



BC LIONS HONOURED NUMBERS

THE PLAYERS

Eight retired BC Lions have had their uniform numbers honoured by placing them in the ring between the upper and lower decks of B.C. Place Stadium. These players have been enshrined in order to preserve the memories of their many accomplishments while members of the BC Lions since 1954.

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

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.

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.

REGULAR SEASON CAREER STATISTICS:

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 game. 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 TDs is the all-time high mark for the club and he scored another four in post-season play. 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 and is also a member of the BC Sports Hall of Fame.

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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 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.

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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 he still holds the club marks overall at 9,248 yards and 65 TDs. He is one of only two Lions to surpass the 10,000 yard mark overall and he dominated the Lions offense for many years despite playing with 23 different quarterbacks. He saw action in five playoff seasons for B.C. and still ranks as the fifth all-time leading scorer in club history at 410 points. Only two Lions have more than Jim's total of 68 career TDs. Jim was elected to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1991.

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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 in 1997.

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.

REGULAR SEASON CAREER STATISTICS:

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

Years	No	PUNTING				KICKOFFS				RUSHING				TD	
		Yds	Avg	LG	Sgl	No	Avg	Avg	LG	Sgl	No	Yds	Avg		LG
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 & 23
Fullback and offensive lineman: 1987 to 2002

When Jamie Taras' number went onto the B.C. Place Stadium ring that gave credibility and honour to the meaning of service to the club and the achievement of excellence from humble beginnings. A third round pick 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 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. He was a CFL All-Star that season and later captured the league's citizenship award (the Tom Pate Trophy) in 1999. 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.