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2025 FINAL EDITION



WHATS IN THE NEWS



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November 30, 2025, Ben Lypka Abbotsford News

Abbotsford's W.J. Mouat Hawks fall in 3A provincial football final



Lord Tweedsmuir Panthers star running back Jerin Harinen (No. 8) scrambling for yardage against the W.J. Mouat Hawks in the Triple A provincial final at BC Place Sunday Nov. 30, 2025. PHOTO BY BERNIE CRUMP /Submitted

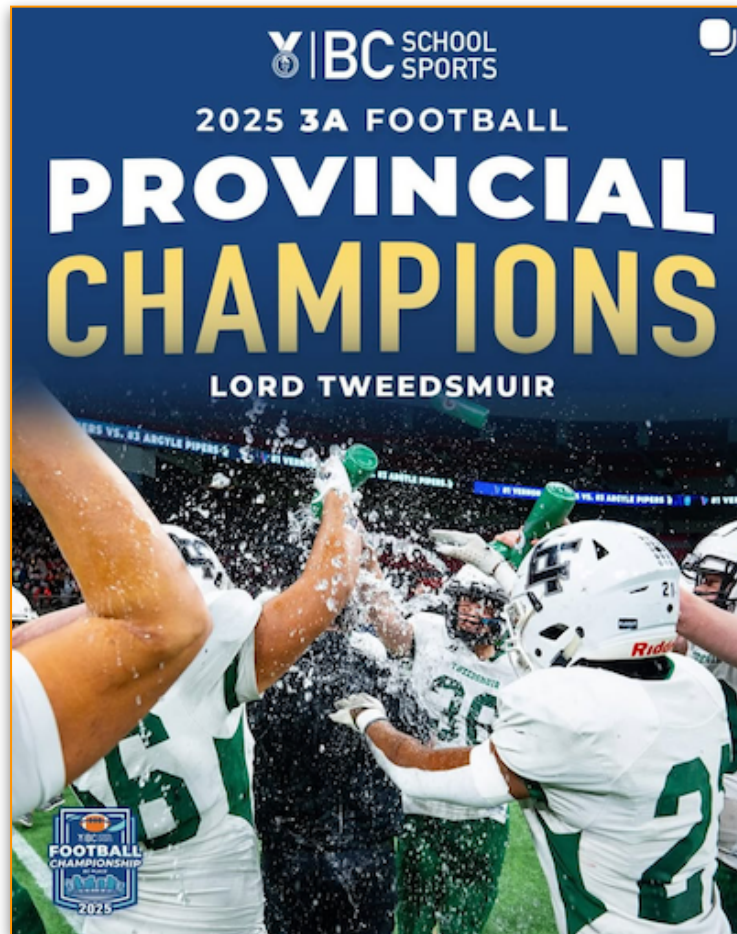
December 2, 2025, Steve Ewen, The Province

State of the gridiron nation: What's next for high school football in B.C.?



BCSS FOOTBALL AAA CHAMPIONSHIP

6:00 Sunday November 30TH
BC Place





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December 2, 2025, Roger Knox, Trail Times

Fourth provincial title for Vernon Panthers football



(Elijah Ford photo)

December 1, 2024, John N, Surrey Speak

Tweedsmuir Panthers Win First-Ever Senior Football Crown



(B.C. High School Football image)

November 30, 2025 Greg Sakaki, Nanaimo Bulletin

Barsby Bulldogs junior football team wins B.C. championship

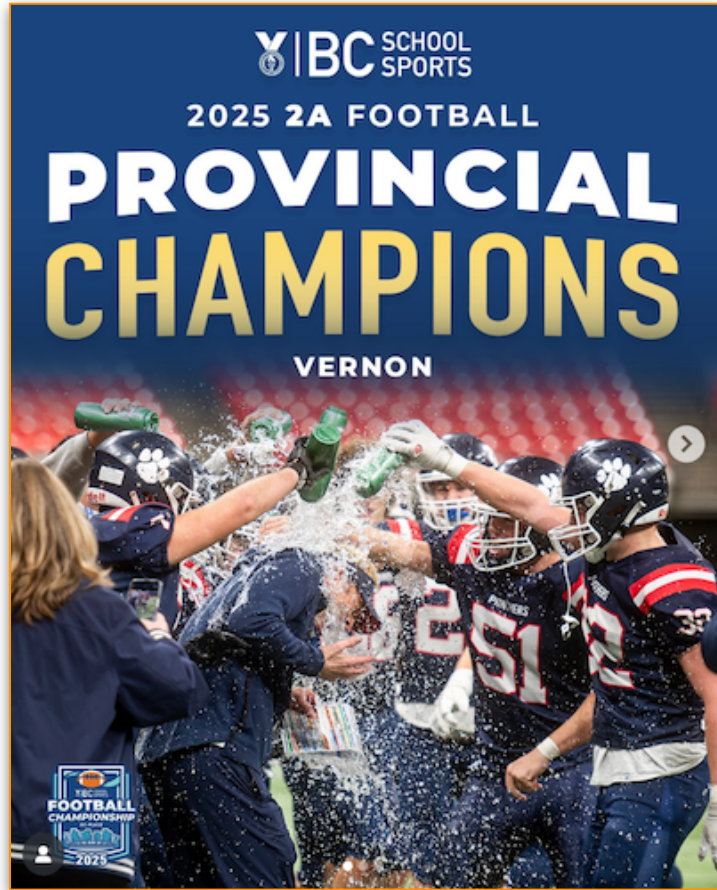


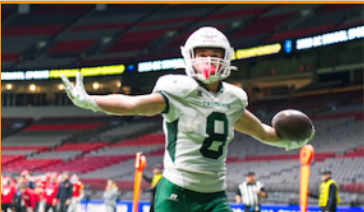
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3:00 Sunday November 30TH

BC Place








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December 1, 2024, Malin Jordan, Surrey Now Leader

Cloverdale's Lord Tweedsmuir wins first varsity football



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December 1, 2025, Tony Trozzo, Nanaimo Bulletin

Langford's Belmont Bulldogs' unbeaten season stopped in JV football final



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AAA Varsity Championship

Lord Tweedsmuir	26
WJ Mouat	21




AAA Varsity Championship

Most Valuable Player
Jerin Harinen

Most Valuable Lineman
Finn Meberg

Most Valuable Back
Elijah Black



AA Varsity Championship

Argyle	0
Vernon	41



AA Varsity Championship

Most Valuable Player
Ayden McDonald

Most Valuable Lineman
Blake Bell

Most Valuable Back
Owen West

AAA Junior Varsity Championship

Belmont Bulldogs

 **14**

Vancouver College Fighting Irish

 **53**



AAA Junior Varsity Championship

Most Valuable Player

Liam McDonald

Most Valuable Lineman

Rogan Brombley

Most Valuable Back

Alejandro Lando





AA Junior Varsity Championship

John Barseby Bulldogs

 **34**

Argyle Pipers

 **3**



AA Junior Varsity Championship

Most Valuable Player

James Coco

Most Valuable Lineman

Jayden Davis

Most Valuable Back

Advson Lloyd-Walters






Grade Eight Championship

Vancouver College 28

Lord Tweedsmuir 22



Grade Eight Championship

Most Valuable Player

Shaan Patel

Most Valuable Lineman

Ishaan Shamsuddin

Most Valuable Back

Cale Cotton





CFC50 FINAL RANKINGS

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HURON HEIGHTS NEWMARKET - ON	10-2	CATHOLIC CENTRAL LONDON - ON	10-0
ERNEST MANNING CALGARY - AB	8-2		
HOLY CROSS SASKATOON - SK	9-0-1		
ST-JEAN-EUDES QUEBEC CITY - QC	9-1		
KORAH SABULY STE. MARIE - ON	10-0		
LORD TWEEDSMUIR SURREY - BC	10-2		
HARRY AINLAY EDMONTON - AB	9-1		
OAK PARK WINNIPEG - MB	9-1		
FRONTENAC KINGSTON - ON	9-1		

Where there's a will, there's a way. That was the mantra for Lord Tweedsmuir entering the British Columbia AAA finals against undefeated W.J. Moutat, and the Panthers were able to find a way with a stunning last minute 26-21 victory at BC Place to claim their first provincial banner in school history. For anybody wanting to watch a banger of a game, we highly suggest you go back and relive this one on YouTube because it featured all the drama anybody could ask for in the final game of the Canadian high school season. The Panthers pounced early scoring on their opening drive to go up 7-0, but the Hawks high powered offence swung back to even things up and set the stage for the ensuing slugfest. Lord Tweedsmuir managed to build a 17-7 lead with a late touchdown before halftime, but that didn't deter W.J. Moutat coming out of the break scoring 14 unanswered before the Panthers could reply with a field goal to make it 21-20 heading into the final frame. The Hawks looked like they were getting ready to put the final nail in the coffin with a long methodical drive deep into Panthers' territory, but a clutch fourth down tackle flipped the script giving Lord Tweedsmuir the ball back with seven minutes left on their own five yard line. Now it was their turn to piece together a magical march as they slowly worked the ball down field while bleeding the clock, and they would not be denied their glorious ending with Chase Thurston connecting with Tristan Dominguez on a perfectly timed wheel route to put the Panthers ahead 26-21 with just 1:17 left to play. Moutat had once last chance to salvage their perfect season, but an interception by Carter Gill would seal the deal on a historic night for Lord Tweedsmuir. It's a new era in British Columbia with Vancouver College's strangle hold on the province coming to an end, now we'll see how long the Panthers can hold onto the crown.

CFC25 FINAL RANKINGS

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DALBE-VIAU LACHINE - QC	11-0
CENTRAL MOOSE JAW - SK	10-0
VERNON VERNON - BC	11-0
HOLY CROSS PETERBOROUGH - ON	8-0
AUSTIN O'BRIEN EDMONTON - AB	5-4
HOLY ROSARY LLOYDMINSTER - AB	9-0
HOLY TRINITY OKOTOKS - AB	8-3
CARLTON PRINCE ALBERT - SK	7-2
CONFEDERATION SUDBURY - ON	8-2
ST-JEAN-VIANEY MONTREAL - QC	10-2

There's a couple teams who would be able to file legitimate disputes about the top spot on our rankings, and Vernon are one of those programs after laying waste to Argyle in the British Columbia AA finals. The Panthers looked like a well-oiled machine in their 41-0 victory at BC Place, which capped off a perfect 11-0 season where they outscored their opponents 447-82. They've now put together one of the most impressive title runs across the nation bringing home four of the last six AA banners, and it doesn't look like they plan on slowing down anytime soon. They might not have won the rankings debate this year, but in a perfect world where we could hold a legitimate playoff bracket, nobody would be happy to see themselves lined up with the vaunted Vernon Panthers.



2025 BCSSFA Scholarship Winners

Top Student Athlete

Top Community Service Athlete





BCSS RED ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP EDITION

by **Nicolas Hauka**
December 1, 2025

Panthers the best of AA

The Vernon Panthers remain inevitable in BC High School Football. As teams look to make their way

to the AA championship game, Vernon is always standing in the way and more often than not squashes their opponents' dreams of winning it all, while having their own title aspirations come true.



At BC Place, surrounded by their fans who made the long trip down to the lower mainland, the Panthers' dreams became reality as they defeated the Argyle Pipers 41-0 to win the AA title.

Last year, the Panthers let the big game get away from them when they were defeated by the Windsor Wolves 17-14 in a major upset. This year, the higher-seeded Panthers allowed no Cinderella story to occur. With the game tied at zero early in the second quarter, Vernon turned to their star and never looked back.

Ayden McDonald was absolutely phenomenal in this one. From the time he opened the scoring on a 30-yard rush off a QB power to the time the clock struck zero and the Panthers showered head coach Sean Smith with Gatorade, there was no better player on the field.

McDonald would account for three total touchdowns running behind the stellar play of the Panthers' offensive line and would add two interceptions on defence.



After McDonald's opening major, the floodgates opened for Vernon. On the next play from scrimmage, Jonah Lee intercepted a pass and took it to the house for six and the rout was on.

Owen West and Bennett Friesen would add rushing scores of their own as the Panthers pounded the ball at will all afternoon. The Pipers gave it all they had and battled till the very end, but had no answers for the ground attack of Vernon or their stifling defence.



Image Bernie Crump

Josh Vandenberg was a problem all night for the Pipers' front five. Vandenberg used his long reach and blew up plays in the backfield for tackles for loss against the run, while getting after the quarterback and being virtually unblockable while rushing the passer on throwing downs.

Blake Bell won outstanding lineman of the game, Owen West took home best back, while McDonald was awarded MVP of the game. After the Panthers players were awarded their individual accolades, the team hoisted the AA championship trophy high in the air and started their celebration, which I'm sure will last the whole bus ride home.



Panthers shock Hawks to win AAA title

On February 3, 2008, at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, the 16-0 New England Patriots took their unstoppable offence to the field for Super Bowl 42. Heavy favourites to win it all, the Patriots were shocked on the biggest stage, falling to the underdog New York Giants in a colossal upset.

This Sunday, the Lord Tweedsmuir Panthers took to BC Place in a very similar situation as the Giants 17 years ago. Facing off against a WJ Mouat Hawks' offence, which had put up 100 points in just two playoff games, the Hawks came into this one undefeated on the season and heavily favoured.

With the odds not appearing to be in the Panthers' favour, Tweedsmuir didn't blink. They accepted the daunting challenge in front of them and outplayed the

Hawks en route to one of the biggest upsets in AAA football within the province's history, 26-21.

Now the similarities between what happened in Glendale years ago and this Sunday don't just extend to the win-loss record and underdog upset victory. The defensive plan the Panthers staff installed, which their players executed phenomenally, was eerily familiar.

When the Giants disrupted Hall of Fame quarterback Tom Brady, they did so by rushing only four and winning their matchups quickly, giving Brady as little time as possible. The Panthers did just that. Their front four was unblockable all night long.



Image Bernie Crump

Mekhi Mindingall was a force off the edge from the opening whistle. He sped up Black's internal clock while winning on the outside, including a massive tackle late in the game on fourth down to keep the Panthers' hopes alive.

Makalo Matahwa had a great night opposite Mindingall, while Finn Meberg and Kingston Miskinis were forces on the interior.

From a coverage perspective, Tweedsmuir's defence bracketed Hawks star wideout Max Pratt for the majority of the game. When he wasn't doubled, one of the province's best corners, Logan Wager followed and matched up against Pratt wherever he lined up, just like the Giants did to Patriots legend Randy Moss.

The Panthers' lights-out defensive performance, coupled with Chase Thurston and Jerin Harinen's electric performances on offence, had the Panthers up 17-7 at halftime.

Here's the thing about an offence as good as the Hawks: as well as you might be able to contain them for a period of time, eventually, they'll find a way to put points on the board.



Elijah Black put his team on his back in half number two. Black found Treyson Harley for a big play before finding Petrayus Lollar out of the backfield to cut the lead to just three. After the Hawks' defence came up with a massive stop on fourth down, Black found the promised land on a scramble from 40 yards out,



Image Bernie Crump

breaking multiple tackles in the process.

Black had led his team to 14 unanswered points to start the third quarter and within eight minutes of play, the Panthers' lead had evaporated as the Hawks were up 21-17.

The Panthers' offensive line and Harinen responded emphatically, getting deep into the Hawks' territory on three big chunk runs. The Panthers' promising drive came to a halt and they had to settle for three and still trailed 21-20.

The rest of the way, the Panthers' defensive line came back to life and pressured Black relentlessly. Despite the lack of time, Black made some incredible throws to Max Pratt, who found a way to get open despite being bracketed.

The Panthers' defence bent, but didn't break and had the ball back in Chase Thurston's hands with just seven minutes to go. Thurston, Harinen and Wager made crucial plays as Tweedsmuir matriculated the ball downfield.

With just over a minute to go, Thurston found Tristan Dominguez on a wheel route from 29 yards out to cap a six-minute 95-yard drive, giving LT the lead 26-21.

With 1:10 to go, Black and the Hawks had the ball back with a chance to win it all. On the first play from scrimmage, Black dropped back to pass. Black took his drop and spotted Pratt on a crosser in the middle of the field.

Black let the ball go and much to his dismay, saw it sail too high for his intended target. LT safety Carter Gill broke on the ball from depth and as the pass sailed over Pratt's head, snagged it out of mid air, completing the historic upset.

What a game and what an end to an incredible 2025 season. Tonight won't just be one that the Panthers players, coaches and fans remember. Just like Super Bowl 42 is discussed in NFL circles, this game will be brought up for years whenever talking about historic upsets in BC High School Football history.

