

Fans feeling warm and dry after win

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At one point, Saskatchewan Roughriders fans were totally in the dark.

All the lights were out at Mosaic Stadium due to a thunderstorm. And who knew what would happen from there?

Speculation was rampant as to when or where Saturday's CFL game between the Roughriders and the visiting Edmonton Eskimos would continue. But after a 59-minute delay, the game resumed and Saskatchewan rallied for a 39-32 victory.

A handful of fans remained in their seats during Saturday's delay

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"That was probably one of the greatest games ever (played) at Taylor Field," Mitch Kolbeck of Regina said as he was leaving the stadium. "At any other stadium, half the fans would have left but (on this occasion) two-thirds stayed. It was awesome."

Regina's Laura Dureault almost became one of the people who left. "I wanted to go home but my friend said if I left I was a part-timer," Dureault said after the Roughriders improved their record to 6-2, which is good for first place in the CFL's overall standings.

Sherry Webb of Winnipeg had an additional reason to celebrate. She was in Regina to watch a Roughriders team which includes her boyfriend, offensive lineman Jermese Jones.

Webb remained dry with the assistance of some "nice people" who lent her a poncho when the skies opened.

"I figured (the game) would continue because so many people stuck around," Webb said. "I was impressed."

"No way was I leaving. (Jones) is my ride home."

Tom Moore had a long ride home, being that he travelled from his home in Kamsack for the game. "I have been a season-ticket holder since 1952 and I have never seen a game (delayed) like this one," he said.

The Roughriders' players received a warm ovation when they returned to the field after the delay. They trailed 32-27 at the time, but ended up celebrating a fourth consecutive victory.

"It was awesome to come out there (after the delay)," receiver Matt Dominguez told the *Leader-Post's* Rob Vanstone. "You've got the guys who are diehard Rider fans and we rewarded them

with a win. You've got people who are going to be saying, 'I wish I had stayed because it was an awesome game.'

"The people there were awesome because of the momentum we could get from the 13th man."

Or the 13th woman, in many cases.

"That was the best game ever, don't you think?" Webb concluded with a smile.