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96/97 Champs signing autographs at the Tailgate during reunion weekend



WE ARGO-ING TO THE GREY UP!



The Argos defeated the Saskatchewan Roughriders 25—21 on Sunday, November 1th in the East Finals securing their spot at the 2017 Grey Cup game against the Calgary Stampeders in Ottawa this coming Sunday, November 26th. Check out Grey Cup Events <http://www.cflaa.ca/november-2017-edition-cfl-ottawa-alumni-association-news>

1996 / 97 Argos Champs Re-unite

In a crowded Keg Restaurant on July 23rd you could hear whispers of how dominant the 1996/97 Grey Cup teams were coming from the guys responsible. On July 24th, 2017 at BMO field the Back to Back Champions were honoured for their contributions to bringing the franchise it's 13th and 14th championships. Members in attendance included star players from the years including the

back to back Grey Cup MVP Doug Flutie who was also named the newest induction to the All-Time Argos list. Despite the jovial banter there were somber moments in remembering the likes of Slot Back Norm Casola and legendary head coach Don Matthews. The Argonauts organization insured every person in attendance for the event felt the pride they deserve through the festivities surrounding the few

days such as a 1 hour line up for autographs at the tailgate. With one of the best crowds this season at BMO, the fans in attendance made sure that all the members of the team left knowing how proud they made the City of Toronto in their



Champs getting introduced at halftime



Letter from the President

Welcome to another edition of the BOATMAN.

Congratulations to the club for becoming 2017 Eastern Division Champions. We wish them luck over the next couple of weeks, and are hoping to celebrate an Argos Grey Cup win.

Thanks to you, overall alumni membership and engagement, has improved over last year. Attendance at our events grew, mainly due to the partnership we continue to enjoy with the Toronto Argonauts Football Club. For example, this season, several alumni were provided with game jerseys and selected to perform the coin toss at the beginning regular season home games at BMO Field. We hope that all of you benefited from our efforts and are looking forward to continue providing alumni with opportunities that will keep you connected to the league and former teammates and the community.

At our 2017 Annual General Meeting, the members in attendance elected the Association's Board of Directors for the 2018 season: The Board is comprised of Steve Ackroyd, Bob Bronk (Secretary/Treasurer), Stace Coray (President), Fred Dunbar, Joe Eppelle, Dan Ferrone (Vice-President), Rob Malich, Pete Martin (Past President), John Malinosky, Gerry Sternberg, Bill Symons, Robert Thompson and James Yurichuk.

Al Maclean and Mike Jovanovich have finished their terms and are stepping down. They have additional business and family responsibilities that will take up any of their extra time and energy now. Al and Jovo have been terrific and contributed so much to the Board and Association as a whole.

Thank you to both of them for all they have contributed to the Association

Joe Eppelle and James Yurichuk have stepped-up and will be a fresh and welcome addition to the Board.

We are currently in the process of planning for the 2018 season. Next season, one of our objectives is to determine what the Association can better do for you, and would be very happy to receive any suggestions. So, please email any thoughts (i.e. supports, events, activities, etc.) you may have regarding what we can better do for you.

If you have not done so yet, please check out our website <http://argoalumni.com>. Thanks to David Watkins, the site is fast becoming an anchor for the Association. Not only has argoalumni.com proved to be a perfect communication channel, argoalumni.com is fast becoming the go-to place for Toronto Argonauts football history. As a matter of fact, the History button on the Toronto Argonauts website is a direct link to argoalumni.com.

Finally, awesome thanks to Crista Bazos, the Association's Administrative Manager for all her efforts and hard work and keeping everyone up-to-date on all things Double Blue.

Again, thanks very much for your support. Look forward to seeing you next season.

Cheers,

Stace Coray



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MEMBERSHIP

We look forward to everyone's continued support and hope to see you at our events during the season.

2018 MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & ENTITLEMENTS

Again thanks to you, overall alumni membership and engagement has improved this past year.

We are currently in the process of planning for the 2018 season and anticipate that past Membership benefits will again be included:

1. **Copy of BOATMAN, the Association's official newsletter**
2. Invitation to Association events
3. Any ticket or other benefits from the Team
4. Official Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association Membership Card
5. Automatic membership in the CFLAA and entitled to all associated benefit

Also, we are working on what we can better do for you and will be adding some new benefits in 2018.

We will be in touch in the New Year with all the details.

CFL Alumni Association Grey Cup Edition Newsletter
<http://www.cflaa.ca/november-2017-edition-cfl-ottawa-alumni-association-news>



Darian is considered by many to be the best football player at the University of Colorado.

Coach was important part of Phillip Lindsay's breakout season

*By Brian Howell—
BuffZone.com Writer*

A year ago, Phillip Lindsay took his game to another level. The Colorado running back went from being a

solid contributor early in his career to one of the most versatile backs in the country last season. A lot of that credit goes to Lindsay, who is a tireless worker. It's no coincidence, however, that's Lindsay's breakout season came with Darian Hagan back on the sidelines.

Click on link for full story.
<http://www.buffzone.com/football-cubuffs/ci-31244007/buffs-darian-hagan-making-his-mark-from-sideline>



ADDED BENEFIT—30% off Physiotherapy & Massage Services

Former Argonauts Athletic Therapist Jason Piekarz who was with the Argos from 1995—2000, is offering 30% **Physio, Acupuncture, Athletic Therapy, Chiro and Massage** services to Argos Alumni Members at The Centre for Sport & Recreation Medicine.

2 Convenient Locations:

Downtown	Uptown
777 Bay Street	3080 Yonge Street, Unit 3024
College Park – Market Level, Suite 210	Toronto, ON M4N 3N1
Toronto, ON, M5G 2C8	Tel: 647-748-7997
Tel: 416-597-9755	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indoor access to College SubwayLocated next to the Service Ontario Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Steps from Lawrence Subway

Book with Jason or another therapist. When you call in let them know you are an Argos Alumni member and present your membership card at your appointment for your discount. Insurance receipts available if you have insurance.

<http://www.torontosportsmedicine.ca/>



SPREAD THE WORD—OTHER CFL ALUMNI CAN GET THE 2 FOR 1 TICKET OFFER TOO!

Board of Directors

ONLY 5 MONDAYS A YEAR!
We are looking for Argos Alumni to join our Board of Directors. We meet 5 Mondays a year at 6pm for 2 hours

- End of September
- End of October
- Early December
- February
- End of May

We want your ideas, your knowledge, your

experience, your input on how to keep us current.

Contact:
rbrnk@rogers.com

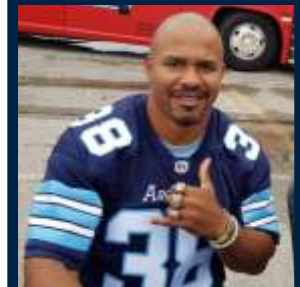
Next meeting:
December 4th, 6pm

****NEW Location**:**
Michael Power Catholic School— 105 Eringate Drive, Etobicoke, ON



1996 / 97 GreyCup Champs Reunion

Monday, July 24th vs. Ottawa

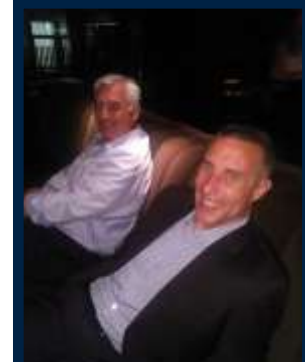
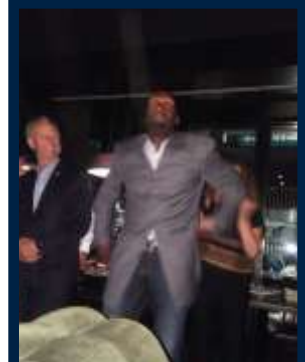
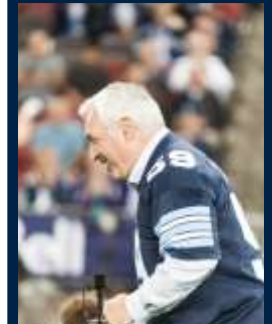


GREY CUP FESTIVAL <http://greycupfestival105.ca/>



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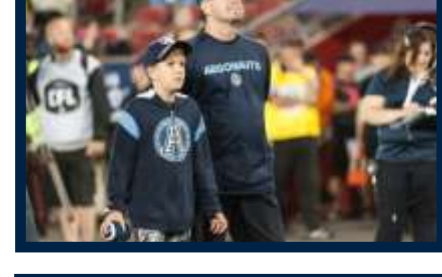
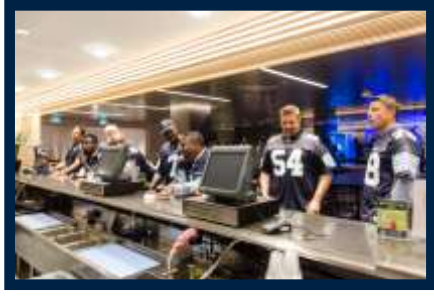


For more 96 / 97 Photos: <http://argoalumni.com/96-97-teams-saluted/>



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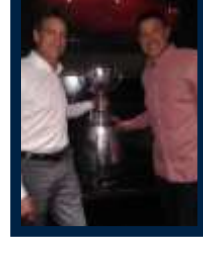
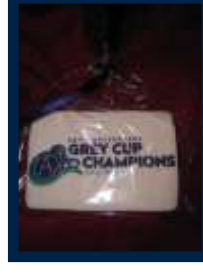


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If you have any more photos you would like to share with us please email them to Crista

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VOLUNTEER



ALL ALUMNI WHO
AT COMMUNITY EVENTS



If you would like to participate in appearances around the GTA please contact Crista



Do you need assistance or know of a former Argos Alumni that does?

We are pleased to announce the introduction of the Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association Support Fund

PURPOSE OF THE SUPPORT FUND

The Support Fund 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

The Support Fund 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



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DOUBLE BLUE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association Double Blue Business Directory is a free service offered to paid members of the Association.

This convenient directory provides access to Argos Alumni-owned businesses and organizations.

What do you get?

- Listing of business, organization or association name, address and contact information
- Listing provided on an annual basis with payment of membership dues

Please contact:

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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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To speak to one of your peers about their experience with the program contact Crista to connect you.

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Canadian Football Hall of Fame Class of 2017

REGINA, SK – The Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum's stellar Class of 2017 features the Canadian Football League running back with the most consecutive 1,000 yard seasons, the game's leading passer, one of its' top tacklers, its all-time leading receiver, an Alberta football stalwart and a legendary university coach from Saskatchewan.

"Every class is special and this one is exemplary," said Mark DeNobile, Executive Director of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum (CFHOF), as he officially announced the names of this year's inductees at a celebration event at the new Mosaic Stadium.

"The Inductees are Kelvin Anderson, Anthony Calvillo, Mike O'Shea and Geroy Simon in the player

category. In the Builder category, long time administrator Stan Schwartz and recently retired Coach of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, Brian Towriss have been selected." The introduction of the class is one of the highlights of Mark's CFL Week, a new series of signature events that celebrate Canadian football and herald the approach of the upcoming Canadian Football League season, which kicks off this June. Formal induction ceremonies for this year's CFHOF class will be held later this year, at the Hall of Fame game in Hamilton on September 15th and during the week prior to the 105th Grey Cup presented by Shaw in Ottawa.

Here's a closer look at its members:

MIKE O'SHEA, PLAYER:

Mike O'Shea played in the CFL for 16 seasons for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the Toronto Argonauts. He was Rookie of the Year in 1993, a CFL All-Star Linebacker in 1999, and won the John Candy Memorial Award (given to the Toronto Argonaut Player of the Year) in 1999. He ranks second on the All-Time CFL List for defensive tackles with 1,151, seventh of the All-Time CFL List for special team teams with 169, and second on the All-Time Toronto Argonaut List for Most Games Played with 205. He added 22 interceptions, 11



For more on the Hall of Fame Inductees:

<http://www.cfhof.ca/2017/03/23/canadian-football-hall-of-fame-class-of-2017-features-all-time-leaders-big-time-builders/>

ARGO GREATS RECEIVING HONOURS

Ex-CFL star Chuck Ealey tops Toledo's All-Century team

September 6, 2017

Quarterback Bruce Gradkowski holds the University of Toledo record for passing yards and touchdowns and wide receiver Lance Moore is the third most productive receiver and fourth in receiving yards. Gradkowski spent nine seasons in the National Football League (NFL) before his professional career ended with the Pittsburgh Steelers last October while Moore was a member of the 2009 New Orleans Saints Superbowl championship team in his 10 seasons in the league.

Chuck Ealey never lost a game in his three years quarterbacking the university's team. The 35-game unbeaten streak at Toledo is a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) record.

Despite his brilliance, Ealey never made it to the NFL because of his skin colour.

That didn't matter to fans in Toledo who voted him the number one player among the university's All-Century team to celebrate the football program's 100th anniversary.

A total of 50 players were on the ballot.

A Canadian resident

since 1972, Ealey's jersey number is only one of four

retired.

The quarterback-turned-successful financial industry leader was in Toledo a few months ago with his daughter Jael Richardson when he learnt that his alma mater was celebrating the football program's centenary.

"I was alerted a couple of weeks ago that I was part of the All-Century team," said Ealey who was also undefeated in high school.

"Two weeks ago, a former team-mate sent me an e-mail saying that I was number one. I was taken back by the honour."

In his three years at Notre Dame High School in Portsmouth, Ealey led the team to its first state championship in 1967.

That success transcended to university where he won three consecutive Tangerine Bowls and was the Most Valuable Player in each contest.

Ealey said the significance of the unbeaten streak became apparent in the last game.

"There is no way you go in there thinking you can go unbeaten," he said. "We just took it a game at a time. By the third year, you are like, 'Whoa, what's happening here'. We didn't have the plethora of cable networks back then so it was a just a little story developing. I don't think any of us thought we could go unbeaten. Maybe the fans did."

Despite his remarkable achievements, Ealey – who was eighth in polling for the 1971 Heisman Trophy -- was overlooked in the 1972 NFL draft because of his skin colour and the position he played. When then Kansas City Chiefs coach Hank Stram offered him the opportunity to run a 40-yard dash for time, he graciously declined the chance to try to make an NFL team as a defensive back and headed to Canada.

"I played baseball and basketball which would have allowed me to get a scholarship which was what I was really interested in," he said.

"Football, however, provided an opportunity to further my education which was a big thing for me. My mother only had a Grade Eight education as she had to leave school early to go and work. My aim was to go to university and get out of there with a degree after four years."

If switching countries was what it was going to take to play quarterback, Ealey was prepared to make the change. Up until that time, five Black quarterbacks had played in the CFL, but just one had minimal success.

Sandy Stephens threw for 2,800 yards in two seasons before heading to the NFL as a full-back.



The Ronfair article can be found on: <https://www.ronfair.com/home/2017/9/6/ex-cfl-star-chuck-ealey-tops-toledos-all-century-team>

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"I had a business opportunity I could have pursued with a fast food chain franchise," he said. "But when I was afforded the opportunity to play in the CFL, I seized it because I still thought I could play another four or five years."

After a six-year unbeaten streak in high school and university, Ealey lost his first two games with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Replacing University of Guelph Department of Athletics intercollegiate programs assistant manager Wally Gabler for the fourth game of the season, Ealey – who like Gabler was born and raised in Portsmouth, Ohio -- dropped his first start against Edmonton 30-27.

He said he wasn't distraught after the loss. "No athlete likes to lose," Ealey, a former Mississauga Sports Council chair who was inducted into the Mississauga Sports Hall of Fame in 1989, pointed out. "I wasn't happy. At the same time I knew it was going to happen at some time and we had to move on. That was how I felt."

After the 0-2 start, Ealey led the Tiger-Cats to an 11-3 record and a Grey Cup title in his first season becoming the first Black player to quarterback his team to a

professional football championship. He was also the Grey Cup MVP and the league's Most Outstanding Rookie. Ealey played seven seasons, including two with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and 48 games with the Toronto Argonauts, passing for 13,326 yards and 82 touchdowns before suffering a career-ending collapsed lung in 1978. More importantly, he paved the way for several Black American quarterbacks, who were rejected in their home country, to enjoy immense success north of the border.

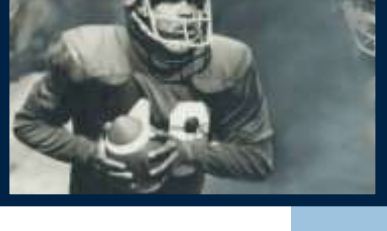
"Most American football players dream is to play quarterback in the NFL," he said. "When that opportunity wasn't given to me, Canada reached out and I got the chance to do what I could just by who I was and not by the colour of my skin."

In addition to being shut out from the NFL because he refused to play a position other than quarterback, Ealey has been excluded from the College Football Hall of Fame because of technicality. He's unable to land on the ballot for election because the rules state that a candidate must have received First Team All-American acknowledgment by a recognized media outlet. He received that

recognition in 1972 from 'The Football News' which was not an approved entity at the time. "I know the issue is not me," said Ealey who started a foundation a few years ago that honours student athletes in Toledo. "If it was somebody else, I would want to know if they are crazy to do something like that to a person. I am not concerned that I am not in the Hall of Fame other than the fact that it's a wrong thing to do. Someday, somebody may figure it out."

In 2008, Richardson accompanied her dad to his high school's 40th anniversary reunion. At the time, she didn't know why he came to Canada, leaving the Portsmouth projects and its railroad tracks where he learned to throw by pelting stones at passing railway cars.

The outcome of that trip and some of Ealey's never-before-told stories are captured in 'The Stone Thrower' which is an engaging father-daughter memoir launched five years ago. The All-Century Team will be honoured on September 16 during the University of Toledo's game against Tulsa. To mark the 100th Grey Cup anniversary five years ago, Ealey's inspirational story was one of eight featured in an original documentary series. Commissioned by Bell Media, 'Engraved on a Nation' demonstrated how the Canadian league and the symbolic cup have become an intrinsic part of Canadian heritage.



Book—Father & Daughter Memoires by: JaeleEaley Richardson
“The Stone Thrower”



NEWS FROM THE CFL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



9th ANNUAL CFLAA LEGENDS LUNCHEON

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24 2017
SHAW CENTRE, CANADA HALL

SINGLE TICKET \$100.00—TABLE OF 10 - \$850.00
DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 AM—LUNCH SERVED 12:00 PM
SILENT AUCTION STARTS 11:00 AM

- Fan friendly event, we encourage you to wear your team colours
- CFL Legend at your table wearing a game-worn jersey
- More CFL Legends than at any other Grey Cup event
- Autograph opportunities with CFL Legends after the luncheon
- Opportunities for photos of your favorite Legend with the Grey Cup.




The CFL Alumni Men of the Year—Jeff Avery and Russ Jackson will be honored



The 2017 Canadian Football Hall of Fame inductees (Kelvin Anderson, Anthony Calvillo, Mike O'Shea, Geroy Simon) will attend and will participate in a 'hot stove panel' with other Legends.

To order tickets www.tdplace.ca/promo-code
 (Promo Code - CFLAA)

All funds raised from the silent and live auctions and the Coin Toss go to the CFL Alumni Association's Support and Emergency Funds which offer financial support to fellow Alumni and families who are experiencing a financial hardship due to a medical condition or the sudden loss of income.

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ALUMNI AT THE GAMES

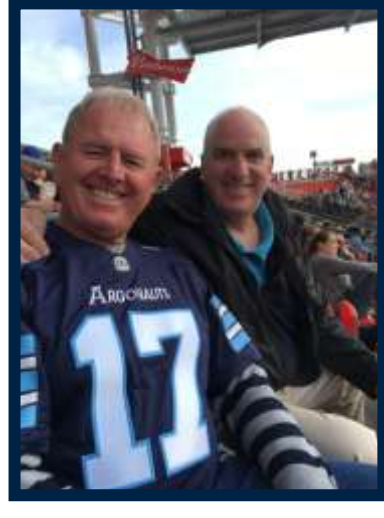


BEST LINE EVER!
*I've been watching
the Argos ever
since Dan
Ferrone! (sorry
Bob)*



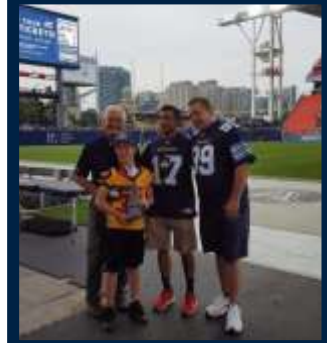


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