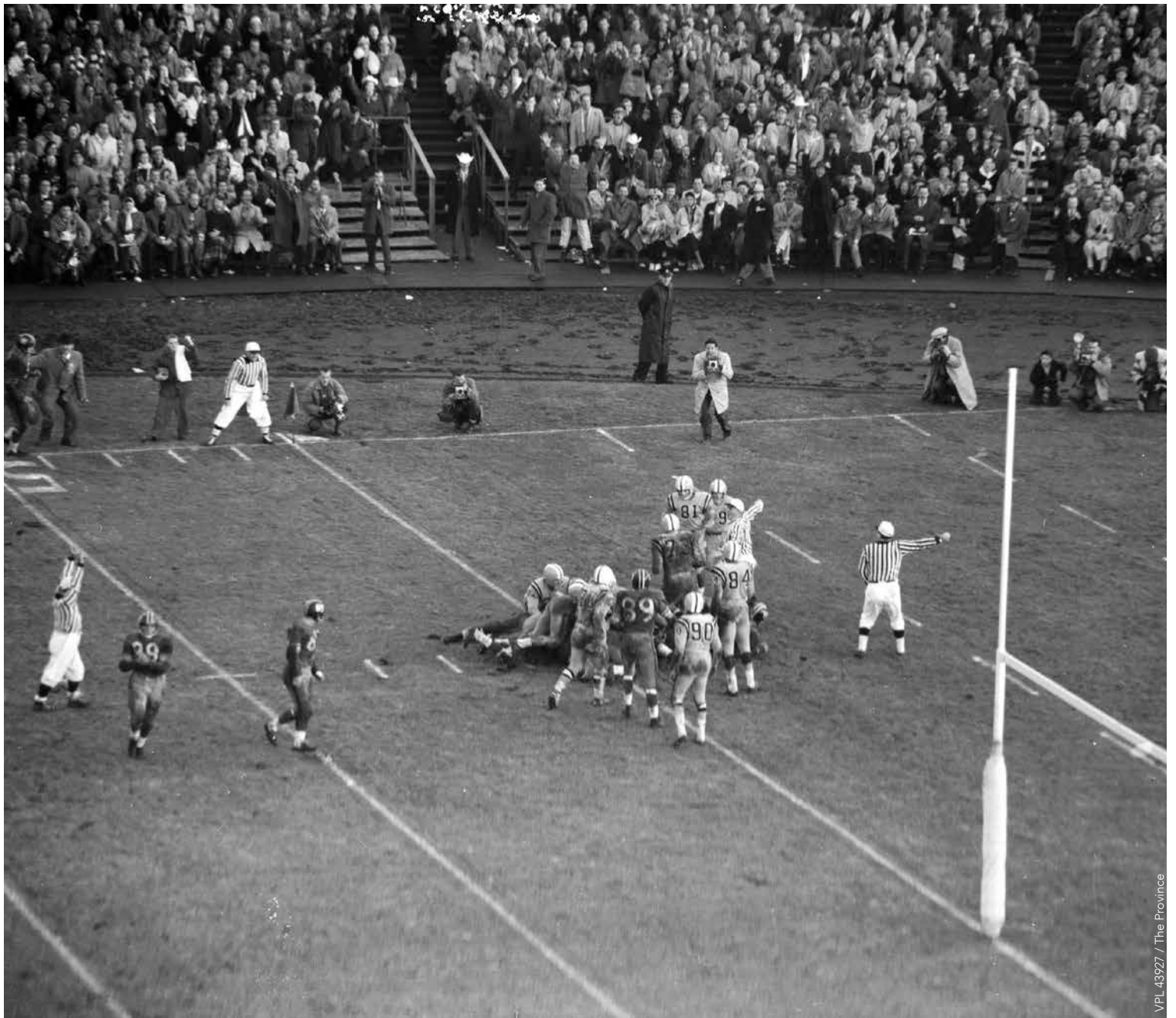
From top: Frenetic officiating was one of the features of the Grey Cup game.

Miss Grey Cup contestants entertained at a pre-game party.

Edmonton quarterback Jackie Parker takes a drink from the Grey Cup.



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46th Grey Cup

**Winnipeg Blue Bombers 35
Hamilton Tiger-Cats 28**

Nov. 29, 1958
Empire Stadium

Needed Bombers smite Tiger-Cats

Earl Grey's battered old silver-plated mug, a \$50 championship symbol for the richest event in Canadian sports, is back in Winnipeg today for the first time in 17 years.

It was taken there Sunday morning by a victorious Blue Bombers football team that parlayed ability and desire into a come-from-behind 35-28 win over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats Saturday afternoon in a smorgasbord of wind, rain, sunshine and western cheers.

A crowd of 36,629 paying customers crammed into Empire Stadium for the second Canadian pro football final ever played in Vancouver. With the aid of TV, radio, film and program rights, they contributed a record gate of \$450,870, \$60,000 more than the mark set in Toronto last year, and they saw what even hardened observers described as the most exciting final ever.

— Jim Kearney



Clockwise from top: The Hamilton Tiger-Cats versus Winnipeg Blue Bombers garnered a record gate for the CFL.

The Grey Cup Dinner was hosted at the Hotel Vancouver.

Champagne was spilled in the Winnipeg Blue Bombers locker room after the team's Grey Cup victory.



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48th Grey Cup

**Edmonton Eskimos 6
Ottawa Rough Riders 16**

Nov. 26, 1960
Empire Stadium

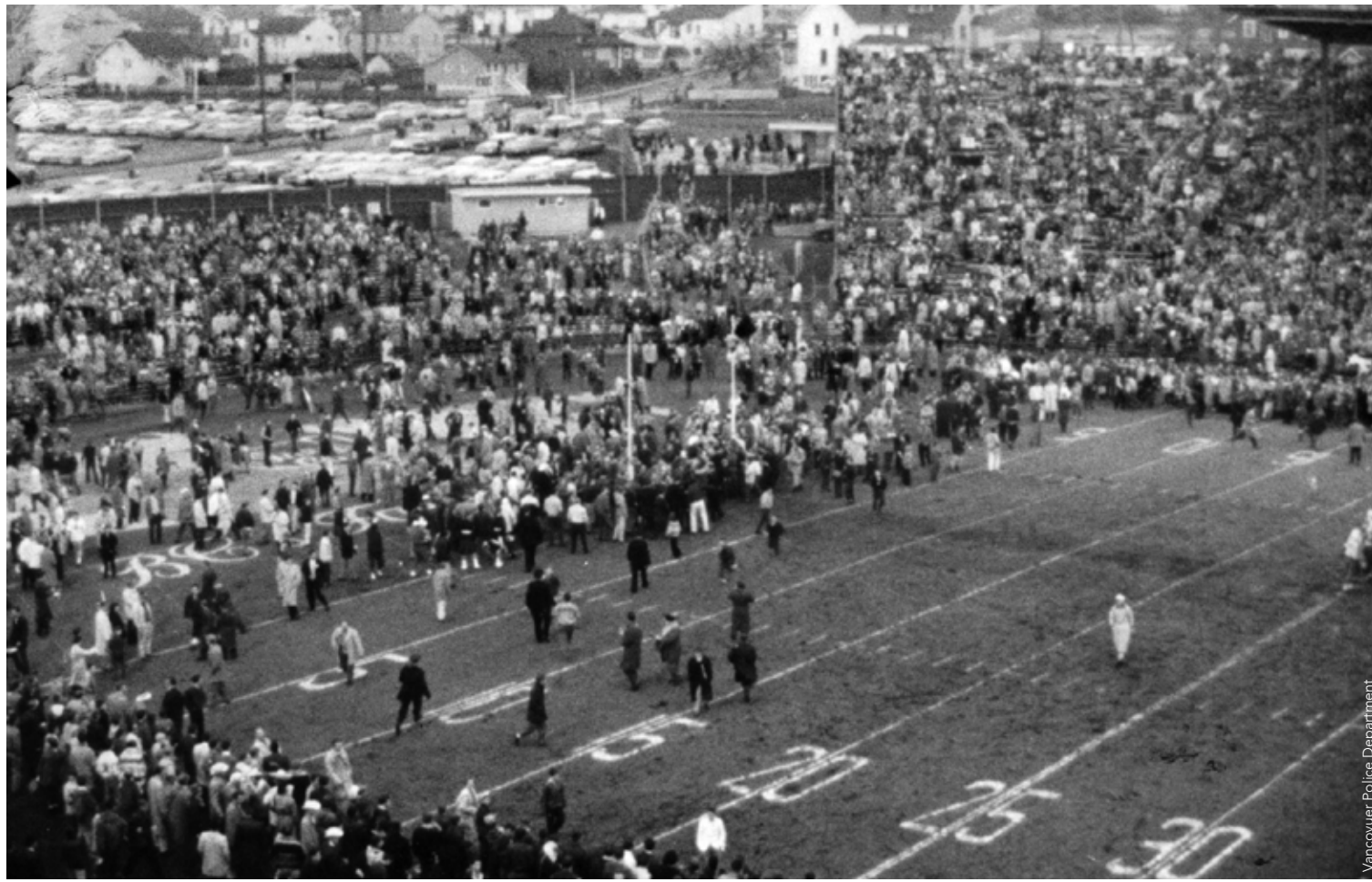
Riders leave small doubt — they are a better club

The Grey Cup is back in Ottawa today for the first time since 1951. And even the most ardent Edmonton fan will agree that, along with the Peace Tower, the Mace and Diefenbaker, it belongs there.

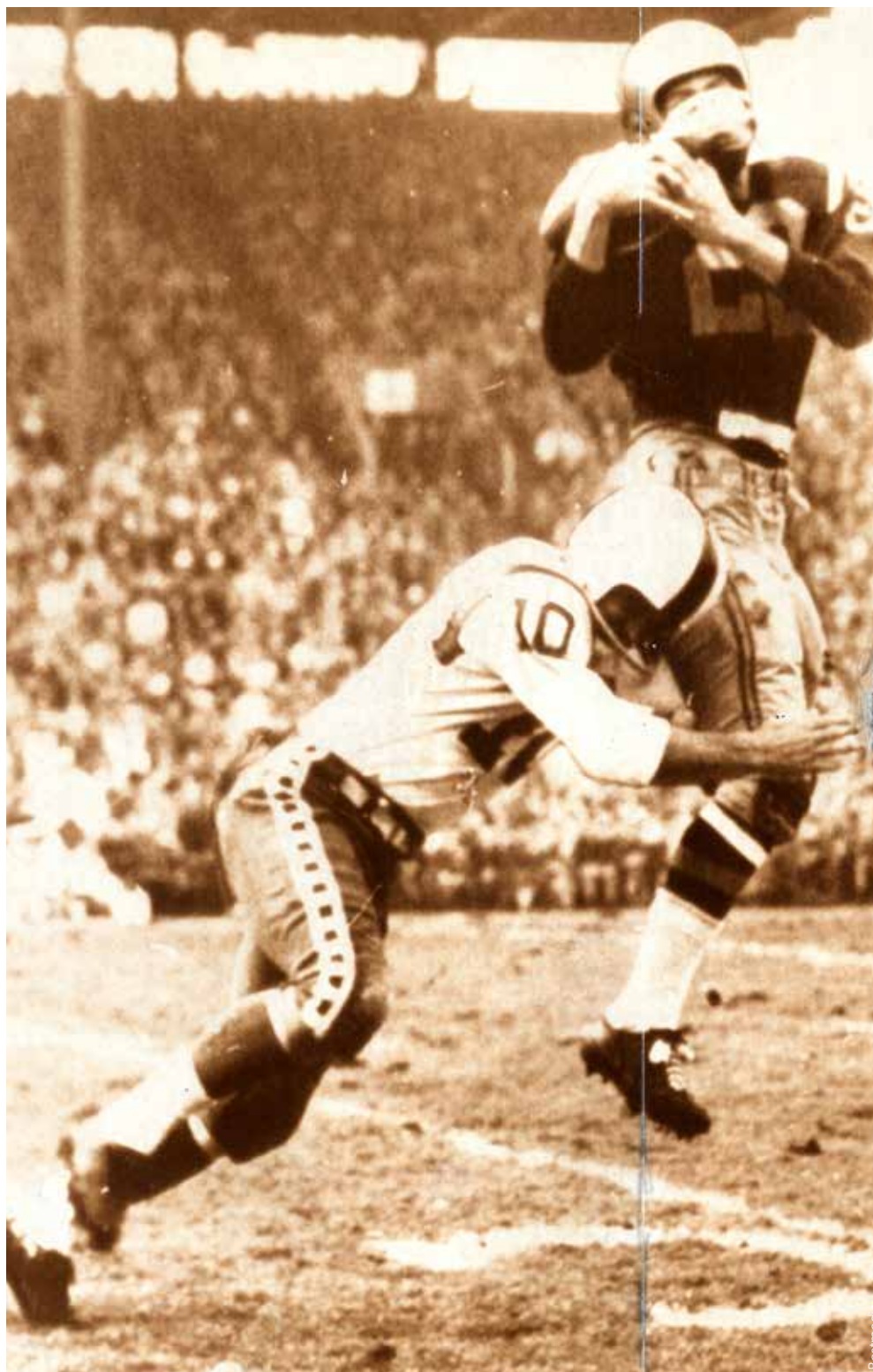
In case you hadn't heard, the Rough Riders trampled Edmonton, 16-6, in the national football final Saturday afternoon before 36,692 customers, the second largest crowd in the history of the east-west game. The 1955 game here drew 39,417.

It was a day of soft living. A soft victory for Ottawa, the score could have been 36-6. A soft November afternoon cloudy, dry and 47 degrees. And a soft Empire Stadium field, it precluded the spectacular and gave the bigger, stronger Rough Riders an advantage they didn't really need. They'd have been a better team on any kind of a field.

— Jim Kearney



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From top: A frame taken from police film of the crowd that swarmed the field with 41 seconds left to play.

George Brancato of the Ottawa Rough Riders, left, takes down Joe-Bob Smith of Edmonton.

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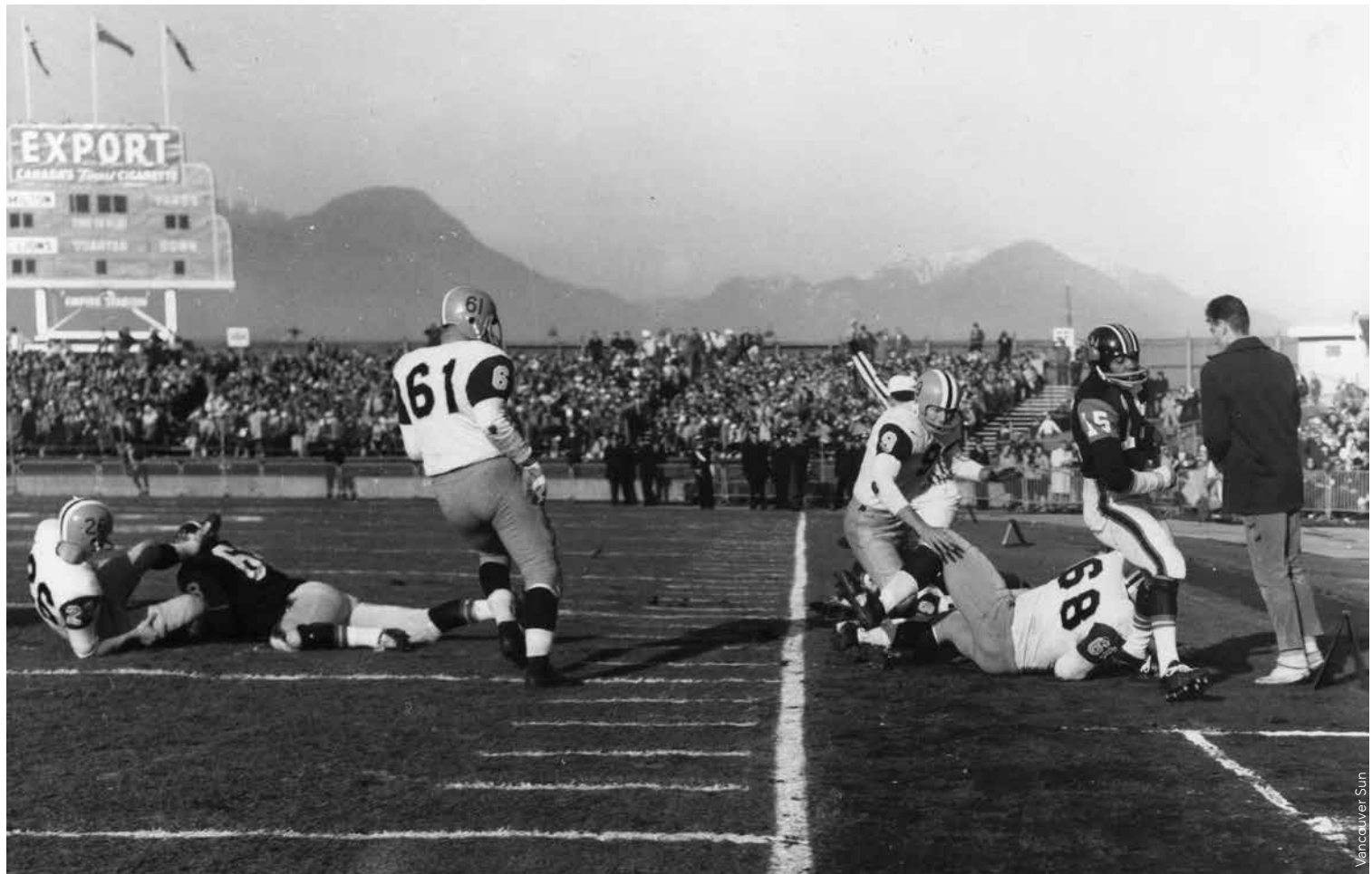
Moment of triumph, hour of defeat

Lions leave a warning they'll be back in '64

Defense heroic in defeat

Football is a hard job for anyone. There's a hard way and a correct way. The correct way is to be a professional. The hard way is to be a amateur. The correct way is to be a professional. The hard way is to be a amateur.

More Cup stories, pictures on Pages 16, 17 and 18



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51st Grey Cup

**B.C. Lions 10
Hamilton Tiger-Cats 21**

Nov. 30, 1963
Empire Stadium

Moment of triumph, hour of defeat

They never stopped scrambling and they never stopped striving and when the football season finally ended for the B.C. Lions, after their finest year in a decade of continuity, they had written their exit line in block letters: NEXT YEAR — THE WORLD.

Yes, Grandma, it was the Hamilton Tiger-Cats who won the Grey Cup on Saturday afternoon at Empire Stadium before 36,405 citizens of various regional loyalties.

The Tiger-Cats were a hungry team and as sound as the Bank of Canada, while the Lions were equally famished but as physically sturdy as a rubber cheque. And yet there is no way and no need to cheapen Hamilton's 21-10 victory in the Canadian final, for the Tiger-Cats were the best team in the country on this particular day, and there are no provisions for a replay tomorrow.

— Al Hooper



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From top: Angelo Mosca (68) of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats tackling Willie Fleming.

Joe Cannavino (19) successfully blocks a pass intended for Ron Morris.

Roughies find key to Grey Cup

THE PROVINCE'S SPORTS

It was hard to believe and not easy to forget

Grey Cup champagne—fizzing cream for Ron Lancaster

The champions splash in showers, champagne

MORE GREY CUP photos and stories
—Pages 16 and 17

BILLY THE ROOKIE

Jackson jinxed by player award?

WEEK ENDER FROM SPAIN

Ingledeu's



54th Grey Cup

**Saskatchewan Roughriders 29
Ottawa Rough Riders 14**

Nov. 26, 1966
Empire Stadium

Roughies Find key to Grey Cup

Eagle Keys is back to Regina today, preparing to negotiate a new contract as head coach of the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Tha deceptively amiable 41-year-old native of Kentucky will find himself in a pretty fair bargaining position, for on this Monday morning he and his magnificent up starts are the idols of the prairie lands, and indeed the toast of the entire West.

On Saturday afternoon, climaxing his third year as leader of the pack, he did what no Saskatchewan coach before him has ever done; he quaffed champagne from the Grey Cup, the old silver mug emblematic of the Canadian professional football championship. He was joined in the milestone ritual by his grimy troops, who were just in from a glorious afternoon of heroics on the sodden gridiron of Empire Stadium.

— Eric Whitehead



Clockwise from top: Ed Buchanan (25) of the Saskatchewan Roughriders tries to elude Don Gilbert of the Ottawa Rough Riders.

Ron Lancaster with the Grey Cup.

The Saskatchewan Roughriders celebrate winning the team's first Grey Cup.

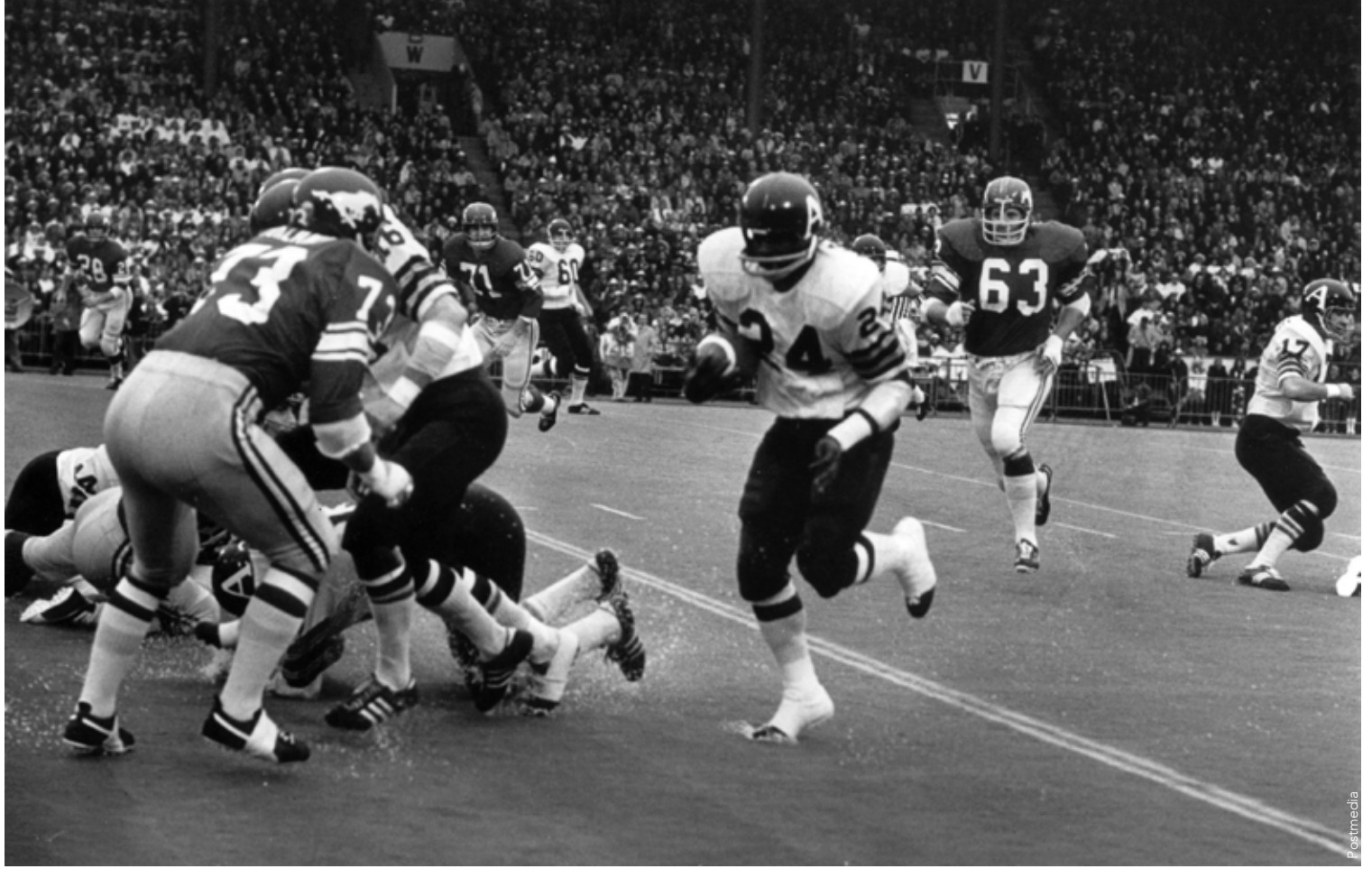
Ron Lancaster scanning the field to make a pass.

Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum

Jim Ryan

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59th Grey Cup

**Calgary Stampeders 14
Toronto Argonauts 11**

Nov. 28, 1971
Empire Stadium

How poor old Dick Thornton got robbed

With two minutes and 26 seconds left in the Grey Cup game, the man in charge of fitting hero's mantles was checking out Dick Thornton's size

Two plays later, he filed Thornton's specifications under F — for "forget it" — and a couple of plays after that the whole Toronto Argonaut dossier went into the wastebasket.

Thornton almost turned the game around when he intercepted a Jerry Keeling pass intended for Jon Henderson and ran it back 54 yards, to the Calgary line.

But the Argo hopes finally sank into the soggy turf for the last time when Harry Abofs booted a Calgary punt out of bounds

— Clancy Loranger



From top: Argo Leon McQuay is forced to change direction just before his infamous fumble in the game against Calgary. McQuay's late miscue came inside the Stamps' 10-yard line with Argos trailing 14-11.

Guard Roger Scales (51) scampers for a Toronto touchdown after fumble and lateral.

Fans take in the action at Empire Stadium.



sports section Monday morning

Dullness was the name of the game



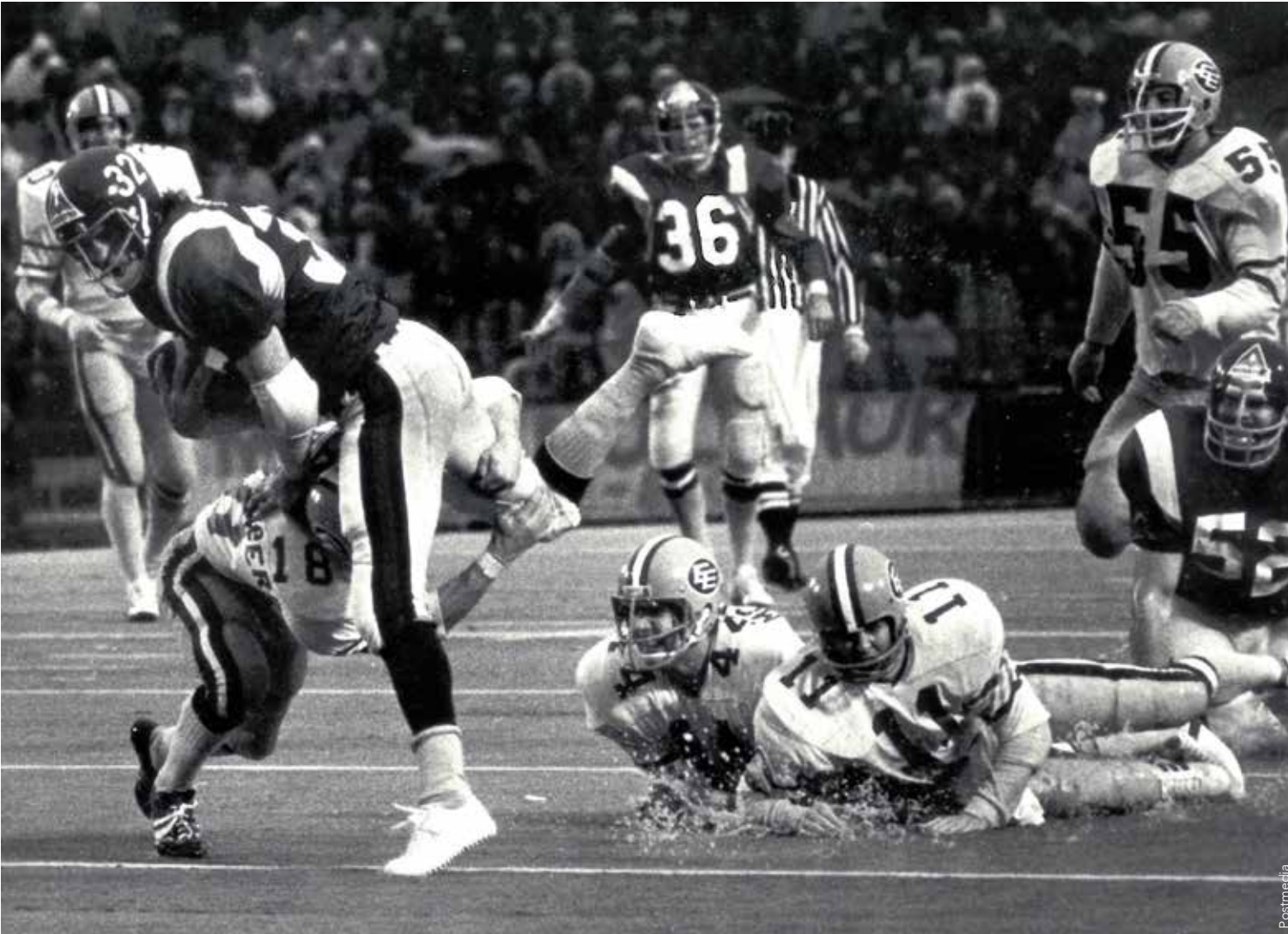
Sonny Wade sparks Alouette win



Dreams do come true



THE CLASSIC MONK STRAP
Ingledeu's



62nd Grey Cup

**Edmonton Eskimos 7
Montreal Alouettes 20**

Nov. 24, 1974
Empire Stadium

**Sonny Wade sparks
Alouette win**

The game's outstanding players, all Montreal Alouettes, received carvings. After the way they carved up Edmonton, a finer touch couldn't have been planned.

Edmonton began the game as lopsided favourites. They ended it as lopsided losers. Their vaunted ball-control and errorless attack proved ineffectual and far from errorless against, or with, driving rain and the Als. It produced but two first downs over the last 48 minutes and turned the ball over four times in crucial situations.

The Grey Cup game was duller than the day.

— Kent Gilchrist

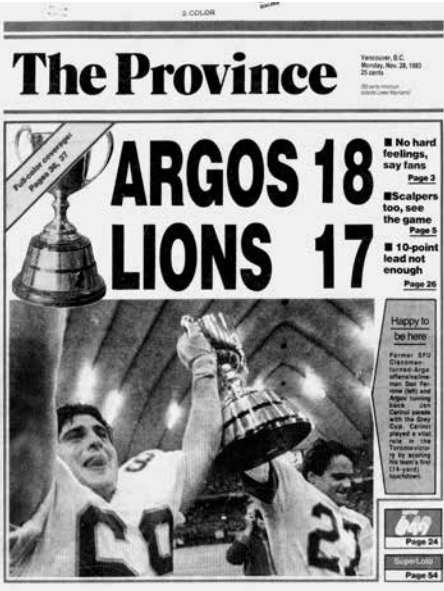


From top: Players endured wet conditions during the 1974 Grey Cup game.

Larry Highbaugh catches the football.

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71st Grey Cup

**B.C. Lions 17
Toronto Argonauts 18**

Nov. 27, 1983
B.C. Place Stadium

Lions wilt under Argo pressure

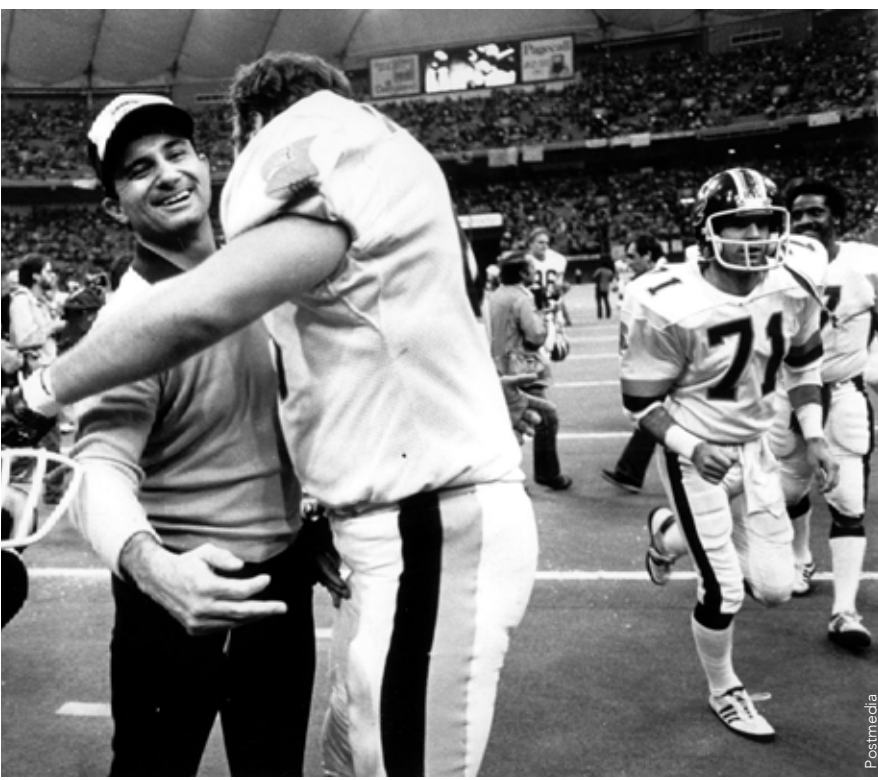
It was the B.C. Lions' game to win; but a 10-point halftime lead just wasn't enough.

"Hey, they beat us three times," said defensive Steve Buratto to a teary-eyed Glen Jackson. "They must be better than us."

The Argos ended a North American pro record for futility yesterday in the pristine B.C. Place Stadium when they beat B.C. Lions 18-17.

The Argos, who hadn't had their name inscribed on the Grey Cup since 1952, out-scored the Western Division champion Lions 11-0 in the second half under the direction of backup quarterback Joe Barnes.

— Kent Gilchrist



Clockwise from top: B.C. Lions linebacker Rick Klassen stops Argos quarterback Condredge Holloway.

B.C. Lions quarterback Roy DeWalt gets sacked.

Some of the 59,345 fans at the first Grey Cup held at B.C. Place Stadium.

Argos coach Bob O'Billovich gets a monster hug at the end of the game.





74th Grey Cup

**Edmonton Eskimos 15
Hamilton TigerCats 39**

Nov. 30, 1986
B.C. Place Stadium

Ti-Cats surprise Edmonton

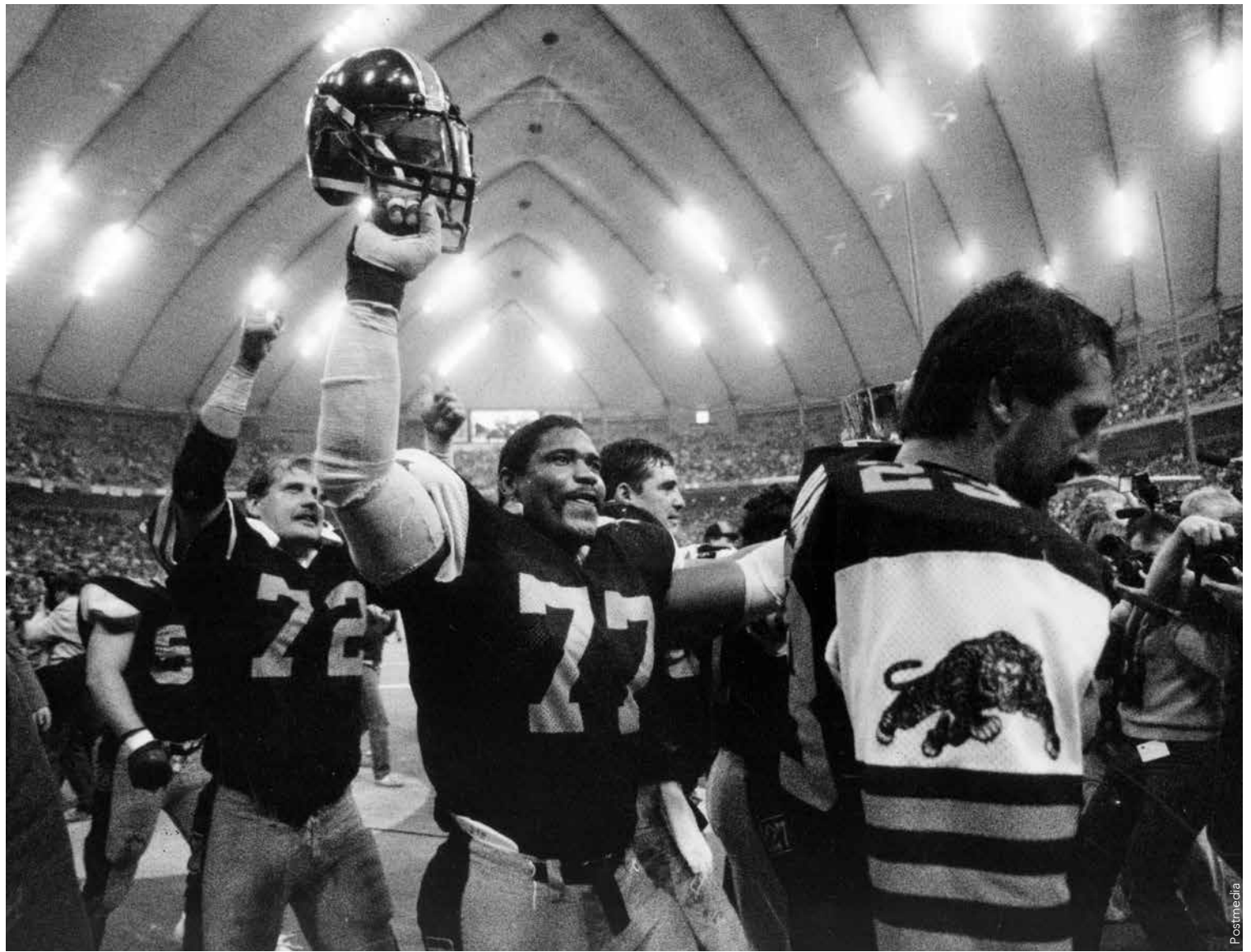
Steeltown will never look as good as it will today through the eyes of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Few expected them to take home anything more than excuses for a third consecutive year of CFL championship game disappointment.

But clutched in someone's hand will be the Grey Cup, well-earned in a 39-15 rout of the heavily-favoured Edmonton team yesterday afternoon in front of an announced crowd of 59,621 fans at B.C. Place Stadium.

In fact someone could have boxed the trophy and stamped Hamilton as its destination at halftime. The Tiger-Cats led 14-0 before they earned a first down and 29-0 after 30 minutes.

— David Banks



From top: Leo Ezerins (72) and Grover Covington (77) wave to ecstatic Ti-Cats fans. Edmonton's performance meant that fans had little to be happy about by game's end.



75th Grey Cup

**Edmonton Eskimos 38
Toronto Argonauts 36**

Nov. 29, 1987
B.C. Place Stadium

Grey Cup game made in heaven

Five months of hell ended yesterday with a Grey Cup championship game made in CFL heaven.

Sixty-eight players wearing Edmonton and Toronto uniforms took the game out of the boardrooms and banks and put it back on the field at B.C. Place Stadium. When three hours of non-stop excitement and drama had finally ended, Edmonton, a nation-wide audience, 59,478 (announced) attending fans and the league itself left as winners.

"I don't care if you go to Japan, London or Italy, you'll never see a game as exciting as that," said winning head coach Joe Faragalli after rookie Jerry Kauric's last-minute 49-yard field goal gave Edmonton a 38-36 win and ended an exhibition of everything special about the CFL.

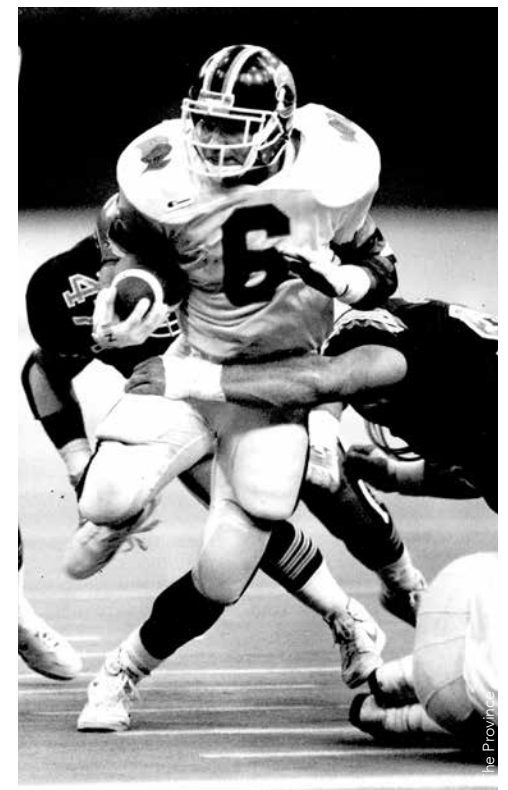
— David Banks



Clockwise from top: Edmonton's Brian Warren leaps into the air after teammate Henry Williams scored a kick return touchdown.

Argonauts running back Gill Fenerty eludes Edmonton tacklers.

Edmonton defensive back Stanley Blair grabs the ball to break up a pass attempt to Toronto wide receiver Gene Thomas.





82nd Grey Cup

B.C. Lions 26
Baltimore CFLers 23

Nov. 27, 1994
B.C. Place Stadium

A mighty blow for Canadians

Lui Passaglia is right, of course. This was not about Canada vs. America, import vs. non-import, expansion vs. isolationism. "We'll let you guys fight that one," he said. "We won this one for us!"

Well, yes. Most definitely. The B.C. Lions who went out and out-gutted the Baltimore CFLers 26-23 on the last play of the game to win the Grey Cup were not thinking Canadian, American, Lithuanian or Chinese. They were doing it for themselves, for the organization, for the pride, for all those things that come with fighting uphill through the playoffs and coming away with your body a mass of bruises but your heart as big as Grouse Mountain.

— Jim Taylor

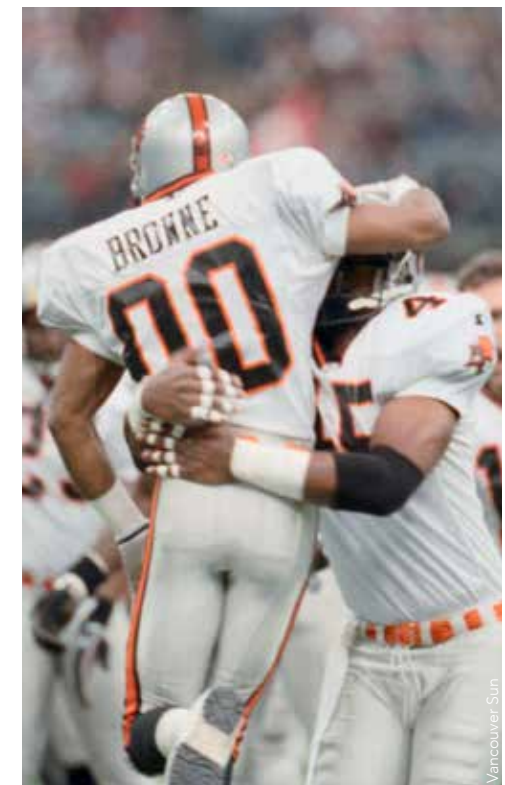


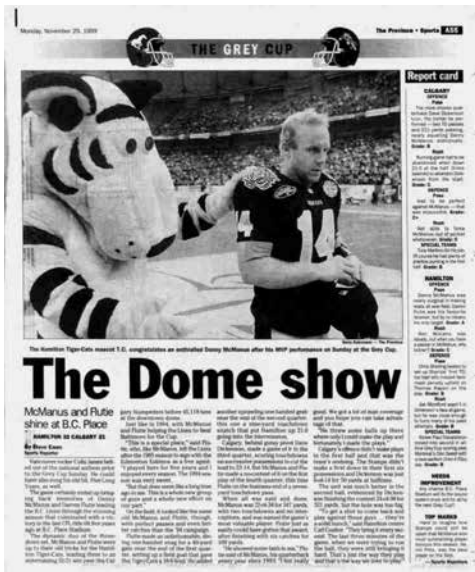
Clockwise from top: Lui Passaglia is lifted onto his teammates' shoulders after kicking a last second field goal to win the Grey Cup.

Less Browne gets a hug from Sean Millington.

A fan is ready to take in Grey Cup action inside B.C. Place Stadium.

B.C. Lions running back Cory Philpot scrambles to advance the ball.





82nd Grey Cup

**Calgary Stampeders 21
Hamilton Tiger-Cats 32**

Nov. 28, 1999
B.C. Place Stadium

The Dome show

Vancouver rocker Colin James belted out of the national anthem prior to the Grey Cup. He could have also sung his old hit, Five Long Years, as well.

The game certainly ended up bringing back memories of Danny McManus and Darren Flutie leading the B.C. Lions through the stunning season that culminated with a victory in the last CFL title tilt five years ago at B.C. Place Stadium.

The dynamic duo of the three down set, McManus and Flutie were up to their old tricks for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, leading them to an entertaining 32-21 win over the Calgary Stampeders before 45,118 fans at the downtown dome.

— Steve Ewen



Clockwise from top: Tiger-Cats defensive back Tommy Henry takes down Stampeders receiver Vince Danielsen.

Tiger-Cats quarterback Danny McManus looks to pass the ball.

Stampeders running back Kelvin Anderson makes a play though a mass of bodies.

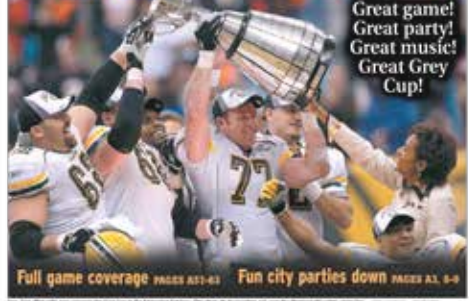
2 Canadians held hostage in Iraq

Among four humanitarian workers taken from violent Baghdad neighbourhood

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Great game!
Great party!
Great music!
Great Grey Cup!



93rd Grey Cup

Edmonton Eskimos 38
Montreal Alouettes 35

Nov. 27, 2005
B.C. Place Stadium

Fans will talk about classic tilt for years

Could anyone blame Danny Maciocia for making his last mistake as a rookie head coach in the CFL?

He'll appreciate the irony one day, but on the night when he became a winning first-year coach with Edmonton, Maciocia threw off his head set in joy on the second overtime series of their game against the Montreal Alouettes.

Too bad there was another play left.

But Als quarterback Anthony Calvillo didn't exactly have a play when his team needed 56 yards and a touchdown, and eventually Edmonton had secured their 13th Grey Cup with a 38-35 win.

It was, by any definition, a classic.

— Lowell Ullrich



Clockwise from top: Kelly Wiltshire (front) celebrates as his teammates Bruce Beaton, Chris Morris, A.J. Gass, Jason Maas and Donny Brady hoist the Grey Cup.

The Edmonton cheer team performs.

Edmonton defensive back Keyuo Craver ends up on his head after tackling Montreal Alouettes wide receiver Kerry Watkins during the first half of play.





Clockwise from top: Edmonton quarterback Rick Ray tries to dodge a tackle as Alouettes defensive end Mawuko Tugbenyoh hangs on.

Montreal Alouettes defensive lineman Anwar Stewart consults with defensive coordinator Chris Jones during the second half.

Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo attempts a pass.

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99th Grey Cup

**B.C. Lions 34
Winnipeg Blue Bombers 23**

Nov. 27, 2011
B.C. Place Stadium

Lions show fighting spirit

It's hard to know where they'll go from here.

Jovan Olafioye is bound for the NFL. Khalif Mitchell might not be far behind. Brent Johnson is set to retire. Geroy Simon turns 37 next season. Travis Lulay's contract expires at the end of 2012. And then there's Wally Buono.

So maybe they can keep this thing rolling. Maybe they can't. But whatever happens next, wherever the game takes them, they'll always have this day, this season and each other.

On Aug. 13 the B.C. Lions were 1-5. On Nov. 27, they were crowned at Grey Cup champions outlasting the Winnipeg Blue Bombers 34-23 in a sometimes-beautiful, sometimes-ugly, always compelling Grey Cup game played out before 55,000 exhausted fans.

— Ed Willes



Clockwise from top: Lions wide receiver Arland Bruce celebrates with the Grey Cup.

Chad Kroeger of Nickelback sings during the halftime show

Cheerleaders entertain the crowd just before the start of the Grey Cup game.

A fireworks display wowed the crowd at B.C. Place Stadium.





Clockwise from top: Lions quarterback Travis Lulay runs with the ball during first quarter of play.

Lions linebacker Anton McKenzie celebrates an interception

Lions running back Andrew Harris is hauled down in the first half.





102nd Grey Cup

Calgary Stampeders 20
Hamilton Tiger-Cats 16

Nov. 30, 2014
B.C. Place Stadium

Ti-Cats claw way back into game, but penalty puts stamp on loss

If the Hamilton Tiger-Cats walked away from their second straight Grey Cup loss feeling as though they've had their pockets picked, they had ample cause.

But the cops can't help them. The pockets' contents will not be coming back.

The cops, in this case, called back what might well have been a Cup-winning 90-yard punt return touchdown by firestarter Brandon Banks with 35 seconds left in the fourth quarter, and the Calgary Stampeders were able to hang on by their fingernails to a 20-16 victory before 52,056 fans at B.C. Place Stadium.

— Cam Cole



Clockwise from top: Stampeders kicker Rene Paredes attempts a field goal.

Calgary Stampeders cheerleaders celebrate from the sidelines.

Ti-Cats quarterback Zach Collaros is pressured by Stampeders defensive lineman Freddie Bishop III on an incomplete throw play during fourth quarter action.

Stampeders fan Troy Patterson and Tiger-Cats fan Jason Offiong face off before the game.

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