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22ND ANNUAL
CITY OF HAMILTON
SPORT VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION DINNER

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008
HAMILTON CONVENTION CENTRE

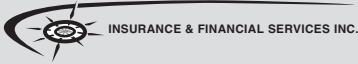
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***Congratulates and
thanks all sport
volunteers for
your contribution
to our community***

MAYOR FRED EISENBERGER



CITY OF HAMILTON

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR OF HAMILTON

Welcome to the 22nd Annual
Volunteer Appreciation Sports Dinner!

The success of our sports program could not be accomplished without all of you who give so generously of your time in coaching, officiating and administering amateur sport programs in our community. It is because of your commitment that so many of Hamilton's youth have the opportunity to participate in sport and to develop as athletes and as individuals, learning skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

I sincerely appreciate the giving of your time and skills. Your efforts make a difference in the lives of Hamiltonians.

We in the City of Hamilton commend and Thank You!

Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

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April 17, 2008

Dear Valued Volunteers:

Tonight is your special night as we celebrate and recognize your achievements and contributions to community sport in the City of Hamilton. Hamilton has been described as the volunteer capital of Canada and last year was recognized by True Sport as one of three Canadian cities for their contribution to the quality of sport programming and promoting the values of fair play. This honour exemplifies the dedication and passion that you, as community volunteers, demonstrate each and every day.

This year marks the 22nd Annual Sports Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and over that period the City of Hamilton has recognized over 25,000 sport volunteers. Close to one thousand individuals have received distinguished 10 years of service awards for their contributions. I would like to extend our thanks to each and every one of you!

Your volunteerism make this city a great place to live, work and play and as the General Manager of Community Services I look forward to working with you to ensure city facilities and staff support your fine work in the community.

Congratulations to all!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe-Anne Priel".

Joe-Anne Priel,
General Manager
Community Services Department





HAMILTON TIGER-CATS



April 17, 2008

On behalf of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, I would like to express how truly exciting it is to partner with the City of Hamilton on this important and prestigious event as we recognize Hamilton's most outstanding sport volunteers.

Their dedication to the development and promotion of amateur sports is a vital resource in our region. By building interest in athletics at the grassroots level, we are teaching our youth the values of teamwork, fitness, leadership, and good health.

Thanks to their volunteer efforts, Hamiltonians are able to expand their skills, and have a chance to one day compete on their sport's largest stage. You never know which junior athlete may be in the next generation of CFL stars, like our very own Jesse Lumsden.

The Tiger-Cats are thankful to once again be a part of tonight's festivities. In past years, the City of Hamilton has honoured some of the greatest players to have ever worn the Black and Gold.

This year the spotlight turns to Bernie Custis, a man whose perseverance and passion for football allowed him to overcome the unjust social boundaries of his time. He is an outstanding role model for today's Tiger-Cats and his presence at Ivor Wynne Stadium and within the Ticats organization is always greatly appreciated. Like many of tonight's award recipients Bernie exemplifies dedication and commitment to sport and his community. His unselfish contribution defines the importance of volunteerism and giving back to sport!

Thank you once again for all you do to make Hamilton a great sports city. The Hamilton Tiger-Cats values your contribution and it's our pleasure and privilege to pay tribute and to honour you our most voluble resource — our community sport volunteer!

Congratulations one and all and we hope to partner with you and to see all of you during this 2008 season at Ivor Wynne stadium!

Scott Mitchell
Hamilton Tiger-Cats Team President

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April 17, 2008

This evening's event is a celebration of sport in our community and a recognition of Hamilton's sport volunteers. The calibre of sport programs in our city is a direct reflection of the dedication of our volunteers to providing the best sport experiences for Hamilton athletes and coaches. The increasing number of local athletes who qualify to attend SportHamilton's annual Breakfast of Champions demonstrates the excellence achieved by those athletes under your volunteer leadership.

SportHamilton would like to acknowledge the support we receive for our sport programs and events from the City of Hamilton, the Hamilton Ticats and the Sheraton Downtown Hotel. A special thank you to all the local businesses and organizations who also support local sport organizations. You are valued members of our sports teams.

SportHamilton is pleased to play a lead role in the selection of the Sport Volunteer Awards. We are proud of the impressive list of nominations received this year and extend our congratulations to tonight's award recipients.

We are proud of Hamilton's long history of hosting sport events. We wish to acknowledge and thank the many Hamilton sport associations who organized Provincial, National and International sport competitions in Hamilton during this past year. You are part of a long-time Hamilton tradition of hosting first-class sports events. Thank you for showcasing our athletes, our facilities, our hosting experience and our hometown Hamilton.

Gene Sutton
President
SportHamilton

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PROGRAMME

GREETINGS

Mayor Fred Eisenberger, City of Hamilton
Diane LaPointe-Kay, Director of Recreation, Community Services

NATIONAL ANTHEM

DINNER

Garden Salad, Penne Arrabiata
Roast Beef, Mediterranean Chicken
Roasted Potatoes, P.E.I. Mixed Vegetables
Assorted Rolls, Butter
Assorted Pastries, Coffee, Tea

MAJOR AWARDS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Presentation of Hamilton Hero Banner and
Ray Lewis Community Service Award
Dr. Gene Sutton

CELEBRITY SPEAKERS:

Jesse Lumsden, Nick Setta, Zeke Moreno, Tony Miles, Richie Williams

SST Dr. Ray Johnson Coach of the Year Award

Ron Foxcroft Award

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Morgan Wootten

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MORGAN WOOTTEN

With a remarkable 1,274–192 (.869) win record as Head Basketball Coach at DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, Maryland, Morgan Wootten is considered to be the winningest coach in basketball history. In his 46-year tenure, DeMatha has won over 100 major titles and the national championship five times. Wootten put DeMatha on the map when in 1965 his team broke the 71-game winning streak of Lew Alcindor's Power Memorial team. More than 150 of Wootten's former players have gone on to play college basketball; a dozen have played in the NBA. More than 20 of his former assistant coaches or players are now coaching on the high school, collegiate or professional level.



DeMatha Catholic High School

The Naismith Foundation named Wootten the #1 Prep Coach of the twentieth century and he was inducted into the Naismith National Basketball Hall of Fame in 2000.

Wootten retired from coaching in November 2002 but remains active with his basketball camp for boys and girls and his books, videotapes, and clinics have been sought after by coaches around the world.

CELEBRITY SPEAKERS



JESSE LUMSDEN

As the only Canadian running back starting in the CFL, Lumsden gives the Ticats options that no other team has. In 2007, the 6-2, 226-pound native of Burlington, carried the ball 98 times, rushing for 743 yards and three touchdowns and emerged as a leader in the locker room. Prior to turning pro, Lumsden posted one of the most impressive careers in Canadian Interuniversity Sport football history with the McMaster Marauders. He was awarded the 2004 Hec Crighton Trophy after setting the single-season CIS rushing record with 1,816 yards and also set a new Ontario University Athletics career rushing mark with 4,328 yards. Lumsden also established a new CIS single season touchdown record with 21 majors in 2004, surpassing his own record of 20 touchdowns scored in 2003. He also became the CIS career touchdown leader after making 47 trips to the end zone during his four seasons with McMaster.

NICK SETTA

In his first season with the Black and Gold, Nick Setta was the East Division's Most Outstanding Rookie, connecting on 45 of 53 field goal attempts and all nineteen of his convert attempts. The East All-Star also punted 130 times for 5725 yards (44.0 avg), with a Ticats record-setting punt of 97 yards. Setta, a 26-year-old native of Lockport, Illinois, enjoyed a four-year collegiate career at Notre Dame where he completed 46 of 66 field goal attempts, the second most in Fighting Irish history. Setta also took over Notre Dame's punting duties in his final year. Since turning pro, the 5-11, 189-pounder has completed brief stints with several teams from the NFL and NFL Europe. In 2005, Setta connected on 13 of 18 field goal attempts with Rhein of NFL Europe, while earlier last year he was successful on 9 of 12 attempts with Cologne.



ZEKE MORENO

Moreno, a native of Chula Vista, California, enjoyed a phenomenal debut season in the CFL in 2007, recording a league-leading and team-record 114 defensive tackles, 12 special teams tackles, one quarterback sack, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery, three pass knockdowns and two interceptions. Moreno joined the Ticats after a five-year NFL career where he played 61 games with the San Diego Chargers (2001-04) and the Philadelphia Eagles (2005). The 6-2, 246-pound linebacker was the Chargers' fifth round selection in the 2001 NFL Draft after a stellar collegiate career where he played four seasons with USC, starting 36 of 47 games while recording 285 total tackles (209 solo), nine quarterback sacks and five interceptions.



TONY MILES

Miles, a 5-9, 172-pound wide receiver hopes to give quarterback Casey Printers yet another weapon in the Tiger-Cats offence. The native of Mart, Texas began his CFL career with the Ticats in 2002 before spending the past five seasons with the Toronto Argonauts. In 83 career games, the Northwest Missouri State product has recorded 345 receptions, 4,795 receiving yards and 23 touchdowns. Last season, Miles caught 24 passes for 433 yards and four touchdowns in 10 games. He was named a CFL and East Division All-Star in 2003.



RICHIE WILLIAMS

Richie Williams was born March 10, 1983 in Camden, South Carolina. Following an outstanding four-year (2002-05) career with the Appalachian State University Mountaineers where he set every single-game, single-season and career record for a passer, Richie signed as a free agent with the Ticats on May 17, 2006. He dressed as back-up quarterback for all 18 games during his rookie season, completing 17 of 32 passes for 241 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. He also had four carries for 55 yards. In 2007 in his second season, Richie completed 80 of 130 pass attempts for 852 yards, six touchdowns and three interceptions. He carried the ball 32 times for 169 yards and started two games.



MAJOR AWARDS

RAY LEWIS ATHLETE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Presented in the adult category to an outstanding Hamilton athlete who has excelled in sport and has also made a significant contribution to the Hamilton community.

THE “RON FOXCROFT” AWARD

Presented to an official who has demonstrated tremendous dedication to the principles of fair play and played a leadership role in the development of sport officials.

SST RAY JOHNSON COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Newly named after Ray, the award is presented to an individual who best exemplifies the attributes that contribute to quality coaching.

PEARSON-DUNN INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. DISTINGUISHED SPORT VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Presented to individuals nominated for a minimum of a 10-year contribution to sport in the community; can only win once; nominees are screened for potential as candidates for other awards.

UNITED TROPHY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented to an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment as an active volunteer in amateur sport over an extended period of time; may be a previous winner of a distinguished sport volunteer award.

CITY OF HAMILTON

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Greg Maychak, Supervisor of Sport Development
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SPORTHAMILTON AWARDS COMMITTEE

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Helen Downey, Executive Member



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“Thanks to one and all!”





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2008 HOME SCHEDULE

Week	Day	Home Games	Time
A	Thu Jun 12	HAM vs WIN	7:00 PM
1	Thu Jun 26	HAM vs MON	7:00 PM
3	Sat Jul 12	HAM vs SASK	4:00 PM
5	Fri Jul 25	HAM vs EDM	7:00 PM
7	Thu Aug 7	HAM vs TOR	7:00 PM
10	Mon Sep 1	HAM vs TOR	7:30 PM
11	Sat Sep 6	HAM vs BC	4:00 PM
13	Fri Sep 19	HAM vs WIN	7:30 PM
15	Sat Oct 4	HAM vs MON	4:00 PM
18	Fri Oct 24	HAM vs CAL	7:30 PM