

BC LIONS HONOURED NUMBERS

THE PLAYERS

Ten retired BC Lions have had their uniform numbers honoured at BC Place. These players have been enshrined in order to preserve the memories of their many accomplishments while members of the BC Lions. Their numbers are retired will not be issued to future players.

NAME	POS	NO	YEARS	GP
By Bailey	FB/DB	88/08/38	1954-1964	158
Norm Fieldgate	E/LB	76/75	1954-1967	223
Willie Fleming	RB	87/24/15	1959-1966	124
Joe Kapp	QB	22	1961-1966	91
Jim Young	SB/WR	30	1967-1979	197
Alan Wilson	C	52	1972-1986	233
Lui Passaglia	P/K	18/5	1976-2000	408
Jamie Taras	FB/OL	23/60	1987-2002	264
Brent Johnson	DE	97	2001-2011	185
Geroy Simon	WR	81	2001-2012	196

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BY BAILEY - 38

Fullback and defensive back: 1954 to 1964

Along with Norm Fieldgate, Byron Bailey remained as the longest serving Lions player until his retirement after the 1964 season. Coming to B.C. from Washington State, By played many different positions from fullback to linebacker and eventually to defensive halfback. A constantly underrated player, he was named to the Western All-Star Team in 1957 and received consideration in many other seasons. He holds the distinction of having scored the first-ever Lions' touchdown (a 1-yard run late in the 2nd quarter of the opening night of August 28, 1954 vs Winnipeg to give the Leos a 6-1 lead). Despite the passage of over 40 years since his retirement from the game, By still ranks among all-time leaders in rushing (3,643 yards), scoring (169 pts), receiving (1,161 yards) and particularly in kickoff returns where he is unsurpassed at 3,114 yards on 130 attempts. He was the first Lions player to return a kickoff for a TD (96 yards on September 17, 1956 vs Winnipeg) and led the team in rushing three straight times before his conversion to defensive back in the early 1960s. By Bailey was elected simultaneously to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 1975. He was a charter member of the BC Lions Wall of Fame in 2003 and BC Football Hall of Fame inductee in 2012.

REGULAR SEASON CAREER STATISTICS:

Years	GP	RECEIVING					RUSHING					SCORING	
		Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Car	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	TD	Pts
1954-1964	158	101	1,161	11.5	72	2	783	3,643	4.7	45	25	29	169

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS:

Interceptions: 13 for 149 yds, 0 TD; Kickoff returns: 130 for 3,114 yds 24.0 avg, 1 TD (96 yd); Punt return: 1 for 2 yd; Off fumble rec TD: 1.

NORM FIELDGATE - 75

End and linebacker: 1954 to 1967

Norm Fieldgate was the longest serving original BC Lions player suiting up for the team's first 14 seasons in the league. He missed only one game in his illustrious career and was named to the Western All-Star team on three occasions. A truly versatile player, Norm played offensive and defensive end, linebacker and even safety over his career intercepting 37 passes (second only to Larry Crawford) and led the team in that category four times. He was a member of the first team to go to the Grey Cup in 1963 and led the team to the first-ever win in 1964 in Toronto (even taking all of the kickoffs in that game). A specialist at blocking kicks, he got a piece of 6 in his career and recovered a pair of them for touchdowns. Norm was the acknowledged leader of the B.C. defense throughout his career and the number of times he made crucial tackles for the team cannot be counted. After retiring, Norm was the last President of the community-owned team in 1989 and has been in and around the club for the last 52 years. He is a fixture at all the home games and remains active with the Lions in a variety of ways. Norm was elected to the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 1970 (the first Lion to be so honoured) and to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1979. He was a charter member of the BC Lions Wall of Fame in 2003 and was inducted into the BC Football Hall of Fame in 2011.

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Years	GP	RECEIVING					RUSHING					SCORING	
		Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Car	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	TD	Pts
1954-1967	223	17	210	12.4	26	0	---					4	23

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS:

Interceptions: 37 for 385 yds, 2 TD; Fumble returns: 25; Blocked kicks: 6, 2 recoveries for TD.

WILLIE FLEMING – 15
Halfback: 1959 to 1966

The Lions and the CFL have been fortunate to have had the quintessential breakaway runner in Willie Fleming. Over the course of his eight-year career, Willie was gifted with the potential to score every time he touched the ball and Lions fans grew to expect his long runs. Willie joined the team in 1959 from Iowa after the Rose Bowl and made an immediate impact despite his 5' 9" frame. He was the Lions leader in total offense in each of his eight seasons compiling an incredible 12,465 combined yards. He recorded a pair of 1,000 yard rushing seasons (1960 and 1963), three All-Star team spots and holds the club record for career rushing yards at 6,125. In 1960, Willie led the Lions with a then club record 18 TDs and 109 points. Of all of Willie's numbers however, none stands out more than his most legendary accomplishment – a pro record 9.7 yard per carry average in 1963 as he led the Lions to their first-ever Grey Cup appearance. His career rushing average of 7.1 yards is the top mark for any running back in the history of the CFL. His career total of 87 TD's is second only to Geroy Simon (94). Despite playing on with injuries through 1965 and 1966, Willie's brightest moment came in the 1964 Grey Cup game when he burst up the middle for 46 yards and a TD to give the Leos a 20-1 lead over Hamilton. He piled up 67 yards on 6 carries and another 35 through the air that day as he and the rest of the B.C. Lions captured the team's first Grey Cup victory. Willie was elected to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1982, the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 1988, the BC Lions Wall of Fame in 2003 and the BC Football Hall of Fame in 2011.

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		Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Car	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	TD	Pts
1959-1966	124	231	4,480	19.4	106	48	868	6,125	7.1	109	38	87	523

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS:

Kickoff returns: 71 for 1,842 yds 25.9 avg, 1 TD (92 yd); Punt returns: 2 for 18 yds 9.0 avg; 1-pt converts: 1.

JOE KAPP - 22
Quarterback: 1961 to 1966

The turnaround of the BC Lions can be dated to one of the key trades in club history. In mid-August 1961, B.C. sent Bruce Claridge, Ed O'Bradovich, Bill Crawford and starting quarterback Jim Walden to the Stampeders for Joe Kapp. A history of knee troubles preceded his arrival but with the work of Lions trainers and the gradual addition of stronger players around him, Joe was set to lead the Lions to their first real success. Despite a slow start in 1961 when the Lions managed just one win, they showed promise with Joe's arm and leadership abilities. In 1962, the team won 7 games and set the stage for the greatest back-to-back seasons in club history. Joe led the Lions and the CFL in passing in 1963 winning the West's Most Outstanding Player Trophy (the first BC player to accomplish that feat). Over the course of 1963 and 1964 with Joe at quarterback, the team recorded a 23-6-3 record (.766) and went unbeaten at home. His mark of 3,011 yards passing in 1963 was a Western Division record at the time and he compiled 16,536 yards through the air through his five and half seasons with the club. After the 1966 season, Joe moved on to the NFL where he led the Minnesota Vikings to the Super Bowl and was named 1969 NFL Player of the Year. Joe was elected to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1984, the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 1999, the BC Lions Wall of Fame in 2003 and the BC Football Hall of Fame in 2012.

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Years	GP	PASSING						RUSHING					SCORING	
		Att	Com	Pct	Yds	Lg	TD	Car	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	TD	Pts
1961-1966	91	2,022	1,089	53.9	16,536	106	97	405	1,804	4.5	39	20	20	120

JIM YOUNG - 30
Wide receiver and slotback: 1967 to 1979

When the Lions acquired the rights to Jim Young from Toronto and Minnesota of the NFL, he started a career that would see him play 13 seasons and nearly 200 games at four positions. Known as "Dirty 30", Jim brought a swagger and aggressiveness to the team that had been lacking since the early 1960s and the two Grey Cup appearances. He led the team in receiving in his first nine seasons with the team as a halfback, slotback, wide receiver and tight end. Jim set the Lions' all-time receiving record as a rookie and surpassed that total two more times before retiring in 1967. His mark of 1,362 yards in 1972 stood up the club record until 1981 and his 9,248 yards and 65 receiving TDs are second only to Geroy Simon. Despite playing with 23 different quarterbacks over his career with the Lions, Jim dominated opposing defenses. He saw action in five playoff seasons for BC and still ranks as the sixth all-time leading scorer in club history at 410 points and only three Lions have more than Jim's total of 68 career TDs. Jim was elected to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1991, the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 1994, the BC Lions Wall of Fame in 2003 and the BC Football Hall of Fame in 2011.

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		Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Car	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	TD	Pts
1967-1979	197	522	9,248	17.7	87	65	171	850	5.0	39	3	68	410

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS:

Interceptions: 1 for 12 yds; Kickoff returns: 25 for 506 yds 25.3 avg; 2-pt converts: 1.

ALAN WILSON - 52
Centre: 1972 to 1986

Offensive linemen attract few statistics and generally little notice unless the passer is hurried or sacked. There is one set of numbers that stands out for Alan Wilson however, and that is the Lions' won-loss record over Al's final 10 seasons. Between 1977 and 1986, the team compiled a mark of 101-56-5 (.639), the best 10-year stretch in club history to that point. Al played a big role in that turnaround and his selection to seven straight Western AND Canadian All-Star teams recognized that achievement (1975 to 1981). He received the West's Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award three times and CFL's Schenley Award in 1977. Al missed games in only one of his 15 seasons with the club, saw action in another 12 playoff contests, and was a key member on a pair of Grey Cup teams. He and the rest of the 1985 B.C. Lions were elected to the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame for that accomplishment. He still ranks in the league's Top 30 for most games played at 233. Alan was elected to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 1997, the BC Lions Wall of Fame in 2003 and the BC Football Hall of Fame in 2012.

REGULAR SEASON CAREER STATISTICS:

GP: 233; **Fumble Recoveries:** 2.

LUI PASSAGLIA – 5
Punter and kicker: 1976 to 2000

Lui joined the Lions in 1976 as the fifth pick in the 1976 CFL Draft. He made an immediate impact as the Lions had been looking for a reliable kicker and punter for many years. Before joining the team, he was a terrific collegiate athlete at SFU playing quarterback and receiver in addition to his kicking duties. Over the course of the next 25 pro seasons, he led the Lions in scoring 24 times and the West on 4 occasions. Lui was first professional player to record a 200-point season and set the CFL record with 52 FGs and (since eclipsed). Lui was chosen to the West All-Star team 9 times and was honoured as All-Canadian on 4 more occasions. As the all-time leading scorer in professional football, Lui dominates the Lions record book as well as that of the CFL. He holds league records of 3,991 points, 875 field goals, 1,045 converts and 309 singles and ranks as the second leading punter of all-time. He made a team-record 5 Grey Cup appearances and kicked the winning FG from 38 yards out on the final play of the 1994 contest at home in Vancouver. Lui kicked 7 FGs in one game twice, recorded 210 career playoff points and another 55 in Grey Cup action. Lui was elected to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 2004, the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, the BC Lions Wall of Fame in 2008 and the BC Football Hall of Fame in 2011.

REGULAR SEASON CAREER STATISTICS:

Years	GP	FIELD GOALS				CONVERTS			SCORING				
		Atts	Made	Pct	LG	Atts	Made	Pct	TD	Con	FG	Sgl	Pts
1976-2000	408	1,203	875	72.7	54	1,048	1,045	99.7	2	1,045	875	309	3,991

Years	PUNTING					KICKOFFS					RUSHING				
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	Sgl	No	Avg	Avg	LG	Sgl	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1976-2000	3,142	133,826	42.6	97	113	1,200	64,131	53.4	93	20	16	207	12.9	68	1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS:

Passing: 24 of 39 for 478 yds with 1 TD and 3 INTs; Receiving: 1 for 10 yds and 1 TD; Kick returns: 3 for 56 yds; Tackles: 10.

JAMIE TARAS – 60
Fullback and offensive lineman: 1987 to 2002

A third-round selection in the 1987 CFL Draft from Western Ontario, Jamie went on to play 16 seasons and ranks in the top 15 in all-time CFL games played. He was named to the CFL All-Star team four times (1995, 1999, 2000 and 2002) at two positions and captured the Becket-Demarco Trophy as the West's Outstanding Offensive Lineman in 1995. In addition to his CFL All-Star nod in 199, he also captured the Tom Pate Award for his outstanding work in the community. Jamie saw action in 12 playoff years and three Grey Cup games and (outside of Lui) holds the club record for most regular season games played at 264. A versatile player, Jamie made the conversion from fullback and special teams player to the offensive line in 1991 and constantly found ways to contribute to the team in unheralded ways.

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1987-2002	264	23	247	10.7	34	0	12	23	1.9	4	0	1	6

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS:

Fumble returns: 3 for 25 yds; Tackles: 13; Blocked punt recovery: 1 for a TD.

BRENT JOHNSON - 97
Defensive End: 2001 to 2011

Originally joining the Lions partway through the 2001 season, Johnson enjoyed 11 standout seasons and 185 career appearances having never missed a game through 184 opportunities up until the birth of his son in October of 2011. The Lions' third round selection in the 2001 Canadian Draft, Johnson enjoyed a notable stay at Ohio State before embarking on a hall of fame-worthy CFL career recording 89 career sacks, an all-time mark for the Lions.

The Kingston, Ontario native racked up 16 sacks and two interceptions on his way to a CFL Most Outstanding Defensive Player and Most Outstanding Canadian award in 2006, and was a key part of a ferocious defense that led the way to the club's fifth Grey Cup title that season. Johnson was also the league's Most Outstanding Canadian in 2005 as well as a three-time CFL All-Star (2008, 2006 and 2005), five-time West Division All-Star (2010, 2008, 2006, 2005 and 2004) and two-time Grey Cup champion (2006, 2011).

REGULAR SEASON CAREER STATISTICS:

Years	GP	DT	Sacks	TFL	INT	FF	FR
2001-2011	185	267	89	32	4	17	16

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS:

Receptions: 2 for 20 yds, 2 TD's

Geroy Simon - 81
Slotback: 2001 to 2012

One of the greatest players in the history of the franchise and the CFL, Geroy joined the Lions as a free agent in 2001 and began an epic 12-year career which would see him obliterate numerous team records. Wrapping his career with the club in 2012 after 196 regular season games, Geroy had established all-time team marks for receptions (904), yards (14,756) and touchdowns (93). His most notable season came in 2006 when he led the CFL with 1,856 yards on 105 receptions on his way to a CFL Most Outstanding Player award and his first of two Grey Cup titles with the club. A career defined by clutch-catches and consistent production, Geroy averaged 16.3 yards per catch and notched nine-consecutive 1,000-yard seasons during his time with BC. He was a seven-time West Division All-Star (2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2011), a six-time All-Canadian (2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2011) as well as a two-time Grey Cup champion (2006, 2011).

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		Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Car	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Pts	
2001-2012	196	904	14,756	16.3	103	93	22	184	8.4	88	1	94	564