

In Brief: Huskies Mitch Hillis named Canada West offensive football player of the week



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Huskies receiver Mitch Hillis was named the Canada West offensive football player of the week. *GREG PENDER / THE STARPHOENIX*

Mitch Hillis made a stellar return to the gridiron last Friday, leading the University of Saskatchewan Huskies to a 40-10 victory over UBC and has been named the Canada West offensive football player of the week for his efforts.

After a three-game absence due to injury, the fourth-year receiver tallied 175 yards and two touchdowns on 10 receptions. That total is just three yards short of Hillis' career best.

His longest play of the game was a 77-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter.

The top defensive player of the week honours belonged to defensive lineman Jack McEwen of the Calgary Dinos, while Alberta Golden Bears kicker Brent Arthur earned the special teams honour.

Saskatchewan (3-3) is on the road this week, visiting the Dinos (5-1) on Saturday.

Ken Achs inducted into the Canadian Drag Racing Hall of Fame

Ken Achs has won numerous races and accolades in a drag racing career spanning back to the early 1960s. On Saturday he added another award to his shelf with his induction into the Canadian Drag Racing Hall of Fame.

The Saskatoon native began racing in the early 1960s with a 1940 Ford Coupe with a Buick Motor as a member of the Draggins Rod and Custom Car Club in Saskatoon as well as at Lincoln Park in Calgary.

Achs also built a Chev-powered c/gas dragster which he raced in Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg. In 1966 it was the first car to race the then newly-constructed Saskatoon Southwinds Raceway (now known as the Saskatchewan International Raceway).

Along with drag racing, Achs also raced funny cars and in 1969 was the only Canadian driver to hold both NHRA Top Fuel and Funny Car licences.

After business demands forced Achs to sell his race cars in 1973, he was able to track down his 1967 Top Fuel dragster in 2000 and, after restoring it donated it to the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame and it now resides in the Canadian Drag Racing Hall of Fame in Montreal, where he was inducted.

Later, in 2003, Achs was inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in Toronto.

Huskies women's basketball Raise A Paw Brunch tickets now available

The 2015-16 CIS women's basketball champions the U of S Huskies will be back on the hardwood starting in November and on Nov. 20, the team will be hosting the Raise A Paw Scholarship Brunch.

At the brunch, Huskies head coach Lisa Thomaidis—and head coach of the Canadian women's basketball team— will be reuniting with national women's assistant coach Shawnee Harle to share their experiences from this year's Rio Olympics. Players who