

Last-minute TD gives Ottawa Grey Cup

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TORONTO (CP) — Everyone will remember the 24-yard last-gap touchdown pass from Tom Clements to Tony Gabriel, with 20 seconds to go that gave Ottawa Rough Riders a 23-20 victory over Saskatchewan Roughriders in the 1978 Grey Cup game. But it was really won in the third quarter.

Saskatchewan, favored by five points largely because of the passing wizardry of 38-year-old quarterback Ron Lancaster, and the best defence in the Canadian Football League, had the help

of a 20-mile-an-hour wind in the third quarter. But a gritty Ottawa defence gave up only a 51-yard field goal, one of two by Bob Macrotti, and never let Saskatchewan get beyond the Ottawa 36.

As a result, when Ottawa got the wind in the fourth quarter, it was trailing only 20-18. And when Gerry Organ kicked his third field goal, a 32-yarder at 7:53, to narrow the gap to four points, the stage was set for the last-minute dramatics that gave Ottawa its ninth Grey Cup win in 14 appearances.

Ottawa coach George Branca, who has spent much of the season trying to plug the

holes in a suspect defensive backfield, said his club's stand in the third quarter was the turning point.

Lancaster, who completed 22 of 35 passes for 283 yards in the game, was good on only six of 10 in that quarter although a couple of Ottawa offensive penalties helped keep two drives going. And a 45-yard field goal try by Macrotti that fell short after a high snap proved to be Saskatchewan's losing margin.

COLD AND WINDY
The game, which was watched by a record crowd of 55,389 and produced a record gate of \$1,009,000, was played

in a gusty wind that occasionally caused quarterbacks to overthrow their receivers. The temperature hovered near freezing.

Each team scored two touchdowns—Ottawa's first coming in the opening quarter on a 79-yard punt return by Canadian rookie Bill Hananaka and Saskatchewan's on passes in the second quarter to wide receiver Steve Mazurak and tight end Bob Richardson.

With little more than a minute to go, which was Ottawa was down by four points, 20-16, and needed half a yard for a first down at the

Saskatchewan one. Clements, the sophomore quarterback from Notre Dame, tried a sneak and failed to make it.

Saskatchewan took over at its one, ran Tom Campana twice for six yards, and then came in the fourth quarter when he ran the ball back to the Saskatchewan 35 with 40 seconds left.

Fullback Art Green, the top rusher in the game with 74 yards in 19 carries, gained one. Then Clements hit Gabriel, the top Canadian in the CFL this season, with a 10-yard pass. That put the ball on the Saskatchewan 24. On the next play Clements fired over

the head of defensive back Ted Provost to Gabriel deep in the end zone for the game-winning TD.

"We gave Clements too much time," said defensive end Jim Eddy. "We had four chances in a zone defense, but Gabriel had time for a whole bunch of moves. He moved in and out and in and out again before breaking it off. There was no way our guy was going to cover Gabriel on that play."

Clements, who led the RFLC in passing this season, was named top offensive player of the game. Linebacker Cleveland Vann of Saskat-

chewan was picked best defensive player and Gabriel best Canadian. Clements and Vann received 1977 cars and Gabriel a trip for two anywhere that CP Air flies. Clements was good on 11 of 25 passes for 174 yards compared with 283 yards for Saskatchewan. But the Ottawa running attack more than made up the difference. With Green, the East's No. 1 rusher, carrying 19 times for 74 yards, the Rough Riders gained 173 yards rushing while Saskatchewan, with Steve Molnar carrying 12 times for 39 yards, managed only 84 yards.

Molly McGee, the speedy running back, carried three times for 11 yards before he was sidelined with a rib injury in the second quarter. Campana, who missed the WFLC final because of an ankle injury, was activated at the designated import but managed only four yards on four carries on a pass.

TOP RECEIVERS
Gabriel, who led the CFL in pass receiving, was the game's top receiver with seven catches for 124 yards. Left Peterson was best for Saskatchewan with seven for 80 yards.

Organ got off to a strong start with the wind in the first quarter. Organ kicked a 31-yard field goal and Hananaka set a cup record with his 79-yard punt return, beating the previous mark of 38 set by Johnny Rodgers of Montreal Alouettes in their 9-8 loss to Edmonton Eskimos in last year's Grey Cup.

A 32-yard field goal by Macrotti narrowed the deficit to 10-8 in the second quarter. Then Saskatchewan



TONY GABRIEL
... the hero tied the score on a 14-yard pass play. Mazurak running in with the help of a key block from wide receiver Rhett Dawson.



VERNON PANTHERS' King Steve King drives against Kamloops defender in play Saturday at

the annual Vernon Invitational Basketball Tournament. VSSB beat Kamloops, but then lost a

Girls come home with key trophy

Vernon Senior Secondary School placed eighth in the B.C. High School Girls' Volleyball championship held over the weekend in Nelson.

However, Vernon came home with perhaps the most coveted award. The girls were named as the tournament's Most Sportswomanlike Team.

VSSB Coach Ann Stokes told the Daily News she would have liked to see her team place higher, but was both proud and disappointed of their showing.

REACHED GOALS
Stokes said, "We achieved our goals this year. We were the most cooperative and made the championship round in the provincial tourney. When you consider there are 100 teams in B.C., placing eighth is pretty good."

In the final day of play Saturday, VSSB defeated both its main rivals, the Okanagan Penitents; and 15-4 and 15-5 to Victoria High.

NOT READY
Stokes said, "We weren't ready for Penitents. It was far our worst game. Against Victoria, the score was not really indicative of the play. There were some excellent rallies, but unfortunately, we lost most of them."

Vernon's setter Sue Zelany was named to the tournament's second team.

Stokes said she is looking for more improvement in the team next season.

She said, "we were 13th last year, eighth this year, and should be higher in 1977. We only lost three out of 10 players."

Only graduating players on the squad this season are Terri Rossman, Cindy Lowe, and Ruth Zanter.

Mission defeated defending champion Victoria 15-10, 15-11, and 15-12 Saturday night to win the championship.

David Thompson of Vancouver was third and Penitents placed fourth.

Vernon records victories

Vernon Pee Wee Reps continued on their winning ways with three victories in weekend minor hockey action.

On Saturday morning, Pee Wees edged Ernie's Emo-4 in Bantam division League action. Rod Duchescher led the winners' attack with two goals while Greg Kowal and David Wensley added singles.

Wensley's goal was into an empty net as Ernie pulled his goalie in favor of an extra attacker in the final minute.

Later Saturday in Rutland, Tom Day scored four for Vernon while Wensley notched two. Singles went to Scott Leir, Jeff Weir, Duchescher, Bob Morrison, Kowal, and Kevin Misakow.

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Nanaimo clipped by interior clubs

Nanaimo Clippers nine-game winning streak came to an abrupt halt in B.C. Junior Hockey League action over the weekend.

Vernon Vikings felled Nanaimo 6-3 Saturday, and Sunday, Joe Tennant's ever-improving Merritt Centennials edged Clippers 5-3.

Vikings' leading scorer Gary Hilt provided most of the spark for Vernon. The veteran center scored three goals, including one while his club was short-handed.

Steve Danahy, with two, and Jack Lefley were the other Vikings' marksmen. The goal for Lefley was his 20th of the season.

Terry Robertson scored two goals for Clippers while George Fritz, Hans Keller, and Barry Peters, added singles.

WIDE EDGE
Vernon has a wide edge in play, outshooting the visitors 46-30.

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye told the Daily News he is a little concerned with the spark for Vernon. The veteran center scored three goals, including one while his club was short-handed.

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not finishing off the play. We while them 21-4 in the first 20 minutes.

The Vernon GM was also disappointed with the crowd on hand for the game.

POOR CROWD
He said, "We've got our record up to the 500 mark now and we were up against the hottest team in the league. Still, the attendance was 600. We got to see more people in the building for junior hockey to survive this year."

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Todd's late goal gives Eagles tie

Jeff Todd scored at 18:02 of the third period to give Screaming Eagles a 7-7 tie with first-place Vernon Sport Cougars in North Okanagan Hockey League action Sunday at the Civic Arena.

Gord Lyons, playing his first game of the season for Eagles, scored three goals while Todd added a pair. Singles went to Terry Sparrow and Randy Pimak.

Darryl Slynak and Barry Dwyer scored two goals each for Cougars while Rolf Staudhammer, King Cam, and Steve White added singles.

Cougars led 3-0 at the end of the first period and 4-0 after the second.

Eagles were assessed six of 11 minor penalties and a 10-minute misconduct.

Cougars now have four wins and three ties in seven out of nine games.

MONARBE LOOP
Meanwhile, Lyons had a big success in the outcome of Saturday night's Monarbec Hockey League game.

Lyons' rousing return scored his 19-08 of the final period to give undefeated Salmon Arm Aces a 3-2 win over Grindrod Elks.

Caldow and Roy Sakaki scored two each for the winners to lead to a 5-2 win over Raiders.

Panthers drop overtime game

By DALE MAJOR
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Jim McCordell sunk a pair of foul shots with 11 seconds remaining in regulation time, and then added six points in overtime, to lead Magee Lions Blues 68-63, Vernon nipped Panthers in the final game of the Vernon Invitational Boys' Basketball Tournament on Saturday.

McCordell's heroics gave Lions their second consecutive thrilling tournament victory in Vernon. Last year, a Magee player scored with only four seconds left in the game to give his club a 49-48 win over Panthers.

Neither team was able to mount much of a lead as Lions took a 16-15 first quarter lead, and Vernon led 31-20 at halftime. After three quarters, Panthers led 48-59.

NAMED MVP
McCordell, selected the tournament's most valuable player, scored 39 points for the winners.

Steve King was Vernon's top scorer, scoring 21 points, while Ed Waterhouse added 10 and Tom Davidson sunk 10.

Panthers' Assistant Coach Terry White felt his team played well and has nothing to be ashamed about.

"He said, 'We have no excuses. The way we played well. We're going to get better. This team is in for a great season.'"

"You have to give full credit to Magee. That McCordell killed us."

The Vernon coach said he was impressed with the way both clubs came together as a unit. He said, "After just two games, the boys have already started playing together as a team, rather than individuals."

White praised the play of Mike Kormos, who did

Kilmer may quit Redskins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington Redskins quarterback Billy Kilmer is in talks with his coach, the Washington fans and the news media and does not intend to play for the National Football League team next season, it was reported Sunday.

"The game may be over. I'll never play at RFK Stadium again," Kilmer said Sunday following Sunday's 24-0 victory over Philadelphia Eagles.

Kilmer threw three touchdown passes during the game, but was intercepted twice and tied up with the whole situation by," Kilmer said. "I am sick of being the whipping boy."

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North Shore wins tourney

North Shore captured first title in the second annual Vernon Falconettes Indian Girls' Basketball Tournament held over the weekend at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School.

North Shore dumped the host team 45-28 in Sunday's final game.

Lytton placed third in the eight-team tourney.

North Shore's Shelly Paul was named most valuable player, top forward, and selected to the first all-star team. Other members of the all-star squad were Pam Baker of North Shore, Patie Wilson and Sheila Adams of Falconettes, and Joanne Manuel of Shuswap.

Second all-star team had Iva Jules and Marilyn Dennis of Falconettes, Frances Nahanee and Lori Johnston of North Shore, and Gloria Adams of Lytton.

Sheila Adams of Lytton was top scorer while Sheila Alexis of North Shore and Joanne Manuel picked up the top defensive player award.

In the junior section, Donna Miller, Joanne John, and Julie Michelle of Kamloops were named all-stars with Lynne Terbak of Simlismean and Sherrie Dennis of Falconettes.

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