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I can't make comments like the playoffs start right now because Rob Vanstone beat me to that one. There's really not much to say to emphasize the importance of this game. Lose and we are essentially 3 games back of the Lions due to losing the tiebreaker.

Depending on how Hamilton does against Calgary, we'd be two game back in the crossover chase too.

As far as I am concerned, lose and it's just a formality until the Riders are eliminated from the playoff chase.

Due to the closeness in record and with the Riders and Lions on a roll, I really had a tough time seeing distinct advantages for either team.

Pretty much every advantage I give this week is going to be a small one.

Offense

Quarterbacks:

There was a time earlier this year when Lulay's stats were as good as or even better than Durant's. Now Darian is better every except a higher interception ratio. Although Lulay is a scrambler too, I was surprised to see in the stats that there are 3 QBs ahead of him in rushing yards. Both guys have been very effective in recent weeks.

Durant will push the ball down the field in the passing game more.

Lulay will throw a lot more short routes and then try and mix in a deep shot or too like he did with Foster last week.

Both guys are doing a good job of protecting the ball.

You never want to see interceptions, but if Darian is going to throw one, it's less distressing to see one where he was off target vs. one where he forces the ball into coverage.

Edge Riders

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Running backs:

As we discussed on the site, average yards per carry is down across the board this year in the league. The running backs in this game are no different. Almost everyone is averaging less than 5 yards per carry. The only exceptions being Brandon West for the Riders who gets no more than about 2 carries per game, and Robertson for B.C. who is not even dressing these days due to the ratio.

The Lions use a running back by committee approach, using Harris and Brown.

Brown is the explosive back out of the two.

I wish the Riders would do that more using a two back set using the faster West (or Charles).

Cates gives us reliability but not a lot of big plays anymore.

Even

Receivers:

It doesn't look likely that we will have Andy Fantuz in the lineup on Saturday. That's a real downer after the excitement of getting him back.

Make no mistake; his presence makes a difference in opening things up for others.

The encouraging part is Chris Getzlaf had most of his monster game after Fantuz got hurt.

With some "regular catches", Getzlaf is not longer doing his Chris "all he does is catch touchdowns" Carter impersonation.

We also won the game without a whole lot of production from Weston Dressler.

If Fantuz can't go, Hill, Koch, and Clermont will be seeing a bigger role inside.

A healthy Fantuz would have made an even better argument for the case that the Riders didn't need to give up anything to trade for Arland Bruce. He's done well for the Lions since he got there. After a couple of seasons where it

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seemed like Geroy Simon might be slowing down, he's back near the top again.

Foster and Gore can be inconsistent with dropsies but they show a lot of flashes too.

Foster has turned into the Lions big play guy with 6 TDs.

Assuming Fantuz is out; I am giving the Lions a slight nod.

If we find out later in the week that Andy can go, flip this one.

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Offensive line:

It's hard to talk about a unit where they just do their jobs week in week out. We could use a few more holes created in the ground game.

Overall Darian gets good time to throw.

That hit he took from Kuale was the result of a blitz that was not picked up.

The Lions are getting as good play out of their o-line as they've received in a long time.

Olafioye is playing well at one tackle and Ben Archibald has come on since struggling earlier this year.

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Defense

Defensive line:

We averted a mini-crisis with Keith Shologan ready to go. It's not just his talent, but with no other Canadian tackle (with all apologies to Evans he's not ready); it would have required a ratio adjustment. Our ends, Willis in particular really bit hard on the inside handoff fake last week.

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It's easier to forgive George for things like that due to what he brings as a pass rusher.

With all due respect to Winnipeg, I think the Lions' line is playing the best of any line in the CFL.

They aren't as fast of the edge as the Bombers, but they have more ability to overpower an offensive line.

Aaron Hunt is playing like he did a couple of years ago when he was a real pain for us to handle.

Keron Williams has always given us trouble off the edge, and Khalif Mitchell was a Lineman of the week not too long ago.

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Linebackers:

Two of the best young linebackers in the league are playing in this game. Unfortunately Elimimian for the Lions and Freeman for the Riders might be good enough to make the NFL next year. James
Patrick has 2 interceptions in 4 games since he made the move to OLB.

It doesn't matter where he plays; he has an ability to find the football.

It might be me, but I think Anton McKenzie is playing his best ball since going to the Lions.

Even

Secondary:

No doubt about it, Nick Graham has had his struggles with the stop and go routes. I still like how physical he plays and think he has potential.

For those of you who remember, think back to guys like Mike McGruder and Stacy Hairston who struggled early and how they turned out.

Yeah I know, he could also turn into Billy McBride but let's hope not.

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We are really going to miss Lance Frazier since the Lions have a couple of stellar slotbacks.

Eddie Russ is getting a real baptism by fire.

The Lions secondary is playing better than early in the year.

J.R. Larose caught my eye last week from the safety spot.

Are we going to see a continuation of that game within a game, where Phillips tried to talk to Durant during pre-game?

Even

Special teams

Return game:

Tim Brown has the leading punt return average in the league and is one of the few guys who has taken one all the way back this year. **Edge Lions**

Placekicking:

One of the biggest fears for us tomorrow has to be time for one play left, Riders down by 3 or less, and scrimmaging the ball from between the Lions 35 and 40. He has yet to connect from outside 40. Yes McCallum

has been lights out since he went to B.C.

But he kicked that way for us, we wouldn't have let him go.

McCallum needed this to resurrect his career.

Edge Lions

Punting:

When we drafted Milo, the word was that he was a good placekicker but a questionable punter. In a reversal, his punting has been where he has gotten the job done for us.

Even

When the Riders have the ball

This is going to be another big challenge for the Rider offense, just like Labour Day and Banjo Bowl was when they took on the top ranked Bomber defense. This week they play the hottest defense in the league. I was a bit skeptical about the 3 games where the Lions didn't give up a TD, since one game involved an Eskimos offense featuring the likes of Prechae Rodriguez and Ryan Grice-Mullen and the other two games were the Argos. tw

But holding the Stamps to one non-garbage time TD last week caught my attention.

The Lions have really been getting after the QB recently so we need to get a running game going to prevent them from teeing off on Darian.

Along with actual running plays some draws and screens could also help slow down that pass rush.

It's important against the Lions to handle their tackles.

Our line's interior did a pretty good job on Huntley and Wroten last week, so we need that to continue.

Look for a continuation of the roll outs and slide protections we saw particularly against Winnipeg to protect Darian.

I would like to see a steady chunk of the two tight end set with Clermont and Hughes.

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One play I am a little hesitant to look for is the QB draw with Darian. I don't like the idea of him running up the middle with Elimimian lurking, the way he hits.

Especially since DD is nursing sore ribs anyway.

Although the Lions have good numbers in passing yards given up per game, they have the 2nd worse ave per pass play.

That tells me the way to go after this defense is to go down the field.

That would also be a reflection of guys like Elimimian roaming the short area and getting guys before they can get much in the way of YAC yards.

We didn't do it last game, but I would love to see us attack Tad Kornegay at halfback.

Mind you last time we were still desperate to have someone step up and be a number two receiver.

We need Koch, Getzlaf, and Dressler to have big days.

When the Lions have the ball

The Lions are doing a good job of protecting Travis Lulay. They run a variety of running plays, like direct snaps with Lulay pretending to chase a bad snap, end arounds to their receivers, to go with regular running plays to Andrew Harris and Brown.

Our front seven can't get mesmerized by the misdirection and stick with their responsibilities.

You can bet the Lions watched how the Argos used fakes to get Jyles outside on the bootleg and will attempt the same thing.

The other way they protect Lulay is going mostly with short passes. I read an article last week that said the Lions only had 3 plays against Calgary that went for over 13 yards.

Every once in a while they will use max protection or play-action and try and take a deep shot to Foster or Simon.

This is a very athletic group of receivers.

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The Lions like to get the ball to them on the run with crossing routes and then let their guys run, like Bruce's TD last week.

Our tackling is going to have to be solid, and we are going to have to get in the receivers' way and get some shots in as they cross.

We could really use Butler to lay a big hit on someone as they come across the field.

The Lions love to move Geroy Simon around.

Look for them to get him on Russ as much as possible to test the kid.

The game plan should be pretty simple. We need to stay disciplined and not get fooled by the Lions deception. I am counting in Richie Hall to mix it up, disguise the looks, and fool Travis Lulay.

Outlook

I am usually a pretty optimistic person, but it's now or never. A potential playoff spot hangs in the balance. If the Riders lose tomorrow to fall 4 points back with no tie-breaker, there will be no catching the Lions.

I actually think the Eskimos win tonight too so they will also move out of range.

You've heard this before. We have to win the turnover battle, get some big plays on offense and limit giving them up, and no cheap TDs on special teams. Even if the Riders do all that this one will be close.

In the end home field and getting that old Mosiac atmosphere from the last couple of years should push us over the top.

My score: Roughriders 28 Lions 26

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