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CANADIAN JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE – PLAYERS OF THE WEEK – WEEK SIX



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Where were you on September 11th 2001?

This is the question that many will ask as we approach the tenth anniversary of this horrific event.

I was making coffee and had just turned on the radio when I heard this news bulletin “A plane has just hit one of the Twin Towers at the World Trade Centre in New York City.” I quickly turned on the television to CNN and watched in horror as a second plane approached the second tower. We then heard that a third plane had crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. We heard about a fourth hijacked plane where heroic passengers attempted to take control when it crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, preventing it from reaching its intended target in Washington, D.C.

There were nearly 3,000 victims that day who died in the attacks including the 2,753 who died in the World Trade Center.

Living in a major airport community also had an immediate effect on us; we heard the military planes screaming loud and low overhead. They were escorting planes to our airport that day that were scheduled to land in other airports. We saw smaller aircraft being moved from the major airport to smaller airports in Delta, Langley and Abbotsford. All of events were hard to watch that day, however, you were glued in disbelief to those images that came across the screen.

I was wearing two hats that year as I was also the President of a community arts program. Our rehearsals were on Tuesdays and we used a community hall attached to a church. That day the community rallied to help the hundreds of stranded people who landed at our airport. Church halls open their doors with beds and with emergency supplies. We lost our rehearsal venue that day, however, we felt the need to meet and we did in a hall in a neighbouring community. We talked that evening and then we sang with incredible emotion and feeling.

On Wednesday morning I sent the following email announcement to the Canadian Junior Football League executive.

“I would like to comment on the horrific events that took place on Tuesday. This event has hit close to home and we have all been affected by the circumstances of this event. To demonstrate our concern and to show our respect for the victims, every game this weekend will start with a minute of silence. The following statement will also be read.”

“September 11, 2001, will be a day that will be etched in our memories for the rest of our lives. It was the day that our freedom and democratic processes were threatened through a senseless act of terrorism. The Canadian Junior Football extends our thoughts, prayers and condolences to the family and friends of the victims.”

With help from Chris Swartz, who was the CJFL media coordinator, we came up with a new statement and process.

“September 11, 2001, will be a day that will be etched in our memories for the rest of our lives. We, as members of the Canadian Junior Football League family, will strive to continue reinforcing and supporting our youth and the community based values which form the foundations and strength of Canadian and American societies. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to the families and friends of the victims.”

Every Canadian Junior Football League home game that weekend started with this statement plus a moment of silence and the playing of both national anthems. I attended one of the home games in BC that weekend and I was very proud of the way that our teams and our league handled this unforgettable event.

Ron White



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Team	Record	Home	Away	PF	PA	Pts
Vancouver Island Raiders	5-0	2-0	3-0	256	49	10
Okanagan Sun	4-1	2-0	2-1	157	91	8
Westshore Rebels	3-2	2-1	1-1	125	143	6
Langley Rams	2-3	1-2	1-1	124	104	4
Kamloops Broncos	1-4	0-2	1-2	68	189	2
Chilliwack Huskers	0-5	0-3	0-2	46	200	0

BCFC First Half Recap

By Ryan Watters BCFC Media Coordinator

The first half of the British Columbia Football Conference was a record setting one for a number of players.

After the first five games the Raiders sit atop with a perfect record of 5-0, while the Huskers are still looking for their first win; 0-5. All four playoff positions are undetermined and as the second half of the year kicks off on Saturday teams will make their final push to the post season.

We look back at the individual and team records that were set in the first half of the 2011 campaign...

All-time consecutive wins - The Raiders recorded their remarkable 30th consecutive regular season home victory on August 27. The next team on the list is the Richmond Raiders who had 19 consecutive wins from 1983-1987

Career Kick-off touchdown returns - Nick Downey (*pictured*) of the Rams tied the career record for kick-off returns for a touchdown with his third on August 27.

Career TD passes - Jordan Yantz of the Raiders has established a new TD pass career record with 70 going into the bye. The next best is 62.

Career Sacks - Steven Doege of the Sun has set a new BCFC career sack record with 24.5.

Career Fumble returns - Mitch Day of the Broncos moved into second place on the all-time fumble return list with his 10th against the Rebels on August 27. The record is 13 and is held by former Tri-City Bulldog Matt Begley (1999-2001)



Rebels Record – Rebels running back Greg Morris set a new team rushing record with 259 yards on 13 carries against the Broncos on August 27. He scored four touchdowns which tied him with the team record for the most in a game.
Rebels Team Record - The Rebels set a new team rushing record against the Broncos on August 27 when they rushed for 423 yards.

Huskers Team Record - Cody Hillhouse of the Huskers set a team record for the most defensive points in a game. Cody recorded the 28 defensive points in a game against the Raiders on August 21.

After the first five games here are the statistical leaders across the BCFC:

Touchdown leaders – Andrew Smith-Raiders, Nick Downey-Rams – 8 each

Rushing yards – Jordan Botel-Raiders – 558 yards on 78 carries, average of 7.2 a carry, 1 touchdown

Receiving yards – Andrew Smith-Raiders – 421 yards on 18 catches, 8 TDs, average catch is 23.4 yards

Passing yards – Jordan Yantz-Raiders – 1,433 yards on 77 completions. 133 attempts, 17 TDs, 10.6 yards a pass

Punting net yards (average) – Quinn Van Gylswyck-Rebels – 29.3 yards

Punt returns (average yards) – Robbie Yochim-Sun (*photo right*) – 16.9 yards, 236 total yards

Kick-off returns (average yards) – Nick Downey-Rams – 46.8 yards a return, 2 TDs

Most made field goals – Steven McFadyen-Sun – 8

Interceptions – Glenn Boyce-Raiders, Jeff Paras-Rams, Ariel Fabbro-Raiders – 3

Fumble recoveries – Tyler Lee-Broncos – 3

Giveaway/Takeaways – Vancouver Island Raiders +20. ..Westshore Rebels - -17

Solo tackles made – Cody Hillhouse-Huskers – 20

Sacks – Derek Hurlock-Sun, Nick Woznesensky-Raiders – 4.5

Special teams solo tackles – Spensor Farbatuk-Rams – 13

Special thanks to CJFL Executive Board Member Paul Shortt for the BCFC record information.

The second half of the BCFC season will prove to be interesting as most teams will be facing each other of the second time. The name of the game will be “adjustments” and who make them quicker? Kick-off of the second half is this weekend with a full slate of games. Saturday afternoon Westshore is in Nanaimo, while that night Kamloops travels to Langley. Sunday afternoon Chilliwack is on the road in the Okanagan.

Downey photo courtesy of Peter McCulloch

Yochim photo courtesy of Kelowna Capital News





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Team	Record	Home	Away	PF	PA	Pts
Winnipeg Rifles	3-1	2-0	1-1	180	123	6
Calgary Colts	3-0	2-0	1-0	63	15	6
Saskatoon Hilltops	3-0	1-0	2-0	86	48	6
Regina Thunder	1-2	1-1	0-1	85	77	2
Edmonton Huskies	0-3	0-1	0-2	49	91	0
Edmonton Wildcats	0-4	0-2	0-2	28	137	0

PFC Week Four in Review

By Tom Hallick PFC Media Coordinator

Winnipeg Rifles 54 @ Edmonton Wildcats 13 @ Clarke Park

The only game on the Labour Day Weekend pitted a Rifles club out to equal their record at the halfway point of 2010 against a Wildcats club that was hoping that some home cooking would cure what's been ailing them.

The Rifles jumped out to a quick 21-0 first quarter lead as Ryan Marsch threw a pair of touchdown strikes to Matt Lariviere and one to Derek Dean. The three scores came in an 8-minute span

Winnipeg poured it on in the second stanza as Bryan Giesbrecht, Alex Vitt & Kurt Goodrich would grab touchdown strikes from Marsch. The third-year signal-caller repeated his heroics from last week's win against Regina as he threw for 6 majors in the first half. The half ended with the Rifles holding a commanding 40-point lead at 41-1. The only point that the Cats would muster came courtesy of a 74-yard David Ness punt single 42 seconds into the period.



Rifles Martin Hovi Photo by Winnipeg Sun

Winnipeg upped their lead to 47-1 game 6 minutes into the 3rd as rookie receiver Brett Carter scored on a 31-yard pass from Marsch which would set a new club record and new Prairie Football Conference single-game record with his 7th touchdown throw of the day.

The Wildcats would get a safety as Brad Mikoluff conceded a safety touch 2:52 into the final quarter. The offense would finally get going as kicker Ryan Smith was good on a 23-yard field goal. The Wildcats would go on a 12-play drive in the

final 3 minutes which would finish in the Winnipeg end zone as Justin McEvoy scored on a 1-yard-run. Choe Sesay would round out the scoring with a 23-yard touchdown scamper on the final play from scrimmage.

Ryan Marsch would complete 24 of 32 passes on the day for 392 yards with 7 majors and 2 interceptions. The 7 touchdown tosses gives him 20 on the season. Wildcats pivot Jordan Olson went 15 of 22 for 154 yards.

Alex Vitt was the leading Rifles pass catcher with 6 grabs for 104 yards. Kurt Goodrich had 5 catches for 69 yards with a touchdown catch., while conference-leading receiver Matt Lariviere had 6 catches on the afternoon for 68 yards and a pair of six-pointers. Ryan Smith would have 13 catches for 137 yards to lead the Wildcats. Quarterback Andrew Johnson ran 9 times for 124 yards.

Rifles tailback Martin Hovi ran for 129 yards on 17 carries.

On defense, rookie linebacker Donovan Gregoire had an outstanding day as he recorded 9 solo tackles, 1 assisted tackle and a 7-yard interception return for 23 defensive points. Wildcats defensive back Jean-Luc Bugeaud had a 14-point game as he had 4 tackles, a pass knockdown and a 5-yard interception return.

Winnipeg had a season-high 32 first downs and 622 yards of net offense, while the Wildcats had 18 first downs and 360 yards of offense.

With the win, the Rifles sit a half-game out of top spot as Calgary & Saskatoon both have 3-0 slates. The Wildcats fall to 0-4 and tumble into 6th in the conference. Both clubs have byes next weekend.

PFC Players of the Week – Week Four

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Dayton White – Winnipeg Rifles

In only his 2nd game with the Winnipeg Rifles, White recorded 3 special teams' tackles in the 54-13 win. The 6'1, 180 lb. White is a product of the Churchill Bulldogs high school program. Dayton previously played for the Okanagan Sun in 2009 and 2010.

PFC Week Five Preview

By Tom Hallick, PFC Media Coordinator

Regina Thunder (1-2) @ Saskatoon Hilltops (3-0) 7:00 pm @ Gordie Howe Bowl

Even though the Thunder sit at 1-2 at present, Saturday night's game may fall into the "Must-Win" category as a victory would put the Thunder back at the .500 mark and move Regina to within a game of the conference leading pack which includes Saskatoon, Calgary and Winnipeg.

Quarterback Wyatt Catley posted huge numbers in Regina's 52-31 loss in Winnipeg two weeks ago as he went 33 of 59 for 466 yards & 3 touchdowns. The 33 completions were the third most completions in a PFC/CJFL game, while the 59 attempts ranked 2nd in PFC/CJFL for a single game.

One thing is certain, and that is the Thunder cannot afford to be playing catch-up like they had to two weeks ago. The Thunder will have to make good use of its ground game and give Thomas Ringlein more touches, so a “ground-and-pound” offensive attack might be the way to go.

If one asks Hilltops bench boss Tom Sargeant about his 3-0 club, he may surprise you with his answer. After his team’s 26-5 road win over the Edmonton Huskies, Sarge stated on the CJWW Saskatoon post-game show that he would put his charges through “boot camp”. Yes, Sargeant seems none too happy with the performance of the Hilltops as they have yet to put a solid 60-minute effort in all three phases of the game, offense, defense & special teams. One week, it would be the offense struggling, while the defense would come up big, only to have the trend reverse itself the next week.

Quarterback Chase Bradshaw aims to rebound from his 8 of 25 performance two weeks ago. Tailback Regan Schuler looks to be back at top form as he is third in conference rushing with 255 yards. On the defensive side, linebacker Dylan Kemp has been among the conference leaders in tackles as he’s been in on a combined 25 stops and is fifth in defensive points with 44. Defensive back Richard Zacharias is ninth in defensive points with 34 and has a pair of interceptions.

Calgary Colts (3-0) @ Edmonton Huskies (0-3) 7:00 pm @ Clarke Park

The Calgary Colts finish up their” All-Edmonton, All-The-Time” first half as they play the Huskies in the 2nd half of the Saturday twinbill.

Colt quarterback Clayton Masikewich had his best game of 2011 in the win over the Wildcats. Masikewich completed 12 of 21 passes on the night and utilized his receivers well as 7 different Colts recorded catches. Tailback Cuong Thai Lieu dashed for 129 yards and a major against the Wildcats. The third-year back trails only Martin Hovi of Winnipeg in the rushing standings.

Rookie kicker Marshal Broom got off to a fine start two weeks ago as he was a perfect 3-for-3 in the field goal department.

He’ll again fill in for Andrew Fabian who’s sidelined with Mononucleosis.

However, the story of the Colts terrific start has been the play of their defense which has only allowed 13 of the 15 points against them in 3 games, surrendering only a single touchdown. Steven Dereniwski leads the club in defensive points with 46. Defensive end Prince Baffoh leads the conference with 4 sacks.

The Huskies showed sparks on offense in their last contest against Saskatoon, but pivot Ben Gorniak and company had a dreadful time trying to score six-pointers as fumbled snaps and interceptions, particularly inside the Hilltops 20, snuffed out drive after drive. Gorniak and his mates again need to display the form they had in the season opener at Winnipeg to have a shot on Saturday night.

The defense kept Edmonton in the game two weeks ago as they held the Toppers to a dozen first downs and just over 200 yards of offense. Braedon Kopernick had a pair of interceptions in the defeat. Colton Nickurak also added an interception.

Should the Huskies defense keep things going, they may surprise some clubs in the final few weeks.

*Hilltops Chase Bradshaw Photo Courtesy
Saskatoon Hilltops*





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Hamilton Hurricanes	2-0	1-0	1-0	69	14	4
St Leonard Cougars	2-0	1-0	1-0	66	23	4
London Beefeaters	1-0	1-0	0-0	23	0	2
Windsor AKO Fratmen	1-0	0-0	1-0	40	26	2
Twin Cities Predators	1-1	0-1	1-0	37	32	2
Ottawa Sooners	0-2	0-1	0-1	42	74	0
Brampton Bears	0-2	0-1	0-1	0	53	0
Burlington Braves	0-2	0-1	0-1	14	69	0



Twin Cities Predators @ Brampton Bears Photos courtesy Robert Sproule

Scores –

Burlington Braves – 7 @ Hamilton Hurricanes – 42

Ottawa Sooners – 16 @ St Leonard Cougars – 34

Twin Cities Predators – 30 @ Brampton Bears – 0

London Beefeaters @ Windsor AKO Fratmen – postponed due to extreme weather conditions

OFC Players of the Week – Week Two

Offensive: #9 Keaton Jones – RB – Twin Cities Predators

18 carries for 75 yards and 2 TD's, in 30-0 win over Brampton Bears

Keaton Jones, 1st Year, 6'2" 215 lbs, returned home from a year with the University of Calgary Dinos, to lead the Predators to their 1st ever victory in the OFC. The Sir John A. MacDonald SS grad, carried the ball 18 times for 75 yards and a pair of majors, as Twin Cities evened their record at 1-1. Keaton is currently tied with two others for the scoring lead in the OFC with 18 points (3 TD's). Keaton and the Predators travel to Hamilton, where they will look to knock off the undefeated Hurricanes on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 pm at Ivor Wynne Stadium.

Defensive: #51 John Hornby – DB – Hamilton Hurricanes

6 total tackles, 5 solo & 1 assist, 1 Interception returned 30 yards for a TD, 17 Total Def. Points, in 42-7 win over Burlington Braves

John Hornby, 1st Year, has helped lead the 2-0 Hamilton Hurricane defense, that has only surrendered 14 points in 2 games. Friday night, John led the Hurricanes with 6 tackles, including 5 solos, and an interception that he returned 30 yards for a touchdown. The reigning OFC champions will look to remain perfect when they welcome in newcomers, the 1-1 Twin Cities Predators to Ivor Wynne Stadium on Saturday for a 1:00 pm kickoff.

Special Teams: #15 Jamal George – FS – Hamilton Hurricanes

K/O Returns: 1 for 72 yds, Punt Returns: 1 for 34 yds, in 42-7 win over Burlington Braves

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The top picture is of the 1909 junior Hamilton Alerts. Perfect season except they lost to a stronger St. Michaels College Saints in the CRU Championship.

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