



## **Michael “Pinball” Clemons**

Michael “Pinball” Clemons, former coach and player with the Toronto Argonauts Football Team of the CFL is every bit as dynamic on the speaker’s platform as he was on the gridiron. Michael is know by CFL fans a dazzling running back, kick returner and pass receiver who never failed to electrify the crowd with gravity-defying moves with the football. He set and still holds many pro football records.

Simply put, Clemons is the most prolific player in pro football history:

- He established all-time standards for all-purpose yardage in a career (25,402) and in a single season (3,840).
- He is the only player to surpass 5,000 career yards in four separate offensive categories.
- He is the only player to gain 1,000 yards in 3 separate categories in a single season (1997).
- He set a myriad of team records, including most pass receptions in a career (682) and in a single season (122).
- He was the CFL's outstanding player in 1990, a three-time Grey Cup champion (1991, 1996 and 1997) and the first Black pro football coach to win his league’s championship, the Grey Cup in this instance, having captured it in 2004.
- He was a two-time CFL all-star (1990,1997) and four-time Division all-star (1990, 1993, 1994, 1997).
- Inducted into the CFL Hall of Fame in 2008
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But there is so much more to Pinball than his on-field energy. At 5 foot 6 inches, he beat the odds to become not only a pro football player, but one of the elite of his sport all time. His autobiography, titled “All Heart” tells you how he achieved his success.

Audiences will come to realize that Michael wasn’t just high-energy on the field, but that energy has stayed with him off the field. He inspires and captivates his audiences with his story of his humble roots born to a single, loving parent and having to overcome every stereotype there is. At every level of football he encountered the same comment “too small” only to move to the next higher level and excel time and again. His story of perseverance, hard work, faith and a positive outlook leaves audiences inspired and motivated.

No matter the audience, from young to senior, Michael is our most sought after speaker.