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UPDATES:

- Congratulations to the following teams which won 2003 Provincial Championships at their level of play this past season:
Atom (age 9-10) Sherwood Park Broncos
Pee-Wee (age 11-12) West Edmonton Raiders
Bantam (age 13-15) Sherwood Park Rams
High School Tier IV Bow Valley Bobcats
High School Tier III Cochrane Cobras
High School Tier II Archbishop Jordan Scots
High School Tier I St. Francis Browns
- For those interested in attending **N.C.C.P. Technical Courses** and/or **Theory Courses** please see the list enclosed inside.
- The **Annual Football Alberta/University of Calgary Football Clinic** will be held in Calgary on **Friday, March 5** and **Saturday, March 6**. As usual it will be held in conjunction with the **Football Alberta Coaches Awards Banquet**. The format of the Coaches Clinic will be the same with several coaches from the professional, university/junior, high school and minor ranks from both sides of the border will be presenting. A more detailed list of events and a registration form will be coming to your attention soon.
- The annual **Senior Bowl High School All-Star Game** will take place on **Monday, May 24, 2004** at the completion of the May long weekend. The game itself will be at **12:00 p.m.** at **Foote Field** in **Edmonton**. The tentative tryout camp for the "North" is on the weekend of **April 16-18** in **Edmonton** while the "South" camp will be on the weekend of **April 23-25** in **Calgary**. Nominations by high school coaches for Senior Bowl tryouts are due as of January 31, 2004.
- This year's **Football Canada Cup** will be held in Ottawa and will see increased attendance by more provincial teams this year as Saskatchewan will join the competition. Football Alberta will once again be fielding a team and will be in search of its sixth title having won five of the past nine years. This year's teams will feature a new coaching staff lead by new head coach **Barclay Spady** from Bev Facey H.S. in Sherwood Park. Joining him on staff will be **Bill McConkey** from St. Mary's in Calgary, **Dan Aloisio** from Archbishop Jordan in Sherwood Park, **Jay Hetherington** from Lindsay Thurber in Red Deer, and **Jason Hutchins** from Springbank. Former head coach Tim Enger will be staying on staff as well as Gino Castellon from Red Deer who will serve as the General Manager.
- For information on the **Football Alberta Pull and Pay Book Fundraiser** please read the Executive Director's Report on Page 2. Many teams have benefited from this program in the past
- An official price list for all of Football Alberta's **Resource List** is listed in this issue on the last page.
- Congratulations to the following Junior Football Players from Alberta who were named All-Canadian for 2003 (High School in brackets):
Chris Ciezki (RB) – Edmonton Huskies (Archbishop Jordan H.S. – Sherwood Park)
Jeff Halvorson (RB) – Okanagan Sun (Grande Prairie H.S.)
Ryan Karhut (OL) - Edmonton Huskies (Parkland Predators – Spruce Grove)
Justin Cooper (DL) - Edmonton Huskies (Lindsay Thurber H.S. – Red Deer)
Kasali Akili (DB) – Edmonton Huskies (Harry Ainlay H.S.– Edmonton)
* - Also congratulations go out to **Chris Ciezki** of the Huskies who was named the Most Valuable Junior Football Player in Canada by the CJFL.
- Congratulations to the following Albertans who were named CIS All-Canadians for 2003 (these are all players who graduated from Alta. High Schools):
1st Team: **Jarred Winkel** (RB) – Univ. of Alberta (Salisbury H.S. – Sherwood Park)
Brendan Mahoney (WR) – Simon Fraser (Cochrane H.S.)
2nd Team: **Dan Federkiel** (DL) – Univ. of Calgary (Medicine Hat H.S.)
Augustin Barrenechea (LB) – U. of Cal. (St. Francis H.S. – Calgary)
Kyler White (DB) – Univ. of Alberta (Ross Sheppard H.S. - Edmonton)
- Email us! For anyone wishing to communicate with the Football Alberta office via the web you now have two news addresses to use:
Brian Fryer - bfryer@telus.net
Tim Enger - tenger@telus.net
Also check out our Web Page at:
www.footballalberta.ab.ca
- **Minor Provincial Dates** have been tentatively set for this year. There is a proposed change this year that could see two more "Tier's" of provincial play added to the Bantam level and one more "Tier" added to the Pee-Wee level. These Tier's would be based on the competitiveness of the leagues across the province and would be designed to allow leagues to compete provincially at a level they are comfortable with. See inside for details.

RESULTS:

2003 YEARBOOK OF RESULTS

SENIOR MEN'S

<u>ALBERTA LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Calgary Wolfpack	8	0	0	420	123	16
Calgary Thunder	6	2	0	285	205	12
Red Deer Buccanneers	5	3	0	166	191	10
Calgary Coyotes	3	5	0	111	194	6
Calgary Gators	3	5	0	127	167	6
Edmonton Stallions	3	5	0	160	152	6
Edmonton Icemen	0	8	0	54	291	0

SEMIS: Calgary Wolfpack 31 Cal. Coyotes 8
Calgary Thunder 54 Red Deer Bucs 21

FINAL: Calgary Wolfpack 56 Cal. Thunder 35

NATIONAL FINAL: Wolfpack 39 Oshawa 28

UNIVERSITY

<u>CANADA WEST LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
U of Saskatchewan Huskies	8	0	0	231	124	16
Simon Fraser Univ. Clan	5	3	0	229	181	10
U of Regina Rams	4	4	0	248	246	8
U of Alberta Golden Bears	4	4	0	262	164	8
U of Calgary Dinosaurs	4	4	0	187	237	8
U of Manitoba Bisons	3	5	0	172	249	6
UBC Thunderbirds	0	8	0	132	260	0

SEMIS: Alberta 10 Saskatchewan 4
Simon Fraser 53 Regina 46

HARDY CUP: Simon Fraser 28 Alberta 18

UTECK BOWL: St. Mary's 60 Simon Fraser 9

VANIER CUP: Laval 14 St. Mary's 7

JUNIOR

<u>PRAIRIE FOOTBALL CONF.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Saskatoon Hilltops	8	0	0	316	91	16
Edmonton Huskies	7	1	0	361	112	14
Regina Prairie Thunder	3	5	0	243	224	6
Edmonton Wildcats	3	5	0	135	337	6
Winnipeg Rifles	2	6	0	164	228	4
Calgary Colts	1	7	0	92	319	2

PFC SEMIS: Saskatoon 52 Edm. Wildcats 28
Edm. Huskies 30 Regina 21

PFC FINAL: Saskatoon 43 Edm. Huskies 31

NATIONAL SEMI : Saskatoon 35 St. Leonard

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NATIONAL FINAL: Saskatoon 59 Victoria 0

HIGH SCHOOL

<u>MIGHTY PEACE LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
<u>Peace Conference</u>						
Grande Prairie Warriors	5	0	0	169	80	10
South Peace Penguins	4	1	0	174	105	8
Peace River Pioneers	3	2	0	212	92	6
Sexsmith Sabres	2	3	0	69	122	4
Whitecourt Cats	1	4	0	114	149	2
St. Josephs Celtics	0	5	0	37	183	0

SEMIS: Grande Prairie 29 Sexsmith 0
Peace River 32 South Peace 30

FINAL: Grande Prairie 24 Peace River 8

<u>Athabasca Conference</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Beaverlodge Royals	4	0	0	155	6	8
Peace Wapiti Titans	3	1	0	40	57	6
North Peace Oscars	2	2	0	43	46	4
Valleyview Cougars	1	3	0	39	80	2
Hinton Wolfpack	0	4	0	8	128	0

SEMIS: Whitecourt* 32 Peace Wapiti 14
Beaverlodge 52 St. Josephs* 7

FINAL: Beaverlodge 15 Whitecourt* 1

* - lower Peace Conf. Teams in Ath. playoffs

<u>EDMONTON PUBLIC (SR.)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Strathcona Lords	8	0	0	346	14	16
Parkland Predators	7	1	0	210	58	14
M.E. LaZerte Voyageurs	6	2	0	182	116	12
McNally Tigers	4	3	1	161	131	9
Eastglen Blue Devils	3	4	1	186	188	7
Ross Sheppard Thunderbirds	3	4	1	123	176	7
Jasper Place Rebels	2	5	1	171	219	4
Harry Ainlay Titans	1	7	0	96	235	2
W.P. Wagner Warriors	0	8	0	25	342	0

SEMIS: Strathcona 43 McNally 0
M.E. LaZerte 17 Parkland 15

FINAL: Strathcona 55 M.E. LaZerte 0

<u>EDMONTON PUBLIC (JR.)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Harry Ainlay Titans	6	0	0	205	93	12
Parkland Predators	5	1	0	199	58	10
M.E. LaZerte Voyageurs	4	2	0	142	133	8
Jasper Place Rebels	3	3	0	122	93	6
Ross Sheppard Thunderbirds	1	4	1	89	168	3
McNally Tigers	1	4	1	87	145	3
Eastglen Blue Devils	0	6	0	38	177	0

SEMIS: Harry Ainlay 21 Jasper Place 14
Parkland 21 M.E. LaZerte 12

FINAL: Harry Ainlay 29 Parkland 28

<u>EDMONTON METRO (SR.)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
<u>Carr Conference</u>						
Archbishop Jordan Scots	3	1	0	124	44	6
Bev Facey Falcons	3	1	0	93	57	6
Salisbury Sabres	3	1	0	95	67	6
St. Albert Skyhawks	1	3	0	65	64	2
Austin O'Brien Crusaders	0	4	0	24	169	0

SEMIS: Archbishop Jordan 45 St. Albert 0
Salisbury 28 Bev Facey 26

FINAL: Salisbury 35 Archbishop Jordan 28

Miles Conference

Fort Saskatchewan Sting	7	0	0	212	74	14
Beaumont Bandits	6	1	0	209	57	12
Archbishop O'Leary Spartans	5	2	0	152	79	10
Leduc Tigers	4	3	0	86	130	8
Ardrossan Bisons	3	4	0	98	143	6
Bellerose Bulldogs	2	5	0	94	130	4
St. Francis Xavier Rams	1	6	0	63	191	2
Holy Trinity Trojans	0	7	0	57	167	0

SEMIS: Leduc 7 Fort Saskatchewan 6
Archbishop O'Leary 12 Beaumont 0

FINAL: Leduc 14 Archbishop O'Leary 11

<u>EDMONTON METRO (JR.)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Archbishop Jordan Scots	8	0	0	247	41	16
St. Francis Xavier Rams	7	1	0	189	71	14
St. Albert Skyhawks	5	2	1	158	129	11
St. Josephs Saints	4	3	1	154	163	9
Austin O'Brien Crusaders	4	4	0	128	87	8
Bev Facey Falcons	3	5	0	125	182	6
Leduc Tigers	2	6	0	78	179	4
Salisbury Sabres	2	6	0	99	119	4
Holy Trinity Trojans	0	8	0	28	235	0

SEMIS: St. Francis Xavier 27 St. Albert 0

Archbishop Jordan 25 St. Josephs 8

FINAL: Archbishop Jordan 21 St. Francis X. 17

<u>WHEATLAND LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
St. Paul Lions	7	0	0	182	53	14
Lac La Biche Huskies	6	1	0	175	90	12
Wainwright Commandos	5	2	0	164	102	10
Lloydminster Barons	4	3	0	139	94	8
Grand Centre Royals	3	4	0	108	149	6
Bonnyville Voyageurs	2	5	0	93	136	4
Vermilion Marauders	1	6	0	62	126	2
Athabasca Pacers	0	7	0	69	242	0

TIER IV FINAL: Lac La Biche 25 Wainwright 20

TIER III FINAL: St. Paul 16 Grand Centre 6

TIER II FINAL: Lloydminster 25 Bonnyville 11

<u>CENTRAL ALBERTA</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Brick Ward Conference						
Lindsay Thurber Raiders	4	0	0	151	35	8
Notre Dame Cougars	3	1	0	137	82	6
Lacombe Rams	2	2	0	103	85	4
Hunting Hills Lightning	0	4	0	10	155	0

SEMI: Lacombe 51 Notre Dame 7

FINAL: Lindsay Thurber 28 Lacombe 0

Norm Brown Conference	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Camrose Trojans	4	0	0	57	7	8
Rocky Mtn. House Rebels	3	1	0	146	73	6
Sylvan Lake Lakers	2	2	0	106	100	4
Wetaskiwin Sabres*	1	3	0	74	118	2
Stettler Wildcats	1	3	0	89	98	2
Innisfail Cyclones	0	4	0	34	150	2

SEMIS: Camrose 16 Wetaskiwin 3

Sylvan Lake 41 Rocky Mtn. House 27

FINAL: Sylvan Lake 11 Camrose 7

* - played in Brick Ward Conf. But moved to Norm Brown for playoffs

<u>CALGARY DIV. I (SR.)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
St. Francis Browns	6	0	0	239	59	12
Bowness Trojans	5	1	0	213	124	10
Western Canada Redmen	4	2	0	148	70	8
Henry Wise Wood Warriors	3	3	0	90	126	6
Sir Winston Churchill Bulldogs	2	4	0	156	162	4
William Aberhart Trojans	1	5	0	53	148	2
Dr. E.P. Scarlett Lancers	0	6	0	34	244	0

SEMIS: St. Francis 30 Henry Wise Wood 6

Bowness 45 Western Canada 28

FINAL: St. Francis 28 Bowness 7

<u>CALGARY DIV. II (SR.)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
John G. Diefenbaker Chiefs	6	0	0	130	80	12
Lord Beaverbrook Lords	3	3	0	119	82	6
Bishop McNally Timberwolves	3	3	0	160	138	6
Central Memorial Rams	3	3	0	103	111	6
St. Mary's Saints	3	3	0	114	140	6
Bishop Carroll Cardinals	2	4	0	106	121	4
James Fowler Falcons	1	5	0	75	135	2

SEMIS: John Diefenbaker 17 Central Mem. 14

Lord Beaverbrook 10 Bishop McNally 7

FINAL: Lord Beaverbrook 8 John Diefenbaker 4

<u>CALGARY DIV. III (SR.)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Bishop Grandin Ghosts	6	0	0	211	19	12
Bishop O'Bryne Trailblazers	5	1	0	210	53	10
Ernest Manning Griffins	4	2	0	88	89	8
Father Lacombe Lazars	3	3	0	61	94	6
Crescent Heights Cowboys	2	4	0	97	119	4
Lester B. Pearson Patriots	1	5	0	62	119	2
Forest Lawn Titans	0	6	0	6	242	2

SEMIS: Bishop Grandin 43 Father Lacombe 0

Bishop O'Bryne 41 Ernest Manning 7

FINAL: Bishop Grandin 34 Bishop O'Bryne 7

<u>CALGARY DIV. I (JR.)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
St. Francis Browns	6	0	0	188	40	12
Bowness Trojans	5	1	0	128	34	10
Dr. E. P. Scarlett Lancers	4	2	0	109	52	8
Western Canada Redmen	3	3	0	110	60	6
Sir Winston Churchill Bulldogs	2	4	0	66	170	4
Henry Wise Wood Warriors	0	5	1	48	157	1
William Aberhart Trojans	0	5	1	56	192	1

SEMIS: St. Francis 35 Western Canada 7

Bowness 14 Dr. E. P. Scarlett 6

FINAL: St. Francis 28 Bowness 7

<u>CALGARY DIV. II (JR.)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Central Memorial Rams	6	0	0	192	50	12
John G. Diefenbaker Chiefs	5	1	0	107	85	10
Bishop McNally Timberwolves	3	2	1	75	87	7
Lord Beaverbrook Lords	3	3	0	129	71	6
St. Mary's Saints	3	3	0	66	74	6
James Fowler Falcons	1	4	1	123	172	3
Bishop Carroll Cardinals	0	6	0	48	201	0

SEMIS: Central Memorial 35 Lord Beaverbrk. 0

John Diefenbaker 29 Bishop McNally 7

FINAL: Central Memorial 15 John Diefenbaker 8

<u>CALGARY DIV. III (JR.)</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Bishop Grandin Ghosts	5	0	0	205	42	10
Bishop O'Byrne Trailblazers	4	1	0	123	103	8
Crescent Heights Cowboys	3	2	0	140	80	6
Father Lacombe Lazars	2	3	0	53	93	4
Forest Lawn Titans	1	4	0	70	127	2
Ernest Manning Griffins	0	5	0	51	198	0

SEMIS: Bishop Grandin 64 Father Lacombe 0

Crescent Hgts. 47 Bishop O'Byrne 27

FINAL: Bishop Grandin 37 Crescent Hgts. 12

<u>ROCKYVIEW LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Cochrane Cobras	6	0	0	277	36	12
Foothills Falcons	5	1	0	192	76	10
Bow Valley Bobcats	4	2	0	163	81	8
George McDougall Mustangs	2	4	0	73	201	4
Chestermere Cowboys	2	4	0	107	139	4
Springbank Phoenix	2	4	0	86	136	4
Bert Church Chargers	0	6	0	0	243	0

TIER III FINAL: Cochrane 33 Springbank 0

TIER II SEMIS: Chestermere 9 G. McDougall 7
Foothills 42 Bert Church 0

TIER II FINAL: Foothills 31 Chestermere 12

<u>SOUTHERN ALBERTA</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
"A" Division						
Cardston Cougars	3	1	0			6
L.C.I. Rams	3	1	0			6
Raymond Comets	2	1	0			4
Winston Churchill Bulldogs	1	2	0			2
Catholic Central Cougars	0	4	0			0

<u>"B" Division</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Willow Creek Cobras	4	0	0			8
W.R. Myers Rebels	3	1	0			6
Kate Andrews Pride	2	2	0			4
Kainai Warriors	1	3	0			2
Pincher Creek Mustangs	0	4	0			0

Tier I Final: L.C.I. 31 Raymond 21
Tier III Semi: Catholic Central 34 W.R. Myers 3
Tier III Final: Winston Churchill 14 Catholic Central 0
Tier IV Semi: Kainai 18 Kate Andrews 6
Tier IV Final: Willow Creek 40 Kainai 0

<u>RANGELAND LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Medicine Hat Mohawks	4	0	0			8
McCoy Colts	3	1	0			4
Crescent Heights Vikings	2	2	0			4
Brooks Buffalos	1	3	0			2
J.C. Charyk Hawks	0	4	0			0

SEMIS: Medicine Hat 34 Brooks 14
Crescent Heights 14 McCoy 0

FINAL: Medicine Hat 28 Crescent Heights 6

<u>BIG SKY LEAGUE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Holy Trinity Knights	7	0	0	221	26	14
Bow Valley Wolverines	6	1	0	263	89	12
Oilfields Drillers	5	2	0	185	86	10
Highwood Mustangs	4	3	0	181	82	8
J.C. Charyk Hawks	3	4	0	90	193	6
Strathmore Spartans	2	5	0	88	192	4
Olds Spartans	1	6	0	59	144	2
Drumheller Titans	0	7	0	7	219	0

SEMIS: Holy Trinity 12 Highwood 7
Bow Valley 39 Oilfields 14

FINAL: Holy Trinity 14 Bow Valley 7

A.S.A. HIGH SCHOOL PROVINCIALS

TIER I

1/4'S: Salisbury 39 Grande Prairie 16
Strathcona 56 M.E. LaZerte 0
St. Francis 28 Bowness 7

L.C.I. 49 Lindsay Thurber 20

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SEMIS: Strathcona 25 Salisbury 24

St. Francis 40 L.C.I. 7

FINAL: St. Francis 28 Strathcona 0

TIER II

1/4's: Archbishop Jordan 34 Lloydminster 7

Foothills 41 Lacombe 14

Bishop McNally - BYE

Cardston 10 Medicine Hat 7

SEMIS: Archbishop Jordan 15 Foothills 7

Cardston 30 Bishop McNally 13

FINAL: Archbishop Jordan 21 Cardston 7

TIER III

1/4's: Peace River 46 Fort Saskatchewan 7

St. Paul 36 Camrose 13

Cochrane 43 Holy Trinity Academy 6

Winston Churchill 31 Crescent Hgts. 0

SEMIS: Peace River 47 St. Paul 22

Cochrane 53 Winston Churchill 7

FINAL: Cochrane 57 Peace River 14

TIER IV

1/4's: Beaverlodge 12 Ardrossan 9

Lac La Biche 34 Sylvan Lake 10

Bow Valley 65 Oilfields 0

Willow Creek 41 Olds 0

SEMIS: Lac La Biche 22 Beaverlodge 16

Bow Valley 42 Willow Creek 14

FINAL: Bow Valley 53 Lac La Biche 20

BANTAM

<u>GRANDE PRAIRIE MINOR</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Grande Prairie Raiders	7	0	0			16
West Country Lightning	5	2	0			10
Sexsmith Shamrocks	2	5	0			4
Grande Prairie Broncos	0	7	0			0

FINAL: Raiders 14 Lightning 0

<u>PEACE RIVER MINOR</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Peace River Royals	4	3	0			8
Peace River Hurricanes	3	4	0			6
Peace River Raiders	3	4	0			6
Peace River Eagles	2	5	0			4

FINAL: Raiders 9 Royals 6

<u>CAPITAL DISTRICT BANTAM</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Jackie Parker Division						
Sherwood Park Rams	8	0	0	402	19	16
Leduc Ticats	7	1	0	231	81	14
St. Albert 49ers	5	3	0	174	222	10
Millwoods Grizzlies	4	4	0	169	152	8
Stony Plain Blue Bombers	3	4	1	137	181	7
North Edmonton Seahawks	1	6	1	154	264	3
Fort McMurray Ravens	1	7	0	58	279	2

<u>John Bright Division</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
St. Albert Fury	8	0	0	300	44	16
Edmonton Chargers	7	1	0	306	103	14
Sherwood Park Wolverines	4	4	0	148	104	8
West Edmonton Raiders	2	6	0	106	254	4

Spruce Grove Cougars	1	7	0	113	298	2
Sherwood Park Northstars	0	8	0	88	385	0

(see playoffs on next page)

1/4's: Sher. Park Rams def. Millwoods
Leduc def. St. Albert 49ers
St. A. Fury def. W. Edmonton Raiders
Sher. Park Wolverines def. Chargers

SEMIS: Sherwood Park Rams 41 Leduc 0
Sher.Park Wolv. 8 St. Albert Fury 2 (OT)

FINAL: Rams 27 Wolverines 0

CALGARY BANTAM LEAGUE W L T PF PA PTS

North Division

Calgary Cowboys	6	2	0	202	95	12
Calgary Mavericks	5	3	0	220	55	10
Calgary Hilltoppers	5	3	0	196	87	10
Cochrane Lions	5	3	0	178	118	10
Calgary Golden Hawks	4	4	0	201	226	8
Airdrie Storm	2	6	0	30	218	4
Calgary Broncos	0	8	0	68	300	0

South Division

Calgary Wildcats	7	1	0	292	80	14
Calgary Bulldogs	6	1	1	211	70	13
Foothills Eagles	6	1	1	189	77	13
Calgary Colts	3	5	0	239	223	6
Bow Valley Wolverines	2	6	0	50	270	4
Calgary Stampeders	0	8	0	65	322	0

1/4's: Calgary Wildcats 38 Cochrane Lions 16
Foothills Eagles 19 Cal. Mavericks 18
Calgary Bulldogs 17 Cal. Hilltoppers 16
Calgary Cowboys 40 Calgary Colts 0

SEMIS: Calgary Wildcats 38 Foothills Eagles 4
Calgary Cowboys 26 Calgary Bulldogs

0

FINAL: Calgary Wildcats 22 Cal. Cowboys 16

SOUTH. ALBERTA MINOR W L T PF PA PTS

Big Sky Division

Lethbridge Stampeders	6	0	0	200	45	12
Medicine Hat Hawks	5	1	0	141	15	10
Parkside Pythons	4	2	0	134	112	8
Brooks Roadrunners	3	3	0	145	150	6
Lethbridge Jr. Rams	2	4	0	86	177	4
Medicine Hat Colts	1	5	0	65	160	2
Lethbridge Jr. Bulldogs	0	6	0	71	183	0

Chinook Division

Raymond Jr. Comets	7	0	0	252	25	14
Claresholm Raiders	6	1	0	172	75	12
Cardston Cougars	5	2	0	162	83	10
Magrath Wolverines	4	3	0	138	105	8
Taber Jr. Rebels	3	4	0	126	157	6
Coaldale Golden Bears	2	5	0	96	215	4
Kainai Eagles	1	6	0	58	109	2
Pincher Creek Mustangs	0	7	0	6	241	0

FINAL: Raymond 27 Lethbridge Stampeders 7

PRAIRIE THUNDER LEAGUE W L T PF PA PTS

North Division

Camrose Coyotes	6	0	0	212	44	12
Wetaskiwin Warriors	4	2	0	102	46	8
Wainwright Commados	1	4	0	63	129	2
Vermilion Mauraders	0	5	0	18	171	0

South Division

Hanna Hawks	6	0	0	308	9	12
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Stettler Cougars	4	2	0	173	75	8
Strathmore Spartans	2	4	0	63	190	4
Drumheller Titans	0	6	0	24	282	0

FINAL: Camrose 21Hanna 0

PEE-WEE

GRANDE PRAIRIE PEE-WEE W L T PF PA PTS

Grande Prairie Rams	6	1	1			13
Grande Prairie Mavericks	6	1	1			13
Grande Prairie Bears	3	5	0			6
Grande Prairie Paralysers	0	8	0			0

FINAL: Mavericks 24 Rams 6

CAPITAL DISTRICT PEE-WEE W L T PF PA

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Jackie Parker Division

Millwoods Grizzlies	9	0	0	215	36	18
St. Albert Avengers	7	2	0	148	37	14
Edmonton Seahawks	5	4	0	197	92	10
Stony Plain Blue Bombers	3	6	0	76	118	6
Sherwood Park Raiders	2	7	0	39	257	4
Leduc Wildcats	1	8	0	27	276	2
Camrose Buffalos	0	9	0	37	280	0

John Bright Division

West Edmonton Raiders	8	1	0	244	33	16
Sherwood Park Cougars	8	1	0	259	84	16
Edmonton Chargers	5	3	1	153	96	11
St. Albert Eagles	5	4	0	184	176	10
Sherwood Park Bulldogs	5	4	0	236	120	10
Spruce Grove Cougars	3	5	1	126	121	7
St. Albert Riders	2	7	0	62	277	4

1/4's: Millwoods Grizzlies def. Stony Plain
St. Albert Avengers def. Edm. Seahawks
West Edm. Raiders def. St. A. Eagles
Sher. Park Cougars def. Edm. Chargers

SEMIS: Millwoods 8 St. Albert Avengers 1
W. Edm. Raiders 22 Sh. Pk. Cougars 2

FINAL: West Edm.Raiders 8 Millwoods 0

CALGARY & AREA PEE-WEE W L T PF PA PTS

Red Division

Calgary Cowboys	6	1	0	126	53	12
Calgary Stampeders	5	1	1	145	70	11
Calgary Mavericks	4	3	0	122	111	8
Calgary Wildcats	3	3	1	92	86	7
Calgary Bulldogs	3	4	0	79	102	6
Calgary Colts	1	6	0	37	136	2

White Division

Calgary Hilltoppers	6	1	0	183	67	12
Calgary Broncos	5	2	0	197	87	10
Cochrane Lions	4	3	0	147	162	8
Foothills Eagles	2	5	0	135	204	4
Chestermere Chiefs	1	6	0	84	200	2
Calgary Kodiaks	1	6	0	59	138	2

1/4's: Broncos 37 Cowboys 8
Mavericks 32 Colts 6
Bulldogs 8 Wildcats 0
Hilltoppers 28 Stampeders 6

SEMIS: Hilltoppers 28 Mavericks 8
Broncos 42 Bulldogs 20

FINAL: Hilltoppers 38 Broncos 20

MEDICINE HAT PEE-WEE W L T PF PA PTS

Kinsmen Stampeders	8	1	0	16
Southrock Renegades	5	3	1	11
Sport Connection Tigercats	2	6	1	5
Cedar Square Roughriders	2	7	0	4

FINAL: Stampeders def. Renegades

ATOM

CAPITAL DISTRICT ATOM W L T PF PA PTS

Jackie Parker Division

Leduc Bobcats	6	2	1	173	124	13
Sherwood Park Eskimos	6	3	0	201	101	12
St. Albert Buccaneers	2	7	0	95	179	4
Stony Plain Blue Bombers	2	7	0	38	192	4
Millwoods Grizzlies	2	7	0	97	249	4
North Edmonton Seahawks	0	9	0	24	249	0

John Bright Division

Sherwood Park Broncos	9	0	0	304	18	18
Spruce Grove Cougars	8	1	0	230	54	16
Sherwood Park Warriors	6	3	0	101	87	12
West Edmonton Raiders	5	4	0	112	124	10
St. Albert Vikings	5	4	0	107	58	10
Edmonton Chargers	2	6	1	83	130	3

1/4'S: Leduc def. Stony Plain
 Sher. Park Eskimos def. St. Albert Bucs
 Sher. Park Broncos def. W.E. Raiders
 Spruce Grove def. Sher. Park Warriors

SEMIS: Leduc 30 Sher. Park Eskimos 20
 Sher. Park Broncos 32 Spruce Grove 0

FINAL: Sher. Park Broncos 40 Leduc 0

MEDICINE HAT ATOM W L T PF PA PTS

Results not sent in

MINOR PROVINCIALS

BANTAM:

1/4's: Camrose 13 Grande Prairie Raiders 0

SEMIS: Sherwood Park Rams 57 Camrose 0
 Calgary Wildcats 32 Raymond 7

FINAL: Sher. Park Rams 44 Cal. Wildcats 22

PEE-WEE FINAL:

W. Edmonton Raiders 9 Cal. Hilltoppers 8 (OT)

ATOM FINAL:

Sher. Park Broncos 40 Leduc Bobcats 0

TOUCH/FLAG FOOTBALL

FORT MCMURRAY TOUCH W L T PF PA PTS

Results not sent in

EDMONTON FLAG

Division A:

Saints	14	0	0	682	221	28
Sting	10	4	0	464	380	20
Bullets	8	6	0	457	365	16
Titans	8	6	0	508	466	16
Pirates	7	7	0	366	453	14
Ravens	4	10	0	383	602	8
Tigers	4	10	0	409	523	8

Gamecocks	1	13	0	265	524	2
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Playoff Results not sent in

EDMONTON FLAG (cont.)

Division B: W L T PF PA PTS

Cheetahs	10	4	1	455	328	21
RS Rebels	10	5	0	566	331	20
Posse	9	5	1	422	422	19
Nads	6	9	0	379	492	12
Crusaders	5	10	0	346	454	10
Brutes	4	11	0	352	478	8

Playoff Results not sent in

Division C:

Sabres	10	4	0	489	353	20
Hellhounds	10	4	0	479	315	20
Mercenaries	10	4	0	494	378	20
Mustangs	10	4	0	544	376	20
Suburbia	8	6	0	501	366	16
Horsemen	5	9	0	342	432	10
Slough Sharks	2	12	0	302	529	4
Fighting Irish	1	13	0	224	596	2

Playoff Results not sent in

Division D:

Chargers	12	2	0	654	240	24
Generous	11	3	0	534	268	22
Lost Boys	10	4	0	386	354	20
Colt 45's	9	5	0	478	347	18
Dragons	8	6	0	470	317	16
Young Guns	3	11	0	278	534	6
Lightning	2	12	0	249	552	4
Justice League	1	13	0	97	618	2

Playoff Results not sent in

EDMONTON TOUCH

W L T PF PA PTS

Results not sent in

RED DEER TOUCH

W L T PF PA PTS

Results not sent in

CALGARY TOUCH

W L T PF PA PTS

Results not sent in

CALGARY FLAG

W L T PF PA PTS

Results not sent in

MEDICINE HAT TOUCH

W L T PF PA PTS

Results not sent in

ALBERTA TOUCH BOWL

MEN'S ELITE FINAL:

Results not sent in

MEN'S INTERMEDIATE FINAL:

Results not sent in

WOMEN'S FINAL:

Results not sent in

NATIONAL TOUCH BOWL

NOT HELD IN 2003

UPCOMING EVENTS

UNIVERSITY/JUNIOR/OTHER

January 30-31 - Football Alberta AGM - Edmonton
March TBA - Calgary Colt High School Dev. Camp
TBA - U of Calgary Dinosaur Fundraising Dinner
April 16-18 - "North" Senior Bowl Sel. Camp - U of A
April 23-25 - "South" Senior Bowl Sel. Camp - U of C
April 30-May 2 - U of Alberta Main Spring Camp
April 30-May 2 - U of Calgary Main Spring Camp
May 8 - CIS All-Star Game - Ontario
May TBA - Edmonton Huskies Spring Camp
May TBA - Edmonton Huskies 10's & 11's Camp
May TBA - Edmonton Wildcat Spring Camp
May 7-9 - Calgary Colts Spring Camp
* - all above listed dates are subject to change

HIGH SCHOOL

February 21-22 - U of A Lineman Camp
TBA - U of C Lineman Camp
April 16-18 - "North" Senior Bowl Selec. Camp - U of A
April 23-25 - "South" Senior Bowl Selec. Camp - U of C
May 21-23 - Senior Bowl Main Camp
May 24 - Senior Bowl High School All-Star Game
TBA(May/June) - Football Alberta Regional Camps
TBA(May) - Edmonton Eskimo High School Dev't Camp
June 30-July 2 - Team Alberta Training Camp- Red Deer
July 3-11 - Football Canada Cup - Ottawa
Oct. 8,9&11 - Football Alta. Thanksgiving Jamboree
November 13 - Provincial Regional Semi-Finals
November 20 - Provincial Regional Finals
November 27 - Provincial Championship Finals

MINOR

February 21-22 - U of A Lineman Camp
May 15-June 15 - AB Summer Games Selection Camps
June 4 - Stampeders Alumni Pee-Wee Dev't Camp
June 5 - Stampeders Alumni Bantam Dev't Camp
June 21 - Summer Games Roster Submission Deadline
July 22-25 - Alberta Summer Games - Okotoks
November 6 - Atom Provincial Championship
November 6 - Bantam Provincial Quarter-Finals
November 13 - Bantam Provincial Semi-Finals
November 13 - Pee-Wee Provincial Championship
November 20 - Bantam Provincial Final

COACHING

March 5-6 - U of C/Football Alberta Coaches Clinic
March 6 - Football Alberta Coaches Awards Banquet
N.C.C.P. FOOTBALL TECHINICAL CLINICS -
Will be sent to you in Future Mailout

N.C.C.P. COACHING THEORY CLINICS -

LEVEL I THEORY:

January 10-11 - Bonnyville (contact 826-4422)
January 10-11 - Edmonton (contact 497-5300)
January 17-18 - Edmonton (contact 497-5300)
January 17-18 - Calgary (contact 220-7749)
January 17-18 - Provost (contact 753-2822)
Jan. 31- Feb. 1 - Calgary (contact 233-8393)
Jan. 31- Feb. 1 - Calgary (contact 440-6517)

Jan. 31- Feb. 1 - Grande Prairie (contact 539-2955)

LEVEL I (cont.)

Jan. 31- Feb. 1 - Lethbridge (contact 320-3323)
Jan. 31- Feb. 1 - Red Deer (contact 357-3663)
February 7-8 - Medicine Hat (contact 529-3844)
February 7-8 - Canmore (contact 678-5597)
February 7-8 - Edmonton (contact 497-5300)
February 21-22 - Calgary (contact 220-7749)
February 28-29 - Calgary (contact 233-8393)
Feb. 25- Mar. 17(Wed.'s) - Calgary (contact 440-6517)
March 6-7 - Edmonton (contact 497-5300)
March 20-21 - Calgary (contact 440-6517)
March 27-28 - Red Deer (contact 357-3663)
March 27-28 - Edmonton (contact 497-5300)

LEVEL II:

January 16-18 - Edmonton (contact 497-5300)
February 6-8 - Calgary (contact 233-8393)
February 6-8 - Grande Prairie (contact 539-2834)
February 13-15 - Edmonton (contact 497-5300)
February 27-29 - Red Deer (contact 357-3663)
March 5-7 - Calgary (contact 220-7749)
March 12-14 - Calgary (contact 233-8393)
March 19-21 - Canmore (contact 678-5597)
March 19-21 - Medicine Hat (contact 529-3844)
March 26-28 - Edmonton (contact 497-5300)

LEVEL III:

March 13-14 & 20-21 - Calgary (contact 220-7749)
March 13-14 & 20-21 - Lethbridge (contact 320-3323)
March 20-21 & 27-28 - Calgary (contact 233-8393)
March 20-21 & 27-28 - Edmonton (contact 497-5300)

Cut out the Middle Man!

For More information on
NCCP Theory Clinics
go to:

www.cd.gov.ab.ca/asrpwf/programs/sports/3mnccp

Website: Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks
& Wildlife Foundation

For inquiries about your
current certification
go to:

www.coach.ca

RESOURCE LIST

The following is a list of resources available through the Football Alberta office. Should anyone wish to access these resources please contact us at (780)427-8108. The prices are listed for both member (ie. those individuals whose teams have submitted Membership Fees to Football Alberta) and non-members. Additional GST and Shipping costs will be charged.

TACKLE RESOURCES

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
<u>Rule Books</u>		
Tackle Rule/Case Books	\$15.00	\$18.00
<u>Coaching</u>		
NCCP Level I Student Manual	\$65.00	\$80.00
NCCP Level II Student Manual	\$65.00	\$80.00
NCCP Level III Student Manual	\$65.00	\$80.00
Gino Fracas Book	\$5.00	\$6.25
Introduction to Football: A Guide for Novice Coaches	\$15.00	\$20.00
A Beginner Strength and Conditioning Program for Youth	\$15.00	\$20.00
<u>Equipment Managers</u>		
Purchasing and Maintaining Football Equipment Manual	\$15.00	\$20.00

TOUCH RESOURCES

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
<u>Rule Books</u>		
Touch Rule Book	\$13.00	\$18.00
Touch Case Book	\$13.00	\$18.00
Introduction to the Rules Manual	FREE	
<u>Coaching</u>		
Coaches and Teachers Instructor Manual	\$30.00	\$35.00
Touch Basics: Rules, Skills Strategies and Drills	\$15.00	\$20.00

**GST AND POSTAGE WILL
BE ADDED ONTO
ALL PRICES AT POINT
OF PURCHASE**

MY ATOM YEAR

By Tim Enger

I have stood on podiums to collect National Championship Trophies! I have seen greatness from up close and watched teams of young men following my coaching direction and achieving great things!

But I have never experienced anything like an Atom football team.

Atom football is for children aged 10 and under and is formally offered in the Edmonton and Calgary areas with pockets around the province in existence as well. It is seen as the first level of introduction to tackle football.

It is a well-intentioned endeavor, however have you ever wondered what it would be like to try to ride a bull in a rodeo while trying to juggle your mothers priceless china plates? That's coaching Atom football.

When my first son was born I naturally assumed (like any new father passionate about football) that he would be a high school football star. Forget about the fact that dad was a second string wannabe most of his football career, this kid would have the goods.

When he was two years old we moved to St. Albert and noticed that just down the street each Fall an Atom football team would be practicing. Like a Siren's call the whistles of practice would lure me to check it out and I soon began to envision my son's excellent football career taking off six years earlier than expected.

When he reached the age of eight we decided to give it a try through a Spring Camp offered by St. Albert Minor Football. He went with a buddy and had a ball! He was running hard, diving after balls and trying his best. Edmonton Eskimos here we come!

He then informed me that he wanted nothing to do with the sport that fall and instead wanted to take drum lessons. Edmonton Symphony here we come!

This past season, when he was nine, we decided to try again and I even sweetened the pot by offering to coach if he'd stick with it. He agreed so off we went to Spring Camp with a new determination for the game.

I was then informed that the team I was inheriting, the St. Albert Buccaneers, had only four kids returning and it was up to me to sort through the new kids at Spring Camp to draft a new lot to fill out the roster.

Sort out the new kids? These kids could barely put on the equipment let alone show me anything. The cloak and dagger evaluation routine then kicked in as myself and representatives of the other Atom team in town, the Vikings, quietly took notes on the kids who could stand up during most drills secretly hoping the other guys hadn't seen the ones we liked.

Thankfully the Viking coaches were good guys and were more than happy to give us the lion share of the new kids. So armed with my draft projection list on a bunch of 8 and 9 year olds I picked my team and readied for "Main Camp" in late July.

Truthfully I did spend some considerable time drafting out practice plans for the first three weeks of practice. I am Level IV don't you know.

In reality those practice plans went out the window five minutes into the first practice as the scope of what these kids could grasp and pay attention to hit home like a lead weight. I could have been a Level XXIII and it wouldn't have mattered. Just getting a huddle together or getting them to stand in a straight line prior to a drill was a major accomplishment. We coaches found ourselves high five-ing each other if they all came back from water break on time. Small accomplishments became the order of the day. You want to run an offense? If you get past Play #1 and Play #2 at the start you're a better man than I am. Defense? "Tackle the kid with the brown thing", became the sage coaching advice we'd hand out to our defenders.

And then the season started...

Starting with an exhibition loss to the Millwoods Grizzlies, the mighty Buccaneers proceeded to lose the first five games they played before finally winning one 19-0 over the Edmonton Seahawks. As coaches, we found that our main job was to count to 12 every time we took the field and make sure everyone got to play as equally as we could. We considered ourselves great strategist but it became apparent early on that it didn't matter how much organization you did – if the other team had bigger and faster kids, you were going to lose. So much for Level IV.

The funny thing about those games is that the kids demeanor did not change one iota from the losses to the wins. They still goofed around on the sidelines and kept asking what the score was. Little Felix would always be petitioning to have the ball thrown to him (although completing a pass to anyone on our team had an "Act of God" feel to it), little McKenzie would either be playing in the dirt or chewing on a piece of wood, and little Riley would tackle like a madman (unfortunately it was on the bench against his own players). As frustrating as it could be to basically be babysitting on the sidelines I found myself finding their attitudes refreshing.

For one, I've never seen a bunch of kids enjoy warm-ups so much. Lining up and counting while stretching (something my high school team is too cool to do sometimes) was a treasured experience. Plus, nobody has ever loved their jerseys as much as the Bucs, and win or lose they'd joyfully rush over to their parents for a game ending hug. We'd get clobbered 31-0 and I'd have a line-up of parents shaking my hand and thanking me profusely for the effort our coaches gave in coaching their kids.

True, we did some neat stuff like half-time shows at Golden Bear and Eskimo Games (which they would up on the TSN telecast), but in reality it was the game that they loved. Just playing was enough for them. Winning was the object of the game but not the goal. They tried hard but if it didn't work out they'd still get a hug from Mom. What a life!

So what if I have coached teams to major Championships? None of that mattered to these kids. The fact that I take the time to coach them – THAT is what matters and I will continue to do so until my both my sons (the other one is 6) graduate to Pee-Wee. The smile on my No. 1 son's face when he fell on a ball during kick return (his only claim to fame) told me all I needed to know.

I salute all coaches who over the years have dedicated their Falls to Atom football. It's the best of times and the worst of times but a time not to be missed.

Proposed Changes for Minor Football in 2004

At the recent Football Alberta Planning Meeting several Strategic Initiatives were presented regarding the future of amateur football in this province. One of the more active committees was the Minor Football Development Committee which came up with several initiatives, two of which we'd like to bring to your attention right now.

The reason for this is to give you and your league an opportunity to discuss what is being presented and bring forward your thoughts prior to the Football Alberta A.G.M. on January 31st.

A) Enhanced Provincial Playoffs for Bantam and Pee-Wee:

At the moment there is only one level of play for both Bantam and Pee-wee Playoffs in Alberta. Win your league and off you go. The problem that we'd like to rectify is that some leagues are more "competitive" on a provincial scale than others, especially at the bantam level, and also that some leagues have 12 or more teams all fighting it out to send one representative to Provincials. What we propose is:

- Currently the three Bantam leagues with 12 or more teams (Southern Alberta, Calgary, and Capital District) all run their playoff structure the same way. The top 8 in their leagues advance to the top level of the playoffs where the winners of the first game move on the Championship side of the draw while the losers go to the "B", Div. II or Tier II side. Any team finishing 9th or lower also has a playoff in the "C" or Consolation Playoffs. We would propose that the winners of the "A", "B" and "C" (or Tier I, II and Consolation OR Div. I, II and Consolation) playoffs in those league advance to Provincials at three different levels (i.e. Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III).
- The other Bantam leagues in the province (Prairie Thunder, Grande Prairie, Peace River, and the proposed Central Alberta league in Red Deer) would then have a choice as to what level of Provincials they would like to enter on a competitive basis (i.e. Tier I, II, or III). Should they at any time grow to more than 12 teams and adopt a similar playoff structure to the above mentioned leagues they would then have the right to field more than one team in Provincials at different Tier's.
- At the Pee-Wee level both Capital District and Calgary and Area leagues run a "B" side playoff (or Div. II or Tier II) for the losers of the first round games in the top 8 playoffs. We would like to extend an opportunity for the winners of that "B" side to advance vs. each other in a Tier II Provincial Final. This, we feel would give new or existing leagues that do not currently participate in Provincials at the Pee-wee level a place to enter provincials competitively should they choose.

Should this be ratified at the A.G.M. this is how the **suggested** breakdown of the 2004 Minor Provincials would take place.

B) “Bantam Bowl” in non-Alberta Summer Games years

Taking off from the leadership shown by those who organized the Sporting Youth Bowl between representative All-Star teams from Edmonton and Calgary the proposal is for Football Alberta to organize and operate a “Bantam Bowl” North/South All-Star Game each year that the Alberta Summer Games are not offered. This event would use the template currently used by the Football Alberta Senior Bowl for graduating high school football players (i.e. two selection Camps in April and a Main Camp and Game over the May long weekend) and be offered to all bantam players from across Alberta.

The idea would be to run the event in the other major center (i.e. Edmonton or Calgary) not hosting the Senior Bowl over the May long weekend. This will give graduating Bantams a major event to shoot for each year rather than every two, plus if Football Canada ever offers the 16 and Under National Championship they have proposed it will give us the ability to select a team each year.

Issues such as who coaches and when the selection camps will be will be worked on should this idea go forward since the earliest we would operate it is in 2005.

Those ideas are set to be ratified at the Football Alberta A.G.M. on Saturday, January 31st and as much as we would like to see them in place we would really like to hear from your league as to whether you think they are viable from your standpoint. Should you have strong feelings on these proposals either way we would encourage you to contact your local league President or Football Alberta District Representative.

Football for years has traditionally been a local issue. Travel outside cities or leagues was a rare occurrence, even at the high school level less than 10 years ago. Today, at the Minor level football is exploding in popularity but we are still in competition with other sports to attract and retain athletes. This committee feels that by expanding Provincials and providing a big event once a year at the Bantam level we will be in a very competitive position to meet those goals into the future. Other ideas such as a Minor Football Week will be coming your way soon. Stay tuned!

Should your league not plan to send a representative to the A.G.M. then please make your thoughts known to either your District Representative or by calling myself in the Football Alberta office at (780)427-8108.

Thanks again for your attention to this matter and special thanks go out to the Minor Development Committee, chaired by Brock Jacobs of Calgary, for their thoughts and innovations in proposing these ideas.