

1968-69 Grey Cup Teams Reunion August 10-11, 2018



The CFL Ottawa Alumni Association along with the Ottawa REDBLACKS organized an absolutely incredible weekend celebrating the 1968 and 1969 Grey Cup winning Ottawa Rough Rider teams. The dinner Friday night held in The Otto's Club area of the south side stands at TD Place was the perfect kickoff to what had to be a once in a lifetime experience for the 68 & 69 team members and their families. The following day a social gathering at the Prescott to raise a glass in honour of those who have passed away was a more relaxing setting for the sharing of old stories and intermingling with family members and a few fans who joined in for the celebration. A highlight at the Prescott was an edited video, provided by Bill Van Burkleo, of the 1969 Rough Rider Rookie party. Later that evening the players were introduced in TD Place Arena to a large crowd of Ottawa football fans followed by an autograph session that went well into the first quarter of the REDBLACKS Alouettes game.

At halftime, 22 of the 24 players that are still alive and 6 family members representing those players who have passed away plus the late Frank Clair's daughter Robin and Arthur and Ken Loeb, the sons of the late Owner David Loeb, were introduced to the sold-out REDBLACKS game crowd. After the Grey Cup was escorted onto the field by the RCMP, the members of the 1969 team were presented with their 1969 Grey Cup Champion rings by Arthur and Ken. This was the perfect culmination to a wonderful weekend of new memories for the members and their families of the 1968 & 1969 Grey Cup winning Rough Rider teams. To top off the weekend the Redblacks scored very late in an exciting finish to beat the AIs and Johnny Football 24-17!

A special thank you to all those on the organizing committee Jim Cain, Russ Jackson, Dan Dever, Doug Specht, Bob McKeown, Randy Burgess and OSEG...AMAZING JOB! We would also like to thank Donn Smith for all the fantastic photos of our events!

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