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Alumni Newsletter

Letter From The President

Welcome to the 2012 Hamilton Hurricanes season!

At this time I would like to thank all of the volunteers, staff, and the fans for making the 2011 season so successful. You gave tremendous support to our players on their run to capturing the Ontario Football Conference Championship for the second consecutive year and as the hosts for the Canadian Bowl Championship at Ivor Wynne Stadium.

The 2012 season is shaping up to be a great one for the Hurricanes. We are pleased to announce that thirty-five players from last year's Championship team are returning this season, in addition to thirty-five new signees who were recruited and added to the team this past off-season. One of the most regarded signings was that of Middle Linebacker Adam Grilj. Adam will be an integral part of the defensive-side of the ball and will help shut down the opposition over the middle on both run and passing plays. We also have the full coaching staff returning this year with the addition of Danny Brown, who will be coaching the offensive line. One major change on the offensive-side of the ball is Kyle Johnston taking over at Quarterback. Kyle has moved from Wide Receiver to Quarterback and has done so with a positive attitude and has shown great confidence and ability during spring mini-camp. The Hurricanes will also be welcoming back their great volunteer staff including Jennifer Silvestri as Game Day Coordinator, Nick Pelletier as Media Coordinator, and our newest addition, Paige McElroy who will be taking over Alumni and Marketing responsibilities.

The Hurricanes are looking forward to a competitive season this year as there is more league parody each year in the OFC. This will allow for great match-ups each and every week and will make for exciting on-field action. The Hurricanes face new challenges every year and we are always retooling and scheming to put the most competitive team on the field. Our coaching staff and management have been working extremely hard this off-season to find the best players in the area and bring them to the team and allow the Hurricanes to make another run for a championship. The Canes will open the season with their first four-out-of-five games at home. And the season wouldn't feel right if it didn't start off with the Hamilton Hurricanes hosting their Skyway rivals, the Burlington Braves on August 11th. This has been a great rivalry every season and 2012 is no different. This rivalry will not disappoint as both teams look to one-up one another to gain the advantage in the standings right out of the gate.

This season will see the addition of a Cable 14 weekly TV show which will preview each upcoming Hurricanes game and recap the past week's match-up. This show will feature highlights, commentary, and interviews with members of the Hurricanes organization and will allow the fans to get to know the team and the players on a deeper level. We feel that this is a great step forward for the Hurricanes organization and will allow us to build more relationships with the community.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in the stands this season.

Mike Samuel
Team President
Hamilton Hurricanes Football Club

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Hamilton Hurricanes Award Winners - Spotlight

The awards for the 2011 season were handed out to the players at the Hamilton Hurricanes Gala in April. All of the recipients were very deserving of their awards. The players on the 2011 team played with so much heart, determination, and drive that they made the opposition's on-field attempts seem futile in comparison. Two of the stand-out players from this past year were Danny Brown and Troy Croonen. Both athletes were excited to share their thoughts on the past season, their award honours, and what their futures hold. Danny Brown is a retired offensive lineman who will be taking his spot on the coaching staff to help with the offensive line. He is the 2011 Sam Mercanti Community Award winner. Danny was asked what it means to him to be a Hurricane and he answered

with, "To me, being a Hurricane meant that as a team, we were going to get prepared, out-work, and out-play other teams to get the win". When asked what his most memorable moment in a Hurricanes uniform was, Danny said, "Definitely the last-minute touchdown against Ottawa to win the [2010 OFC] Championship".

Troy Croonen was a stand out player for the Canes in 2011. He was named the 2011 Coaches Award for Offence award winner. Troy was asked what it meant to him to win this award and he said, "To receive an award chosen by the coaching staff is a great honour and is a great sense of accomplishment". He continues with, "I know that this award could have gone to anyone and everyone who made it possible for me

to be recognized". When asked what his plans for the future are, Troy responded with, "I haven't really made any plans for the next year, I have another year at Brock University and after that I will have some tough decisions to make. I will either go to Teacher's College or apply to become a Firefighter".

Danny and Troy are two amazing athletes who have helped the Hurricanes accomplish a lot over the past few years. They leave as Champions and will be remembered for what they were able to accomplish on the field and for their leadership in the locker room.

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- Troy Croonen

Hamilton Hurricanes Gala

The Hamilton Hurricanes Dinner and Gala was a great night with great food and entertainment. The event saw the 2010 & 2011 Hamilton Hurricanes teams honoured as Back-to-Back OFC Champions, as well as, the inductions of Peggy Knill and Bonnie Griffin into the Hamilton Hurricanes Hall of Fame. The night also featured the award winners for the 2011 season, a number of which have



now retired from the Hurricanes organization. It was great to see the guests having such a great time dancing and playing Coach Hayes' game of 'Heads or Tails' for their chance to win the grand prize package. Thank you to everyone who attended and came out to support the Hurricanes. We hope to see you all next year at the 50th Anniversary Gala on April 13th, 2013!

2nd Annual Hurricanes Golf Tournament



The 2nd Annual Hamilton Hurricanes Golf Tournament kicked off at the Dundas Golf & Country Club this year. The day started with beautiful weather and an exceptional turnout of supporters. We would like to express our gratitude and thank the following sponsors; Hamilton Tiger-Cats, Endzone Bar and Grill, King Paving, Edson Packaging, Price Waterhouse Coopers, BDO, 5 Star Fitness, Molsons, Crawford & Company, Stoneridge Insurance and Coast to Coast, for making this event possible. We would also like to thank the participating golfers that made this event a success. This event has contributed to assisting our youth with their football aspirations and has really made a difference in their lives. Congratulations to the Tournament Winners! (shown left). We hope to see you all out there next year!

2012 Hurricanes Training Camp

Training Camp is fast approaching and the dates and times for all practices have been released. Come out with your kids and get a sneak peek at the 2012 Hurricanes squad.

Week 1

Tuesday July 24th-Thursday, July 26th will be held at Sir John A. McDonald High School
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Friday, July 27th will be held at Sir Winston Churchill High School

Week 2

Tuesday, July 31st-Thursday August 2nd will be held at Sir John A. McDonald High School
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Friday, August 3rd will be held at Sir Winston Churchill High School

Week 3

Tuesday, August 7th-Thursday August 9th will be held at Sir John A. McDonald High School
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Friday, August 10th will be held at Sir Winston Churchill High School

All practices will start at 6:30pm

Sir John A. McDonald High School (130 York Blvd., Hamilton)

Sir Winston Churchill High School (1715 Main St. E, Hamilton)

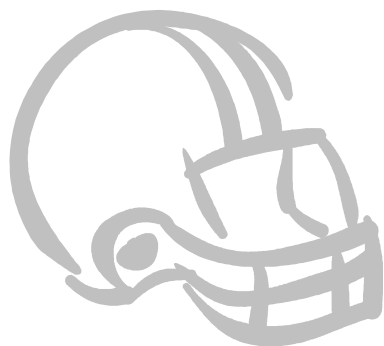


Hamilton Hurricanes 2012 Schedule

The Hamilton Hurricanes are back in action on Saturday, August 11th as they kick off the 2012 OFC season at home against their Skyway Bridge rivals the Burlington Braves. The Canes play their first three games of the season at home at Ivor Wynne Stadium on August 11th vs the Braves, August 18th vs Ottawa, and August 25th vs Brampton. August 31st sees the Canes travel to Kitchener-Waterloo to play the Predators. The final regular season home game for the Hurricanes comes against the Windsor AKO Fratmen on September 8th. The Hurricanes are then on the road for the final

three games against St. Leonard, Burlington & London to close out the regular season.

For more information, please visit www.the-canes.com.



2012 Hurricanes Home Schedule

Saturday, August 11th vs Burlington @ 4pm

Saturday, August 18th vs Ottawa @ 4pm

Saturday, August 25th vs Brampton @ 4pm

Saturday, September 8th vs Windsor @ 4pm

All home games are played at Ivor Wynne Stadium

Ticket Prices

Children 5 years and under = FREE (per one (1) Adult ticket purchased)

Children 6-13 years = \$5

Ages 14-64 = \$10

Ages 65+ = \$5

Season Pass = \$30 (SAVE \$10)

Game Day tickets are available at the gate at Ivor Wynne Stadium for each Hamilton Hurricanes home game

Hamilton Hurricanes Alumni Association

Dear Alumni,

We are beginning to put together the Hamilton Hurricanes Alumni Association. We are asking all Alumni to provide their contact information in order to be updated on the Associations progress. This Association will reconnect teammates, coaches, and staff. We look forward to providing those reunions and benefits for our Alumni. If you know any other Alumni please pass this information along to them so they too may become part of our Association. Find us on Facebook on the *Hamilton Hurricane Alumni Association Page*. For further details or for the contact form please contact Paige McElroy at mcelroypaige@gmail.com.





2011 O.F.C CHAMPIONS



FRONT ROW - (L - R) Dave Missone, Harold Harris, Kevin Harrison, Darrel Adams, Scott Campbell, Cam Wood, Mike Samuel (President), Jason Hayes (Head Coach), Dale Sanderson, Jon Tenbrinke, Drew Macnab, Dave Graff.

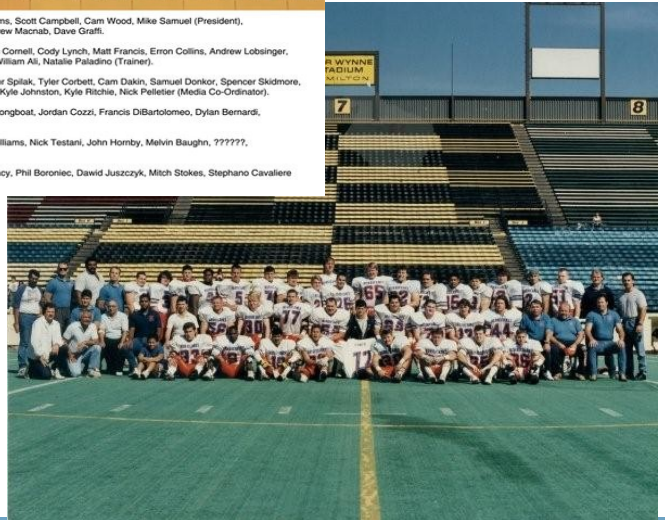
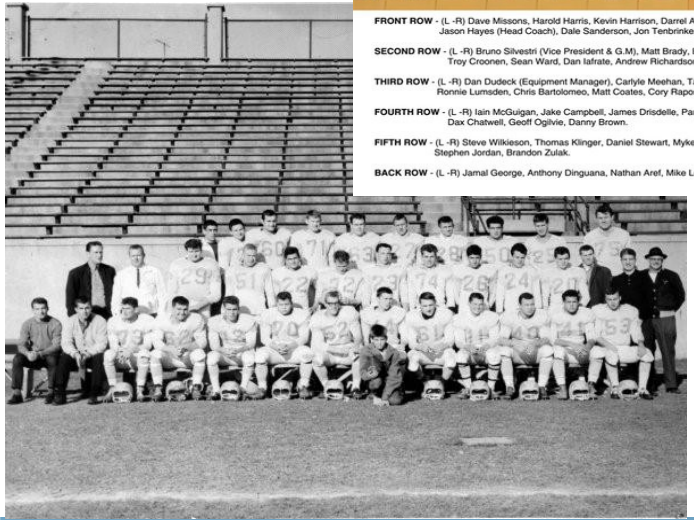
SECOND ROW - (L - R) Bruno Silvestri (Vice President & G.M), Matt Brady, Eric Cornell, Cody Lynch, Matt Francis, Erron Collins, Andrew Lobsinger, Troy Croonen, Sean Ward, Dan Iafrate, Andrew Richardson, William Ai, Natalie Paladino (Trainer).

THIRD ROW - (L - R) Dan Duteck (Equipment Manager), Carlye Meehan, Taylor Spliak, Tyler Corbett, Cam Dakin, Samuel Donkor, Spencer Skidmore, Ronnie Lunsden, Chris Bartolomeo, Matt Coates, Cory Raposo, Kyle Johnston, Kyle Ritchie, Nick Pelletier (Media Co-Ordinator).

FOURTH ROW - (L - R) Iain McGugan, Jake Campbell, James Driedelle, Paul Longboat, Jordan Cozzi, Francis DiBartolomeo, Dylan Bernardi, Dax Chatwell, Geoff Ogilvie, Danny Brown.

FIFTH ROW - (L - R) Steve Wilkieson, Thomas Klinger, Daniel Stewart, Myke Williams, Nick Testani, John Hornby, Melvin Baughn, ??????, Stephen Jordan, Brandon Zolak.

BACK ROW - (L - R) Jamal George, Anthony Dinguana, Nathan Aref, Mike Legacy, Phil Boroniec, Dawid Juszczyk, Mitch Stokes, Stephano Cavaliere



How Can I Help?

How to Become A Canes Volunteer...

The Hamilton Hurricanes Football Club is always looking for Volunteers or Co-op Students. We are initiating new programs this year and are asking for people to volunteer in areas such as; Marketing, Administration, Media, and Game Day Assistance. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved with the community and gain experience in the Sports Industry. These positions are best suited for College or University Students/Graduates looking for experience in; administration, marketing, or media. However, you need not be a student to apply. We are looking for ambitious people to join our team and work in our fast-paced environment. Many available positions work around the successful candidate's schedule.

For further information please contact:

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Follow The Canes All Year-Round...

Looking for up-to-date information on your Hamilton Hurricanes? Would you like to watch player highlight films? Interested in what is happening around the Ontario Football Conference? Can't make it to a game this season?

No problem...We have you covered!

- Check out the Hamilton Hurricanes webpage (www.the-canes.com) for information on players, upcoming games, and events
- Follow the Hamilton Hurricanes on Twitter (@CanesFootball63) for breaking news, photos, and scores during the season
- LIKE [Hamilton Hurricanes Football Club](#) on Facebook and keep up-to-date with everything Hurricanes all year-round

