

## Oct 21 - Roughriders at Stampeders

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And there it is. Our streak of nine straight years of making the playoffs ended with a thud on Sunday. We never even encountered a situation during those 9 years of having the playoffs in doubt on the last week of the season or anything like that.

It's been a long time. The last time the Riders missed the playoffs, the world was reeling from 9-11, people were intrigued by this new show starting Keifer Sutherland that was an hour in real time, Lord of the Rings was a much anticipated movie, and Calgary had a lousy NHL team that would probably miss the playoffs.

Well I guess not everything is different.

A lot of us are old enough to remember years of this team not making the playoffs. So why is this one year (hopefully that's all it is) so tough to swallow?

Because we've seen how the other side lives.

We've been part of a long playoff streak.

We won a Grey Cup and hosted playoff games for 4 straight years.

After living with success, not having any this year sucks.

I am reminded of the final scene in Goodfellas, where Ray Liotta aka Henry Hill is lamenting his new life where he is not living the life anymore and is "just a schmuck".

Well as far as I am concerned, no playoffs the CFL's equivalent of Schmuckville.

Well as we are playing out the string, one thing we could accomplish is pretty much bury Calgary's chances of hosting a playoff game. Yes we are stuck with consolation prizes like that. Like last week, I really don't feel like doing an in depth breakdown.

### Offense

Quarterback is the big story in both cities. It would be sweeter if the Riders were doing well, but Hank getting benched is still enjoyable. Stamp fans overall seem to be behind this move.

Hank has always had an uneasy relationship with the fans here.

They have never really warmed up to him.

He's like that weird relative to them.

They cut him down, but if outsiders (like Rider fans) do, they rally behind him.

Let's set one thing straight about Drew Tate. It's not like the Stamps targeted him and brought him in as soon as he left Regina because they recognized something in him.

He was sitting at home in Texas and if the Stamps don't suffer an injury or two hurting their depth, they never bring Tate in.

It's worked out well for them.

He appears to be a fiery competitor, has decent mobility and seems to make good decisions.

I am not sure about his arm strength as he seems to hang the ball up there and rely on his receiver to make the play rather than zipping it in there.

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We have a different sort of controversy in Saskatchewan. If Durant is banged up with a bad foot affecting his mobility, why risk him in a game that means nothing to us?

The one explanation I can buy for Cole Berquist not playing is to give him his first real look at home a week later.

Like I said last week, the most constructive thing for us to do in this game is give guys like Brandon West, Pat Neufeld, Alex Krausnick-Groh, Freddie Barnes, etc a lot of playing time to see if these are guys who have a future with us.

Considering AKG is from the area, it would probably really mean a lot to the kid to let him play.

Calgary's run defense against Toronto last week was pathetic. Unfortunately the Riders have a pedestrian running game. Stoppable object let me introduce you to the movable force. 3 short weeks ago, Darian had no prayer with the pressure the Stamps got. We have to do a better job of stopping Charleston Hughes off the edge.

Will we get a TD?

All I am going to say is that if we can't hit a big play or two (over 30 yds) at some point in the game, the odds are not in our favour.

We still have Dressler, Getzlaf, and Koch on the roster and these guys have all found the endzone against Calgary in the past.

Let's hope one of them does it tomorrow.

## Defense

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Joffrey Reynolds will be well rested for the game tomorrow and should be pretty fired up to show people that he is not washed up. Cornish's health will probably determine which of the two of them get the most work. We know Calgary is going to try and establish the running game to take pressure off Tate.

Look for Tate to be a part of the running game too.

I am sure he has the green light to take off whenever he sees an opening.

Look for a lot of Calgary's passing plays to come off play action, with the inside receivers running out routes. It's going to put a lot of pressure on our halves and outside linebackers to stay with the Calgary receivers. If things go our way, look for Freeman and Patrick to make plays. Calgary's deep passing game will come off Tate laying up his rainbow throws and counting on his receiver to come down with it.

Our defensive backs are going to have to battle and knock those passes away. With a home playoff game on the line, you know Calgary's receivers will compete. Can we match that effort level?

Speaking of Calgary receivers, Rambo is going to miss his third straight game.

Looking forward to seeing Death Rowe in action.

### Special teams

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Chris Milo now has a slightly higher percentage than Paredes. Rob Maver and Luca Congi can't be happy these days. Pros to Milo on the way he has come on since a shaky start to his career. Pro

It's unfortunate that he missed one last week as it probably cost him a special teams player of the week honor.

### Outlook

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. In that case is it insane to expect a different result than what we have seen recently? |

Some may consider us hardy souls insane for heading out to this one on a chilly night.

This is going to sound hilarious, but for 25 minutes, things weren't that bad at the game here on Oct 1. The Riders were down 9-3 and driving the ball into scoring territory. In fact Darian came within a hair of connecting with Carey Koch for go ahead TD. Then Darian got blindsided on the next play, fumbles, and the Stamps drive the ball down the field and score.

Then right before the half we had a botched snap run in for a TD.

Just like that it's 23-3 and the wheels completely came off in the second half.

I will boldly predict we see a better result than that game.

**Outlook:** *Stampeders 27 Roughriders 20*

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