



## **Damon Allen**

Damon Allen was voted into the CFL Hall of Fame in 2012. He quarterbacked for 23 seasons in the CFL for six different teams: Edmonton Eskimos, Ottawa Rough Riders, Hamilton Tiger-Cats, Memphis Mad Dogs, B.C. Lions, and the Toronto Argonauts. He finally walked away from the game he loves at age 44.

Damon holds a plethora of professional football records in addition to CFL records. His 72,381 yards passing makes him the second all-time leading passer in the history - CFL or NFL. In addition, he owns the following CFL records:

- Most passing attempts with 9,138
- Most completions with 5,158
- Longest pass completion at 109 yards
- Leading rusher among QB's with 11,920

Interestingly, his career rushing yardage ranks him only #3 in CFL players among all players and puts him 239 rushing yards fewer than brother Marcus who is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Damon is also one of only three quarterbacks in CFL history to rush for 1,000+ yards in a single season; the other two are Tracy Ham and Kerry Joseph.

In 2005, at the age of 42, Damon was named the CFL's Most Outstanding Player, the first time in his career he won the prestigious award. He is also a two-time Grey Cup MVP, and four time Grey Cup Winner.

Damon was a multi-talented athlete; he was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in Major League Baseball's annual draft. Damon signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates of Major League Baseball in 1993 and went to training camp with them in 1994, but chose to return to football.