

# CFL is top priority for Tennant

The veteran Rouge et Or player will miss the team's spring camp in Orlando and will train in Québec  
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Brandon Tennant will not participate in the Université de Laval Rouge et Or spring camp, which begins on February 28th in Orlando.

The fifth-year defensive tackle is not suspended or falling out with the coaches, but rather believes that it is better to stay in Quebec City to continue his training.

"I would have really liked to have another experience at spring camp, but I think the best thing for my career is to stay in Quebec to train with guys like Pierre Lavertu and Danny Groulx," he explained. "Glen (Constantin) and Marc (Fortier) agree with me. If I want to get the best chance to crack the CFL, I have to train as I need to and not do a 60-hour bus ride (to Orlando)."



BRANDON TENNANT

"I am a fifth-year guy who wants to play pro and not a fifth-year guy who wants to lead the team," said the former Vanier Cheetahs star player. "There are strong leaders already on the team."

## In training since January

Tennant assures everyone that his difficult 2014 season marked by injuries and reduced play after he returned to playing did not influence his decision.

"I was not 100 percent on my return to the game," he said. "But there is nothing wrong with me now. If I don't make the CFL or if I'm on the practice squad, I'm definitely going back to Laval for my final season. I love football too much to be just practicing. If I come back, for sure I'll have another discussion with Glen."

Still enrolled in school, Tennant began training in January together with his teammates before changing his mind.

"Several factors influenced my decision," he said. "I pinched my meniscus. While this is not serious, it's not ideal to be injured a month before the evaluation camp (March 27 to 29 in Toronto). My plan to play in the CFL is still the same, but the path has somewhat changed."

## Requirements to be fulfilled

Constantin Tennant compares the situation to that of rusher Christophe Normand.

"In both cases, their priority is making the CFL league," said the head coach of the Rouge et Or. "I'm not closing the door to the return of Brandon, but he will need to meet our requirements if he does indeed come back."

In anticipation of the upcoming CFL draft, Tennant was listed 15th in the last ranking of the 20 top prospects, a drop of two positions from the previous rankings.

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