

Red Deer Titans Drop Semifinal to Saints

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CALGARY — The Red Deer Titans, playing a man short for most of the game, dropped a 33-25 decision to the Calgary Saints in the Alberta Cup men's first division rugby semifinals Saturday.

The Titans lost Aaron Huntley 13 minutes into the game when the flanker received a red card for punching.

The Titans led 7-0 at the time and took a 10-0 lead on a Wade Moore penalty kick before the Saints came back to grab a 13-10 halftime lead.

Dean Plant opened the scoring for the Titans with a try five minutes into the match.

Moore converted.

The Saints increased their lead to 16-10 early in the second half before Jon Mauro intercepted a pass and darted 45-metres for an unconverted try to narrow the gap to 16-15 with 25 minutes remaining in the game.

The Saints scored a converted try and Moore kicked a penalty kick to make the score 23-18 before the Saints pulled away with a pair of unconverted tries.

Mauro put the finishing touches on the Red Deer scoring with a try after a fine run by Kenton Poelzer. Moore converted.

St. Albert downed the Calgary Hornets 26-20 in the other semifinal.

In women's university play, the defending national champion University of Lethbridge Pronghorns beat the University of Alberta Pandas 49-12. Red Deer's Shannon Court scored a pair of tries for the winners.

The Titans eight-10 year-old flag rugby program continues Monday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Titans Park. Newcomers are welcome.