

BC Lions Player	Uniform:		BC Lions Career:					Key Statistics with BC: (Career)					
	No	Oth #s	Posn	Years	Yrs	GP	AS	Pts	TD	Rush	Recg	Pass	Other
By Bailey	38	08/38	FB/DB	1954-1964	11	153	1	169	29	3,643	1,161	---	12 Int
Norm Fieldgate	75	76	E/LB	1954-1967	14	223	3	23	4	0	210	---	37 Int
Willie Fleming	15	87/24	HB	1959-1966	8	125	3	523	87	6,125	4,480	124	7.1 avg rsh
Joe Kapp	22	---	QB	1961-1966	6	91	2	120	20	1,804	0	16,536	97 TD pass
Jim Young	30	---	SB/WR	1967-1979	13	197	2	410	68	850	9,248	---	---
Alan Wilson	52	---	OL	1972-1986	15	233	7	0	0	3	0	---	---
Lui Passaglia	5	18	K-P	1976-2000	25	408	10	3,991	2	207	10	478	#1 scorer
Jamie Taras	60	23	OL/FB	1987-2002	16	265	4	6	1	23	247	---	---
Brent Johnson	97	---	DE	2001-2011	11	185	5	6	1	---	20	---	89 Sacks
Geroy Simon	81	---	WR	2001-2012	12	196	7	570	94	184	14,756	137	---

BY BAILEY

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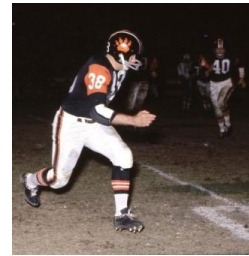
Years: 1954 to 1964

As a BC Lion

Fullback / Defensive Back

GP: 153

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 defensive halfback. He was named to the Western All-Star Team in 1957 and holds the distinction of having scored the first-ever Lions' touchdown (a 1-yard run late in the 2nd quarter on opening night August 28, 1954 vs Winnipeg (giving the Leos a 6-1 lead). Bailey still ranks among all-time club leaders in rushing (3,643 yards) and scoring (169 pts) and particularly in kickoff returns still ranking #4 all-time with 3,114 yards on 130 runbacks. He was the first BC player to return a kickoff for a TD (96 yards on Sep 17/56 vs Winnipeg) and led the team in rushing three straight times. He converted to defensive back successfully in the early 1960s which led the club to their first two Grey Cup appearances at the end of his career (1963-64). Byron 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.



NORM FIELDGATE

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Years: 1954 to 1967

As a BC Lion

Linebacker / End

GP: 223

Norm Fieldgate was the longest serving original BC Lions player playing in the team's first 14 seasons. 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 (which still ranks #3 all-time) 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 club to the first-ever win in 1964 in Toronto (even taking all of the kickoffs in that game). A specialist at blocking kicks, he made 6 in his career and recovered a pair of them for TDs. 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. He was a fixture at most home games and remained 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.



WILLIE FLEMING

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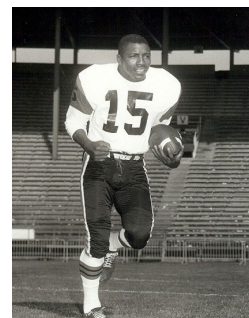
Years: 1959 to 1966

As a BC Lion

Halfback

GP: 125

In 1959, the Lions uncovered the quintessential breakaway runner in Willie Fleming. Over his eight-year career, Willie was gifted with the potential to score every time he touched the ball. Willie joined the team from Iowa after the Rose Bowl and made an immediate impact. He was the Lions leader in total offense in each of his eight seasons compiling an 12,465 combined yards with two 1,000 yard rushing seasons (1960, 1963), and three All-Star team selections. He still 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. None of his incredible career numbers stand out more than his legendary pro record of 9.7 yards 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 CFL history and his career total of 87 TDs is second only to Geroy Simon (94) for the BC Lions. Willie's brightest Grey Cup moment came in 1964 when he burst up the middle for 46 yards and a TD to give the Leos a 20-1 lead over Hamilton on the way to 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.



JOE KAPP

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Years: 1961 to 1966
Quarterback

As a BC Lion
GP: 91

The turnaround of the BC Lions may be dated to one of the finest trades in club history. In August 1961, B.C. sent Bruce Claridge, Ed O'Bradovich, Bill Crawford and QB Jim Walden to Calgary for Joe Kapp. With the essential work of Lions' trainers and the gradual addition of stronger players around him, Joe led the Lions to their first real success. In 1962, the team moved up to 7 wins which set the stage for the greatest back-to-back seasons in club history. Kapp led the Lions and the CFL in passing in 1963 winning the West's Most Outstanding Player Trophy (the first BC player to accomplish this feat). Across 1963 and 1964 with Joe at QB, the team recorded a 23-6-3 record (.766) going 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 six seasons with the club. In 1967, 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.



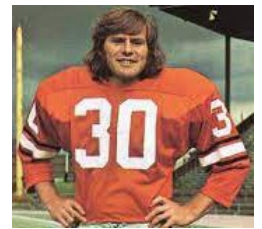
JIM YOUNG

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Years: 1967 to 1979
Receiver

As a BC Lion
GP: 197

When the Lions acquired the rights to Jim Young from Toronto and Minnesota (NFL), he started a 13-year career of 197 games at four positions. Known as "Dirty 30", Jim brought a swagger and aggressiveness to the team that had been lacking. He led the team in receiving in his first nine seasons as a highly versatile 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. He saw action in five playoff seasons for BC and still ranks as the 8th leading scorer in club history at 410 points. Only three Lions have more than Jim's total of 68 career TDs. His career total of 100-yard games wrapped up at 21 in total. 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.



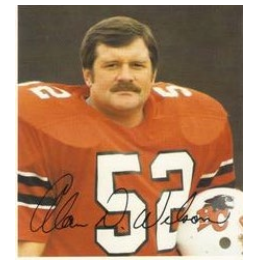
ALAN WILSON

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Years: 1972 to 1986
Offensive Lineman

As a BC Lion
GP: 233

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 CFL All-Star teams recognized that achievement (1975 to 1981). He received the CFL's Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award in 1977, and West nominee for that trophy three times. Al missed games in only one of his 15 seasons with the club, and saw action in another 12 playoff contests. He was a key member on a pair of Grey Cup teams in 1983 and 1985. Al 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 50 for most games played at 233. He 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.



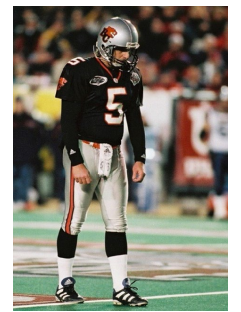
LUI PASSAGLIA

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Years: 1976 to 2000
Kicker-Punter-Receiver

As a BC Lion
GP: 408

Lui joined the Lions in 1976 as the 5th 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 versatile collegiate athlete at SFU playing quarterback and receiver in addition to his kicking duties. Over the course of his 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 career points, 875 field goals, 1,045 converts and 309 singles and ranks as the second leading punter of all-time for total yardage. He made a team-record 5 Grey Cup appearances and kicked the winning FG from 38 yards out on the final, walk-off play of the 1994 contest at home in Vancouver. Lui kicked 7 FGs in a game twice, recorded 210 career playoff points (#1 in CFL history) 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.



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HONOURED NUMBERS

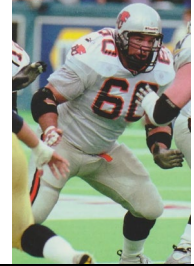
JAMIE TARAS

Years: 1987 to 2002
Offensive Line / Running Back

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As a BC Lion
GP: 265

A 3rd-round selection in the 1987 Canadian Draft from the University of Western Ontario, Jamie went on to play 16 CFL seasons and still ranks in the top 25 in all-time games played with 265. Taras was named to the CFL All-Star team four times (1995, 1999, 2000 & 2002) at two different positions and captured the Becket-Demarco Trophy in 1995 as the West's Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman. He was nominated as the club's Most Outstanding Lineman five times and in addition to his CFL All-Star nod in 1999, captured the Tom Pate Award for his outstanding work in the community. That year was big for him as he was the West's nominee for Most Outstanding Canadian and Offensive Lineman. Jamie saw action in 12 playoff years, three Grey Cup games and ranks #2 on the club with 265 regular season games played. A versatile player, Jamie made the conversion from fullback and special teams player early in his career over to the offensive line (1991) and constantly found ways to contribute to the team in an unheralded fashion. His work in the community continues today on behalf of the club.



BRENT JOHNSON

Years: 2001 to 2011
Defensive End

97

As a BC Lion
GP: 185

The Lions' 3rd round selection in the 2001 Canadian Draft, he joined the Lions part way through that season. He went on to play 11 standout seasons with 185 career appearances not missing a game through his first 184 opportunities up until the birth of his son in October 2011. Across his 185 games he registered 89 career sacks, an all-time mark for the Lions adding 4 interceptions and 16 fumble recoveries. In 2006, the Kingston, Ontario native racked up 16 sacks and two interceptions on his way to the CFL's Most Outstanding Defensive Player and Most Outstanding Canadian Awards. He was a key part of a ferocious defense that year that led the way to the club's fifth Grey Cup title. 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). Up to 2022, he held the single-season Sacks record for Canadian players with 17. Through 2023, Johnson still ranks #16 all-time in the CFL with his 89 QB takedowns.



GEROY SIMON

Years: 2001 to 2012
Receiver

81

As a BC Lion
GP: 196

One of the greatest players in the history of the Canadian Football League, Geroy joined the Lions as a free agent in 2001 and began an legendary 12-year club career. Wrapping his career with the club in 2012 after 196 regular season games as a Lion, 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 selection for the CFL's Most Outstanding Player Award. He capped that season on the field with his first of two Grey Cup titles with the club. A long 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 (#2 all-time in the CFL). He was a seven-time West Division All-Star (2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2011), a six-time CFL All-Star as well as a two-time Grey Cup champion (2006, 2011). Through 2023, Simon ranks #1 all-time in CFL receiving yards with 16,352 and #2 with 1,029 receptions.



BC LIONS RETIRED UNIFORM NUMBERS

These ten players have had their uniform numbers honoured by the club and displayed prominently at B.C. Place Stadium. Their highly recognizable and memorable numbers are enshrined in order to preserve the record of their many club accomplishments over the years. Their numbers are now retired and will not be issued to another player in future.