



## **Kerry Joseph**

Kerry Joseph is a very unique athlete in that he was an award winning quarterback in the CFL and a defensive back in the NFL. Most recently, Kerry QB'd the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL until the conclusion of the 2009 season. He was named the CFL's Most Outstanding Player in 2007 while leading the Saskatchewan Roughriders to victory in the Grey Cup. At the end of the season he had completed 267 of 459 passes for 4002 yards and 24 touchdowns. He also led all quarterbacks in the league in rushing with 737 yards on 90 attempts and 13 touchdowns.

In college, Joseph played quarterback for McNeese State University, leading his team to a 42-11 record and two Southland Conference titles during four seasons as a starter. He subsequently attended training camp for the Cincinnati Bengals in 1996, tried out as slot back for the Washington Redskins in 1998 and was picked up by the Seattle Seahawks where he played safety for four years until 2002.

Kerry made his way into the CFL as a quarterback and played for the Ottawa Renegades in 2003. In the 2005 season, he became the third quarterback- after Damon Allen and Tracy Ham- in Canadian Football League history to garner over 1000 rushing yards in a single season, finishing with 1006 yards, a great season for a running back let alone a QB!

After the 2005 season, the Renegades suspended operations and Kerry was selected first overall by Saskatchewan in the dispersal draft. On November 25, 2007 Joseph won the Grey Cup for the first time in his career. He was chosen as the first CFLPA Pro Player of the Year after fan voting during Grey Cup week. Kerry was traded to the Toronto Argonauts for the start of the 2008 season where he played for two seasons. After his release by the Boatmen, he signed with the Edmonton Eskimos and played there until 2013. He played one final season back in Saskatchewan before retiring.

Kerry was raised in a God-fearing home but didn't make a decision for God until the death of his father coupled with a divorce. He had been drinking heavily but in Christ there is new life and Joseph turned it all over to Him to become a new man. He was the recipient of Athlete in Actions Gord Barwell Award for faith, character & leadership.



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