

# John Hufnagel answers annual Grey Cup sex question: Directive this week is 'to finish'

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VANCOUVER – As John Hufnagel of the Calgary Stampeders and Kent Austin of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, the head coaches competing in Sunday's 102nd Grey Cup, balanced serious football questions about their young quarterbacks, their relationship, how they anticipate the crowd will affect the game, and their own legacies at Wednesday's joint head coaches press conference, they waited for the question that brings some levity to the event. And Hufnagel was ready with his answer.

Longtime Toronto sportswriter [Jim Hunt](#) is [reputed](#) to have asked the head coaches of both Grey Cup teams their philosophy on players having sex before the game every year for over 50 years. Since his death in 2006, the tradition has been carried on by other media members. Once again it was Edmonton Sun scribe Terry Jones who stepped up with the morning's big question, but this time it came with a twist.

Having both patrolled the sideline in a Grey Cup before, Hufnagel and Austin are veterans of the sex question, but since they're both coming off losses in the CFL's championship game, Jones wondered if their position on the matter had changed with experience.

"You guys have both been here within the last few years and probably are very familiar with this question. It's the Jim "Shaky" Hunt Memorial Question about your philosophy with players having sex before the game. Considering you both lost your last Grey Cup game I'm wondering if you changed your philosophy?" asked Jones.



Calgary Stampeders head coach John Hufnagel, right, and Hamilton Tiger-Cats head coach Kent Austin shake hands ...

Hufnagel was the first to give his thoughts and he only had one thing to say to his players should they partake in any pre-Grey Cup extra curricular activities.

"The recurring theme or words that have come out of my players mouths from the start of training camp is to finish," said Hufnagel with a smile as the room quickly filled with laughter. "I would hope they would have that same directive this week."

"I've been saved two years in a row with great answers," cracked Austin, who was upstaged in 2013 when Roughriders head coach Corey Chamblin [proclaimed](#) "if they win the championship, they'll have a lot," when faced with the same query.

Now with the annual sex question out of the way, Grey Cup week in Vancouver is officially underway.

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