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WIND BEAT WHO?

OKAY, SO the wind won't beat Peter Liske's passing, so the next question before the house will be: What about cold and/or snow in November?

All the people in Taylor Field should have known in the first quarter Sunday that Liske wasn't going to let a little thing like 40 MPH winds bother him. Exclusive of punts and penalties, Calgary called 12 plays in the opening 15 minutes. Every one was a pass. Peter didn't continue that pace, but later running forays were dictated by maintaining ball control and eventually eating up the clock in the last quarter. If you discount his sneaks into the line (he did it on the last four plays of the game) the Stamps only went to the run 12 times in the game. He threw the ball 35 times and on five other occasions was nailed attempting to toss.

Although the wind obviously curbed Peter's passing thoughts in the second and fourth quarters (he still threw 13 in those periods), what hampered him even more was a tremendous effort by the Rider defence. They allowed only single touchdowns in the two quarters Calgary had the wind and came up with great displays in the last chapter when the offence kept insisting on giving the ball away.

On the other side, Ron Lancaster was having a miserable day. He had the fewest completions of the season and four interceptions (one could hardly be charged to him when it went through a receiver to a defender). The wind wasn't any friend to Lancaster, but it was the great defensive effort on the part of the Stampeders that proved fatal to the Riders.

The ironic thing about the entire game was how well each team played when they didn't have the wind at their backs. Riders came out of the first quarter trailing 9-7 and had 16 offensive plays to Calgary's 12, excluding kicks.

In the second quarter, it was 21-10 for Calgary in plays and they grudgingly gave up only four points. Riders maintained a 14-12 edge in the third and Calgary had the ball 16-10 in the fourth when they blanketed Riders on the score sheet.

Notwithstanding all the giveaways in the fourth quarter, the difference could have come from the second and third quarters. Riders had the ball four times in the second period. Twice they scored single points and had the ball taken away by an interception and fumble on the other two. In the third quarter Calgary had the ball just three times but they scored singles on the first two and a touchdown on the third.

PENALTY TO NON-OFFENDER

THE ODDDEST play of the game was where the Riders gave up a 76-yard "gain" in order to maintain possession. It ended disastrously for the Riders, yet is a penalty choice any team would make again in a similar situation.

It opened the door for the second-guessers who will suggest what might have happened if... It was the first play of the fourth quarter and Al Ford punted 76 yards to the Calgary five. Stamps were called for contacting the kicker (after narrowly missing blocking the kick) and Riders returned for possession at their own 29 by choosing the penalty over the "gain".

Two plays later Jim Furlong intercepted a pass and took the ball to the Rider 20. While they didn't score, it did push Riders deep into their own territory and they were never able to dig their way out.

The might-have-beens will wonder if Riders had waived the penalty and held Calgary in their own zone, what would have happened if they'd got the ball back at the Calgary 35 or 40? Would Calgary have been able to play that "victory" defence later that was so successful in keeping Riders hemmed into their own end?

Calgary coach Jerry Williams agreed after the game that he was relieved to see Riders accept the penalty rather than force his team to scrimmage at their five. "But that doesn't mean I think their choice was wrong," Williams hastened to add. "I'd have done the same thing they did. You just don't count on an interception two plays later."

Visiting the Rider dressing room after the game was rather interesting. They were disappointed, naturally, at losing and taking it the toughest—at least visibly—was the man who has a lot of the team's weight on his shoulders—Ron Lancaster.

As a group, however, they were hardly downcast. They seemed to think they'd proved something to themselves in a manner of stopping the Stamps. There were all sorts of phrases such as: "Now we know we can beat 'em"... "We'll get 'em next time." Is this just brave talk in the face of defeat? Who knows? I don't think so, but one thing I do know—anybody who visited that room wouldn't write letters to a newspaper claiming a team lacks pride.

While many of the players took longer than usual to shower and change after the game, they were still greeted by the autograph-seeking moppets... Ahh! Starry-eyed youth! At least they're not quick to jump off the bandwagon!

Game stars

TERRY EVANSHEN — The little end was once again the Stamp offensive star with 11 catches good for 159 yards, two-thirds of Calgary's passing total. He scored both touchdowns and it now appears he will rub Hugh Campbell out of the record book for a second time. He has all ready surpassed Campbell's former yardage mark in a season and is now closing in on Hugh's touchdown total of last season. Hugh had 17. Evanshen now has 14.

WAYNE HARRIS — Stamps also had some defensive wrinkles to toss at the Riders, particularly in the second and fourth quarters when Riders had the wind. They dropped off linebackers to protect against the pass and Lancaster attempted to check-off with running plays through the line. It put added pressure on Harris and he was equal to it.

ED McQUARTERS — He didn't have Atchison up there with him to provide the pressure but that side gave Liske a chase. Gerhardt and Shaw alternated on the rush and that trio alone accounted for 42 yards in Liske's losses. They were good and McQuarters was great as he personally knifed through twice in the fourth quarter to dump Liske.

HANK DORSCH — He had a new and strange assignment in following Lovell Coleman around on pass plays. But he did a fine job and virtually neutralized the fleet fullback, who picked up only 14 yards on three catches. When it often meant Dorsch had to lineup in a middle linebacking spot and get to the outside when Coleman went in motion, he obviously had plenty of territory to cover.

Rider defence outstanding, but not enough to stop Stamps

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Saskatchewan Roughriders won a battle but lost a campaign at Taylor Field Sunday afternoon. Fortunately—the war goes on and they'll fight another day.

Riders came up with some drastic defensive adjustments to answer the awesome striking power of Calgary Stampeders. It virtually succeeded. Oh, it didn't stop the Stamps cold, but it contained the air attack beyond reasonable expectations.

The Stampeders, meanwhile, were mending some of their own fences and came up with the final, ultimate and crushing answer in the fourth quarter. They did stop the Riders cold and came away with an 19-11 victory.

There were 21,865 fans who could hardly wait for the fourth quarter to start. That was when the green team would have that 40 mile an hour wind at its back. They played superbly for three quarters and a seven-point deficit under those conditions was nothing to be alarmed about.

But the Riders, who had ripped into Calgary for a first quarter major against the wind, couldn't do anything when with it. The Stamps switched things around and a confused Rider attack spluttered and eventually died. Between the two, the motor coughed four times. Each time it gave away the ball.

The stingy Stampeders are not a bunch of Sunday schoolers. They believe it's better to receive than give. They took those three interceptions and one fumble in the final frame and laughed all the way to the bank. They only turned those opportunities into one measly point but it—and the ball control—was enough.

To all intents and purposes, Calgary clinched first place with the victory. Oh, they need one more win in the last two games to nail it down officially, but anybody who wants to wager against them losing to Edmonton and B.C. should also

bet against snow in January. Casting miracles aside, Riders will be at home in the sudden-death semi-final against Edmonton Nov. 12 after playing out the schedule string—here Sunday against B.C. and in Winnipeg the following Sabbath.

The loss was the Riders' first in Taylor Field this season and snapped a nine-game streak that goes back through pre-season and into last season's playoffs.

Despite the super-human efforts by the Rider defence—and in the fourth quarter they could have used the offence for non-support—they couldn't come up with all the answers. But then, when it comes to Mr. Fling and Mr. Cling—Peter Liske and Terry Evanshen—nobody else has even made them slow down in their walk to record after record.

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gary touchdowns and Liske did complete two dozen passes. Except for two 30-yarders in a row to Evanshen for the first score, most were of the short variety which needed a second to get a first down. And Stamps were seldom getting any running room for romping after the catches. They've killed everybody this year as much with the yardage after a catch as they have with the pass itself.

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Coach quotes

JERRY WILLIAMS — "I thought that was two great teams giving it everything they had. It may have been surprising that it evolved into a defensive battle after the last time these two played, but that wind certainly took away a lot of offense from both sides. That Eagle was pretty smart coming up with that extra back on Coleman... but then, Eagle usually comes up with a little surprise and it always hasically sound. He's a smart coach and did the best defensive job on us this year. We've been working on that new defence of ours for a month. Fortunately—since we'd always been enough ahead—we didn't have to use it until today."

EAGLE KEYS — "Yeh, our defence played well, but it wasn't enough, was it? It boiled down to them moving the ball better than we did with the wind advantage. It confirmed what I thought all along... the wind just doesn't seem to bother Liske... we've played them before in Calgary when it was blowing pretty good and he seems to be able to throw with it and against it. Yeh, Dorsch did a fine job... so did another couple of guys who shouldn't have been playing... Beyond needed needles in his back and Kosid just got out of hospital at noon in play. But I guess if you talk about things like that, it just looks like you're making excuses."



Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men... The Shadow knows! —Mr. Liske, meet Mr. McQuarters.



CFL scoring

WESTERN CONFERENCE				EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Edmonton	10	1	0	Calgary	10	1	0
Winnipeg	9	2	0	Montreal	9	2	0
Saskatchewan	8	3	0	Ottawa	8	3	0
Calgary	7	4	0	Quebec	7	4	0
Winnipeg	6	5	0	Montreal	6	5	0
Edmonton	5	6	0	Quebec	5	6	0
Calgary	4	7	0	Montreal	4	7	0
Winnipeg	3	8	0	Quebec	3	8	0
Edmonton	2	9	0	Montreal	2	9	0
Calgary	1	10	0	Quebec	1	10	0
Winnipeg	0	11	0	Montreal	0	11	0
Edmonton	0	12	0	Quebec	0	12	0

How they scored Facts 'n Figures

First Quarter

- STAMPS**—They chose the wind and then used it to go 92 yards in four plays. They almost made it look easy as Liske tossed down the middle to Harrison for 18. He then tossed long twice in a row to Evanshen, who out-raced defenders. Each was for 39 yards and the second meant touchdown. Goods' convert good, 5:19.
- STAMPS**—Furlong punted low with the wind but it hit the ground and bounced high into the end zone. It was 87 yards and a single, 8:28.
- RIDERS**—They rolled 85 yards after the single, sticking strictly to the ground. Ford started it by going 20 yards on an extension from Lancaster and finished it with a 30-yard slip around end when his original route was blocked. Abendschan's kick good, 11:07.
- STAMPS**—They were rolling after Liske made good on a third-down-passing gamble. Wayne Shaw broke through to block a key second down pass at the Rider 27 and Goods tried the field goal from the 34. It was wide and conceded for a single, 13:58.

STAMPS 9 RIDERS 7

Second Quarter

- RIDERS**—Ron Stewart intercepted a Lancaster pass at the Calgary five but they couldn't move out and chose to concede the safety touch rather than kick against the breeze, 3:03.
- RIDERS**—Ford's punt from midfield went 58 yards into the end zone and was conceded for the go-ahead single, 10:15.
- RIDERS**—On a second down and six, Ford quick-kicked from the Rider 46. It rolled all the way to the fence, 89 yards, for the single, 14:33.

RIDERS 11 STAMPS 9

Third Quarter

- STAMPS**—Riders elected to save the wind for the fourth quarter and were holding Calgary well. Furlong kicked 56 yards for a conceded single at 4:38.
- STAMPS**—Furlong was back with another long boot—56 yards—to tie the score at 7:01.
- STAMPS**—They finally got moving late in the quarter and went 69 yards in eight plays. A big play was a 2nd-and-16 after Dorsch had nailed Coleman in the flat for a six-yard loss. Evanshen took a short toss and then flipped to Coleman, who made the first down. Two catches by Harrison brought it to the 18 and Evanshen took Liske's toss down the middle, slid off three tacklers and went the last five yards into the end zone. Goods' kick good, 13:23.

STAMPS 18 RIDERS 11

Fourth Quarter

- STAMPS**—Three interceptions and a fumble gave Calgary the ball most of the time in Rider territory but they could only come up with one point, although they killed the clock—and the Riders. After Teet fumbled, Goods' field goal try from the 30 was wide and conceded for a single, 6:21.

STAMPS 19 RIDERS 11

Yardsticks

Calgary	Saskatchewan
16	13
66	100
268	52
67	0
24/35	6/17
4	0
9/41.8	8/39
2/1	3/2
7/60	8/25

Rushing

TC Yds LG	TC Yds LG
Coleman 8 37 18	Reed 22 102 22
Liske 6 16 5	Ford 6 79 30
Woodson 7 14 4	Buchanan 2 6 4
	Lancaster 1 3 3

Passing

PM PT Yds	PM PT Yds
Liske 24 35 268	Lancaster 6 17 32

Pass Receiving

PC Yds TD	PC Yds TD
Evanshen 10 152 2	Campbell 2 36
Harrison 6 65	Barwell 1 18
Woodson 2 14	Abendschan 1 0
Coleman 3 14	Ford 1 0
McCarthy 2 13	Buchanan 1 -2
Andruski 1 10	

Punting

No. Yds. Ave.	No. Yds. Ave.
Furlong 6 294 49	Ford 8 318 39.8
Goods 3 82 27.3	

Key play

The score was tied 11-11 in the third quarter and Riders were doing a fine job minimizing Calgary's wind advantage. Hank Dorsch, on defence in place of Ron Atchison and following Lovell Coleman around, was also doing a great job. He had just keyed on Coleman and checked him for a six-yard loss when he took a swing pass from Liske. Now it was 2nd-and-16 at the Stamp 33. Forcing a punt here would possibly mean they'd go into the last quarter tied. Calgary flooded with on the left. Dorsch was shaw-

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