

number of upgrades at Alumni Stadium, field turf and stadium lighting, which made the possibility of hosting a CFL venue that much more realistic.

STA: Can you explain what was required and the logistics involved in acquiring and integrating extra seating, washrooms, change rooms, parking, policing, etc.?

Ti-Cats: The University of Guelph and the City of Guelph were both very helpful in navigating through all the necessary permitting involved in setting up such a large scale temporary stadium. We worked closely with Tower Events to design and construct the temporary seating at Alumni Stadium. William Scotsman proved a temporary box office and both temporary locker rooms. GFL Environmental Corp. and Chantler's Environmental Services provided all necessary services for waste removal. We also worked closely with Electri-Tech Services Inc, WalterFedy, Regal Tents, Drexler Construction, Connors Construction, and Battlefield Equipment Rentals who all worked tirelessly to meet the tight deadlines to get the stadium up and running for our first pre-season game on June 20th.

STA: What is the seating capacity and how does it compare to Ivor Wynne Stadium?

Ti-Cats: The seating capacity at Alumni Stadium was expanded to seat approximately 13,500 and provided a smaller, intimate venue with great sightlines for all fans. Some additional premium seating was added on a game by game basis on the track area surrounding the field of play. Comparatively speaking, the new Tim Hortons Field will have a seating capacity of approximately 24,000.

STA: How did the teams get from the change rooms to the field?

Ti-Cats: Teams walked from the change rooms to the field. We created a pathway through the back of house area for field access for the players. A short portion of the walk was through the South Concourse along Alumni Walk. This was a favorite location for fans to watch both teams enter the field and they were able to take pictures, high five players, and get a random autograph.

STA: Would you change much of what you did in Guelph this year if the new Tim Hortons Field in Hamilton is not finished and you need a stadium for the 2014 season?

Ti-Cats: Overall the transition to Guelph went smooth and not a lot



At the end of season, the dismantling of the temporary seating begins.

of changes would be made. All reports from Infrastructure Ontario are that Tim Hortons Field will be constructed on time and ready for the 2014 season.

STA: How many volunteers were involved at home games? What were their responsibilities?

Ti-Cats: We had few volunteers for home games but we utilized approximately 350 employees to run our game day operations. This included our regular game day staff, customer assistance team, security, parking services, and concession staff.

STA: Approximately how many fans have travelled from Hamilton to Guelph?

Ti-Cats: I do not have exact numbers as this changed on a game by game basis. It would be safe to say that in general the stadium consisted of 70% Hamilton based fans and 30% Guelph and surrounding areas.

STA: Were you pleased with the number of Guelph fans who attended?

Ti-Cats: We were pleased with the number of Guelph fans who attended and are looking forward to seeing our new fans from Guelph make the trip down Highway 6 to cheer on the Ti-Cats at Tim Hortons Field.

STA: Overall thoughts of the season with regards to playing at Alumni Stadium? The City of Guelph?

Ti-Cats: Overall, our season in Guelph was as successful as we could have anticipated. We developed a strong working relationship with the staff at UofG and the intimate atmosphere in Guelph provided a definite home field advantage. The University and City of Guelph welcomed the entire Tiger-Cats organization and supported us throughout the year. Thank you to the City of Guelph and the University of Guelph for sharing in our 2013 season. •

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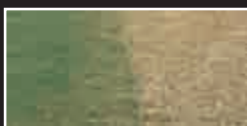
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