

Summer turning to Fall Can Only Mean Football

By Nicholas Stewart

The march toward the Grey Cup kicks into high gear and the Montreal Alouettes once again are the class of the East. They proved their dominance by routing a surging Winnipeg team this weekend. The real action is out West where anything could happen in the playoffs. Barring a late season collapse, the BC Lions secured their position atop the Western Division a week ago in one of the best football games seen in years, as Edmonton failed to tie the game as their 51 yard field goal attempt bounced off the upright and fell short as BC took the game 36-33 in OT. However, while BC will likely lock up homefield advantage for the playoffs, Edmonton can beat any team when it shows up, and even Saskatchewan and Winnipeg are finally showing signs of life, but I'm saying that ends this week.

Both teams have tests against big guns, with Saskatchewan meeting Montreal, and Winnipeg visiting BC. However, in this exam, the Als and Lions will make both pretenders look worse than Forrest Gump writing an IQ test as they fail miserably. On a side note, Calgary has owned the basement this year but their management sent a signal to their fans that next year will be different by trading for QB Khari Jones. Jones had a bad year as he battled injury in Winnipeg, but when healthy, he should help the Stamps become competitive

next season.

South of the border on Sunday we have the Jets and Dolphins, who usually pretend to be good until December when they annually collapse. This year the collapse started before the season did, as their best player, the now retired Ricky Williams, decided he'd rather smoke weed everyday than play football. So what I'm saying is the Dolphins' season is up in smoke... take the Jets. Michael Vick and the undefeated Atlanta Falcons face their first real test against the defending NFC Champion Carolina Panthers, but once again Gump shows up, this time in a Falcons uniform as Atlanta isn't for real.

The Chiefs and Ravens play on Monday night. The winless Chiefs were picked to be a contender, but truth be told, they were extremely lucky to win 13 games with that joke of a defense last year, the offense just can't be expected to score 40 points every game. Yet that's what they need to win games. The Ravens have looked good at 2-1, but the Baltimore defense was much worse against Cincinnati than the 23-9 score showed. The Bengals put up good numbers against the Ravens, but just couldn't score... perhaps I'm as high as Ricky Williams or have Gump's IQ, but I think the Chiefs can score and pull off the upset win, even with that shaky D, as they need this one or their season is over.

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