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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE CEREMONY 2005



TUESDAY, JULY 19TH,
7:00 P.M.
CANADIAN FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME
HAMILTON

Player Inductees (alphabetical)

Oshiomogho Atogwe



Played in the Ontario Varsity Football League during the summer of '99 with the Essex Ravens... He was the defensive back of the year in the league after intercepting six passes in five games.

O. J. went on to the Stanford Cardinals and became one of the best safeties in college football and a legitimate honors candidate ... He was the Cardinal's starter at strong safety in 2002 and team's starter at free safety in 2003 ... He is an active, aggressive, play-maker who will be the team's top defensive weapon this season ... He has led the team in tackles the past two years while also accounting for five interceptions, nine forced fumbles and seven fumble recoveries ... Fifth-

year senior who is one of the team leaders both on and off the field

Drafted third round in the NFL by the St Louis Rams.

Andy Fantuz



Played in the Ontario Varsity Football League in 2001 and 2002. Was a receiver MVP but also played two ways... Was instrumental in Essex Ravens 2002 Championship...Helped Team Ontario win a National Championship by catching 14 passes and 4 td's.

Andy went on to the University of Western Mustangs and became CIS rookie of the year while breaking the single season receiving yards with 1552 yards and 68 catches... In his second season, Andy again broke 1,000 yards and recently broke the all time receiving yards record in only his third year... Named CIS All Canadian for the past three seasons.

Nick Kaczur



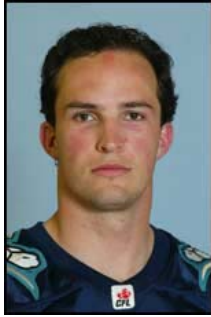
Played for the Brantford Bisons in the league's inaugural year. Voted OVFL offensive lineman of the year.

Played college with the Toledo Rockets where he was a third-team Freshman All-American choice by *The Sporting News* in 2001. In 2002, he earned All-Mid American Conference first-team accolades while lining up in 14 games at left tackle. Kaczur led a strong offensive line performance in 2003, as the front wall allowed only nine quarterback sacks. He earned All-MAC honors for the third consecutive year in 2004. In addition to performing at left tackle that year, he also saw action in the backfield, gaining 49 yards on two carries. He closed out his

career with 51 starting assignments for the Rockets.

Drafted third round in the NFL by New England Patriots and 1st round in the CFL by Toronto Argonauts.

Ray Mariuz



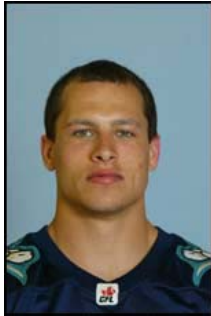
Played for the Mississauga Warriors, who won the first OVFL Championship. Was named OVFL linebacker MVP of that year.

Spent 1999-2002 with McMaster University Marauders...2002 named CIS First Team All-Star at LB...named to the OUA's First All-Star Team at linebacker for the second straight year.

Selected fourth round in the CFL 2003 Draft by the Toronto Argonauts. Played special teams and linebacker. Was named the special teams captain by coaching staff...Finished season as the league-leader in special teams tackles with 28, and was part of the team's Grey Cup victory in 2004.

Nicknamed "Moose", Ray spends the off-season supply teaching in Mississauga. Ray also participates regularly in the Argonauts' Huddle Up Against Bullying program.

Michael Palmer



Played for the Guelph Bears for two seasons in the OVFL and was named Receiver MVP in the OVFL. Held records on kick & punt returns and also receiving yards, which stood for two seasons

Played four seasons with the University of Guelph Gryphons...was a two time OUA First Team All-Star at wide receiver...2002 & 2001 named an OUA first team All-Star at WR...awarded the Gryphons' MVP award...finished 6th in the CIS and 4th in the OUA with 690 yards receiving on 42 catches with four touchdowns...also returned 31 punts for 235 yards and 16 kickoffs for 192 yards...

Selected by the Argonauts in the 6th round (48th overall) of the 2003 CFL Canadian College Draft. Dressed as a backup SB or WR in 16 games with Argos and was part of the team's Grey Cup victory in 2004.

A philosophy major, Mike is taking courses to complete his degree at the University of Guelph in the off-season. He is a regular player on the Argos' charity hockey team, the Frozen Boatmen, and the charity basketball team, the Courtside Boatmen. Helps out with Guelph Minor with guest appearances.

Daryl Stephenson



Daryl played three seasons for the London Falcons in the OVFL, all at the varsity level...Totaling 2419 yards rushing and 254 yards receiving during his tenure which accounted for 23% of the Falcons offense. Was voted OVFL MVP as running back in 2003...Also won MVP honours for the Falcons.

Daryl currently plays in his second season for the Windsor Lancers. Daryl was third in the country in rushing. Received the Norm Marshall Trophy as the OUA's rookie of the year.

Coach Inductee

Glen Mills



Glen began his football career first at The Essex District High School, and then as an All-Canadian with the Windsor AKO Fratmen of the OFC. Went on to become defensive co-coordinator at his former high school and the newly formed Essex Ravens.

In 1998 became head coach for Essex Ravens...won OVFL Championship in 2002...was named head coach of the OVFL all-star game....member of Team Canada coaching staff in 2001, and Team Ontario for 2003 thru to 2005...linebacker coach for 3 years with the University of Windsor...coached last three years with Villanova High School...guest coach for Indiana University in 2001...member of the University of Michigan high school camp staff.

Glen has placed the OVFL to the forefront for all league initiatives and has been a large part of the league's success.

President's Inductee

Dave McKenna



Dave McKenna played high school football at Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute and went on with the family business, McKenna's Fine Furniture on Front St. He then moved on to Edmonton where he became equipment manager/bench boss for the Edmonton Huskies of the CJFL and as an assistant manager with the Edmonton Eskimos. He was part of the Eskimo's dynasty of the late 70's and early 80's and also during the 1986 and 1993 Grey Cup years.

Returning to Toronto he came back to his high school roots and assisted Lawrence Park in 1988 and again in 2000 when labour disputes cancelled football programs. During that time he embraced the concept of developing high school aged football players through minor football and was an integral part of the introduction of the Metro Toronto Wildcats into the OVFL. In a few short years Lawrence Park became one of the cornerstone franchises of the league for stability and participation levels. While many of the volunteers concentrated on the business end of the Lawrence Park franchise, Dave focused on the players' wants and experiences.

Dave continued when possible to work the bench for the Argos, T-Cats, Ottawa and even visiting teams when they came to the Rogers Centre (Skydome). Before 2004 he never missed an Eskimo training camp. Dave McKenna passed away in 2004 and will sadly be missed by his family and football peers.

Builder Inductee

Walter Wettges



Founding President of the OVFL. Has been part of the administration of the league that has grown from 300 members to 2700 in six years.

Began helping with minor football in 1984 as President of Flamborough Minor Football (now Hamilton-Wentworth Minor) and House League Director with BMFA (Burlington Minor Football). Was founding President for Brant & District Football (Brantford) and S.O.F.A.L. (Southwestern Ontario Football Association of Leagues)...President Football Ontario 1995-1998...Ontario Director for Team Canada's gold medal team in 2000... Co-founded Ontario Tackle Football.com (OTFC) in 2001...continues to support OTFC as an advisor.

As President he presently works on league expansion, rules & constitutional issues and assists with franchise development. Lives in Dunnville with his wife Deby and keeps up with his family Lisa/Raymond (Nanaimo BC) Adam/Amy (Sarnia ON) & Megan/Jeff (Brantford ON).