

Aging Ravens feel pressure

WILL GRAVES
The Associated Press

Two years, two close calls, and two long off-seasons pondering "what if" for the Baltimore Ravens.

What if Billy Cundiff hadn't missed that chip-shot field goal against the Patriots in the AFC championship game eight months ago, the one that would have sent it to overtime? What if Baltimore's usually reliable defence held onto that seemingly comfortable 14-point halftime lead over the hated Pittsburgh Steelers in the divisional round the year before that?

In a league that rarely offers second chances — let alone third ones — the Ravens find themselves still searching for that Lombardi Trophy to bookend the one linebacker Ray Lewis led them to a dozen seasons ago.

Time is running out. Lewis is 37 and noticeably slimmer but he's already logged 222 games at one of football's most demanding positions. Safety Ed Reed turns 34 next month and skipped minicamp while hinting at retirement. Quarterback Joe Flacco is entering his fifth year as a starter and running back Ray Rice is signed to a long-term deal and in his prime.

Anything less than ending the season in New Orleans will be a

disappointment.

Coach John Harbaugh has preached "finish" during training camp, the one thing the Ravens haven't done on the cusp of the game's biggest stage. This may be their best — and perhaps last — shot at breaking through in a competitive conference in the midst of a transition.

The Steelers begin the season with eyes on a seventh championship, but are also dealing with the kind of roster turnover they've largely avoided during their latest revival.

The Patriots might be the only team in the league nursing a bigger post-season hangover than the Ravens after the New York Giants stunned them — again — in the Super Bowl.

Tom Brady's longtime rival Peyton Manning left Indianapolis for Denver, where the Broncos believe the four-time MVP's surgically repaired neck is strong enough to get them back to the Super Bowl for the first time since John Elway was doing his thing.

Houston finally broke the Colts' stranglehold on the AFC South when Manning sat out last season, and the Texans appear to easily be the class of that division as long as quarterback Matt Schaub, running back Arian Foster and wide receiver Andre Johnson stay healthy.



Giants revel as unusual underdog

ROB MAADDI
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From oddsmakers to experts, people aren't giving the New York Giants the respect a Super Bowl champion deserves.

Eli Manning and Co. sneaked into the playoffs last year and then played their best football in January and February. For the second time in five years, they beat the favoured New England Patriots to claim the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

With nearly all their starters on defence returning and the core on offence back, the Giants have a legitimate chance to repeat. At least, they should be considered the team to beat in the NFC.

Apparently, that's not the case. In Las Vegas, 10 teams are listed ahead of the Giants in the Super Bowl odds. The Giants opened at 16-1 and have dropped to 22-1 at the Bovada Sportsbook.

Then there's the AP Pro32 NFL power rankings. The Giants were No. 3 behind the Green Bay Packers and the Patriots in the first-ever poll released July 31.

So, who do opponents think is the best team in the NFC? Even teammates disagree.

"It was a coin flip whether the Giants even got into the playoffs," Philadelphia Eagles guard Evan Mathis said. "They played very well, obviously, and they deserved it, but Green Bay, with their experience, should be the team to beat."

The Giants went 9-7 last year and split with the Eagles, losing at home with Vince Young starting in place of Michael Vick. Had one play gone differently in any of Philadelphia's close defeats, the Eagles (8-8) would've won the division.

Meanwhile, the Packers steamrolled to a 15-1 record and seemed on their way to winning their second straight Super Bowl before losing to the Giants in their first playoff game.

"The Giants are the Super Bowl champs, so they're the team to beat," Eagles linebacker DeMeco Ryans said. "Each year, each team, it's a new season.

But the Giants hold the reign." Maybe until Week 1.

"We know we've got to improve," Manning said. "We were 9-7 last year in the regular season. That's not good enough. We were a better team than that. Obviously we showed that throughout the playoffs. We've got to have that urgency, that consistency, throughout the whole season, and play our best football for the 16 regular-season games. That's what we're going to work on and just keep grinding, staying hungry to get better and to make sure we can have another successful year this year."

The Packers might not place as much emphasis on the regular season after last year's debacle. "We went through a great regular season, winning 15 games and doing a lot of things that hadn't happened here in Green Bay before, and got knocked out in the first round," NFL MVP Aaron Rodgers said. "It makes you realize the only thing that matters is winning championships, and you have to win some playoff games to get there."

There are other serious challengers in the NFC besides the Giants and Packers.

The Eagles are looking to bounce back after failing to live up to enormous expectations last year. If Vick can stay healthy, the offence should be dynamic with All-Pro running back LeSean McCoy and wide receivers DeSean Jackson and Jeremy Maclin. An improved defence will be the key to Philadelphia's success.

The North might be the toughest division in the conference. The Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions will make it difficult for the Packers to cruise to another division title.

In the South, the New Orleans Saints have plenty of talent, but must overcome a turbulent, bounty-plagued off-season. The Atlanta Falcons are trying to get over the hump in the playoffs after failing three times in the last four years.

And the West is no walkover anymore. The San Francisco 49ers were perhaps a fumble in overtime away from going to the Super Bowl.



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Electric Outages 403.529.8260
Gas Emergency 403.529.8191
Water and Sewer Emergency 403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services 403-526-2828

UPCOMING GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY CHANGES

There will be no solid waste collection on Monday, September 3rd, 2012 due to the Labor Day Holiday. All residential garbage zone collection days will advance by one day starting as outlined in the schedule below and in the Annual Collection Calendar.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 3 – No Coll.	Sept 4 – Zone 5	Sept 5 – Zone 1	Sept 6 – Zone 2	Sept 7 – Zone 3

If you are unsure of your garbage collection zone and annual schedule for your residence, please visit the Environmental Utilities Department website at www.medicinehat.ca and refer to the garbage collection zone map and schedule or call 403-529-8176 for a paper copy of the Annual Collection Calendar.

- Remember:**
- ✓ Don't Be Late Set garbage out by 7:00 a.m.
 - ✓ Leave Room 3 feet (1 Meter) clearance on all sides
 - ✓ Bring It Back Return carts to property

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT TAXI LICENSE LOTTERY

A taxi license lottery will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 25, 2012, at room M-1, main floor City Hall, 580 – 1st Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

- Six (6) taxi licenses will be available at this lottery.
- A person wishing to apply for a taxi license shall:
- submit to the License Inspector a fully completed and signed application in the form set out in City of Medicine Hat Bylaw No. 2648, and
 - pay the non-refundable lottery fee of \$35.00

at least two (2) days before the scheduled date of the lottery.

The following are the rules and procedures for the lottery:

- A person who participates in a lottery may receive only one taxi license per lottery.
- Provisional applicants will be drawn in case a successful applicant is not able to meet the Bylaw requirements for a taxi license within ninety (90) days of the lottery.
- If an applicant does not comply with the requirements within ninety (90) days, the provisional applicant will be given a ninety (90) day period to meet the Bylaw requirements.
- Successful applicants must meet all requirements of the Taxi Bylaw No. 2648, as amended or replaced from time to time.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Hank Claussen, Business License Inspector at 529-8135 or 2nd Floor, City Hall.

FIRE HYDRANT & WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Environmental Utilities Department will test and flush fire hydrants plus water mains until October 2012. This is an annual maintenance activity that maintains water quality and system infrastructure. Residents may notice some discoloring of water, which is not harmful and will disappear when flushing is complete. Fluctuating pressure may also be noticed.



Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, you may wish to flush the water from your home for a few minutes by watering your lawn or running your tap. Please note that the flushing in your home will not correct private plumbing/corrosion problems. Thank you for your understanding.

The City of Medicine Hat and you partners in safe drinking water

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LAND USE BYLAW #3181 1156 -27TH STREET S.E.

TAKE NOTICE that City Council gave First Reading on Monday August 20th, 2012 by Bylaw #4134, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to amend Bylaw #3181, the Land Use Bylaw.

The land that is the subject of proposed Bylaw #4134, legally described as Block 1, Plan 8110363 (the "subject land") is presently designated as P-S – Public Services District under the Land Use Bylaw.

And Whereas an application has been made to re-designate the subject land as C2 Neighbourhood Commercial District to enable a wider range of allowable uses on the site.

A Public Hearing in general accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the City's Procedure Bylaw, and consideration of the Second and Third Readings of proposed Bylaw 4134 will be held in Council Chambers at 580 First Street S.E. in Medicine Hat, Alberta on Monday, September 17th, 2012, beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

A copy of proposed Bylaw 4134 and related documents may be inspected during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall, 580 First Street S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta, or accessed on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca (Hover your mouse over the "City Government" heading, click on "Bylaws", click again on the hypertext link "Bylaws", then scroll to the heading "Proposed Bylaws" and choose Bylaw 4134)

Any person who claims to be affected by the proposed rezoning of the subject land may make representation to City Council at the Public Hearing. Oral submissions are limited to five minutes.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to the City Clerk Department by 12:00 o'clock noon, Wednesday, September 12th, 2012. The mailing address is 580 First Street S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 8E6. The e-mail address is clerk@medicinehat.ca. Any such written submission will become a public document.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 25th day of August, 2012.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk
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Family Leisure Centre **Swim** catch the wave!

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REVISED HOURS
Labour Day Monday, Sept 3, 2012

Family Leisure Centre	Noon-5:00pm
Heights Pool	Noon-6:00pm
Lane/Tot's n Toys	Noon-1:00pm
Public Swim	1:00pm-6:00pm
Echo Dale	11:00am-7:00pm

Pool Updates

- * **Heights Pool** will be extending their hours of operation until September 19th
- * **Echo Dale** will remain open through the September long weekend!
- * **Hill, Heald & Strathcona Pools** will **CLOSE** for the season on August 26th 2012
- * **Family Leisure Centre** Annual Shutdown is Sept 4th – 19th (inclusive)

For more information check out our website
www.medicinehat.ca or call 403.502.8566

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED AUGUST 23 TO AUGUST 29, 2012, PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

- 89 Somerset Mews SE (Lot 19, Block 7, Plan 0715106) Permit No. DP10179. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 338 10 Street SW (Lot 31, 32, Block 17, Plan 2177M) Permit No. DP10187. With Conditions. Rear Covered Deck.
- 19 Ranchview Way NE (Lot 47, Block 13, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP10217. With Conditions. Detached Unheated Garage.
- 46 Somerset Cove SE (Lot 75, Block 6, Plan 0812753) Permit No. DP10218. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 25 Cameron Way SE (Lot 13, Block 42, Plan 8311783) Permit No. DP10221. With Conditions. 6 Additional Roof Mounted Solar Electric Panels.

COMMERCIAL

- 399 College Dr SE (Lot, Block H, Plan 6099JK) Permit No. DP9982. With Conditions. Visual Communications Expansion to the Cultural Centre.
- K – 3215 Dunmore Rd SE (Lot 7, Block 2, Plan 8910652) Permit No. DP10201. With Conditions. Free Standing Fascia Signs.
- 877 B 17 Street SW (Lot 22, Block 19, Plan 9410919) Permit No. DP10196. With Conditions. Fascia Sign and Chang of Use to Warehouse and Retail Store.

HOME OCCUPATION

- 993 Stewart Dr NW (Lot 5, Block 8, Plan 1481JK) Permit No. DP10174. Office Use Only. Oilfield Consulting/Construction Inspection. 3 Year Renewal.
- 607 Ross Glen Dr SE (Lot 47, Block 33, Plan 8311431) Permit No. DP10195. Office Use Only. Consultant/Mediation.
- 256 Stratton Rd SE (Lot 39, Block 13, Plan 1111043) Permit No. DP10197. Up to 10 Customers Per Week.
- 32 Gray Cres NW (Lot 16, Block 3, Plan 6641JK) Permit No. DP10210. Office Use Only. Respite Care. 3 Year Renewal.
- 22 Ranchlands Lane NE (Lot, Block 69, Plan 0711414) Permit No. DP10212. Office Use Only. Reporting. 3 Year Renewal.
- 170 19 Street NE (Lot 13, Block 5, Plan 7410135) Permit No. DP10204. Office Use Only. Vehicle Escorting.
- 4 - 81 Collins Cres SE (Lot 21, Block 6, Plan 7610522) Permit No. DP10207. Office Use Only. Window Cleaning (Power Window Washing Option)
- 175 Ross Glen RD SE (Lot 6, Block 27, Plan 8010679) Permit No. DP10209. Office Use Only. Mobile Welding.
- 389 16 Street NE (Lot 41, Block 3, Plan 1828LK) Permit No. DP10211. Office Use Only. Portable Welding. 3 Year Renewal.
- 148 Palliser Way NE (Lot 16, Block 2, Plan 8811197) Permit No. DP10213. Office Use Only. Trucking. 3 Year Renewal.
- 152 Palliser Way NE (Lot 17, Block 2, Plan 8811197) Permit No. DP10216. Office Use Only. Bookkeeping, Word Processing/Forms Design. 3 Year Renewal.
- 492 Spruce Way NE (Lot 23, Block 4, Plan 9911834) Permit No. DP10223. 10 Customers Per Week. Gel Nails and Waxing. 3 Year Renewal.
- 11 Turner Close SE (Lot 21, Block 50, Plan 9412297) Permit No. DP10227. Office Use Only. Mobile Spray Tanning.
- 331 Ranchview PI NE (Lot 115, Block 13, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP10230. Office Use only. Installing Garage Organization Shelving.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca

Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning, Building & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 529-8374).