



## **Corey Holmes**

Holmes was signed out of Mississippi Valley State University by the Saskatchewan Roughriders in 2001 and made only one appearance in this rookie season. However, 2002 was a breakthrough year for Corey as he led the team with 7 touchdowns, 1,035 kickoff return yards and 1,023 punt return yards. He was named a Western Division all-star, CFL Special Teams Player of the Year, and MVP of the Roughriders team as voted on by his teammates. And injury plagued 2003 season held Corey to just 10 games played but he came back in 2004 to lead the league with 2,704 combined yards including 635 rushing yards and 536 receiving yards.

The 2005 season was the best of Holmes' career as he collected 3,455 combined yards, 3<sup>rd</sup> all-time in CFL history and a Saskatchewan team record. He was named the league's Most Outstanding Special Teams Player, was a CFL all-star and was the Western nominee for Most Outstanding Player. He was nominated for the Tom Pate Award, given annually to the player who combines outstanding sportsmanship with significant contribution to his team and his community. Corey was also voted by the fans as the Riders Most Popular Player.

Unfortunately, his following season was an off-year for him and he was dealt to the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. In 2007 he was traded back to the Riders but was released due to team salary cap issues to end his career.

Holmes, a bold Christian his entire career, acknowledges that God had something else in mind for him.

He is the current mayor of Metcalfe Mississippi and speaks at churches and with youth groups as often as his schedule permits.

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