

THUNDERBIRD FOOTBALL



1980s ALL-DECADE TEAM





1982 Vanier Cup Champions: Widely considered as the greatest team in CIAU history, the '82 Thunderbirds posted a perfect 8-0 regular season record, led by the nations leading running back Glenn Steele, record setting kicker Ken Munro and a defensive unit that didn't allow a touchdown in three consecutive league games. The Thunderbirds won the Vanier Cup national championship for the first time with a 39-14 victory over the Western Mustangs, led once again by game MVP Steele, who ran for a Vanier Cup record 236-yards behind another stellar performance in the trenches by the offensive line. Defensively, the T-Birds were dominated led by President's Trophy winner Mike Emery-LB and Steve Harrison-LB, voted the co-defensive players of the game. The '82 Thunderbirds experienced a historic season – WIFL champions, Vanier Cup champions, Shrum Bowl champions and Sport BC's '82 Amateur Team-of-the-Year. From that team, an unprecedented 10-players were drafted by the CFL in '83, including a record five first-round picks.

Don Adamic	Dwayne Derban	Brad Fraser	Carey Lapa	Ron Orser	K.C. Steele
Bruce Barnett	Laurent DesLauriers	Jay Gard	Kirk Layton	Dave Pacholko	Pieter Vanden Bos
Mark Beecroft	Pierre DesLauriers	Bernie Glier	Peter Leclair	Sheldon Petri	Brian Whittaker
Jack Beetstra	Roger DesLauriers	Chris Grdina	Grant Magusin	George Piva	Roger Zan
Brant Bengen	Jerry Dobrovlny	Steve Harrison	Kevin Martens	Jason Riley	Paul Zanni
James Bird	Trent Edwards	Bob Hoglund	Scott Mehlenbacher	Darin Ringenbach	Frank Smith (HC)
Kent Bowling	Bill Ellis	Peter Jeffrey	Mike Monaghan	Rob Ros	Bob Laycoe (DC)
Brian Branting	Mike Emery	Rob Johnson	Tom Mulhern	Paul Shaffer	Chris Beaton (AC)
Kevin Burt	Marc Felgenhauer	Greg Kitchen	Ken Munro	Dave Sidoo	Jack Schriber (AC)
Pat Cantner	Rob Fleming	Doug Kushan	Stew Noble	Glenn Steele	Mike Canic (AC)
					Jim Canil (AC)



1986 Vanier Cup Champions: The '86 Thunderbirds are best remembered for their thrilling 25-23 victory in the second-to-last play of the game in the national final over the Western Mustangs. The inspired play of the entire offensive unit in the last two minutes led to backup quarterback Eric Putoto capping off a 62-yard drive by throwing the game winning touchdown to veteran slot-back Rob Ros with just four seconds remaining in the game. In truth, however, the entire season was one that offered numerous highlights, proving that UBC's football program had become one of the most revered and respected in the CIAU. This included the #1 defence in the conference allowing only 82-pts, the 2nd ranked offence scoring an amassing 237pts. The playoff march started with the dominating 49-3 Hardy Cup performance vs. Calgary, and the clutch 32-30 victory over the OQIFC champion Bishop Gaiters in the national semi-final.

Terry Ainge	Chris Cunningham	Jordan Gagner	Al Jones	David Moen	Rob Ros
Bill Barber	Joe Danieli	Massimo Geremia	John Kadla	Rob Moretto	Mike Shields
Jack Beetstra	James Dawson	Mac Gordon	Craig Keller	Tom Munro	Doug Shorman
Mike Bellefontaine	Lee Deibert	Vince Gorman	Roald Kovacic	Mark Norman	Doug Spencer
Doug Bryson	Dwayne Derban	Leo Groenewegen	Tony Kristopaitis	Sean Orr	Tom Vlasic
Carey Bymoan	Chris Dobrovolny	David Groves	Jordan Leith	Matt Pearce	Frank Smith (HC)
Terry Cochrane	Ken Dodd	Wayne Harvey	Bill Long	Mark Petros	Bob Laycoe (DC)
Kevin Clarke	Clayton Doige	Mike Hooker	Tyler Lorenz	George Petrovas	Dave Easley (AC)
Matt Clarke	Peter Espig	Richard Howlett	Bruce McDonald	Eric Putoto	Joe Gluska (AC)
Ron Crick	Matt Fitzpatrick	Ron Huryn	Ivan Miller	Rae Robirtis	Gerry Parr (AC)

1980s ALL-DECADE OFFENCE / KICKERS



PUNTER

Tom Dixon CW All-Star ('83,'84)
146 for 6,354 yards Ave 43.2
Mike Bellefontaine VC ('86)
295 for 11,090 yards Ave 37.9

HARDY CUP
Finalists ('81,'83,'89)
Champions ('82,'86,'87)



KICKER

Ken Munro VC ('82)
41 of 66 FG's 62.1%, 306-pts
Mike Bellefontaine VC ('86)
50 of 66 FG's 75.7%, 248-pts



REC

Craig Keller
CW all-Star ('87), VC ('86)
1,843 yards, 13-TD's
Tom Munro VC ('82-'86)
655 yards 8-TD's
CFL draft 2nd Rd, 10th overall ('85)



REC

Rob Ros
CW all-Star ('86), VC ('82-'86)
1,567 yards, 17-TD's
Jason Walley
Hardy Cup Champion ('87)
1,242 yards, 14-TD's



REC

Tom Vlastic VC ('86)
CW all-Star ('88,'89)
1,464 yards, 10-TD's



REC

Mike Bellefontaine VC ('86)
CW all-Star ('85) 1,488 yards-6 TD's
Todd Wickman
CW all-Star ('87)
1,164 yards, 8-TD's



OL

Jerry Dobrovolny
VC ('82), CW all-star ('82)
CFL 1st Rd, 1st overall ('83)



OL

Pieter Vanden Bos VC ('82)
CW all-Star ('81,'82)
Mike Torresan
CW all-star ('85)
CFL 3rd Rd, 19th overall ('86)



OL

Don Adamic
VC ('82), all-Star ('84)
CW Metras-MOP ('84)



OL

John Kadla VC ('86)
CW all-Star ('87,'89)
Tony Kristopaitis
VC ('86), CW all-Star ('87)



OL

Leo Groenewegen VC ('86)
CW all-Star ('85,'86)
CIAU all-Canadian ('86)
George Piva VC ('82)
CW all-Star ('81,'82)



RB

Jim Stewart
CW GnuP-MOP ('89,'90)
1,398 yards Ave 5.9, 11-TD's
Peter LeClaire VC ('82)
1,231 yards Ave 5.8 9-TD's



ATH

Matt Pearce VC ('86)
CW all-Star ('85)
1,253 rushing yards 6-TD's
1,122 receiving yards 3-TD's
2,377 return yards 4-TD's



QB

Jordan Gagner VC ('86)
CW GnuP-MOP ('86)
CW all-Star ('86,'87)
Jay Gard VC ('82)
Passing leader ('81,'82,'83)



RB

Glenn Steele VC ('82)
CIAU all-Canadian ('81,'82,'84)
4,335 yards, Ave 6.9, 36-TD's
Terry Cochrane VC ('86)
1,131 yards Ave 5.0, 16-TD's

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Honourable Mention-Offence

Bowling, Kent (RB): Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), CW all-star ('82). 100+ yard games-216 vs. Calgary, Oct. 1st ('82), 162 vs. St. Francis Xavier, Nov. 13th ('82). Career Stats: 121-carries, 574-yards, 5-touchdowns.

Cantner, Pat (FB): Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82). CFL draft 4th Rd, 43rd overall ('83). Career Stats: 56-carries, 274-yards, 26-receptions, 172-yards. CFL drafted 4th Rd, 43rd overall ('83).

Geremia, Massimo (RB): Hardy Cup, Western Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), CW all-star ('86). Career Stats: 97-carries, 640-yards, 21-receptions, 160-yards and 2-touchdowns.

Murray, Andrew (REC): Hardy Cup finalist ('83), led UBC in receptions-21, yards-279, touchdowns-3 ('84). Team high points scored in a game-18 and receiving yards-92 vs. Sask, Oct. 6th ('84). Career Stats: 32-receptions, 496-yards 4-touchdowns. CFL drafted 4th Rd, 34th overall ('87).

Orr, Sean (OL): Hardy Cup, Western Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), CFL draft 2nd Rd, 15th overall ('87).

Robirtis, Rae (OL): Hardy Cup, Western Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86). CFL draft 4th Rd, 28th overall ('87).

A

Adamic, Don (OL): Hardy Cup finalist ('81,'83), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), CW Metras MOP-Lineman ('84), CW all-star ('84,'85), CIAU all-Canadian ('84). CFL draft 3rd Rd, 24th overall ('85).

B

Bellefontaine, Mike (KR/REC/K): Hardy Cup, Western Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), led CW in scoring-175 pts ('87,'88), led CW in converts-23 and field goals-18 ('87), led UBC in punting yards-2,959, receptions-33 and receiving yards-485 ('85), led UBC in punting yards ('86,'87,'88), led UBC in field goals-17 ('88), set-11 school records including most punting yards in a game-584 vs. Manitoba, Sept. 19th ('87), punting yards in a career-11,090, most punts in a season-123 ('87) and a career-295, most field goal attempts in a season-36 ('87), field goals made in a game-5 vs. Sask, Sept. 26th ('87), highest field goal percentage in a season-77.7 and career-75.7, most field goals made in a season-28 ('87) and most kickoff's in a career-47. CW all-star-REC ('88), CFL signed as an undrafted free-agent ('89). Career Stats: 101-receptions, 1,488 receiving yards and 6-touchdowns.

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C

Cochrane, Terry (RB/KR): Hardy Cup, Western Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Maury Van Vliet Trophy Mitchell Bowl-MOP ('86). Led CW in rushing touchdowns-8 ('85), tied the CW lead for most punt returns in a game-6 and touchdowns-1 vs. Alberta, Sept. 5th ('86). Set the school record for all-purpose yards in a season-1,552 ('86), led UBC for most kickoff return yards-89 and longest return-57 in a game vs Sask, Sept. 1st ('84), led UBC in scoring-48 pts, touchdowns-8 and rushing yards-863 ('85), including the longest run-65 vs. Alberta, Oct. 18th ('85). Led UBC in rushing carries-56, touchdowns in a season-5 and longest punt return-42 ('86), led UBC in all-purpose yards-736 ('85). 100+ yard games-140 vs. Sask, Sept. 7th ('85), 131 vs. Calgary, Nov. 7th ('86), 115 vs. Sask, Sept. 27th ('85). CFL draft 5th Rd, 38th overall ('87). Career Stats: 224-carries, 1,131-rushing yards, 352-receiving yards, 90-kick returns for 954-yards, 17-combined touchdowns. Inducted into the UBC Football Wall of Honour ('19).

D

Dixon, Tom (K/P): Hardy Cup finalist ('83), led CW in punts-146, and yards-6,454 ('83,'84), led CW in scoring-117 pts ('83,'84), led CW in kickoff's-24 and yards-1,401 ('84). Set-7 school records including most single points in a season-17 ('84), highest punting average in a game-51.9 vs. Calgary, Oct. 21st ('83), most punting yards in a game-554 vs. Calgary, Nov. 11th ('83), highest kickoff average in a game-78.4, longest kickoff in a game-90, vs. Manitoba, Sept. 10th ('83), highest punting average in a career-43.5, and highest rookie punting average-44.6. CW all-star ('83), CFL signed as an undrafted free-agent ('85).

Dobrovolny, Jerry (OL): Hardy Cup finalist ('79,'81), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), CW all-star ('82), CIAU all-Canadian ('82). CFL draft 1st Rd, 1st overall ('83).

G

Gagner, Jordan (QB): Hardy Cup, Western Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), led CW in passing yards-4,229 ('87,'88), led UBC in passing attempts, completions, yards ('85,'86,'87,'88), including career touchdowns-43 and a record 34-wins. CW Frank Gnuip-MOP and CIAU Hec Crighton-MOP ('87), Maury Van Vliet Trophy-Mitchell Bowl MOP ('87). Set 16-school records including most yards passing in a career-10,187, most individual offensive plays in a season-457 ('87) and individual plays in a career-1,028, most offensive yards in a season-3,438 ('87) and a career-10,286, highest average passing yards per game-264.4 ('87), most completions in a career-632 and in a season-225 ('87), highest completions percentage in a career (54.0%), most passing attempts in a season-418 ('87), most passing attempts in a career-1,202, most passing attempts in a game-52 vs. Chico St. Oct. 17th ('87), most passing yards in a game-427 vs. Wilfrid Laurier, Nov. 14th ('87). Set QB-rushing records for most carries in a career-96, and yards-516. CW all-star ('86,'87), CIAU all-Canadian ('87), CFL draft 7th Rd, 52nd overall ('88). Inducted into the UBC Sports HOF ('16).

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Gard, Jay (QB): Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), Hardy Cup finalist ('81,'83). Led UBC in passing attempts, completions, yards, touchdown passes ('81,'82,'83). Career Stats: Won 25-games as a starter, 420-attempts, 213 completions, 3,202-yards and 20-touchdowns.

Groenewegen, Leo (OL): Hardy Cup finalist ('83), Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), CW Metras Trophy Lineman-MOP ('86), invited to the prestigious USA Div.1 East-West Shrine game in Palo Alto, California ('87). CW all-star ('85,'86), CIAU all-Canadian ('86). CFL draft 1st Rd 1st overall ('87), NFL-signed as an undrafted free-agent with the Oakland Raiders/New England Patriots ('87). Inducted into the UBC Sports HOF ('11).

K

Kadla, John (OL): Hardy Cup finalist ('89), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), CW all-star ('87,'89).

Keller, Craig (REC/KR): Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), led CW in receiving touchdowns-7 ('87), led UBC in receptions-34, and receiving yards-658 ('87). Led UBC with the longest reception-75 vs Calgary, Aug. 29th ('87), punt return average-12.5, kickoff returns and longest return-65 vs Calgary, Oct. 2nd ('87). Led UBC in reception average-18.1 and longest reception-89 vs. Calgary, Oct. 28th ('88). Set a school record for highest receiving average in a career-19.0. 100+ yard games-158 vs. Calgary, Aug. 25th ('88), 155 vs. Sask, Sept. 26th ('87), 108 vs. Manitoba, Oct. 18th ('86), 107 vs. Sask, Nov. 4th ('89). CW all-star ('87). CIAU all-Canadian ('87), CFL draft 2nd Rd, 14th overall ('89). Career Stat: 96-receptions, 1,826-receiving yards, 42-kick returns for 530-yards, 13-receiving touchdowns.

Kristopaitis, Tony (OL): Hardy Cup, Western Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87). CW all-star ('87).

L

LeClaire, Peter (RB): Hardy Cup finalist ('79,'81,'83), Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), led UBC in rushing yards-250 ('80). Career Stats: 209-carries, 1,206-rushing yards, 9-touchdowns. CFL drafted 2nd Rd, 26th overall ('83).

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Munro, Ken (K/REC): Hardy Cup finalist ('79,'81), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), led CW in field goals-10 ('80), led CW in scoring-100 pts ('82), including-23 vs. Sask, Sept. 18th ('82), led CW in converts-32 ('82). 1st UBC player to score 100-points in a season, led UBC in scoring ('79,'80,'82), field goals, punting and kickoff's ('79,'80,'81,'82). Leading scorer in the Hardy Cup finals ('79,'82), set-7 school records including most converts in a season-50, most points scored in a season-143, in a career-306, field goals in a season-22, converts in a career-104, kickoff yards in a season-2,656 and kickoff's in a season-48. Career Stats: 25-receptions, 427-yards and 4-touchdowns.

Munro, Tom (REC): Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), led UBC in receiving touchdowns-3 ('82), including 56-yard touchdown vs. Manitoba Oct. 9th ('82). Career Stats: 41-receptions, 655-yards, 8-touchdowns.

P

Pearce, Matt (RB/KR/REC): Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), CW Peter Gorman Rookie-Award ('85), set CW records for most punt return touchdowns in a season-3, most punt return touchdowns in a career-4, led CW in punt return yards-883 ('85,'88), led CW in kickoff returns ('88), led UBC in all-purpose yards in a season-1,486 ('87) and 1,716 ('88), led UBC in kickoff returns ('85,'88), led UBC in punt returns ('85,'86,'87,'88), led UBC in rushing yards-844 ('87,'88). Set-7 school records including most punt return touchdowns in a career-4, most kickoff return yards in a season-492 ('88), most kickoff returns in a season-20 ('88), most kickoff returns in a career-44, most punt returns in a career-139, most punt return yards in a game-160 and longest punt return in a game 101-yards vs. Calgary Oct. 25th ('85). 100+ yard rushing games-140 vs. Calgary, Oct. 25th ('85), 114 vs. Calgary, Aug. 29th ('85). CW all-Star ('85). CFL draft 3rd Rd, 23rd overall ('89). Career Stats: 4,882-all purpose yards, 52-receptions, 1,123-receiving yards, 251-carries, 1,253-rushing yards. Inducted into the UBC Football Wall of Honour ('19).

Piva, George (OL): Hardy Cup finalist ('81), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), CW all-star ('81,'82). CFL draft 5th Rd, 40th overall ('83).

R

Ros, Rob (TE): Hardy Cup finalist ('81,'83), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), led UBC in receiving yards-1,371 ('81,'82,'83,'86). Led UBC with the longest reception in a game-63 and receiving yards-120 vs. Manitoba, Oct. 14th ('83). CW all-star ('81,'83,'86). CFL draft 9th Rd, 79th overall ('85). Career Stats: 103-receptions, 1,567-yards and 17-touchdowns.

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S

Steele, Glenn (RB): Hardy Cup finalist ('81,'83), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), CW Frank Gnup-MOP and CIAU-Hec Crighton nominee ('81), CIAU Peter Gorman-Rookie-award ('81). UBC Bobby Gaul Memorial-Trophy ('85), led CW with the most rushing yards in a game-259 vs. Cal, Oct. 31st ('81) and longest run 63-yards vs. Manitoba, Sept. Led CW for the most carries in a game-27 vs. Sask, Sept. 18th ('82). Don Loney Atlantic Bowl-MOP, setting the bowl record for most rushing touchdowns-4 and 276-yards, including the longest run 81-yards vs. SFX, Nov. 13th ('82). Vanier Cup-MOP, setting a championship record with 236-yards vs. Western Ontario, Nov. 20th ('82). Led CW with most carries-33 and yards in a game-164 vs. Calgary, Sept. 16th ('83). Led UBC in rushing yards and touchdowns ('81,'82,'83,'84), led CW in scoring ('81,'82), led CW in rushing ('81,'82,'83). Set-8 school records including most rushing yards in a career-4,335, most touchdowns in a season-16, rookie single season yardage-951, rushing touchdowns in a career-36, most rushing yards in a season-1,603, carries in a game-35 vs. Montana St. Nov. 3rd, 1984, longest run-81 and 276-yards vs. SFX, Nov. 13th, 1982, highest average per carry in a career- 6.9 and most receiving yards by a RB in a career-512. 100+ yard rushing games-164 vs. Calgary, Sept. 16th ('83), 109 vs. Calgary, Oct. 12th ('84). CW all-star ('81,'82,'83,'84), CIAU all-Canadian ('81,'82,'84). CFL draft 5th Rd, 45th overall ('85). Inducted into the UBC Sports HOF ('96), and the Canada-West Sports HOF ('20).

Stewart, Jim (RB/KR): Hardy Cup finalist ('89,'90), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), CW Frank Gnup-MOP and CIS Hec Crighton nominee ('89,'90), CW player of the week with the most carries-28 and yards-180 in a game vs. Alberta, Aug. 30th ('89). Led CW in rushing yards ('89,'90), led CW in kickoff return yards and longest return-98 vs. Alberta, Oct. 21st ('89), also led CW with the longest punt return in a game-93 vs. Alberta, Oct. 21st ('89). Led CW in most carries in a game-35, most yards-206 vs. Alberta, Oct. 20th ('90). Led CW with longest run-80 vs. Manitoba, Oct. 28th ('90). CW offensive player of the week vs. Alberta, Oct. 20th ('90). Led UBC in rushing touchdowns-4, carries in a game-22, longest run-65 and most yards in a game-169 vs. Alberta, Oct. 15th ('88). Led UBC in touchdowns, rushing yards, kickoff returns and punt returns ('89), led UBC in punt returns ('90), including a 98-yard return vs. Calgary, Sept. 21st ('90), led UBC with the most all-purpose yards in a game-285 vs. Alberta, Oct. 21st ('89). Set records for most kickoff returns in a game-6 vs. Calgary, Sept. 1st ('90) and all-purpose yards in a season-1,827 ('89). 100+ yard rushing games-180 vs. Alberta, Aug. 29th ('89), 169 vs. Alberta, Oct. 15th ('88). CW all-Star ('89,'90), CIAU all-Canadian ('89,'90). CFL draft 5th Rd, 36th overall ('91). Career Stats: 30-receptions for 275-yards, 15-rushing touchdowns and 3-kick return touchdowns.

T

Torresan, Mike (OL): CW all-star ('85). CFL draft 3rd Rd, 19th overall ('86).

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V

Vanden Bos, Pieter (FB/OL): Hardy Cup finalist ('79,'81), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), CW all-star-OL ('81,'82), CIAU all-Canadian ('82). CFL draft 1st Rd, 4th overall ('83). Career Stats: 102-carries, 520-rushing yards, 11-receptions, 103-receiving yards.

Vlasic, Tom (REC): Hardy Cup finalist ('89), Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Bobby Gaul Memorial-Trophy ('90), led UBC with the most receptions in a game-8 vs. Manitoba, Sept. 14th ('85), led UBC in receiving touchdowns-9 ('88,'89), including a season high-2 vs. Calgary, Oct. 28th ('89), led UBC in receptions-66 and yards-1,023 ('88,'89), CW all-star ('88,'89). CFL draft 8th Rd, 62nd overall ('88). Career Stats: 103-receptions, 1,464-yards and 11-touchdowns.

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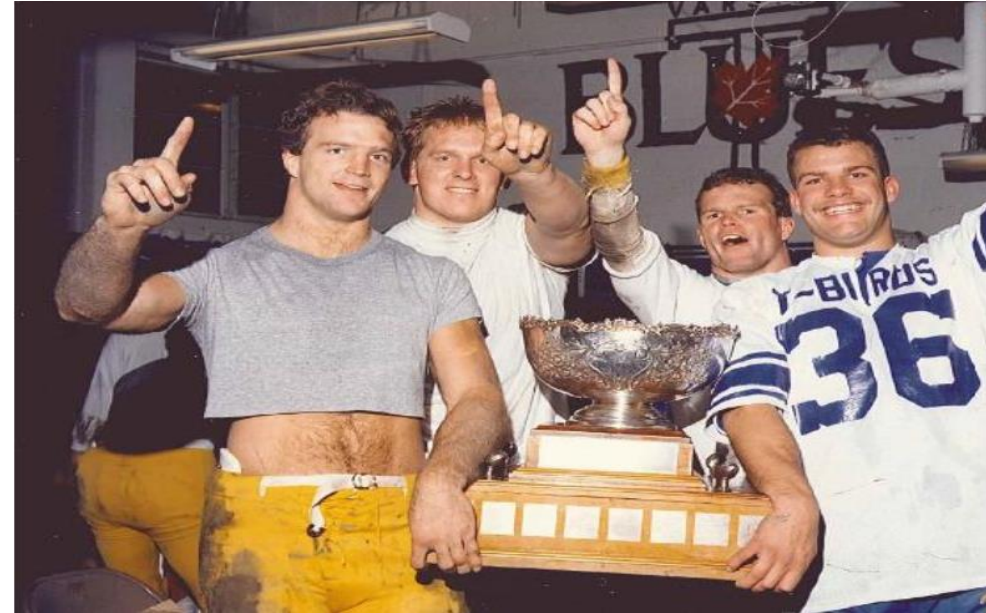
Walley, Jason (REC): Hardy Cup finalist ('89), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), led UBC for most touchdowns in a game-2 vs. Alberta Sept. 3rd ('88), game high 7-receptions vs. Calgary Oct. 28th ('89), led UBC in receptions-24, yards-352, and touchdowns-5 ('90), including 2-receiving touchdowns vs. Calgary Sept. 1st ('90). Career Stats: 88 for 1,242 yards 12.1 Ave, 14-touchdowns.

Wickman, Todd (REC): Hardy Cup finalist ('89), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), led UBC with most receptions in a game-9 vs. Calgary, Aug. 26th ('88), and most receptions in a game-7, yards-185 and touchdowns-2 vs. Calgary, Oct. 28th ('89), CW all-star ('87). Career Stats: 73 for 1,194 yards 16.3 Ave, 8-touchdowns.

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PUNT RETURNERS

Lou DesLauriers: 1,538 yards, Ave. 12.1, 2-TD's
Matt Pearce: 1,433 yards, Ave. 10.3, 4-TD



DB

Mark Beecroft VC ('82)
CW all-Star ('79,'82)
Mark Nykolaichuk HC ('87)
CW Int leader, CFL draft ('89)



DB

Jordan Leith VC ('86)
CW President-MOP ('87)
CIAU all-Canadian ('87)
Bernie Glier VC ('82)
CW all-Star ('81,'82)



DB

David Singh Sidoo VC ('82)
CW all-Star ('80,'81,'82)
CIAU all-Canadian ('82)
Lou DesLauriers VC ('82)
CW all-Star ('82,'83)
CIAU all-Canadian ('83)



DB

Bruce Barnett VC ('82)
Atlantic Bowl-MOP ('82)
CW all-Star ('83,'84)



DB

Mark Norman VC ('86)
CIAU Presidents-MOP ('86)
CIAU all-Canadian ('85,'86)



KICKOFF RETURNERS

Lou DesLauriers: 1,143 yards, Ave 27.8, 1-TD
Matt Pearce: 944 yards, Ave 21.4



LB

K.C Steele VC ('82)
CW all-star ('82,'83,'84)
Ron Crick VC ('86)
CW all-Star ('86)



LB

Steve Harrison VC ('82)
Vanier Cup Def-MOP ('82)
CW all-Star ('82)



LB

Mike Emery VC ('82)
CIAU Presidents-MOP ('81,'82)
CIAU all-Canadian ('81,'82)
George Petrovas VC ('86)
CW all-Star ('87)



LB

Jack Beetstra VC ('82,'86)
CW all-Star ('85,'86)
CIAU all-Canadian ('86)



DL

Matt Fitzpatrick VC ('86)
CW all-Star ('86,'87)
CIAU all-Canadian ('86,'87)
Carey Lapa VC ('82)
CW all-Star ('85)



DL

Dwayne Derban
VC ('82,'86)
CW all-Star ('82,'83,'86)



DL

Jason Riley VC ('82)
CW Metras-MOP ('81,'82)
CIAU all-Canadian-CW all-Star ('81,'82)

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Honourable Mention-Defence

Ainge, Terry (DB): Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), CW all-star ('87). CFL draft 6th Rd, 48th overall ('88)

Banting, Brian (DB): Hardy Cup Finalist ('81,'83), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), 6-career interceptions including a 65-yard INT return vs. SSK Oct. 10th ('81)

Heffring, Dean (DB/KR): Hardy Cup finalist ('87,'90). 9-career interceptions, 1-blocked kick vs. Manitoba, Sept. 16th ('89), 8-returns for 41-yards

Huryn, Ron (DL): Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), CW all-star ('87).

Kitchen, Greg (LB): Hardy Cup Finalist ('81,'83), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), CFL draft 7th Rd, 64th overall ('84).

Kovacik, Roald (LB): Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), CFL draft 6th Rd, 52nd overall ('87).

McDonald, Bruce (DB): Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), CW all-star ('87). CFL 8th Rd, 61st overall ('89)

Moretto, Rob (DB): Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), CFL draft 7th Rd, 61st overall ('87).

B

Barnett, Bruce (DB/KR): Hardy Cup finalist ('81,'83), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), Don Loney Atlantic Bowl Co-Defensive-MOP ('82), led UBC in punt returns-29, yards-330, and average-11.3 ('83), kickoff returns-12, yards-249 and average-20.7 ('84), fumble returns-2 ('84), longest punt return in a game-70 vs. Alberta, Sept. 22nd ('84). Led UBC with the highest punt return average in a season-15.5 ('83), longest punt return-94 and total yards-155 vs. Sask, Nov. 5th ('83), most punt returns in a game-9 vs Manitoba, Oct. 14th ('84). Set school records for highest punt return average in a career-13.3, most punt returns in a game-11 vs. Alberta, Sept. 22nd ('84). CW all-star ('83,'84), CFL draft 2nd Rd, 14th overall ('85). Career Stats: 8-interceptions, 4-touchdowns, 3-fumble recoveries.

Beecroft, Mark (DB/KR): Hardy Cup finalist ('79,'81), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('78), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), led CW in interceptions in a season-7 and return yards-123 ('82), most interceptions in a game-3 vs. Alberta, Oct. 17th ('81). Led UBC in interceptions in a game-2 vs Manitoba, Oct. 9 ('82) and interception return yards in a game-55 vs. Sask, Oct. 23rd ('82). Tied for the UBC lead with most interceptions-4 and fumble returns-2 ('81). Set the school record for most interceptions in a career-22, most interceptions yards in a season-123 and a career-189, most fumble returns in a season-5 ('82), most forced fumbles in a career-6. CW all-Star ('79,'82). Career Stats: 62-punt return yards, 7-fumbles recovered, 6-forced fumbles.

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Beetstra, Jack (LB): Hardy Cup finalist ('83), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), led CW in QB-sacks-9 ('83). Set school records for most solo tackles in a season-81, defensive tackles in a season-108, and defensive tackles per game-9. CW all-Star ('85,'86), CIAU all-Canadian ('86). Career Stats: 15-QB sacks, 58-sack yards, 4-interceptions, 3-recovered fumbles.

C

Crick, Ron (LB): Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), led CW in QB sacks-5 ('86) CW all-star ('86). CFL draft 3rd Rd, 25th overall ('86).

D

DesLauriers, Lou (DB/KR/REC): Hardy Cup finalist ('81,'83), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), led CW in punt return yards-947 ('82,'83), led UBC in punt returns ('81,'82,'83), led UBC in kickoff return yards-572 ('80,'82,'83), led UBC in interceptions-2 ('83). Set-6 school records including most punt return yards in a game-170 vs Alberta, Oct. 1 ('82), highest kickoff return average in a game-27.3, most kickoff return yards in a game-215, longest kickoff return in a game-107 vs Calgary, Aug. 27th ('82), most punt returns in a season-49 ('82), most kickoff return yards in a season-401 ('82). CW all-star REC ('82), CW all-Star DB ('83), CIAU all-Canadian ('83). CFL draft 1st Rd territorial pick ('84). Career Stats: 128-punt returns, 1,538-yards, 36-kickoff returns, 1,143-yards, 7-interceptions. Inducted into the UBC Sports HOF ('02), and the BC Football HOF ('14).

Derban, Dwayne (DL): Hardy Cup Finalist ('81,'83,) Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), CW all-star ('82,'83,'86), CFL draft 2nd Rd, 12th overall ('87). Career Stats: 24-QB sacks, 89-sack yards, 4-forced fumbles, 3-fumble recoveries.

E

Emery, Mike (LB/P): Hardy Cup finalist ('81), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), CIAU Presidents Defensive-MOP ('81,'82), Bruce Coulter Vanier Cup Co-Defensive-MOP ('82), led CW in defensive tackles ('81), led UBC in defensive tackles ('80,'81), led UBC in punting-95, yards-3,397 ('80), punting-81, yards-2,778 ('81) and punting-71, yards-2,593 ('82), tied UBC lead in fumble returns ('81). Set a school record for punting attempts in a season-95 ('80). CW all-star ('81,'82), CIAU all-Canadian ('81,'82). CFL draft 1st Rd, 3rd overall ('83). Inducted into the UBC Football Wall of Honour ('19).

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F

Fitzpatrick, Matt (DL): Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), led UBC in QB-Sacks-4 ('87), CW all-star ('86,'87), CIAU all-Canadian ('86,'87). CFL draft 6th Rd, 45th overall ('88). Career Stats: 7 QB-sacks, 6-tackles for loss, 2-forced fumbles.

G

Glier, Bernie (LB/KR): Hardy Cup finalist ('79,'81), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), led UBC in punt returns-19 ('80), led UBC in interceptions-4 and return yards-86 ('81), tied for the UBC lead in fumble returns-2 ('82). Set school record for blocked kicks in a season-2 ('82), CW all-star ('81,'82), CFL draft 1st Rd, 5th overall ('83). Career Stats: 49-kick returns, 513-yards. 4-fumble recoveries.

H

Harrison, Steve (LB): Hardy Cup finalist ('81), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), Bruce Coulter Vanier Cup Co-Defensive-MOP ('82), tied UBC in fumble returns-2 ('82), CW all-star ('82), CFL draft 1st Rd, 2nd overall ('83).

L

Lapa, Carey (DL): Hardy Cup finalist ('81,'83), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), led CW in QB-sacks in a game-4 vs. Saskatchewan, Sept. 7th ('85). CW all-star ('85), CFL draft 3rd Rd, 22nd overall ('83).

Leith, Jordan (QB/DB/KR): Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), CW Presidents Trophy Defensive-MOP ('87), led UBC with the longest pass completion-43 vs. Saskatchewan Sept. 1st ('84), tied for the CW lead in interceptions-5 ('87), led UBC in interception return yards-79 ('87), CW all-star ('87), CIAU all-Canadian ('87), CFL draft 8th Rd, 65th overall ('87). Career Stats: 51-rushing yards, 816-passing yards, 11-interceptions (Defence).

N

Norman, Mark (DB/PR): Hardy Cup finalist ('83), Hardy Cup, Central Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), CW Frank Gnuip-MOP and CIAU Hec Crighton nominee ('86), CW Presidents Trophy & CIAU Defensive-MOP ('86). Set-5 CW records including most interception return touchdowns in a season-5, most interception return yards in a season-451 ('86), most interceptions in a season-13 ('86), most interception returns for touchdowns in a career-6, most interception return yards in a career-551, led UBC in scoring-36 pts ('86). Set school records for most interception return yards in a game-152 including a 90-yard touchdown return vs. Alberta, Oct. 11th ('86). CW all-star ('85,'86), CIAU all-Canadian ('85,'86). CFL draft 3rd Rd, 26th overall ('87). Inducted into the UBC Football Wall of Honour ('19), and the Canada-West Sports HOF ('20

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Nykolaichuk, Mark (DB): Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), led CW with most interceptions in a season-6 ('85), led CW with most interceptions in a game-3 vs. Calgary, Oct. 25th ('85), led CW with the longest interception return touchdown-85 vs. Alberta, Nov. 9th ('85), led UBC in fumble returns-2 ('85) and tied for the lead in interceptions-1 ('85). Tied for the UBC lead with the longest interception return yards in a game-62 vs. Saskatchewan, Sept. 26th ('87), led UBC with the longest interception return in a game-18 vs. Calgary, Oct. 29th ('88). CFL draft 8th Rd, 63rd overall ('89). Career Stats: 11-interceptions, 171-interception return yards, 3-fumble returns, 1-forced fumble and 1-QB sack.

P

Petrovas, George (LB): Hardy Cup, Western Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('86), Hardy Cup, Western Bowl champion ('87), led UBC for most interception yards in a season including the longest-35 vs. Manitoba, Oct. 20th ('84). CW all-star ('87), CFL signed as an undrafted free-agent ('90).

R

Riley, Jason (DL): Hardy Cup finalist ('81), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), CW Metras Trophy MOP-Lineman ('81,'82), set school records for most QB-sacks in a season-11 ('82), and most QB-sacks in a game-6 vs. Saskatchewan, Oct. 23, 1982. Tied the CW record for most QB-sacks in a season-11, led CW in QB-sacks and tackles for loss ('82), CW all-star ('81,'82), CIAU all-Canadian ('81,'82). CFL draft 1st Rd, 7th overall ('83). Inducted into the UBC Football Wall of Honour ('19).

S

Singh Sidoo, David (DB/KR): Hardy Cup finalist ('79,'81), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl champion ('78), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), led the CIAU in interceptions-8 ('80), led UBC in kickoff return yards-79 ('81), set school record for highest kickoff return average in a season-26.3 ('81). Tied for most interceptions in a game-2 vs. Sask, Oct. 23rd ('82), led UBC with most punt returns in a game-8 vs. Calgary, August 27th, ('82), led UBC with longest kickoff return in a game-97 touchdown vs. Manitoba, Nov. 5th ('82), led UBC in total returns-6 and yards-78 vs. Western Ontario, Nov. 20th ('82) Vanier Cup. CW all-star ('80,'81,'82), CIAU all-Canadian ('82). CFL draft 4th Rd, 28th overall ('83). Inducted into the UBC Sports HOF ('10), and the BC Sports HOF ('16).

Steele, KC (LB): Hardy Cup finalist ('81,'83), Hardy Cup, Atlantic Bowl, Vanier Cup champion ('82), led UBC in QB sacks-4 ('83), CW all-star ('82,'83,'84).