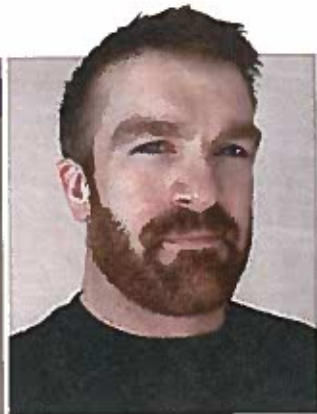


# The History of the Grey Cup



Graphic Text



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### Before

What would you like to know about the history of the Canadian Football League (CFL)? Make a list of information you would like to learn and any questions you have. Watch for the information in the selection.

### During

A graphic text uses illustrations and text to give information in a visually appealing way. As you read, create a very simple timeline and record what you feel are the more important events in the history of the Grey Cup.

### Tips

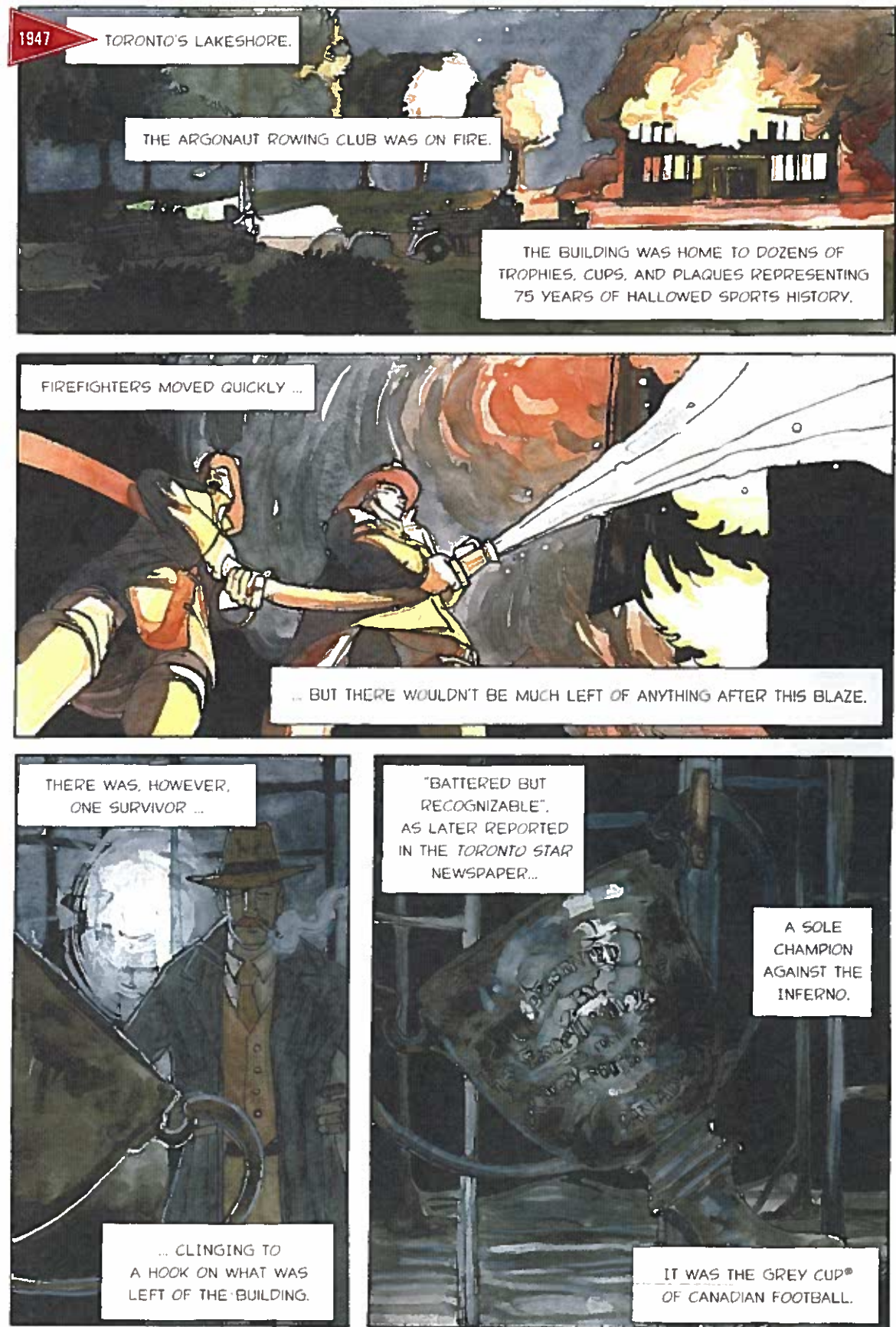
**panel:** a framed section of a graphic text; read in sequence in a "Z" pattern on each page

**narrative box:** a box in a panel that the author uses to give the setting or explain an event

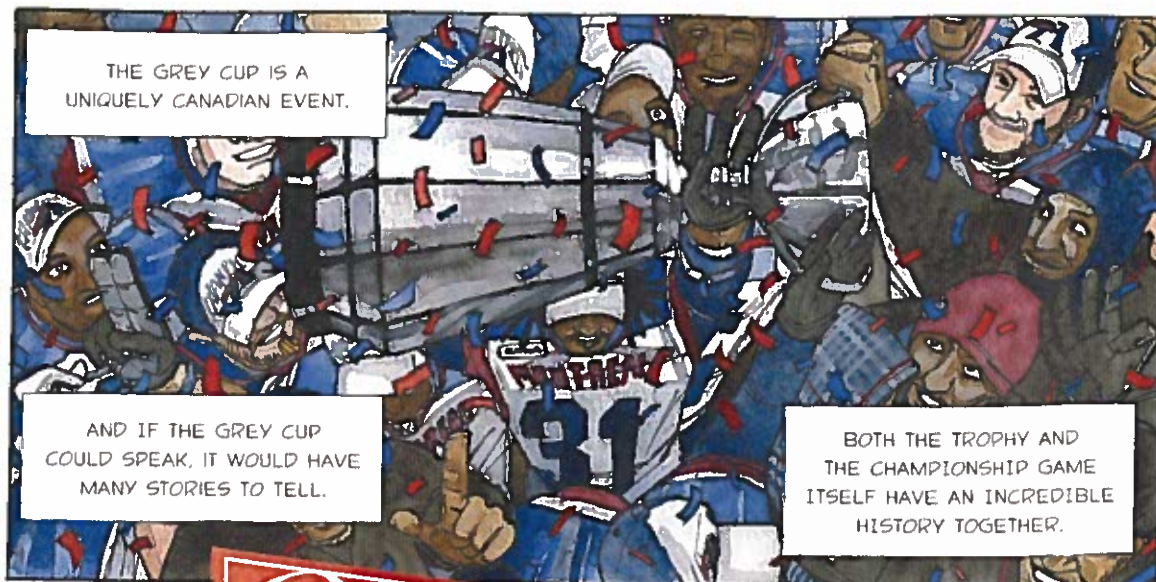
**symbol:** an object or action that represents a more complex object, idea, or emotion

### What Inspires Me as a Graphic Storyteller

*I would have to say my biggest inspiration is music. Something about music gets my brain churning with imagery and ideas. I am also inspired by film, and the way in which directors compose their scenes. I feel like my work is driven by both word and composition. I am fascinated by words, as they evoke images that are unique to each person who reads them. I also enjoy how composition leads the eye through a story, and sets the mood of the piece.*







THE GREY CUP IS A UNIQUELY CANADIAN EVENT.

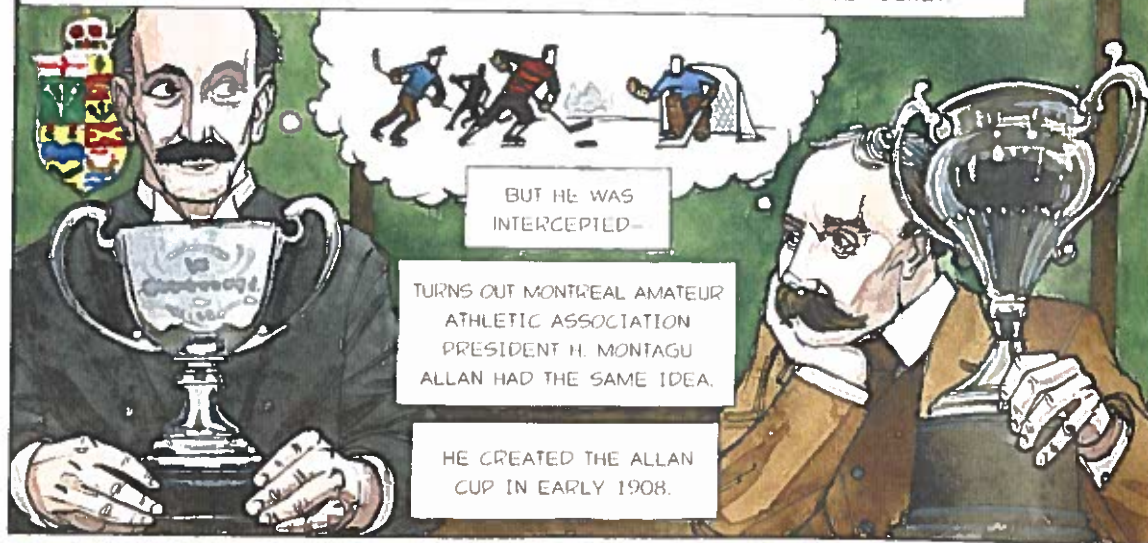
AND IF THE GREY CUP COULD SPEAK, IT WOULD HAVE MANY STORIES TO TELL.

BOTH THE TROPHY AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ITSELF HAVE AN INCREDIBLE HISTORY TOGETHER.

## Prize OF THE NORTH

THE HISTORY OF THE GREY CUP  
BY AARON NAVRADY

**1909** THE TROPHY WAS FIRST CONCEIVED BY THE FOURTH EARL GREY, WHO WAS THEN THE NINTH GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA. HIS DREAM WAS TO CREATE A TROPHY TO RECOGNIZE THE BEST TEAM IN SENIOR AMATEUR MEN'S ICE HOCKEY.\*

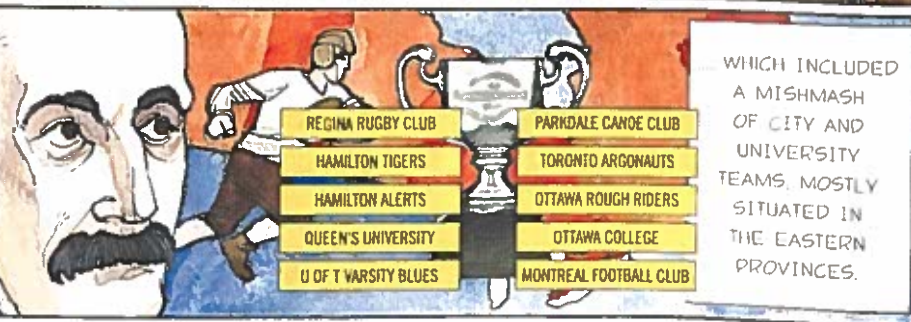


BUT HE WAS INTERCEPTED—

TURNS OUT MONTREAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT H. MONTAGU ALLAN HAD THE SAME IDEA.

HE CREATED THE ALLAN CUP IN EARLY 1908.

SO THE GG DECIDED INSTEAD TO OFFER HIS CUP TO THE BEST AMATEUR RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB IN THE COUNTRY.



WHICH INCLUDED A MISHMASH OF CITY AND UNIVERSITY TEAMS, MOSTLY SITUATED IN THE EASTERN PROVINCES.

\*THE STANLEY CUP IS AWARDED TO PROFESSIONAL TEAMS

**1909** THE FIRST EVER GREY CUP GAME WAS HELD AT ROSEDALE FIELD IN TORONTO.



... AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO EMERGED VICTORIOUS HOWEVER...

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO VARSITY SQUAD COMPETED AGAINST THE PARKDALE CANOE CLUB ...

THE CUP HADN'T BEEN MADE YET, SO IT WAS ADDED TO THE TEAM PHOTO LATER.

**1915** HAMILTON TIGERS BEAT THE TORONTO ROWING & ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 13-7.

MEMBERS OF THE WINNING TEAM HAD A WINNERS' SHIELD MADE FOR THE DOMINION TRIUMPH\* OF THE 1908 TIGERS TEAM.

IT WAS AFFIXED TO THE GREY CUP ALONGSIDE THE OTHER YEARS' SHIELDS.



IT REMAINS ON THE ORIGINAL BASE TO THIS DAY.

**1916-1919** FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS THE GREY CUP WAS POSTPONED DUE TO WWI AND POLITICS.



**1935** THE WINNIPEG "WINNIPEGS" BECAME THE FIRST WESTERN CANADIAN TEAM TO WIN THE GREY CUP BY BEATING THE HAMILTON TIGERS.



AT THAT TIME FRITZ HANSON, STAR PLAYER FOR THE 'PEGS, WAS EARNING \$125 A GAME ...

**1941-1944** PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL WAS SUSPENDED DUE TO WWII.



BUT MILITARY AND CIVILIAN TEAMS WERE ORGANIZED WITHIN THE CANADIAN RUGBY UNION AND COMPETED FOR THE GREY CUP.

\*THE GREY CUP WAS INITIALLY KNOWN AS THE DOMINION FINAL



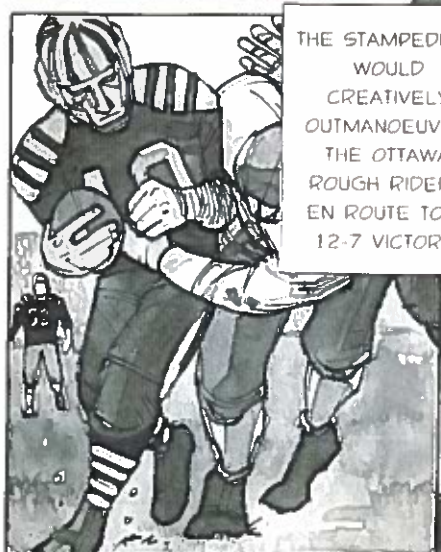
1948

THE CALGARY STAMPEDERS, WHICH WENT UNDEFEATED IN THE REGULAR SEASON, COMPETED IN THE GREY CUP FOR THE FIRST TIME.

ALONG WITH THE TEAM CAME TWO TRAINLOADS OF WILD CALGARIANS WHO BROUGHT WITH THEM STETSON HATS, COWBOY BOOTS, SQUARE DANCING, AND PANCAKE BREAKFASTS.

HELLO, HOOTOWN!  
GOODBYE CALGARY!  
WE'VE GOT THE GREY CUP!

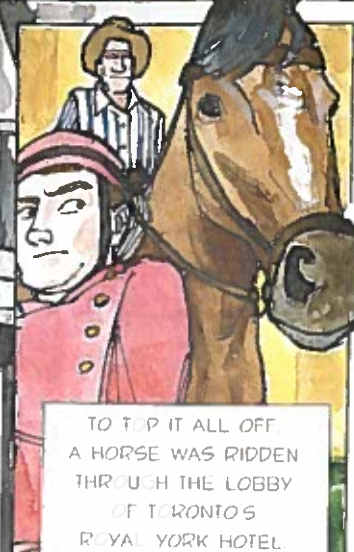
THIS WOULD ALSO BE THE FIRST YEAR OF THE GREY CUP PARADE, AND MISS GREY CUP PAGEANT.



THE STAMPEDERS WOULD CREATIVELY OUTMANOEUVRE THE OTTAWA ROUGH RIDERS EN ROUTE TO A 12-7 VICTORY.



THAT YEAR NORMIE KWONG WOULD BECOME THE FIRST CHINESE CANADIAN TO WIN THE GREY CUP. HE WAS ALSO THE YOUNGEST LVER AT 12 YEARS OF AGE.



TO TOP IT ALL OFF, A HORSE WAS RIDDEN THROUGH THE LOBBY OF TORONTO'S ROYAL YORK HOTEL.

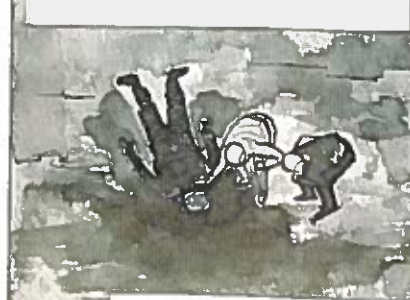
1950

AFTER SEVERAL DUMPS OF SNOW WERE CLEARED FROM TORONTO'S VARSITY FIELD, IT BEGAN TO RAIN. GRASS TURF TRANSFORMED INTO SWAMP.



TORONTO WOULD GO ON TO BEAT WINNIEPEG 13-0 IN WHAT WAS CHRISTENED THE "MUD BOWL."

WINNIEPEG'S ROBERT "BUDDY" TINSLEY WOULD END UP FACE-DOWN IN THE SLOP, WITH SOME AFRAID HE MAY HAVE DROWNED.

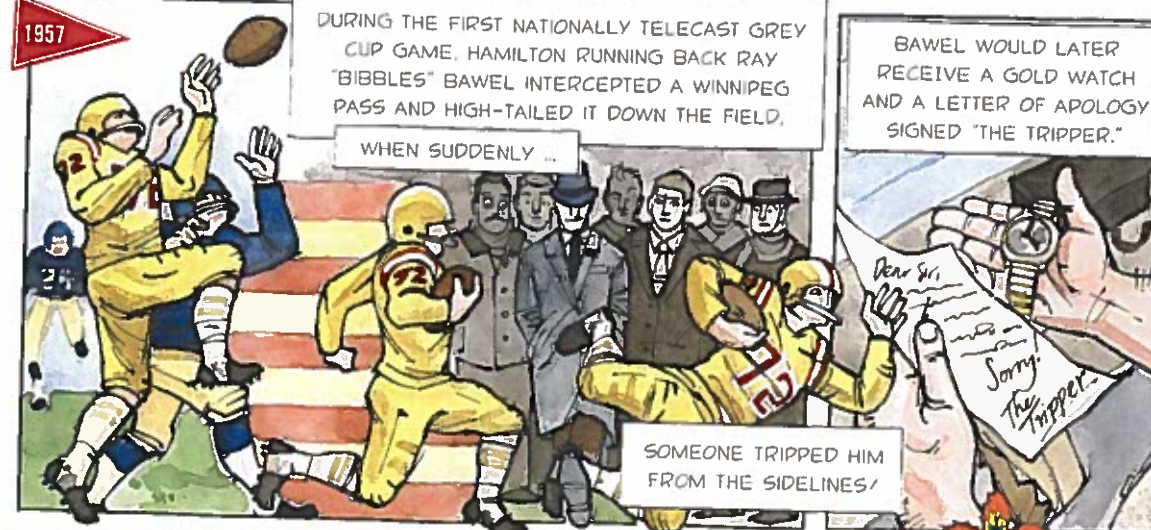


LATER HE WOULD REMARK, "... I WASN'T UNCONSCIOUS. I WAS MAD."

1957

DURING THE FIRST NATIONALLY TELECAST GREY CUP GAME, HAMILTON RUNNING BACK RAY "BIBBLES" BAWEL INTERCEPTED A WINNIEPEG PASS AND HIGH-TAILED IT DOWN THE FIELD.

WHEN SUDDENLY ...



SOMEONE TRIPPED HIM FROM THE SIDELINES!

BAWEL WOULD LATER RECEIVE A GOLD WATCH AND A LETTER OF APOLOGY SIGNED "THE TRIPPER."



1958

THE CANADIAN FOOTBALL COUNCIL SEPARATES FROM THE CANADIAN RUGBY UNION TO FORM ... THE CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.



I'VE WORN OUT 7

HOW MANY PAIRS OF SHOES HAVE YOU WORN THROUGH?

10 PAIRS SO FAR

1962

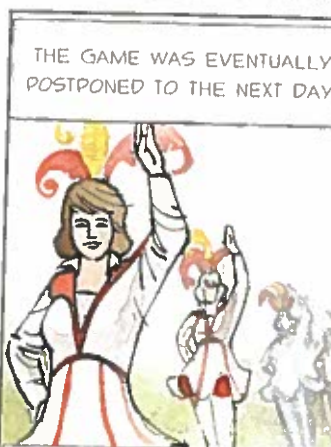
WARM WEATHER USHERED IN A FOG FROM LAKE ONTARIO, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE BUT THE PLAYERS TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON.



FOREVER THIS GAME WOULD BE KNOWN AS THE "FOG BOWL."

1960

PROMISED A \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP, KEVIN GRIFFEN AND MATT DEAN WALK FROM TORONTO TO VANCOUVER TO SEE THE 48TH GREY CUP GAME.

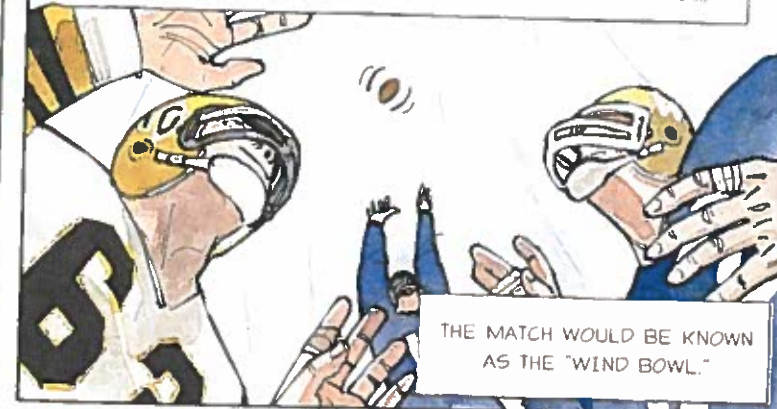


THE GAME WAS EVENTUALLY POSTPONED TO THE NEXT DAY.

WINNIEPEG WOULD HANG ON TO BEAT HAMILTON 28-27.

1965

IN ANOTHER MATCH HIGHLY INFLUENCED BY LAKE ONTARIO, WINNIEPEG AND HAMILTON SQUARED OFF AGAIN WHILE BEING PUMMELED BY 135 KM AN HOUR WINDS.

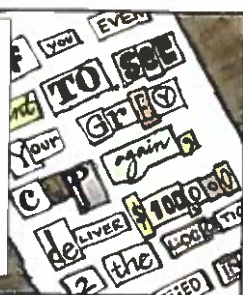


THE MATCH WOULD BE KNOWN AS THE "WIND BOWL."



1969-1970

IN A BIZARRE MOMENT OF RANSOM AND KIDNAPPING, THE GREY CUP WAS STOLEN FROM LANSDOWNE PARK STADIUM IN OTTAWA WITH A NOTE SENT TO POLICE!



LATER, AN ANONYMOUS TIP TO TORONTO AUTHORITIES LED TO A PHONE BOOTH WHERE THERE WAS A KEY TO A LOCKER IN THE ROYAL YORK HOTEL ...



1970

PRIME MINISTER PIERRE ELIOTT TRUDEAU WOULD ACCENTUATE HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE 58TH GREY CUP BY DONNING A WIDE-BRIMMED HAT AND A CLOAK



BETWEEN 1968 AND 1981, TRUDEAU WOULD ATTEND THE GREY CUP A RECORD 7 TIMES, MAKING A DIFFERENT FASHION STATEMENT ON EACH OCCASION.

OTHER NOTABLE PRIME MINISTERS WHO ATTENDED INCLUDE JOHN DIFENBAKER, LESTER B. PEARSON, JOL CLARK, PAUL MARTIN, AND, MOST RECENTLY STEPHEN HARPER

1971

WHOEVER HAD THE BRILLIANT IDEA OF FITTING VANCOUVER'S EMPIRE STADIUM WITH ARTIFICIAL "TARTAN" TURF DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE EFFECTS OF WATER ON SUCH MATERIAL ...



IN THE WEEK LEADING UP TO THE BIG GAME, VANCOUVER WAS POUNDED WITH A STORM KNOWN LOCALLY AS A "PRINCE RUPERT SKULL-BUSTER."

THE FIELD WENT FROM ASTROTURF™ TO WORLD-CLASS SKATING RINK.



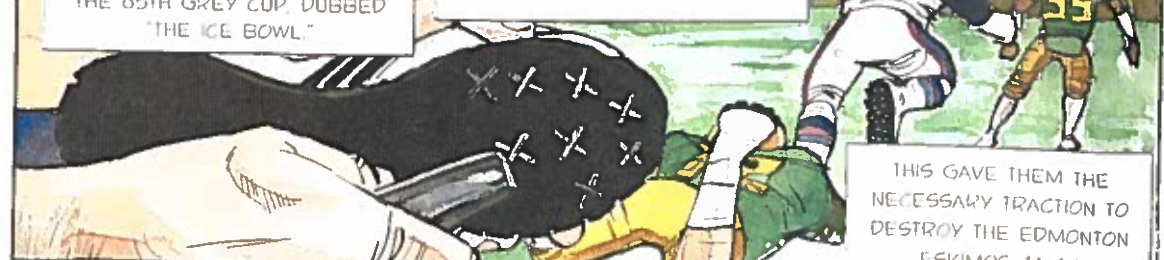
IN A CRUCIAL 4TH-QUARTER PLAY TORONTO'S LEON "X-RAY" M. QUAY SLIPPED AND FUMBLE THE BALL ...

... ALLOWING CALGARY TO RECOVER AND SEAL A 14-11 VICTORY.

1977

SUBARCTIC CONDITIONS WOULD CREATE MORE SLIPPING AND SLIDING DURING THE 65TH GREY CUP, DUBBED "THE ICE BOWL."

TO IMPROVE THEIR GRIP, THE MONTREAL ALOUETTES PUNCHED STAPLES ONTO THEIR CLEATS.



THIS GAVE THEM THE NECESSARY TRACTION TO DESTROY THE EDMONTON ESKIMOS 41-6!

1978-1982



IN RESPONSE TO THE DRUBBING OF '77, EDMONTON WOULD GO ON TO WIN A LEAGUE RECORD 5 GREY CUPS IN A ROW. NO CFL® TEAM HAS EVER REPEATED THIS FEAT.

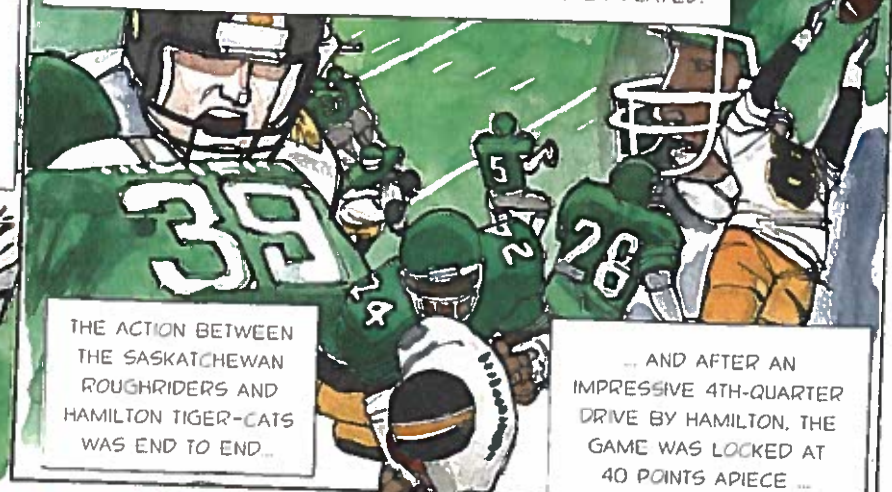
THESE WINS WERE MARKED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF QUARTERBACKS TOM WILKINSON AND WARREN MOON. THE TALENTED MOON JOINED THE ESKIMOS AS NO U.S. PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM AT THE TIME WOULD SIGN AN AFRICAN AMERICAN TO PLAY QUARTERBACK.

1989

IN THE MIST OF 1978 POST-GAME CELEBRATIONS, WILKINSON AND LINEBACKER DAN KEPELY ACCIDENTALLY DROPPED THE CUP AND BROKE IT FOR THE FIRST TIME ...



THE 77TH GREY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE THE GREATEST GREY CUP GAME EVER PLAYED.



THE ACTION BETWEEN THE SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS AND HAMILTON TIGER-CATS WAS END TO END ...

... AND AFTER AN IMPRESSIVE 4TH-QUARTER DRIVE BY HAMILTON, THE GAME WAS LOCKED AT 40 POINTS APIECE ...

1993



BUT IN THE FINAL PLAY OF THE GAME, DAVE RIDGWAY WOULD KICK A FIELD GOAL, WINNING THE GREY CUP FOR SASKATCHEWAN, 43-40!



THE GREY CUP WAS BROKEN AGAIN WHEN EDMONTON ESKIMO BLAKE DERMOTT HEAD-BUTTED IT.

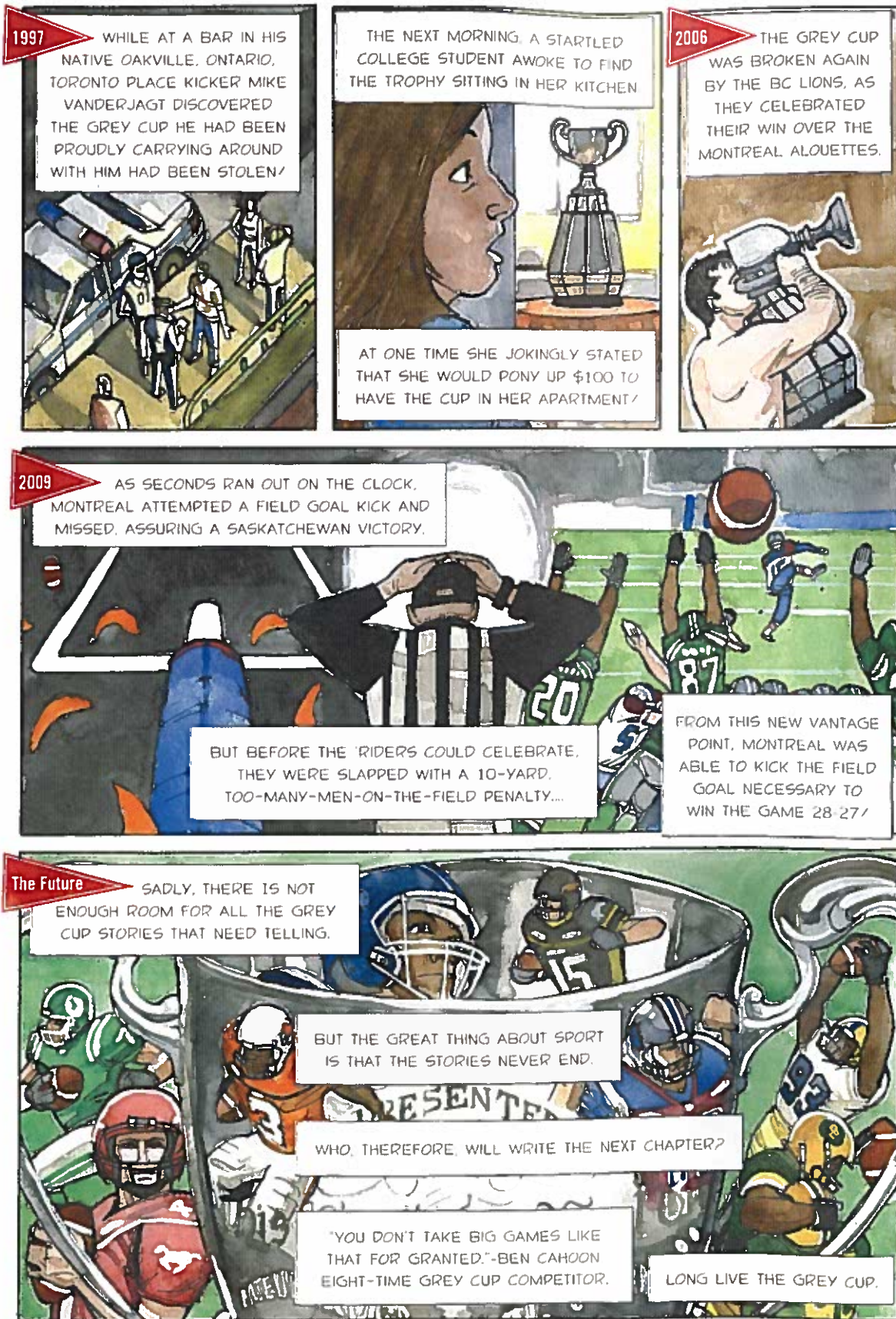
1995

IN THE MIST OF THE ATTEMPTED U.S. EXPANSION, THE GREY CUP WAS, FOR THE ONE AND ONLY TIME, AWARDED TO AN AMERICAN TEAM.



THE BALTIMORE STALLIONS WOULD LAST TWO SEASONS IN BALTIMORE, AND EVENTUALLY RETURN TO MONTREAL AS THE RENEWED ALOUETTES.





## After

- Reading for Meaning** The Grey Cup trophy is a symbol of the Canadian Football League (CFL) and its game is a part of our Canadian culture.
  - Why are the CFL and the Grey Cup representative of Canada and Canadians?
  - Make a list of some other symbols of Canadian identity; for example, the maple leaf.
- Reading for Meaning** Choose a panel where part of the illustration is cut off. What actions can you infer are taking place outside the frame?
- Viewing and Representing** Choose a panel in the selection that gives more information through the illustration than through the accompanying text.
  - What additional information does the illustration give?
  - Why is it important to pay attention to these illustrative details when you read a graphic text?
- Student Voice** Make a list of some reasons you think the Grey Cup matches were postponed for World War I. Write a short blog entry on whether or not you think significant sporting events like the Grey Cup should be postponed during times of war.
- Critical Literacy** The author used only facts, not opinions, to tell the history of the Grey Cup yet he set a mood that presents a particular view of the game. How does the author want readers to feel about the CFL and the Grey Cup? Explain how you know.
- Metacognition** What did you learn about reading graphic texts that you can apply when you encounter similar types of graphic texts in the future?

## Beyond

- Viewing and Representing** At the end of the selection, the author asks "who, therefore, will write the next chapter?" Take this challenge and research a recent Grey Cup championship game. Create additional panels using both illustrations and text to highlight the event.
- Speaking and Listening** Think-Pair-Share. Review your list of symbols that define Canadian identity (see Reading for Meaning question 1). Consider why you think these symbols represent Canadian culture. Pair with a partner and discuss your ideas. Be prepared to share one or two of your ideas with the class as part of a large group discussion. Listen carefully to your classmates' ideas to see how they align or do not with your own thinking.