



Gryphons' Lair – Issue 73
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With the 2023 Football Season announced, we can officially begin our countdown until Gryphon Football is back! Mark your calendars, Gryph Nation – the red, black and gold will take the field at Alumni Stadium on August 26th at 1:00 PM to kick off the season against the Toronto Varsity Blues. We can't wait to welcome back fans to Alumni Stadium in 205 days!

But before we get back to football, our program has some very exciting upcoming events in the Spring and Summer. The Gryphon Gala will take place on Saturday, May 6th at Creelman Hall. This event will bring together over 250 football alumni, friends, families, and supporters. All proceeds from this event will go directly towards supporting the Gryphon Football Program, student-athlete scholarships, team events and our Football Alumni Advancement initiatives. We invite alumni, families, friends, and our community to come together for this very special night. Tickets on sale now!

We are proud to announce this year's recipients who will be honoured at the Gala on May 6th. We will be handing out 2 awards throughout the evening, the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Honour Jersey.

This year's recipient of the Distinguished Alumni award is **Andrew Oosterhuis**. Andrew played Defensive Back at the University of Guelph from 2001 – 2005 and graduated from the University of Guelph in 2005 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

This award recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments and achievements of the nominee after their playing career as a Gryphon student-athlete. In addition to the nominee's accolades in their particular chosen profession, special consideration is given

to the nominee's community involvement, volunteering, extracurricular contributions and leadership.

Listed below are a few notable moments of Andrew's professional and personal career:

Professional Accomplishments:

- Vice-President, Marketing at Labatt Breweries of Canada

Volunteer / Community Involvement:

- U. of G Senate
- U. of G Big Brothers / Big Sisters

Hopewell House Charity – Children's Homes

- "HoHoHo Hopewell House" Annual Christmas Fundraiser
- FOGF Member / Supporter of Gryphon Football

Gryphon Football:

- Wildman Trophy Winner 2004
- Don Cameron Trophy - 2003
- Team MVP (Donald Forster Trophy) - 2003
- 3x Team Captain 2003, 2004, 2005
- OUA Allstar 2005
- 5 Year Letterman
- East-West Bowl 2005
- Honour Award 2004



Pictured: Andrew Oosterhuis

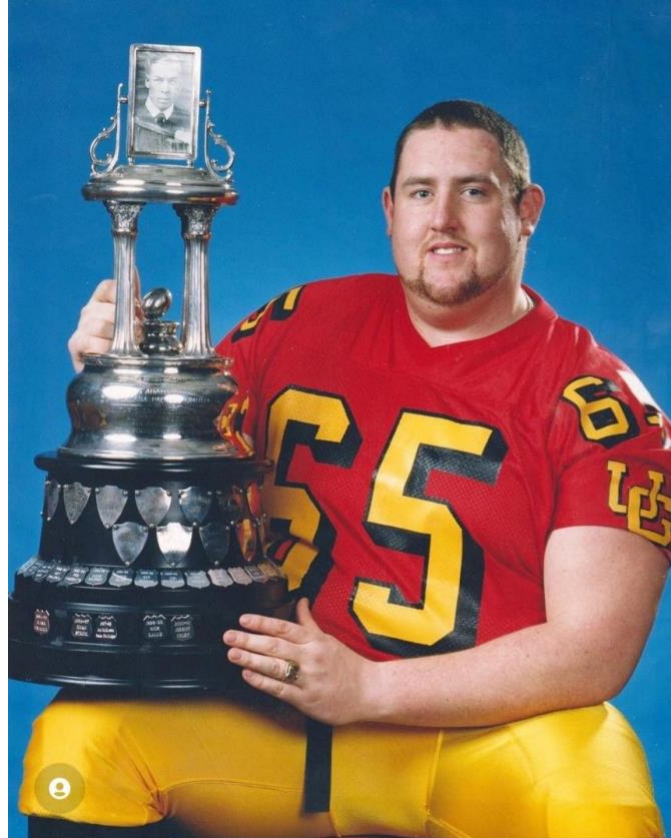
The recipient of the Honour Jersey Award is a player who dominated the field of play during their time at the University of Guelph with the Gryphon Football Program as a student-athlete. The recipient is being recognized as one of the most outstanding players to wear a Gryphon jersey. This year's recipient of the Honour Jersey award is **Jeremy Oxley**.

Listed below are a few notable moments of Jeremy's career as a Gryphon.

- 5 Year Starter for the Gryphons from 1996-2000
- Honour Award Recipient
- 1996 Yates Cup Champion
- 2x - First Team All Canadian, 1999, 2000
- 4x - OUA First Team Allstar, 1997-2000
- Wildman Trophy Winner – 2000
- WF Mitchell Sportsman Award - 1999
- Team MVP (Donald Forster Trophy) – 2000
- 2x Team Lineman of the Year – 1999, 2000
- Team Rookie of the Year - 1996
- 1990's Team of the Decade

- Additional Notes:
- Graduated U. of Guelph - Honours BA - Fine Art 2001

- Graduated Nipissing University – Bachelor of Education 2002
- Principal at Bear Creek Secondary - Barrie
- Coached high school football - Barrie
- FOGF member / Active Gryphon Football supporter



Pictured: Jeremy Oxley

We look forward to seeing you at the Gryphon Football Gala on May 6th. [Tickets](#) are on sale now! FOGF GOLD members, stay tuned for a different email containing your coupon code to redeem your ticket for the Gala Dinner.

We look forward to seeing you at the Gryphon Football Gala on May 6th. If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact Jacqueline Andrews at jacqandr@uoguelph.ca

Enjoy Issue 73 of the Gryphons' Lair!



2023 Season Schedule Announced

HOME GAMES

- Saturday, August 26th @ 1 PM vs. University of Toronto
- Saturday, September 9th @ 1 PM vs. Laurier
- Saturday, September 23rd @ 1 PM vs. York (Homecoming)
- Saturday, October 14th @ 1 PM vs. Queen's

AWAY GAMES

- Sunday, September 3rd @ 7 PM vs. Windsor
- Saturday, September 16th @ 1 PM vs. McMaster
- Saturday, September 30th @ 1 PM vs. Waterloo
- Saturday, October 21st @ 1 PM vs. Carleton

Season tickets will go on-sale on gryphons.ca/tickets on Monday, May 29, 2023

Single-game tickets will go on-sale on Monday, June 12, 2023



Bell Let's Talk – Mental Health Awareness

Bell Let's Talk was on January 25th and as a program we wanted to raise awareness about the importance of mental well-being. Being a student-athlete requires excellent time management skills with demanding priorities on the field and within the classroom. These demands can be challenging so having conversations around mental well-being are important, while we hold ourselves accountable, we also have to take care of ourselves.

Check out a video [here](#), to hear from Kicker/Punter Eric Stranz about how he manages the demands of being a student-athlete.

Off-Season Training

The boys are back to the grind and training four times a week in the Field House and Stadium Performance Centre. It's not easy getting up at 5AM in the snow and going through a challenging workout, but our players are committed to putting in the work now to prepare for the 2023 season.

Stay tuned for a special video project that will be shared in next month's newsletter where we interview Strength and Conditioning Coach Adam Kania to get the inside scoop on off-season training.



Guest Speaker Announced – Gryphon Football Coaching Clinic

On February 10th and 11th, Gryphon Football will be hosting a Football Coaching clinic at Alumni Stadium for coaches of all skill levels. We have an incredible roster of guest speakers lined up, so be sure to [register](#) now as spots are filling up!

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Greg Marshall – Head Coach, Western Football
Corey Mace – Defensive Coordinator, Toronto Argonauts
Dennis McPhee – Defensive Coordinator, Gryphon Football
Pat Sheahan – Offensive Line Coach, Gryphon Football
Justin Chapdelaine – Former Offensive Coordinator, Sherbrooke Football
Ron Aboud – Offensive Coordinator, Vanier College
Heath Weir – Head Coach, Huron Heights
Donnavan Carter – Special Teams Coordinator, Gryphon Football
Rob Underhill – Special Teams Coordinator, McMaster Football
Ryan Sheahan – Head Coach, Gryphon Football
Adam Kania – Defensive Line Coach, Gryphon Football
Mark Surya – Offensive Coordinator, Gryphon Football

Email Head Coach Ryan Sheahan at rsheahan@uoguelph.ca for more information.



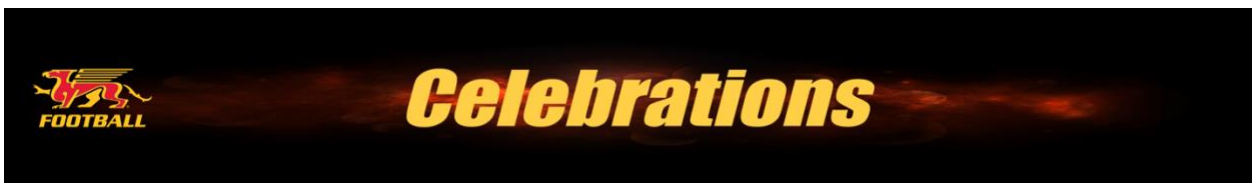
Gryphon Representation at the 2023 College Gridiron Showcase

We were proud to have some Gryphon Talent down in Texas for the College Gridiron Showcase. [Clark Barnes](#) and [Siriman Harrison Bagayogo](#) made some noise down South. Big things are coming for these 2 players!

Read the full article [here](#).



Photo Credit: JC Abbott



Wildman Awards

On Saturday, January 28th, we capped off the 2022 Gryphon Football Season with our annual Wildman Awards event. The evening was an opportunity to acknowledge some outstanding individual performances, celebrate our graduating seniors and hand out the prestigious Ted Wildman Award. To end off the evening, we watched a recap video from the [2022 season](#), be sure to check it out!

Congratulations to all award winners!

Award Winners:

Rookie of the Year – *Isaiah Smith*

Pflug Family Community Service Trophy – *Anthony Hall*

Richard P Kohler Perseverance Trophy – *Miles La Foucade*

Riddell High School Coach of the Year - *Mark Marini*

Kyle Walters Trophy – *Anakin Guthrie*

Brian Cluff Support Staff of the Year Award – *Frank Tersigni*

Tom Mooney Lineman of the Year Trophy – *Ben Petrie*

Special Teams Player of the Year Trophy - *Eric Stranz*
Tom Dimitroff Defensive Player of the Year – *Scott Murray*
Stu Lang Offensive Player of the Year – *Vyshonne Janusas*
The Donald Forster Trophy (MVP) - *Siriman Harrison Bagayogo*
The Ted Wildman Memorial Trophy – *Juwan Jeffrey*

Check out the [video recap](#) of the event put together by our media crew.



*Pictured left to right: (TOP ROW): Frank Tersigni, Isaiah Smith, Anthony Hall, Ben Petrie, Anakin Guthrie
(BOTTOM ROW): Eric Stranz, Vyshonne Janusas, Juwan Jeffrey, Miles La Foucade, Scott Murray*



CFL Scouting Bureau

Gryphon Alumni [Tavius Robinson](#), and current Gryphon players [Siriman Harrison Bagayogo](#) and [Clark Barnes](#) earned a spot of the CFL Scouting Bureau which lists the top-20 eligible prospects for the 2023 CFL Draft

Read the full article [here](#).

Scarfone Re-signs with BC Lions

Congratulations to Gryphon Alumni, Jacob Scarfone on re-signing a 1-year contract with the BC Lions!

Read the full article [here](#).



Football to BobSleigh

Congratulations to Gryphon Alumni, Orion Edwards on being named to the National BobSleigh Team for the 4th year (2nd as a pilot/driver)

His current goal is to represent Team Canada in the 2026 Olympics in Milan-Cortina, Italy.

If you are interested in partnership opportunity with Orion and Team Canada, please reach out to him via email at orionedwards7@gmail.com



Featured Player

Everyone's recruit process to the U of G looks a little different. And for Tommy Bourikas, his initial journey to the U of G didn't even include playing football. He knew that he wanted to come to Guelph and attend university but being a student-athlete and being on the football roster was not what he initially planned. But he sure is glad that things happened the way that they did and that he is a part of our Offensive Line.

This month's player feature is #67 [Tommy Bourikas](#). As noted in our introductory paragraph, Tommy's journey to the U of G was quite unique. He attended Iroquois Ridge High School in Oakville, Ontario and decided to go back for a 5th year of highschool to improve his grades.

"When I was in my 5th year, all of my friends were already at University. Many of them were at the U of G and so I would often visit them and so I got the chance to see the campus and I knew that I wanted to join them the following year."

Tommy started his football journey in his last 2 years of high school. He played for the Oakville Titans and got in touch with former Gryphon OL Coach Mike MacDonald through a connection from Tom Sterling. The first football game that Tommy watched at Alumni stadium was on October 26th, 2019. An iconic game for the Gryphons, Siriman Harrison Bagayogo [blocked a punt late](#) in the 4th quarter which resulted in earning the Gryphons a ticket to the OUA semi-finals.

Tommy didn't need any more convincing than that and committed. It was the first football signing that had ever happened at his highschool, which was a pretty special moment for Tommy and his family

Tommy's first season for the Gryphons didn't go exactly as planned, as it was full-out cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But as soon as the team got the green light to start training, Tommy was ready to get to work.

"I never had an offensive line coach before coming to University. Coach Mike [MacDonald] was an incredible Coach. He was very honest and transparent, which I really appreciated. I had no expectations of dressing my second, let alone my first year. In comparison to the other players, I was behind in terms of my football skillset."

Tommy suffered a concussion during Training Camp and was out of the line-up for 3-4 weeks. Once he was back in action and cleared to play, he had a really good week of practice and found out the following week that his name was on the depth chart, and that he would be starting at the next game vs. the University of Toronto.

In addition to the support from Coach MacDonald to prepare for his first ever University football game, Tommy noted that he received a great deal of guidance and coaching from the veterans.

"I owe a lot to [Spencer Masterson](#) and [Matthew Famurewa](#) (nickname - Olu). The Coaches have so many players that they work with and so the extra time and guidance from the seniors and vets was crucial in my player development. Their motivation and constant 'coaching' was what drove me to improve my eating habits and my work ethic at the gym. And overall, I think that time management skills I developed have helped improve me as a person."

It has been said many times that the support within the Gryphon Football community is quite special. After suffering a broken tib and fib during Game 7 in the 2022 season against Laurier, Tommy has had to rely on his teammates, friends and family members for support throughout his recovery process.

It was a scary moment on October 15th when Tommy was tackled to the ground and didn't get up right away.

"I remember that I was beside [Mitch Schechinger](#). My end, the guy I was covering, cut in and Mitch picked him up so I went to Mitch's linebacker and I remember thinking 'we just did that perfectly' and the next thing I remember is being hit. When I fell to the ground, my entire leg was burning. I was wearing a knee brace at the time which I am so grateful for because it most likely prevented my ACL from tearing."

It's been a lengthy and long recovery process, but we are happy to let our readers know that Tommy is well on his way to getting back on that field for the 2023 season.

"I had never had a major injury before. When I think about people getting hurt, I would assume that it would be painful, and that they would want to get back to the game as soon as they could. What I never thought of was how challenging and difficult the daily tasks are. For example, it so much work for me to get up and grab clothes out of my

closet, or to leave my house in the snow. It's very difficult to cook food while being on crutches and so I owe a lot of gratitude and support to my roommates and teammates for helping me out."

Tommy made a special note that [Julian lamundo](#) has been an incredible teammate and friend and has helped him tremendously. Whether it be lowering the bar for him at the gym, filling up his water bottle at morning workouts, bringing him food, or driving Tommy to practice, the list goes on! Thank you, Julian!

Another big support system for Tommy throughout his recovery has been his parents, Jennifer and Nick, and his girlfriend, Olivia.

"My parents have always been able to support me even when I'm difficult, they constantly encourage me and make me believe I'm capable of achieving anything I put my mind to! I'm so grateful for their support, especially during these last few months. And I need to give a big shoutout to my girlfriend Olivia. When I first got injured, she moved back to Oakville to be with me and help me do everything that I wasn't able to do."

And of course, someone who has been crucial in the recovery process for Tommy is our team Athletic Therapist, Chris DeZorzi. Our players are fortunate to have an incredible therapy room housed within the football pavilion and the opportunity to work with Chris and his team of student athletic therapists.

Thank you, Tommy for being this month's newsletter feature! Although you couldn't finish out the season on the field, we hope you know personality and positivity plays a big part in our team morale. We can't wait to have you back running out on the field at Alumni Stadium on August 26th!



Featured Alumnus

He may be a recent alumnus, but Jared Beeksma has had quite the journey since graduating from the University in Guelph in 2022, so we figured that we needed to feature him in the newsletter to share with our readers about his life updates.

Jared Beeksma came to the U of G in 2017 and graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree, majoring in Leadership and Organizational Management. Growing up in Cambridge, Ontario. He wore #24 as a Gryphon and played at the linebacker position. Since graduating from the U of G, he has fulfilled a dream that many players hope of achieving, and that's playing in the CFL. But before we dive into that, let's start at the beginning of his journey to the U of G.

"Throughout high school and my recruiting process, Guelph wasn't top of mind until I saw the campus. I did my first visit with my Mom and the second visit with Dad. To be honest, once I stepped foot on campus I knew right then I wanted to go to the U of G -

and the rest was history. As a Gryphon, I dressed every game and ,looking back at it now, I don't think I missed a game during my entire university career. But I am sure someone will fact check that and let me know!" Coach Casasanta, can we refer to your expertise on this as our resident stats and Gryphon Football History expert?

Even with playing in every single game, Jared noted that there was something special-about running out from underneath Alumni Stadium on gameday; whether it was his first game or his 40th game, it was always energizing.

"For my very first game, I remember having to keep catching my breath. I was caught up in the moment, and what's cool is I don't think I ever lost that sense of 'wow this is pretty cool' even into my fifth year and now into the CFL, there is just something electric about running onto the field with your teammates and coaches."

Throughout his time as a Gryphon, Jared had 3 different Head Coaches, and played with many talented individuals who are also living out their dream of playing in the CFL.

"Although I had 3 different coaches during my 5 years, I looked at it as a chance to learn from 3 talented individuals. I tried to absorb everything I could from them to improve myself as a player and as a person. During my fifth and final year with the team, we had a lot of young talent on the roster. I really enjoyed being one of the veterans to help guide them. [Anthony Moretuzzo](#) was one of the players that I took under my wing and I found that he was one of those players who just really gets it. That guy absolutely loves football and he's willing to put in the work. I'm looking to seeing him back on the field next season, healthy and ready to dominate."

We are sure that many of our players will agree that Jared brought a level of leadership and excellence to the team. The entire coaching staff and players were ecstatic that he made the decision to come back for a 5th season in 2021.

"During the pandemic, I felt that I was robbed of my final year of university and it was something that I was really looking forward to. I wanted to rally for the lads and have that 'official' final last year of university so I could close out that chapter of my life. Fortunately, everything worked out and I was able to finish up my courses, and play a final year of university football"

After playing his final season with the Gryphons in 2021, Jared shifted his focus to the CFL draft. Jared attended the combine and was drafted in the 5th round as the 46th pick for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. He went to training camp and was successful in making the team. After 4 weeks, he was let go from the team after their Bye Week.

Jared decided to head up North to a friend's cottage and he decided to drive separate from his friend, just in case he was contacted by another team and had to leave early. Sure enough, he got the call from the Saskatchewan Roughriders that their team had been hit by COVID and they needed to sign some Canadian Football players. Jared

made the 8-hour drive back to Cambridge and had less than 12 hours to pack his things and get on a flight.

After spending 8 days in Saskatchewan Jared was let go from the team. Just 4 hours later, he received a call that he was re-signed to Hamilton and he spent the rest of the 2022 season with them.

“The Gryphon ties are strong with the Ti-Cats. I was locker mates with Gryphon alum [Curtis Newton](#), and although we never officially played together at Guelph, we still had that U of G connection. [Kiondre Smith](#) and [Coulter Woodmansey](#) are also on the team, [Jarryd Baines](#) is one of the coaches and [Charlie Taggart](#) is a part of our video team.”

During the Ti-Cats Bye Week in the 2022 season, Jared decided to pay a visit to his alma mater and pop by football practice one day. It just so happened that Kiondre had a similar thought and also picked that exact day to visit the Gryphon team.

“It is hilarious that we didn’t plan it or talk about it beforehand. I showed up to practice, thinking that I could say hi to the team and maybe help out one of the coaches. I look over and see that Kiondre was running routes and had his cleats on. I remember thinking that this guy was making me look bad, I came unprepared!”

It’s great to see our alumni continuing to come back to visit and engage with our program. If any alumni are interested in coming back to campus for a visit, please connect with Jessie Kennedy at jkenne11@uoguelph.ca

Thanks for taking the time to chat with us, Jared! Good luck with your off-season training and we will be cheering you on next season!



Featured FOGF Member

“He absolutely loves it.”

These were the words spoken from FOGF Member and Gryphon parent, Todd Beazley when he was asked about how his son, [Denver](#) is feeling about his first year on the Gryphon roster.

We often ask the players about the first time they arrived on campus, their initial reaction to touring the facilities, and what the moment was like when they officially committed. Not only is it a big deal for a student-athlete to transition from high school to university, but also a big change for their parents/caregivers. And so, it was really interesting to hear from a parent’s perspective what it was like for them to see campus for the first time, and how they were feeling when they dropped their son off at Day Zero of training camp.

“It was a really exciting moment for my wife and I to drop off Denver for his first official training camp. It was the first step in the next process of his education and his football career and so it was really special to be able to witness it firsthand.”

For those who haven't been to Day Zero of training camp, the energy in the building and on campus is electric. It's an exciting day for the players to get their equipment set up and meet their fellow teammates, and it's also a great opportunity for parents to meet one another. Our POP committee typically holds a meeting for all parents in the Red Zone, which is a large meeting room overlooking the football field. Head Coach Ryan Sheahan addresses the group and officially welcomes the parents into our Gryphon Football family.

Todd was thrilled that our program has a Parents of Players Group, and opportunities to support the players through the FOGF membership program. He noted that these are great ways to stay connected to the team.

“Denver has been playing football since the Pee-Wee level. Ever since day one, I've always been involved with his team, whether it was a coaching aspect, equipment manager, or the AV guy. When Denver was at Football North, I was at every game to capture all the film. I like being involved in whatever aspect I can.”

When Denver was touring possible options for his post-secondary education, Todd visited the campuses with Denver and he said that he had heard about the facilities at the U of G, but seeing it for the first time was something quite special.

“Since Denver played for Football North, we spent a lot of time playing against schools in the States so we would take that opportunity to go visit some campuses and other facilities. Yet, I will tell you that the gryphon locker room and weight room is top notch and is even better equipped than schools in the states!”

Denver had a great first season for the Gryphons and started on special teams. Todd said that he's looking forward to seeing him progress more in that role and to see what he can do!

Our conversation with Todd happened around the time of the 'Frosty Mug' game. Which is an annual event at the Sleeman Centre in Guelph, where the Gryphon Men's Hockey Team faces off against the Laurier Golden Hawks. It's a fantastic experience to see almost 5,000 fans fill the stands to cheer on their school. Todd mentioned that Denver and a few of his other teammates attended that game and that he often hears Denver talk about the guys going to watch the basketball or volleyball games on campus.

“Great to see the guys supporting the other teams. Being a roster of 80-100 players, they can make a difference at the games and show their support to fellow Gryphon Athletes. I hope that the support goes both ways and that we see them supporting the football team at their games.”

This notion of 'support' is something that came up often in our conversation with Todd. We chatted about how support can come in various forms, whether that's support from fans by attending the games, supporting the POP group at a tailgate, players supporting each other during off-season training, etc. One form of support towards our program is our FOGF membership program, and Todd recently joined as a member in December 2022.

"I was connecting with Coach Ryan about donating some items for the Gala and he put me in contact with Randy Dimitroff, who ultimately introduced me to the FOGF program. I see the membership as way that I can help out the team and help out the coaches. The players put in a lot of hard work, and the coaches put in long hours, so anything that the group (FOGF) can do to make their job easier is important."

One of the upcoming events for our program is the Gryphon Gala on May 6th and we are very grateful for Todd's donation to our silent auction. We can't give any hints as to what the items are, but trust us – they are fantastic!

In addition to the gala, Todd is looking forward to the FOGF Golf Tournament on July 21st at Guelph Lakes.

"I'm a big golfer, and so I will definitely be there. Denver has just started getting into golf over the past few years so I am looking forward to having him golf with me."

Thank you, Todd for your support towards the program! We look forward to seeing you at the Gala on May 6th and out on the course with Denver at the FOGF Golf Tournament on July 21st!

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Training Talk

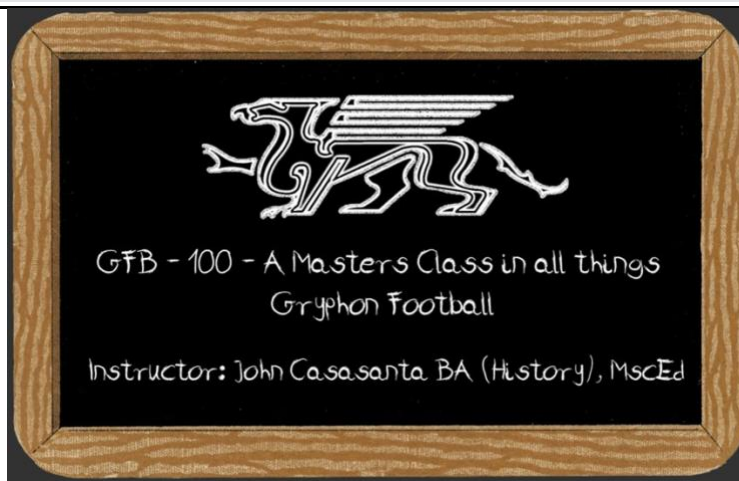
A quick update for our readers this month to let them know about an exciting competition within our off-season training.

The 1000 lb club with the Gryphon Football team is all about being able to accumulate that amount of weight between the bench press, conventional deadlift and power clean. Thank you to the Lang Innovation Team for purchasing these t-shirts for members of the club! We are looking forward to adding more players to the club throughout the off-season!



Pictured left to right: Mitchel Schechinger, Julian lamundo, Curtis Woodmansey, Nick Partchenko, Joseph Younes, Daniel Hocevar

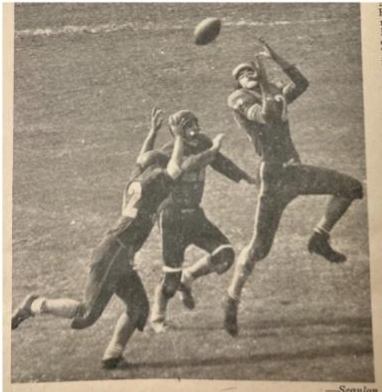
Mr. Casasanta's History Class



Welcome to GFB – 100. I hope you all enjoyed your holidays the first month of the New Year. I am your instructor John Casasanta, your resident Gryphon Football historian. GFB -100 is a master's class where we will delve into interesting and historical facts about all things Gryphon Football. Each month I will provide you with an interesting fact

about the Gryphon Football program. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any of your own facts or stats to add to this segment each month. Forward any information, stat, story or correction to me at jcasasan@uoguelph.ca. The monthly goal is that you find this section informative and educational. I look forward to sharing with you all, so without further ado, let's begin.

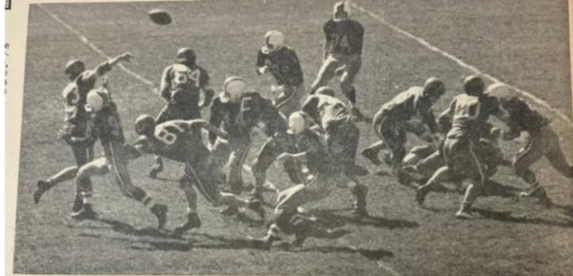
This month's lesson is more of a pictorial retrospective of Gryphon Football from 1960-1965. Thanks to the staff of the Ontario for allowing us access to every issue beginning in 1952 with the OAC Aggies then Redmen and right up to today's Gryphons'. I hope you enjoy this retrospective and for some of you I hope you enjoy seeing some of these great moments you were a part of. Enjoy.



—Seaton
End Pete Bright gets behind two Ryerson defenders to take Jim Wright's second quarters touchdown pass in Saturday's action.

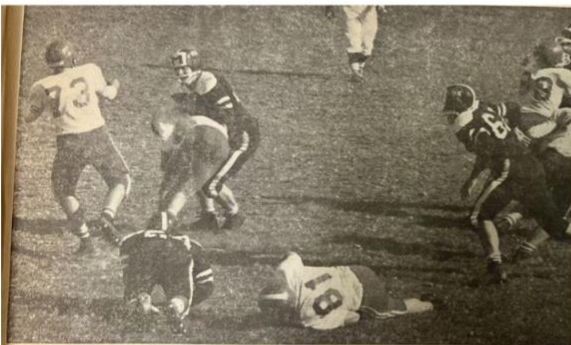
September 24th, 1960 vs. Ryerson

Tri-College Band Great Redmen Down Warriors 12-1



Waterloo Warriors put the big rush on pivot Jim Wright, just one of the reasons Redmen's highly touted pass attack fell flat.

October 1st, 1960 vs. Waterloo

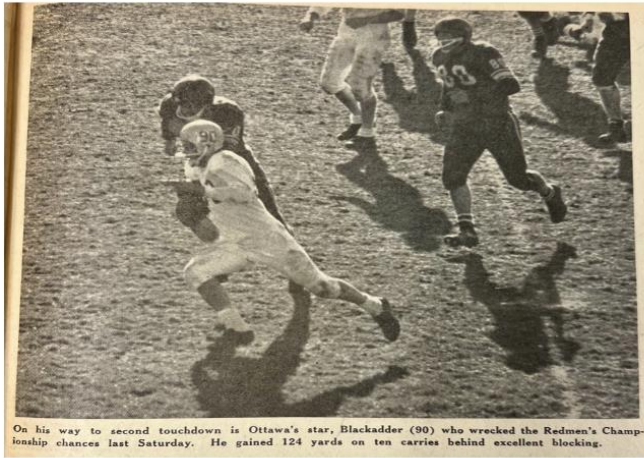


—Seaton
This pass thrown by Jim Wright was incomplete, but the offensive line cannot be faulted. Roy Peran (63), Larry Wessman (61), and an unidentified Redmen leave nothing to be desired in the way of blocking.

October 8th, 1960 vs McMaster



October 15th, 1960 vs. RMC - Homecoming



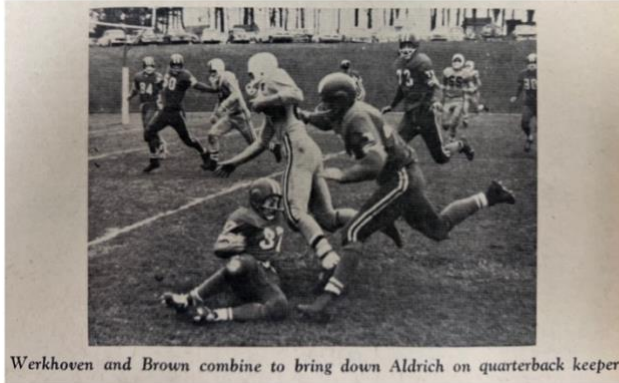
On his way to second touchdown is Ottawa's star, Blackadder (90) who wrecked the Redmen's Championship chances last Saturday. He gained 124 yards on ten carries behind excellent blocking.

October 29th, 1960 vs. Ottawa



But Tom . . .

Published November 2nd, 1960



Werkhoven and Brown combine to bring down Aldrich on quarterback keeper

October 28th, 1961 vs. Waterloo

Wildman Trophy??

The Wildman Trophy will again be presented by the Harris Abbatoir of Toronto in memory of the late Ted Wildman, O.A.C. '22, to a graduating student who has represented the College in Inter-collegiate football throughout his student days and who "exemplifies to the highest degree the characteristics of true sportsmanship, leadership, and gentlemanly conduct."

This year the Annual Wildman Banquet will be

A Tough Decision...

held on the evening of Feb. 23rd in the Physical Education Building Cafeteria. Members of the football team, associate dignitaries, past Wildman winners and the press will be present.

Several outstanding names must be considered for this year's recipient. John Henry, Harold Grunau, Dave Hume, Don Ward and Bob Lush have in the past years contributed in great measure to the success of Redmen football campaigns.

Published February 5th, 1961



John Henry (left) and Don Ward, 1961 winners of the Wildman Trophy

Published March 1, 1961



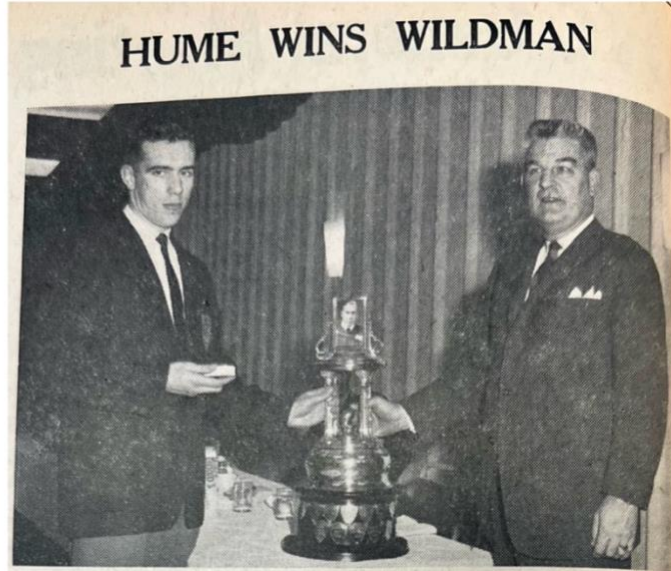
Left to right: Jim Godfrey, Larry Wassman, Ed Tieglar, Gil Farmer, Maurice Sauve, George Musgrove

Published October 13, 1961



On his way to second touchdown is Ottawa's star, Blackadder (90) who wrecked the Redmen's Championship chances last Saturday. He gained 124 yards on ten carries behind excellent blocking.

September 29th, 1962 vs. Ottawa



HUME WINS WILDMAN

Hume receives Wildman Trophy from Art Evans

Published January 24th, 1962



Dave Goslin (20) is dumped. On this play Dave twisted his neck and was forced to leave the game. (21) Harry Werkhoven looks on.

November 10th, 1963 vs. RMC



Harry Werkhoven (21) carries the ball after taking a Jim Olafson pass

November 10th, 1963 vs. RMC



Kukk (63), Hough (24), Raham (22) and Wismer (51) pave the way for Stevenson to score the game-winning touchdown in Saturday's 20-19 victory over RMC.

October 10th, 1964 vs. RMC



—Photo courtesy McMaster Silhouette
Paul Doigt grabs a Marauder near the Redmen goal line.

October 31st, 1964 vs. McMaster



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I want to thank Patrick Sutherland for his time and contribution to this month's lesson. Patrick was gracious enough to allow me access to the Ontario's archives. I am excited to be able to share 72 years of history with you with the help of Patrick and the staff of the Ontario. I look forward to seeing you next time when we discuss all things Gryphon Football. Class is dismissed.



Gryphons Gone Pro

This month's Gryphons Gone Pro feature is Parri Ceci. He was a part of the 1984 Vanier Cup Championship Team and went on to play for the Calgary Stampeders in the CFL.

Our media crew stumbled upon this [video recap](#) that highlights our Gryphon Gala from 2015. At this event we highlighted the 1984 Vanier team, be sure to check out the video!



Did you know that the city of Guelph is home to the Guelph Storm, the OHL hockey team?

The team recently acquired Patrick Leaver in a trade deal, who is the son of Gryphon alumni John Leaver, a 1992 Yates Cup Champion!

Welcome to Guelph, Patrick!



January was a busy month for our coaches as they continued their recruitment visits with new talent. Looking forward to announcing more commits over the next few months.

NAME	POSITION	HOMETOWN
Marshall McCray	QB	Welland, Ontario
Jaxson Zurby	WR	Port Dover, Ontario
Tristan Aboud	QB	Montreal, Quebec
Maddux Martin	DB	Guelph, Ontario



Gryphon Football Coaches Clinic – February 10th – 11th, 2023

- This 2-day coaching clinic is a great professional development opportunity for football coaches. Attendees will be learning from our Gryphon Football Staff and a few other special guests that will be announced in the New Year. [Register](#) now to secure your spot!

Gryphon Gala – May 6th, 2023

FOGF Golf Tournament – July 21st, 2023

Interested in becoming an FOGF Member? There are three different tiers to our memberships: Red, Black, and Gold. To find out more information about our memberships and what is involved in each level, please click here. For questions about the membership, please contact Bill Brown at brownw@uoguelph.ca



If you have any news or updates, we would be more than happy to share them in our upcoming newsletter. Please reach out to brownw@uoguelph.ca for any celebrations, announcements, or bereavements that you would like us to share.