

**CP PHOTO
JEFF MCINTOSH**
Edmonton Eskimos' Vidal Hazelton, left, has a pass knocked away by Calgary Stampeders' Emanuel Davis during second half CFL football action in Calgary, Monday. When the season began, slow starts plagued the Eskimos. In their last three losses, the inability to finish strong has done them in -- the latest example being a 23-20 loss to the Stampeders at McMahon Stadium Monday.



No excuses for Esks

ROBIN BROWNLEE
The Canadian Press

EDMONTON
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How to remedy one or the other, and preferably both, starting with Saturday's rematch with the Stampeders (9-1) at Commonwealth Stadium, is the challenge facing the Eskimos. At 6-5, the Eskimos have fallen back into the West Division pack because too often this season they haven't been good enough in either end of the game.

"I don't care how you win a football game, as long as you win it," quarterback Mike

Reilly said. "There's been a lot of games where at the end we haven't finished how we wanted to and it has cost us.

"Early in the season, the start wasn't so great. We're capable of playing great football in each individual (quarter), but you'd like to put it all together."

Leading 17-10 at halftime in Calgary, the Eskimos were outscored 13-3 the rest of the way. In a 25-24 loss to Hamilton, the Eskimos were up 24-10 at the half and didn't score another point. In a 31-23 loss against the B.C. Lions, Edmonton led 20-10 at half-time.

Add it up, and the Eskimos have been outscored 49-6 in those six quarters of second-half football.

"I'm a positive thinker, so I look at the negative things, correct them and move on," head coach Jason Maas said. "There was plenty of negative, but there was a lot of positives

to be drawn out of that (Calgary) game, so that's what we've focused on.

"I told our guys all week to let the bad things simmer and let the bad things motivate you, and they should, but you have to learn from them. Those are great learning experiences."

The Eskimos have made a habit of coming back from deficits in recent seasons with fourth-quarter fireworks under Reilly. They did it to open this season in a 33-30 win in Winnipeg. In recent weeks, however, the Eskimos haven't been able to generate enough points to hold on to leads late in games.

"You want to win a championship at the end," Maas said. "You've got to learn some lessons throughout the year. Obviously, there was tons of them to learn in that game, the mistakes. You also learn from the positive things as well.

Carter set to make Argos debut against Hamilton

DAN RALPH
The Canadian Press

TORONTO
Duron Carter will make his Toronto debut in the Argonauts' most important game of the season.

Head coach Marc Trestman said the veteran receiver will be on the active roster Saturday afternoon when Toronto (3-7) hosts the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (5-5). Carter signed with the Argos late last month after being released by the Saskatchewan Roughriders but Trestman stated emphatically at the time Carter wouldn't play on Labour Day in Hamilton or in Saturday's rematch.

However, Trestman had a change of heart after talking to Argos veterans about Carter, a two-time CFL all-star.

"After talking with the players, there was a whole different feeling," Trestman said.

"Literally to a man ... they felt Duron was really assimilating what we were doing in the locker-room and what we expect of guys in the locker-room.

"Everybody knows if he plays well, he can help us win but the interesting part of the whole discussion really wasn't about Duron going in there and improving our explosiveness. It was more about if we're really going to grow as leaders on this football team, we needed to get Duron up so we can help him grow more because there's nothing more we can do for him. I didn't feel it was fair to the football team after hearing what our players had to say ... I'm not going to hold the team and Duron back."

Winnipeg receivers know they need to step up against Riders

JUDY OWEN
The Canadian Press

WINNIPEG
Drew Wolitarsky and Darvin Adams want to lend quarterback Matt Nichols a helping hand. Or rather, make that hands.

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers receivers know Nichols' play during the team's three-game losing skid has been criticized and they say it's time the entire offence steps up.

They're hoping that starts with Saturday's Banjo Bowl against the Saskatchewan Roughriders, which will fea-

ture the first sellout of 33,134 fans at Investors Group Field this season.

"You want to help him out," Wolitarsky said of Nichols after Friday's walk-through. "He's a great leader.

"We love Matt so much and it's unfortunate the press

he sometimes gets and he kind of takes it on his shoulders and we know that."

Winnipeg (5-6) will try to avoid a fourth straight loss for the first time since the middle of the 2015 season.

Saskatchewan (6-4) is riding a three-game winning streak and last won four straight in 2016.

Nate Schmidt's teammates shocked by suspension

STEPHEN WHYNO
The Associated Press

CHICAGO
Marc-Andre Fleury was surprised and T.J. Oshie said he was shocked to see Nate Schmidt suspended 20 games for violating the NHL's performance-enhancing drug policy.

Current and former teammates expressed degrees of disbelief about the suspension this week after the NHL announced the Vegas Golden Knights defenceman's punishment on Sunday. Schmidt insisted he didn't intentionally take a banned substance and couldn't have gotten any performance benefit from the "trace amount" that got into his system.

"I really didn't see how this guy, how this could happen to him," said Fleury, the goaltender who helped Vegas reach the Stanley Cup Final last season. "He's obviously a very straight-forward guy. I really believe everything he says. He's a standup guy, and I don't see him doing this kind of stuff."

Schmidt and the Golden Knights released statements disagreeing with the suspension, though neither specified the substance. Schmidt said one of the experts testifying on his behalf at the appeal hearing likened the amount to a pinch of salt in an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

The appeal, which was heard by a neutral arbitrator, was denied.

Canada starts CONCACAF Nations League qualifying against U.S. Virgin Islands

NEIL DAVIDSON
The Canadian Press

John Herdman acknowledges that the book on the U.S. Virgin Islands is pretty thin.

He also knows that his Canada side is expected to win handily Sunday when the two face off in a CONCACAF National League qualifying match at Bradenton, Fla.

For once the 79th-ranked Canadian men are the Goliath against the 199th-ranked David from USVI, who as the underdog likely will look to stop goals rather than score them.

"We're expected to really rack up a scoreline," said Herdman, who expects the USVI to offer direct and physical opposition. "And the other sides to that are ... it can breed a level of frustration."

"You have to really get that mind right," the Canada coach added. "We've been looking at the rhythm of our game. We've been looking at (having) the focus on us and our tactical identity and really focusing on our processes so we're not seduced by the scoreboard."

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- ✓ Fill out an application form and attach a two page resume if you wish, and submit it by 4:30 pm, November 14, 2018. Drop off: City Clerk Department,

ENTITY	VACANCIES	ACTIVITIES	MEETING DETAILS	MORE INFO?
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES	3	Advise Council on disability issues, advocate for change	1st Thursday of month 12:15 - 2 pm	Leslie Jerry (403.502.8086)
ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD	3	Advise Committee & Council on Esplanade & arts/heritage matters	Last Monday of month 5:30 pm	Joanne Marion (403.529.8583)
CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	4	Champion the Downtown, propose policy change, advocate	2nd Tuesday of month 5:45 pm plus activities	CCDA Office (403.529.5997)
COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION	1	Management, regulation & control of combative sports	Call of the chair	Randy Taves (403.529.8347)
COMPOSITE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD	2	Hears commercial & multi dwelling taxation appeals (paid training and time)	Sept/Oct/Nov dates depending on appeals	City Clerk Dept. (403.529.8220)
HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE	1	Recommends heritage designations to Council, Ewart Duggan garden	2nd Tuesday of month 5 - 7:30 pm	Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (403.525.8607)
LOCAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD	2	Hears residential taxation appeals (paid training and time)	Sept/Oct/Nov dates depending on appeals	City Clerk Dept. (403.529.8220)
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION	2	Advises & recommends land use planning matters to Council; exercises sub development & development powers	2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 2:30 pm ± 2 hours	City Clerk Dept. (403.529.8220)
POLICE COMMISSION	1 (Police check required)	Various powers under the Police Act & Bylaw #1651	3rd Thursday of month 4:30 pm & 6:00 pm 1st Thursday of month 12 -1 pm informal session	Greg Keen (Chair) (403.502.8908)
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD	3	Management, regulation & control of Library	1st Wednesday of month 7:00 pm ± 2 hours plus minimum of 1 monthly sub-committee meeting ± 2 hours	Ken Feser (403.502.8528)
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD	2 (2 year term)	Advises Council on the social needs of residents	2nd Wednesday of month 5:00 pm ± 2 hours	Leah Prestayko (403.529.8310)
SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD	2	Hears appeals from development authority and some Bylaw orders	As & when appeals received ± 2 hours	City Clerk Dept. (403.529.8220)
URBAN ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD	2	Advises Committee and Council on parks/urban environment/recreation	3rd Wednesday of month 5 pm ± 2 hours	James Will (403.529.8312)
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD	6 (Must be aged 15-21)	Advises Committee and Council on youth issues/needs	4th Wednesday of month - 4:30 pm (subject to change)	Shona Dickie (403.502.8718)

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