

# **BC LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB**

## **2010 GAME NOTES**



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**BC LIONS vs SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS**

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**BC GAME #17 - CFL WEEK #18 GAME #76 - BC LIONS VS SASKATCHEWAN**

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**1. BROADCAST NOTES:**

**A. HISTORICAL NOTES:**

- **All-Time Record:** This week marks the Lions' 961<sup>st</sup> regular season game and 1,006<sup>th</sup> overall including playoffs. Now in their 57<sup>th</sup> season, BC's all-time record stands at 458-478-24 including a 114-81-1 mark since 2000. The Lions have an all-time record of 107-119-14 at the Empire Stadium/Field location. Sunday's game marks the 241<sup>st</sup> and potentially final game at the Empire location and matches exactly the number of regular season home games played at BC Place by the Lions.

(6-10)	<b>SINCE 1954</b>	(9-7)
<b>ALL-TIME: 76-90-4 HOME: 39-43-2 · SEASON SERIES - 2010: 0-2</b>		
This will be the 171 <sup>st</sup> time that BC has met the Roughriders since joining the W.I.F.U. in 1954. The Riders hold a 90-76 edge over BC including a 37-18 win in Vancouver early in the 2010 season and a 37-13 triumph in the last meeting in Regina back in August. Last year's season series was split evenly at two wins apiece. Since 2000, the clubs have played 33 times with the Riders winning 19 times and BC capturing 14.		

**All-Time Leading Head Coach:** **Wally Buono** has won an all-time record of 241 regular season games (more than the other seven current CFL head coaches combined) now into the home stretch of his 21<sup>st</sup> season, just one short of Don Matthews' league-best of 22 years at the helm. Buono has guided the Lions to a playoff spot in each of his seven years but will require a strong late season rally to make it eight years in a row.

**Lions All-Time Quarterbacks:** Here is a look at the long list (55 of them) of BC starting quarterbacks since the team entered the WIFU in 1954. The Lions have had 39 regular starters at QB in that span along with 15 others who started a game or two as injury replacements. Current starter Travis Lulay opened up in Weeks #4-6 and again the last three weeks and is 2-5 overall. Jarious Jackson started in Week #7 at Regina and Casey Printers started all other games in 2010 (8 in total with 4-4 record) before his release from the club.

QB	Yrs	W-L-T	QB	Yrs	W-L-T	QB	Yrs	W-L-T
Mazur, John	54	1-9-0	Ohler, Pete	68	2-4-0	Flutie, Doug	90-91	14-12-0
Tuttle, Gerry	54	0-5-0	Parker, Jackie	68	0-1-0	Barrett, Danny	92-93	11-14-0
Robillard, Gene	54	0-1-0	Brothers, Paul	68-71	16-31-1	Kimbrough, Tony	92	0-4-0
Galiffa, Arnie	55-56	5-9-0	Moorhead, Don	71-75	20-31-2	Johnson, Michael	92	0-2-0
Clinkscale, Ron	55	1-2-0	Bunce, Don	72	1-0-0	Renfroe, Gilbert	92	0-2-0
Teresa, Tony	56	1-3-0	Douglas, Karl	73	0-3-1	McManus, Danny	93-95	13-10-0
Gustafson, Jerry	56	3-7-0	Liske, Peter	74-75	6-7-0	Austin, Kent	94	10-4-1
Villaneuva, Primo	56	1-0-0	Guthrie, Eric	75-76	5-6-0	Caravatta, Giulio	95-96	0-2-0
Duncan, Maury	57	4-8-1	Sciarra, John	76	0-2-0	Ware, Andre	96	0-4-0
Vann, Toppy	57	0-3-0	Cassata, Rick	76	0-3-0	Allen, Damon	96-02	61-58-0
Herring, George	58	0-10-0	Tagge, Jerry	77-79	23-12-3	Corbin, Tony	01	0-2-0
Dorow, Al	58	3-3-0	Keithley, Gary	77-78	0-2-0	Dickenson, Dave	03-07	33-14-0
Duncan, Randy	59-60	12-10-0	Paopao, Joe	79-82	23-26-0	Wynn, Spergon	03	0-1-0
Walden, Jim	60-61	2-8-3	Dewalt, Roy	80-87	65-26-2	Printers, Casey	04-5, 09-10	18-13-0
Keeley, Earl	61	0-1-0	Nott, Mike	80	1-0-0	Pierce, Buck	05-09	21-12-1
Schloretdt, Bon	61	0-1-0	Cowan, Tim	84	4-0-0	<b>Jackson, Jarious</b>	<b>07-10</b>	<b>14-8-0</b>
Kapp, Joe	61-66	42-44-5	Vavra, Greg	87	0-2-0	<b>Lulay, Travis</b>	<b>09-10</b>	<b>2-5-0</b>
Faloney, Bernie	67	3-11-1	Dunigan, Matt	88-89	17-18-0			
Schichtle, Hank	67	0-1-0	Foggie, Ricky	88-90	0-1-1			

**Lions Among All-Time Leaders:** Active leaders in all-time CFL receiving and scoring Week #17 of 2010:

Rank		RECEIVING								
Act	A/T	Player	Yrs	Teams	Rec	Yards	Avg	LG	TD	
1	5	Geroy Simon	12	Wpg, BC	843	13,608	16.1	103	90	
2	6	Ben Cahoon	13	Mtl	1,014	13,254	13.1	97	64	
3	22	Jeremaine Copeland	10	Mtl, Cgy, Tor	577	9,363	16.2	84	75	
4	23	Arland Bruce III	9	Wpg, Tor, Ham	602	9,312	15.5	94	76	

Rank		SCORING									
Act	A/T	Player	Yrs	Teams	Pts	TD	C-1	C-2	FG	S	
1	7	Paul McCallum	18	BC, Ott, Ssk	2,321	0	613	0	523	139	
6	41	Geroy Simon	11	Wpg, BC	552	91	0	3	0	0	



## 1. BROADCAST NOTES:

### A. HISTORICAL NOTES:

#### It Could Happen in 2010 (Updated)

- 241** The Lions' last home game of this 2010 regular season marks the 241st game at the old site of Empire Stadium and Empire Field. That means that the club will have played one more of their 481 regular season home games at the present, temporary location and 240 at BC Place now under renovation.
  - 1** All-time leading head coach Wally Buono needs one more win to reach 242 for his regular season CFL career. He has 262 wins overall including 20 in the post-season.
  - 3rd/10th** Having won a playoff game in each of the last two seasons, the Lions are hoping to extend that streak to three and reach their 10th Grey Cup. To do that they will need at least one Edmonton loss and a win this weekend against the Riders.
  - 4** By winning four games over Eastern teams in 2010, BC can extend to nine straight years with .500+ records outside the Division. The Lions are 3-4 in their seven games against the East in 2010.
  - 7** With another spot in a Division Final in 2010, the club would extend to seven berths in a row in the game leading straight to the Grey Cup. BC has played in the Western Finals five times and once in the Eastern Final in the last six seasons. With a 5-10 record through 15 games any playoff success will have to come on the road as it did in 1994 and 2000.
  - 14** With a playoff appearance in 2010, the Lions would extend their current streak to 14 straight years.
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- 1** With 1 more interception in the second half of the season Ryan Phillips can jump above four former BC Lions and into fifth place all-time in interceptions. Phillips had two in the first half to reach 24 and he could pass Nelson Martin, Melvin Byrd, Ken Hinton and Eric Carter. Andre Francis is in fifth spot all-time with 27 so he is in reach if Ryan has a strong finish.
  - 2** Jason Arakgi needs two more special team tackles to reach the 20 mark for the third straight season.
  - 2** James Yurichuk needs two more special team tackles to reach the 20 mark for the first time. He ranks second in the CFL behind only Toronto's Bryan Crawford (24).
  - 9** Paul McCallum needs 9 points to reach 800 for BC Lions career. Only Lui Passaglia has scored more points than McCallum in a BC uniform. He ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in all-time league scoring with 2,321 points with two games to play.
  - 12** Geroy Simon needs 12 receptions to move past Milt Stegall (854) into 6th place among all-time leading CFL receivers.
  - 26** Travis Lulay needs just 26 passing yards to reach 2,000 in his first full year of significant playing time at QB.
  - 90** Paris Jackson needs 90 receiving yards to reach the 800 yard mark for the fourth straight season.
  - 97** Emmanuel Arceneaux needs 97 receiving yards to reach the 1,000-yard mark for the first time in his brief CFL career.
  - 131** With 869 yards rushing and two games to play Jamal Robertson will be the eighth different player to top the club in that category in the last 10 years. He needs another 131 yards in two games to reach the 1,000-yard mark.
  - 139** Geroy Simon needs 139 receiving yards to move past Terry Vaughn (13,746) into 4th place among all-time leading CFL receivers. He passed Ray Elgaard into 5th place on Sep 11/10.
  - 161** Through Game #16 Angus Reid had played in all 16 games of 2010 to reach 159 in his BC career. That puts him into 16<sup>th</sup> place all-time and he can pull into a tie with Lyle Green for 15th at 161 if he plays out the remainder of the season.
  - 166** Through Game #16 Brent Johnson had never missed a game for the Lions in his 10-year CFL career. He ran his streak of consecutive games played to 166 at Calgary on Oct 123rd. By season's end, Brent can pull into 12<sup>th</sup> place all-time and just 6 games back of John Blain who is in 11<sup>th</sup> spot with 174.
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### B. 2010 REGULAR SEASON TRENDS HEADING INTO WEEK #18

**Playoff Potentials:** Despite getting off to a slow start at 1-7, the Lions still have a chance to make the playoffs in 2010. The five recent wins in seven games puts the club into contention to reach their 33<sup>rd</sup> playoff spot in 57 seasons of Canadian football but must now overhaul Edmonton who owns the third place tie-breaker. BC has made it into the playoffs in each of the last 13 seasons, a current run second only to Montreal (14 in a row). BC needs to have Edmonton lose at least one game and win both contests, or winning only once would require Edmonton to lose at home to Winnipeg and at Regina on the final week of the season.

**Down to the Last Two Weeks:** This season marks one more time where a playoff spot has gone down to the final two weeks of the year. That has happened on 18 different occasions in the past starting way back in 1955. The final two weeks decided the last playoff spot in the West three times in the 1950s, five times in the 1960s (60, 62, 65, 66, & 69), three times in the 1970s (73-75), five times in the 1980s (80-82, 86, 89), oddly not once in the 1990s, and in 2000 and 2009. Overall that means now it will be 19 times in 57 years that the final two games have determined whether or not BC gets into the post-season action.

**Playoffs Decided on the Basis of Season Series Edge:** The season series between rivals has only been a factor three times in Lions' history having decided the 1969, 1973 and 1974 races. The Lions have never been eliminated from the playoffs by virtue of a season series loss when finishing in a tie for third place.

**McCallum and Passaglia:** Through 16 games **Paul McCallum** has exactly matched Lui Passaglia's 2000 CFL record performance by making 40 of 44 FG attempts in 2010. For Paul to surpass Lui, he would have to make at least one more field goal and miss none the rest of the way. With one miss, Paul would need 10 made FGs to stay level at .909. He has a current streak of eight in a row over his last three games including 5-of-5 last week at Calgary. Paul's field goals made in 2010 have averaged 30.4 yards per successful kick compared to Lui's 27.9 yard average in 2000.



## 1. BROADCAST NOTES:

### B. 2010 REGULAR SEASON TRENDS HEADING INTO WEEK #18

- Field position has played a huge role for the Lions over the last eight-game stretch and thanks in large part to BC special teams led by Coach Chuck McMann. Over the last eight games, the Lions lead the CFL overall with an average starting point for possessions of **their own 42 yard line**. Over the first eight games, BC started on average from their own 33. Here are a few relevant figures that have helped change that number and based largely on solid blocking and the returns of rookies **Andrew Harris** and **Yonus Davis**: (BC leads the CFL in K/O return avg and ranks second in punt return avg)

<b>BC punt returns:</b>	<u>Gm 1-8</u> : 43 for 298 yds 6.9 avg	<u>Gm 9-16</u> : 53 for 740 yds 14.0 avg
<b>BC K/O returns:</b>	<u>Gm 1-8</u> : 45 for 953 yds 21.8 avg	<u>Gm 9-16</u> : 30 for 696 yds 23.2 avg

- BC has led heading into the 4th quarter eight times in 2010 but have a record of just 4-4 in those games. Last week's come-from-behind win at Calgary after trailing by 31-27 with 15:00 to play was the first such win of the 2010 season. All 9 points in the final quarter (and BC shut out Calgary 9-0) came from Paul McCallum field goals.

- **Sean Whyte** had an outstanding 2010 debut three weeks ago making all four of his FG attempts and recording 17 points in total. Over two games Sean's six-for-six field started a consecutive field goal made streak for the club which has now reached 14 and pushed the overall mark to an **all-time club-best 92.0%** (46 of 50) to lead the CFL. That is record pace for an all-time best CFL mark.

- **Travis Lulay** recorded his second career win as the starting QB for the Lions last week at Calgary. He is now up to 2-5 in 7 career CFL starts. He connected with second-year receiver **Emmanuel Arceneaux** on a 74-yard TD pass to restore the Lions' lead after Calgary had come back initially from the early 20-0 deficit. Arceneaux needs 97 yards over the last two games to reach 1,000. For Lulay, 139 of his 263 passing yards came on just two plays, the 74-yarder to Arceneaux and a 65-yard completion on the first play from scrimmage to **Steven Black**.

- Over the last eight-game stretch BC has outscored opponents by a margin of 250-201 (+49) and compiled a 5-3 record with all three losses by under four points or in overtime. In 2010, the Lions have fallen just short suffering a number of narrow losses. Of the club's 10 losses, five have come by margins of four points or less plus the overtime loss to Winnipeg three weeks ago. In games where the margin was 7 points or less, the Lions are now 2-6 in 2010 after last week's 36-31 win at Calgary. The Lions own the record for most games lost in one season seven points or less – eight, set in 1966 in with a 16-game schedule.

- **Geroy Simon** extended his reception streak to 140 games passing Tony Gabriel (137) three weeks ago for the third longest streak in league history. Geroy remains 5<sup>th</sup> in all-time CFL receiving at 13,608 yards and his 843 receptions put him in 7<sup>th</sup> after passing Ray Elgaard (830) earlier on. Geroy matched Ben Cahoon's eight-straight 1,000 yard seasons two weeks ago (with 7 for 102 yards) and now trails only Milt Stegall with nine and Terry Vaughn who notched 11 in a row.

Here are the all-time longest CFL receptions streaks: Don Narcisse 216, Ben Cahoon 143, **Geroy Simon 140**, Tony Gabriel 137, Nik Lewis 120, Craig Ellis 119 and Tom Scott 116.

- Earlier this season Marcus Thigpen of Hamilton set an all-time CFL record by scoring a touchdown in five different ways (via punt, kickoff and FG miss returns plus a pass and a rush). BC's **Yonus Davis** can match Thigpen with a TD off a missed field goal and become just the second CFL player to accomplish the feat in a single season.

- Through the first 11 games of 2010 the club did not hold any opponent under a 60% completion mark in any game. That trend began to change at Calgary on Sep 25/120 as the Stamps were able to complete only 49% of their throws (19-of-39). Since then only one opponent has exceeded 57% and the club leads the CFL in fewest passing yards allowed at 261.4 in 2010. **First 11**: 65.5% comp pct, 265 yds per gm, **Last 5**: 52.6% and 253 yds per game allowed.

- **James Yurichuk** has had a solid sophomore campaign and is now up to 18 special team tackles putting him in second place in the CFL in that category and tied with teammate Jason Arakgi behind only Bryan Crawford (24). James has at least one ST tackle in 8 of the last 10 games.

- **Solomon Elimimian** has continued his fine play as he has recorded 63 total tackles and 4 sacks over the last 9 games.

- **Brent Johnson** continues to play a key role in BC's defensive front and has now extended his consecutive games played streak to **165** the third longest among active players in the CFL behind Jason Maas and Scott Flory. Johnson has six sacks this year and 82 for his CFL career and has never missed a game in 10 seasons.

- The Lions have now created 30 opponent turnovers in the last 9 games after forcing four at Calgary last week. BC forced just 16 in the first 7 games. With the +1 ratio last week, the Lions are 5-1 when they commit less turnovers and 1-9 when making even or more. Since 2004, the Lions are 54-8-1 when making less turnovers than opponents.