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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone made it through the winter and is ready for some warmer days. Time to get out the clubs, open-up those cottages and fire-up the BBQ. There has been plenty of off season movement of players and coaches and we are all looking forward to the upcoming season to see how it unfolds in the end.

Things are off to a great start already this season.

Thanks to all of you, our paid-up membership has surpassed last year's numbers already. If you have not done so yet, would you please take a moment and send in your dues for the 2015 season. Membership information is noted inside.

Recently, our fifth annual reunion was held at Royal Woodbine Golf Club and everyone had a terrific time. The reunion has become a destination-event that provides alumni the opportunity to mingle with other teammates, develop networking opportunities and connect with Team officials. This year was no exception.

Chris Rudge, President of the Toronto Argonauts Football Club provided



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those in attendance with an insider's view of the Club's future home and ownership.

On Monday June 1st, our 17th Annual Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association Golf Tournament will be held at Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Georgetown, Ontario. At publishing of this newsletter, the tournament was almost sold-out. So if you want to play, suggest you get in touch with Pete Martin without delay. Pete's contact information is noted inside.

In our partnership with the Toronto Argonauts for the past several years, we have been able to enjoy an Alumni get together at a

regular season home game from the Baseball Media Centre at the Rogers Centre. We are in discussions with the Club and will lock-down a date during the summer. Stay tuned.

The Association will continue to ramp-up communication with former Argos, continue to focus on ways that provide alumni with opportunities to get together with each other and push membership. Again, a special thanks to Crista Bazos for all her efforts and hard work and keeping everyone up-to-date on all things Double Blue. The Association is looking for younger faces with new ideas on hand ready and waiting to fill our roles on the Board. If you are interested in getting involved in some way, please let me know e: argosalumni@rogers.com and one of us will be glad to talk more over a drink or lunch.

Thanks again for your support. Hope to see you at a game this season!

Cheers,
Stace Coray

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TORONTO ARGONAUTS SCHEDULE 2015

Toronto - This season's Toronto Argonauts home schedule includes **more Friday Night Football** in the Fall, the return of the **Labour Day Re-Match** against Hamilton, two **rivalry-stoking games** against the Ottawa REDBLACKS, and the season opener will be played in scenic Fort McMurray, Alberta against the Edmonton Eskimos as part of the **Northern Kickoff** series.

Commented Argonauts Executive Chairman & CEO, **Chris Rudge**, "This year's home schedule delivers the excitement and tradition of Argos football that our fans count on, and adds renewed rivalries, striking venues, and more suitable Friday, Saturday and Sunday kickoffs. As always, those who join us at Rogers Centre, Varsity Stadium, or SMS Equipment Stadium at Shell Place in Fort McMurray, can expect an entertaining and engaging in-game experience. We are excited to have a new season upon us, and anticipate our fans are anxious to catch their first live glimpse of the 2015 Toronto Argonauts."



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SUN, JULY 5	• @ W	• 3:30PM	
MON, JULY 13	• @ W	• 9:00PM	
FRI, JULY 24	• @ W	• 10:00PM	
MON, AUG 3	• @ W	• 7:00PM	
SAT, AUG 8	• vs. W	• 7:00PM	
FRI, AUG 14	• @ W	• 8:00PM	
SUN, AUG 23	• vs. W	• 4:00PM	
FRI, AUG 28	• @ W	• 9:00PM	
MON, SEPT 7	• @ W	• 1:00PM	
FRI, SEPT 11	• vs. W	• 7:30PM	
SAT, SEPT 26	• @ W	• 7:00PM	
TUE, OCT 6	• vs. W	• 7:30PM	
MON, OCT 12	• @ W	• 1:00PM	
SAT, OCT 17	• vs. W	• 4:00PM	
FRI, OCT 23	• vs. W	• 7:00PM	
FRI, OCT 30	• vs. W	• 7:00PM	
FRI, NOV 6	• vs. W	• 7:30PM	

* Preseason Game at Varsity Stadium ** Game will be played in Fort McMurray, AB All times are EST ● HOME ● AWAY

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For the third straight season, the Argonauts will return to historic **Varsity Stadium** during the pre-season where they will host the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on June 9. The majestic downtown skyline of Toronto will be replaced by the scenic landscape of northern Alberta as the Double Blue head west for their season opener in Fort McMurray against the Edmonton Eskimos in **Northern Kickoff** on June 27.

Argonauts Sr. Vice President, Business Operations, **David Bedford**, commented on Northern Kickoff, "We are happy to do our part in expanding the interest and reach of the CFL into northern Alberta, one of the key economic areas of our country, by participating in the Northern Kickoff. SMS Equipment Stadium at Shell Place is perfectly suited to host our regular season home game, the sightlines are terrific and the surrounding landscape is spectacular. We invite our fans from Toronto, as well as those now living in the Wood Buffalo region to don their Double Blue and join us in Fort McMurray for this historic event."

The Argos will officially play their **2015 Home Opener** on August 8 against the Saskatchewan Roughriders at Rogers Centre before hosting the Hamilton Tiger-Cats for the highly anticipated return of the **Labour Day Re-Match** on September 11. The Double Blue will welcome the **Ottawa REDBLACKS** twice this season, on August 23 and October 6, as the two cities renew their decades-old rivalry and battle for position in the East Division. The Argos will close out the regular season schedule by playing three consecutive **Friday Night Football** games in October.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What brand football does the CFL use?
A. Wilson B. Spalding C. Titliest D. Rawlings
2. Who is the new Commissioner of the CFL?
A. Mark Cohen B. Jeffrey Orridge C. Stephen Harper D. Bud Selig
3. In 2014, what CFL QB led the League in Passing yards?
A. Henry Burris B. Bo Levi Mitchell C. Ricky Ray D. Kevin Glenn
4. What city is the 2015 Grey Cup game being played?
A. Regina B. Winnipeg C. Toronto D. Calgary



Rogers Centre formerly called The SkyDome

*** Answers can be found on page 9 ***

FOOTBALL WORD PUZZLE

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Words

Toronto
CFL
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Double Blue
Football
Danny Webb
Champions
SkyDome
Argonauts
Helmet
Boatmen



OFFICIAL COMMEMORATIVE Collection VARSITY STADIUM 1886-2002
VARSITY STADIUM NOVEMBER 25, 1911 - GREY CUP
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#DOUBLEBLUEFOREVER

As the strongest Alumni Association in the CFL, your membership helps keep the Association alive, as well as adding funds to the Argos Support Fund to help some of our own Alumni that require assistance. The Association also assists other organizations such as the CFLAA and various charity organizations. As Alumni, we want to stay connected with all past players and assist when and where we can. The Association is a non-profit organization and it wants to grow its community involvement with your help.

The Association fees have not been raised in years. We recognize many of you live too far to enjoy some of the local benefits of membership so we offer two types of membership fees. If you live outside of Ontario, the membership fee is \$20CDN and the fee for those living in Ontario remains at \$35CDN.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Access to 2 free tickets per regular season home Argos game and 50% off of any others (*not including Playoffs*). *The Association has a 50 ticket allotment per game.*

- 50% off season tickets
- Invitations to all Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association socials
- 15% Discount on Argo merchandise at the Blue Jays Store by gate 3 at the Rogers Centre (with presentation of membership card) http://www.rogerscentre.com/inaround/jays_shop.jsp
- Invitation to the Annual Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association Reunion—Occurred **Wed April 15th, 2015**
- Invitation to purchase tickets to the Annual Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association Golf Tournament - **Mon June 1st, 2015**
- BOATMAN, Official Newsletter of the Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association Alumni
- Discounts and offers (clothing, car detailing, cosmetic discount, preferred car pricing and more)
- Opportunity to offer products or services in the newsletter
- Alumni rings available for purchase
- Automatic membership to the Canadian Football League Alumni Association and all associated benefits therein i.e. Nissan Canada Vehicle Purchase program <http://www.cflaa.ca/general-benefits-2/>

PAYMENT OPTIONS

We are happy to offer you convenient payment options:

PayPal: <http://www.argonauts.ca/page/alumni-membership>

Email (For Canadian bank transfers ONLY): Electronic banking payment transfers of \$35CDN or \$20CDN can be emailed to argosalumni@rogers.com

Mail cheque for \$35CDN or \$20CDN payable to the Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association to:

Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association
54 Legault Crescent,
Cambridge, ON
N3C 3T4

SAVE THE DATE!

The Friends of the Argonauts Annual Charity Corn Roast announced this years corn roast will be held on Sunday, August 15th! Mark it in your calendar now and reunite with other Alumni members, Active Roster, coaches and fans all in support of charity. Look for the details in the next newsletter!

CATCHING UP WITH MICHAEL EBEN



Mike Eben—Argos 1971

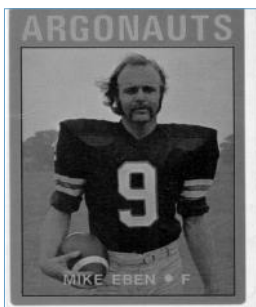
Ten year veteran of the CFL and two time Toronto Argonaut wide receiver, Michael Eben is an extremely well rounded individual. Eben played for the Argonauts on two different occasions from 1968-1969 and 1971-1977. We recently had the pleasure to catch up with him to find out what the fan favorite is doing these days and to re-live cherished memories he had with the Double Blue.

Eben was born in Zatec, Czechoslovakia on January 29th, 1946 and his family came to Canada in 1948. Czechoslovakia is not known for football but Eben is one of the few if not the only professional football player ever from Czechoslovakia. Eben didn't start playing football until grade 11.

Once he started playing football, the wide receiver never looked back. An extremely gifted athlete, football came easy to him. It was at the University of Toronto where Eben began to make a name for himself when he won the Hec Crighton award in 1967. Eben's University career featured a 1965 Vanier Cup win, the first ever time the historic trophy was awarded for top University team. However, in 1967 his Varsity Blues missed out on being invited to the Vanier Cup due to an exhibition game loss to a team miles below the competition level of U of T. The loss was one Eben has never forgot. The exciting University career of Eben lead to multiple years of success in the CFL on the field and in life off the field.

There were many memorable moments for Eben during his years as a Toronto Argonaut. In 1971, the Argos made it to the Grey Cup game for the first time since 1952. Although the '71 game resulted in a heartbreaking loss, Eben looks at the full picture. The journey to the Grey Cup and contributing to a very successful Team in 1971 is something Eben takes a lot of pride in. His fondest memory that year was the Double Blue taking down their arch-rival Hamilton

Tiger-Cats in the



"An interesting parallel between football and teaching is both are always around people. Working, learning and growing together is the sports recipe Michael applied to his teaching career".

two-game East Finals for total point series win of 40-25.

At the Argos Alumni convention during the 100th Grey Cup festivities in Toronto, fans remembered and greeted Eben which he found most touching because it had been so many years between his playing career and now. Fans reminisced about the pride the '71 team instilled in the City, as well as teasing him about his hair and hippy attire.

Football truly has been a unique experience in Eben's life. Outside of being able to apply lessons learned from football into teaching, Eben recollects the best part of the game of football is it's not won by one individual's efforts, but requires a team to be successful. The success of the iconic '71 Team was everyone had to contribute to a winning product and team building was a huge aspect to that Team's success. Football truly was a great foundation for life-skills

that Eben has been able to apply in his career over the years.

Growing up, Eben was always surrounded by different languages: English, Yiddish, French, Czech, and German. During his playing days he studied German Literature at university and earned his Doctorate. An interesting parallel between football and teaching is both are always around people. Working, learning and growing together is the sports recipe Michael applied to his teaching career. He was a professor at York University for several years as well as teaching at Upper Canada College for more than 20 years and at a boy's school until he retired.

Currently, Eben resides in North Toronto where he is involved in many different things that keep him busy throughout the week that involve him being around people and making lasting friendships. He gets enjoyment by continuing to give back to the community by volunteering every Friday night at the local soup kitchen. He stays active in his profession and substitute teaches, tutors, and does choral singing, something most didn't know about him. Eben still takes in the occasional Argonaut football game during the season. Some things Eben misses are catching the football and the artistry it takes to making catches. Reading defenses and learning how to have success against opposing defenses. Aside from missing playing the game, he especially misses the camaraderie of being part of a team – a great team filled with chemistry and characters.

Eben is a valued Argonaut Alumni member and we look forward to continue seeing future

Eben at Argonaut games!



INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY



Need a brain check-up?

The Canadian Sports Concussion Project, in association with the CFLAA, is seeking CFL alumni, with or without a history of concussion, to participate in a study investigating the effects of concussions on the brain

What's involved?

- MRI brain scan
- Testing of your thinking skills
- Testing of your motor skills

What do you get out of it?

- Assessments by experts in the field
- Feedback on your performance
- Access to programs aimed at managing symptoms and improving thinking abilities

Travel costs to and from Toronto, as well as accommodations (if required), will be provided.

For more information, our clinical contact is:

Dr. Sabrina Lombardi, 416-597-3422 x7788, sabrina.lombardi@uhn.ca

For more information on the Canadian Sports Concussion Project:

www.solveconcussions.ca

Testimonial

"As I read about the effects of concussions that occur in the sports world, I am growing increasingly concerned about what, if any damage my brain may have sustained and what measures are available that may reverse or slow down any ill-effects. Participating in this study has given me new insights and tools to strengthen and improve how my brain functions. I highly recommend investing in this worthwhile activity."

– Alumnus, Toronto Argonauts



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CATCHING UP WITH BRAD ELBERG

We recently caught up with Regina native, Brad Elberg to discuss some of his football memories and where he is at today. A 9year CFL vet, the vibrant and well like Safety played for 3 different cities but his own hometown.

Cheering for the Roughriders in Saskatchewan is something every generation does. It brings family and people together as they cheer for the Riders loud and proud - something Brad did as well growing up. A gifted athlete, Brad was a member of Canada's bobsleigh team in 1992 and 1993. In 1993, the track star and Running Back from Queen's University was drafted in the first round by the Green Riders, and a dream came true – playing for his Team. However, Elberg only ever played on Taylor Field as an opponent. He admits jokingly during his career, his family didn't stop cheering for the Roughriders regardless of where Brad played. The ideal result for the Elberg's was for the Riders to win and Brad to stay healthy.

In the early stages of Brad's professional football career he made a position change from running back to defensive back. He signed with Winnipeg in 1997 where he learned to play safety. The position change didn't come easy, as the footwork, analyzing offenses, were all adjustments that took time but his dedication to learning the position prolonged his career.

During Brad's tenure as a Toronto Argonaut, he played Special Teams and some Safety. While the Argos struggled during his time in Toronto, Brad loved playing in this city and being around his teammates. He remembers his time in Toronto by the work that went into the Argonauts on the business side of things. Many dedicated staff members who truly cared and wanted to succeed made it enjoyable to play for the Double Blue. The organization treated all their players fairly and with utmost respect and Brad was one of those valued members of the Team.

In 2002, Brad turned the page on his football career and made a difficult decision to

leave the game he loved playing... football, to become a full-time lawyer. He is currently a Partner in the Toronto and Regina offices of Miller-Thomson LT, a nationally respected law firm with close to 500 lawyers across Canada. He enjoys the unique opportunity of working in both Toronto where he lives with his wife and children as well as flying to Regina once a month where he can see the rest of his family. Brad focuses on commercial, administrative, constitutional and employment matters and has



**Brad Elberg
Queen's Football**

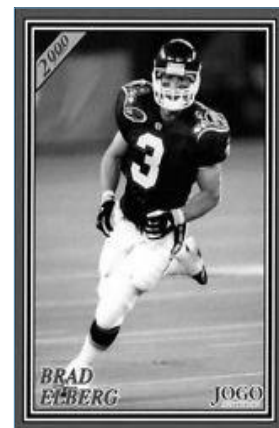
represented clients on many high profile matters. Becoming a lawyer was something Brad always wanted to do. He was fortunate to be able to play the game he loved while studying law at Queen's, as the two careers never really occurred at the same time. After each football season, Brad trained and studied law preparing for life after football. Brad's advice to all football players is prepare to be set for life after football because football is always going to come to an end. Have a plan and seg-way into post-football career immediately as being a current player opens up so many doors and creates opportunities.

Many former football players echo the same sentiment when they say that football teaches you many things that can be applied to everyday life and careers. For Brad, football taught him how to be a gracious winner and have the ability to bounce back quickly after defeat. Like law, you're not going to win every situation/case. Football taught Brad how to handle the ups and downs of his rewarding career. Football also taught him how to manage his priorities, his time

and develop his discipline, all things that can also be applied to his law career.

Football is something Brad still wishes he could play. A passionate CFL player, football was the first thing he thought about when he woke up and the last thing he thought about when he went to bed. It was a difficult process having to cope with the fact Brad's playing career was done, but at least he does not have to go through another training camp! When Brad looks back and reflects on the rewarding aspects of his football career it is that football truly is a brilliant game which requires a lot of preparation in order to execute properly. He also is quite fortunate he does not have any lingering football injuries and his body does not have to take a pounding every day.

Although Elberg is not complaining of any major aches and pains, he has committed to donating his brain as well as being a study subject for CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy) research. This degenerative neurological disease is closely linked to football players with histories of repeated concussions. Additional CFL players are needed to contribute to the study to help understand if brain trauma is related to Alzheimer's and other brain diseases. For more information about possibly being a volunteer for the study or donating your brain for research after you are done using it, please contact Dr. Sabrina Lombardi at 416-597-3422 x7788



The Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association and the CFL Alumni Association would like to thank Brad for his continued support of the organizations and wish him all the best with his future endeavours.

GET INTO THE SWING OF THINGS!

17TH ANNUAL TORONTO ARGONAUTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

LAST CHANCE!

The Annual Golf Tournament is always sold out and this year is no different. We only have a few spots remaining.

Bring your buddies or schmooze your clients or just hang out with the boys and some gals.

Contact Pete Martin at
petemartin77@gmail.com
289-837-4892

Date: Monday, June 1st
Where: **Eagle Ridge Golf Club**
Time: 1pm Shotgun
Cost: \$165 / golfer

Includes:

- Golf cart
- Lunch
- Buffet Dinner
- Prize Table
- Goodie Bag



Everybody's all excited about baseball.

And I'm just here waiting for football season to start...



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TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. A. Wilson. And our balls are no longer bigger. According to the current standards the regulation size for a Canadian Football League football is specified as: short circumference from $20\frac{7}{8}$ to $21\frac{1}{8}$ inches; long circumference from $27\frac{3}{4}$ to $28\frac{1}{4}$ inches. The regulation size for a National Football League football is specified as: short circumference from 21 to $21\frac{1}{4}$ inches; long circumference from 28 to $28\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Despite the fact that the CFL rules allow for a smaller legal ball and the NFL rules allow for a larger legal ball, there is a common misconception among media, fans, and even players that the current CFL ball is bigger.

2. B. Jeffrey Orridge. Born in New York, was CBC head of sports properties, is first African-American Commissioner in the League's history and replaces Mark Cohon.

3. C. Ricky Ray from your Toronto Argos led the League with 4,595 passing yards

4. B. Winnipeg. The 103rd Grey Cup game will be played on Investors Group Field. The 33,000 seat stadium will put in temporary seating in the end zones to raise the capacity to 41,000. Get your Argos Alumni membership to qualify to purchase Alumni tickets when they become available.



1951 Argos
Game Program



ARGOS ALUMNI SUPPORT FUND

We are pleased to announce the introduction of the Argonauts Alumni Support Fund (A.A.S.F.)

PURPOSE OF THE A.A.S.F.

The A.A.S.F. is dedicated to improving the quality of life of Argonauts Alumni and their families by providing short term financial assistance to those who are experiencing difficulty meeting expenses resulting from a medical hardship and/or the need for assisted living. Quality of life expenses may include: prescription drugs, medical equipment and supplies, food, clothing and other comfort items. The fund is not intended to provide relief from financial difficulties associated with rent and mortgage payments, business ventures and addictions.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The following are eligible to apply for assistance:

Former players with the Toronto Argonauts Football Club who have been on a regular League game roster and retired for at least 5 years

Former coaches of the Toronto Argonauts Football Club

Former head trainers and equipment managers of the Toronto Argonauts Football Club

ADMINISTRATION of the A.A.S.F.

The A.A.S.F. will be administered by a 5 member sub-committee of the Argonauts Alumni Association, appointed by the Argonauts Alumni Board of Directors .

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For more information and to obtain a confidential application form, contact: Pete Martin:

petemartin77@gmail.com or 289-837-4892

TORONTO ARGONAUTS ALUMNI REUNION



Ryan Hanson makes a surprise visit and reunites with Teammate Dan Ferrone. These guys look like they can still play!



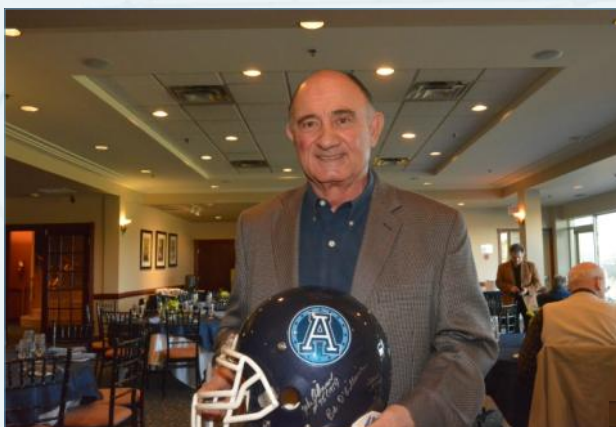
We know Jovo's greatest moment was taking off the TiCat uniform and becoming an Argo!



Both Doyle Orange and Brian Warren continue giving back to our communities and making our world a better place!



When 1952 Grey Cup Champ Zeke O'Connor isn't scaling mountains, he stays in touch with the Team. Pictured above with 100th Grey Cup Champ, Chad Owens who will rip it up this season!



Congratulations to Bob O'Billovich, the most winning Coach in Argos History. Bob is being inducted into the CFL Hall of Fame this year!



How does Ryan manage to get into all the photos?



You know you are an Alumni when you need glasses to sign your autograph



Thank you to Chris Rudge, Executive Chairman & CEO of the Argos for sharing with us a few words on the status of the new stadium.



One of these guys in these two pics doesn't belong here? Dave Azzi... He isn't grey. You colouring that hair of yours? Even JJ stopped.

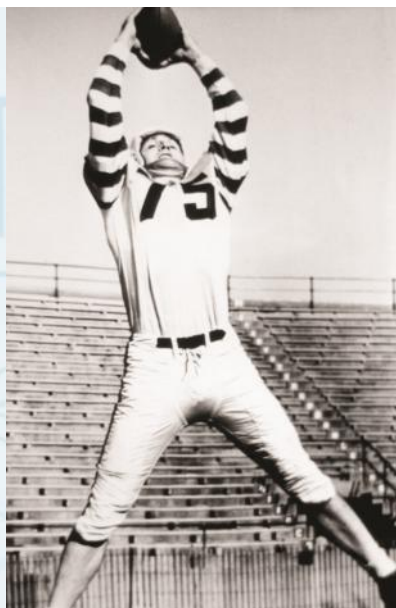


Look at Chuck Ealey trying to point the finger. What are you blaming Dave Raimy for now?

TORONTO ARGONAUTS ALUMNI REUNION



**THIS REPLICA CAP LOOKS FAMILIAR.
PHOTO RIGHT, Zeke O'Connor 1952**



Quote of the night came from Steve Del Col during introductions. Each Alumni had to introduce himself and his years at the Argos.
"My name is Steve Del Col. And I was an Argo from 1982 to 86 and for about 3 hours in '87"



1983 was a good year!



Doesn't matter what year we played... the Double Blue brotherhood unites us forever!

Eye glasses in place... now we can autograph.



Where there is food... there is Alumni... and of course Hanson



Gerry may still be in denial about needing glasses. He ended up autographing ALL the posters on display . Not just the posters representing the years he played!



As you can see, everyone leaves the reunion with smiles! See you next year in April!



Really Hanson? Another pic?



Comparing Bling! And if we aren't mistaken, that shirt looks like Hanson's



The Association will continue its partnership with *Turning Point Youth Services*, a Toronto-based, accredited children's mental health centre that provides a wide range of programs and services to youth aged 12 - 24 and their families.

For decades, the Toronto Argonauts Football Club and its players have impacted the community through the club's long-standing programs to promote youth wellness. As former players who have transitioned into retirement from the game, we are continuing our commitment to the local Toronto community through a partnership between the Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association and Turning Point Youth.

Turning Point will be hosting Youth Engagement events for the youth in the program. The first event was a BBQ on April 21 at Withrow Park in the Danforth area in Toronto. The other dates for this meeting which will be located at Turning Point head office at 95 Wellesley St E are June 9, 2015 and September 15, 2015. The events run from 4:30p – 6:30p.

We are looking for alumni that are interested in attending the event to flip burgers, share stories with the youth, have some fun and help-out a bit. More information to follow closer to the dates. However, if you are interested and want to know more now, please contact Dan Ferrone email: dferrone@cogeco.ca

In 2015, we hope to involve more alumni in this worthy partnership.

WANTED!

Have you seen



Marv Luster



OR Peter Muller

Help the Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association solve the mystery of missing players we have not been able to locate.

In each newsletter we will feature approximately 10 to 15 names of guys we have no contact information for. We are looking to you to help us solve the mysteries.

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Bill Wardle	1949 – 1951
Ron Brewer	1958-60 / 1963-65
Ian Sunter	1969 – 1979
Marcellus Greene	1981, 83 / 1985-87
Dave Van Bellenghem	1990 - 1993
R.H. Britoon	2001 – 2004
Jeff Boyd	1990 - 1991

Johnny Shore	1949 – 1953
Jim Andreotti	1960-62 / 1967
Bill Palmer	1974 – 1979
Craig Ellis	1986, 1993
Joe Burgos	1994 – 1996
Jerry Crafts	2000 - 2001



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MAJOR RULE CHANGES

TORONTO - Significant changes to the convert, passing rules and the pace of the game will be in place when the new Canadian Football League season kicks off this June. The league's Board of Governors approved today most of the changes proposed earlier this Spring by the CFL's Rules Committee.

Commented Argonauts Head Coach, Scott Milanovich, "These rule changes and amendments are innovative and our coaching staff is already working to find ways to use them to our advantage. We are eager to see how the officials will apply changes like illegal contact so that our players can best be positioned to help us win games. I am confident that our players will embrace the rule changes."

"The Board endorsed the view that this is a great time for our league to innovate," said Michael Copeland, the CFL's President and Chief Operating Officer.

"We're looking forward to putting in place changes that have the potential to improve an already great game." The CFL is modifying the convert that follows a touchdown to make it less predictable.

A kick for a single point, which took place from the 12-yard line in past seasons, will now be kicked from the 32-yard line.

Last year, 99.4 per cent of kicks for a single point following a touchdown were successful. For field goal attempts from between 31 and 33 yards, 81 per cent were successful. If a team opts to run or pass the ball into the end zone for a two point convert following a touchdown, the ball will be scrimmaged from the three-yard line, instead of the five-yard line, which may entice more coaches to "go for two".

Last year, there were only 23 two-point convert attempts, and seven,

or 30 per cent, were successful. But the Governors rejected the Committee's suggestion that the league test a more radical approach during pre-season games: a convert worth three points if a team chose to run or pass the ball over the goal line from the ten-yard-line. To open up the passing game, the Governors approved a change designed to create more room for a passing offence.

It will allow a defensive player to contact a receiver that is in front of him within five yards of the line of scrimmage, but it will not allow either player to create or initiate contact that impedes or redirects an opponent beyond five yards.

The Board agreed that on a punt play, when the ball bounces on the ground and a five yard no yards penalty is called, the penalty will automatically be added to the end of the return, or from the point the ball was first touched by the return team, whichever is better.

In the past, the receiving team had to choose between the five-yard penalty or the yards gained on the return. It is believed that making the penalty more punitive could reduce the number of no yards penalties. To increase the tempo of the game, at any time in the game the offence will now be allowed to signal to the Referee that it doesn't want to substitute and it wants to use a tempo offence.

The officials will then blow the play in immediately upon the ball and yardsticks being set for play.

This new protocol will be combined with a rule change made last year - which meant the offence no longer had to wait for the defense to substitute before initiating a play if the offence had not substituted. Together, the changes create an opportunity for the offence to dictate

the pace of the game.

Also to improve game flow, the CFL is removing the ability of a coach to request a measurement, leaving it to the Referee to measure when he is unsure if a first down has been made or not. On punts, a rule change will prohibit the five interior linemen on the kicking team from leaving the line of scrimmage until the ball is kicked.

This should reduce the number of illegal blocking and no yards penalties, while increasing the amount of room the receiving team has to set up a return.

There would be a ten-yard penalty for violating this new rule. The CFL is maintaining the ability for a coach to challenge Defensive Pass Interference, an innovation introduced last year. But the Board of Governors rejected a proposal that Offensive Pass Interference also be made subject to video review.

It approved no longer giving the receiving team the option of demanding that a team kick again after one of its kick offs goes out of bounds. The receiving team will now either take the ball where it went out of bounds, or at a point 30 yards in advance of where the ball was kicked off, whichever is better.

The Rules Committee includes several CFL coaches and general managers as well as representatives of the CFL, CFL Players' Association and CFL Officials.

The CFL Board of Governors includes owners of privately held teams, chairmen of community owned teams, and several team presidents.

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