

GAME NOTES
Calgary Stampeders at Ottawa Redblacks
Week 17
Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026
1 p.m. MT
TD Place Stadium



1. GAME OVERVIEW

After pulling off what seemed to be an improbable win when there were four seconds to go last Saturday, the Calgary Stampeders (6-8) are in the nation's capital this week for another go-around with the Ottawa Redblacks (0-13).

In the recently concluded Week 16, Rene Paredes of the Red and White tied his career-long kick with a 57-yard field goal in the second quarter before nailing a 62-yarder as time expired in the fourth for a much-needed 40-38 triumph at home.

Vernon Adams Jr. threw for at least 350 yards in a regular-season outing for the 13th time in his CFL career and two Stamps receivers – Tevin Jones and Jalen Philpot – had 100-plus yards and a touchdown catch. With the injury to Dedrick Mills, running back Deonta McMahon stepped in and stepped up during his Calgary debut with 102 yards in the ground game. Defensively, Derrick Moncrief had the evening's only tackle for loss and Zy Alexander snagged a timely interception.

In his first start of the year, McLeod Bethel-Thompson passed for five Ottawa touchdowns, including three to rookie Keelan White. Justin Hardy finished with 12 receptions upon being targeted 19 times and safety Scott Hutter had eight tackles on defence while adding another on special teams.

Calgary has scored exactly 100 points off opponents' turnovers and are 10 points away from being the first team to tally 500 overall in 2026.

A win for the Stampeders would see them finish above the break-even point against the East Division for just the third time since 2018 when they went 8-0 against the Ontario- and Quebec-based teams.

After their two-game set with the Redblacks is complete, the Stamps will finish their regular season with three straight skirmishes against the West before a bye. Calgary is in Regina to face Saskatchewan on Friday, Oct. 2.

Ottawa will soon have four games to go and will be back in action next Friday as well when the Hamilton Tiger-Cats come to the stadium along the Rideau Canal.

2. HISTORICAL NOTES

- This is the 1,327th regular-season game in Stampeders history. The Stamps have 721 wins, 583 losses and 22 ties since 1945. Calgary has played 674 games at home, with a record of 418-235-11, and 672 games on the road (303-348-11)
- This is the 81st regular-season meeting all-time between Calgary and Ottawa. The Stampeders are 48-30-2 against the Redblacks, Renegades and Rough Riders including a 20-19-2 mark on the road

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3. 2026 STATISTICAL LEADERS

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

- PASSING YARDS: Vernon Adams Jr. – 3,261
- RUSHING YARDS: Dedrick Mills – 943
- RECEIVING YARDS: Jalen Philpot – 915
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Marquel Lee – 71
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Jesulayomi Ojutalayo – 23
- SACKS: Clarence Hicks – 11
- INTERCEPTIONS: Zy Alexander and Ben Labrosse – tied at 5
- TOUCHDOWNS: Quincy Vaughn – 11
- POINTS: Jude McAtamney – 106

OTTAWA REDBLACKS

- PASSING YARDS: Jake Maier – 3,139
- RUSHING YARDS: Greg Bell – 316
- RECEIVING YARDS: Justin Hardy – 925
- DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Nyles Morgan – 62
- SPECIAL-TEAMS TACKLES: Marcus Barnes – 9
- SACKS: A.J. Allen – 3
- INTERCEPTIONS: Alonzo Addae – 4
- TOUCHDOWNS: Bryson Barnes – 8
- POINTS: Brett Lauther – 107

4. NOTABLES

- **Playing the long game:** With his 60-yard TD last week, Stampede receiver Tevin Jones became the only player in the CFL with three catches of at least 56 yards in 2026, and he also scored on each of those lengthy receptions. The Memphis Tigers alum had a touchdown of 56 yards in Week 4 and 73 yards in Week 5. In total, 38.6 per cent of his receiving yardage this season has come on those three catch-and-run majors alone. Jones was patiently waiting to return to the lineup after being on the reserve roster for Weeks 13 through 15
- **Off to a running start:** Deonta McMahon is already a step ahead of most running backs after making their first start as a Stamp. He joined Calgary as a free agent in the offseason and had been on the practice roster all year until getting the starting nod in Week 16 when he ran for 102 yards. McMahon was the first Red and White running back to accumulate 100 or more yards on the ground in his Calgary debut as the go-to guy since Terry Williams did so on Sept. 29, 2017

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- **Get a kick out of this:** The magic of El Matador continued last week after Rene Paredes was tasked with kicking a 62-yard field goal with the Stamps down by one on the game's final play. The 41-year-old and 15-year veteran split the uprights with ease, going down in history with the longest-ever field goal by a Stampeders and the longest buzzer-beater the CFL has ever seen. It was also the league's third-longest make ever recorded. Paredes now has 13-game winning kicks as time expired throughout his 15 seasons
- **Leader of the Official Opposition:** After being sidelined for Calgary's game in Ottawa last season during his first year with the Stamps, quarterback Vernon Adams Jr. will make his first start at TD Place Stadium as a member of the Red and White. Saturday's game will be his 91st CFL start but just his fourth at the home of the Redblacks. Including home and away affairs, Adams is 7-2 against Ottawa as a starter with the Alouettes, Lions and Stampeders
- **Going for second(s):** With a victory on Saturday, Stampeders general manager and head coach Dave Dickenson would tie John Hufnagel for the second-most head-coaching wins all-time with the Stamps at 102. Currently, Hufnagel and Dickenson trail only Wally Buono who came out on top 153 times while patrolling Calgary's sideline from 1990-2002

5. MILESTONE WATCH

- Vernon Adams Jr. needs one rushing touchdown for 30 in his career
- Vernon Adams Jr. needs three touchdown passes for 30 this season
- Vernon Adams Jr. needs 17 completions for 250 this season
- Ludovick Choquette needs three rushing yards for 100 this season
- Tyreik McAllister needs four kickoff returns for 100 in his career
- Erik Brooks needs five receiving yards for 1,500 in his career
- Derrick Moncrief needs five defensive tackles for 50 this season
- Damien Alford needs six receiving yards for 500 in his career
- Deonta McMahon needs seven carries for 150 in his career
- Tevin Jones needs 10 receiving yards for 500 this season
- Tevin Jones needs 14 receiving yards for 3,000 in his career
- Clark Barnes needs 75 receiving yards for 2,000 in his career
- Jalen Philpot needs 85 receiving yards for 1,000 this season

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6. PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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Kelechi Anyalebechi (kuh-LEH-chee AN-yuh-luh-BEH-chee)
Reggie Begelton (BEG-uhl-tuhn)
Dejon Brissett (DAY-jawn bruh-SETT)
Ludovick Choquette (LOOD-a-vick chuh-KETT)
Bakyne Coly (buh-KEEN KOHL-ee)
D'Antne Demery (dee-AWN-tay DEM-uh-ree)
Chris Fortin (four-TAHN)
Savio Frazier (SOHV-ee-oh)
Daniel Grzesiak (GRESH-ick)
Anton Haie (AN-tawn HAY)
Nikhai Hill-Green (nih-KYE)
George Idoko (ah-DOH-koh)
Tevin Jones (TEV-in)
Collin Kornelson (kor-NELL-suhn)
Ben Labrosse (luh-BROSS)
Tomasí Laulile (tow-MASS-ee law-LEE-lay)
Marquel Lee (mahr-KELL)
Jason MacGougan (muh-GOO-guhn)
Khairi Manns (KYE-ree)
Tristan Marois (mare-WAH)
Tyreik McAllister (ty-REEK)
Jude McAtamney (MICK-uh-TAM-nee)
Deonta McMahon (dee-AWN-tay MACK-muh-HAWN)
Ashton Miller-Melancon (MUH-lun-SUN)
Dedrick Mills (DEE-dricks)
R.J. Moten (MOH-tun)
Christy Nkanu (nuh-KA-noo)
Jesulayomi Ojitalayo (JESS-oo-lay-OH-me OH-ju-ta-LAY-oh)
Godfrey Onyeka (on-YEH-kuh)
Folarin Orimolade (fo-LAIR-in oh-RIM-uh-LAW-day)
Rene Paredes (ruh-NAY puh-RED-ess)
Jalen Philpot (JAY-lin FILL-pot)
Justin Sambu (SAM-boo)
Jackson Sombach (SOM-back)
Matthew Stokman (STOCK-muhn)
Micah Teitz (MY-kuh TIGHTS)
Kelon Thomas (kuh-LAWN)
Mark Vassett (VASS-it)