



Buffs In The Canadian Football League



Player	Pos	At CU	In CFL	Seasons
Antonio Alfano	DL	2020	2024	1
Israel Artwine	DT	2018	2023	1
Sandy Armstrong	DE	1980-83	1984-87	4
Howard Ballage	WR	1976-78	1982	1
Charlie Battle	LB	1970-71	1975	1
Bryce Bobo	WR	2014-17	2019	1
Kevin Bowman	WR	1982	1987	1
Bubba Bridges	DL	1971-72	1973-75	3
Ron Brown	WR	1981-85	1986	1
Tony Brown	WR	2017-19	2020	1
Kenny Browne	OL	1990-94	1995	1
Gary Campbell	LB	1972-75	1976	1
Doug Carlson	DB	1974	1975-79, 83	6
Hugh Charles	RB	2004-07	2008-14	7
Toney Clemons	WR	2010-11	2015	1
Dennis Collier	CB	1992-93	1995	1
Ozell Collier	DB	1972-73	1974	1
Mark Cooney	LB	1971-73	1975	1
Mike E. Davis	S	1976-79	1980-81	2
Jordan Domineck	DE	2023	2024	1
Brian Dyet	DL	1990-93	1995	1
Kabion Ento	CB	2016-18	2023-25	3
John Farler	FB	1964-67	1968	1
J.J. Flannigan	WR/RB	1987-89	1992	1
Bill Frank	OT	1960-61	1962-76	15
Joe Garten	OL	1987-90	1994-95	2
Javon Green	WR	1996-2000	2004	1
Darian Hagan	QB	1988-91	1992-96	5
Marwan Hage	OL	2000-03	2004-13	10
Evan Harrington	FB	2010-11	2012	1
Bill Harris	RB	1960-63	1964	1
Edwin Harrison	OG	2004-07	2010-15	6
Greg Henderson	DB	2011-14	2016-17	2
Maurice Henriques	DB	1993-96	1997	1
Kerry Hicks	DT	1991-95	1998	1
James Hill	RB	1990-93	1994	1
Harry Javernick	OL	1952-55	1958-59	2
Homer Jenkins	DE	1953-55	1956	1
Kelley Johnson	WR	1983-84	1986	1
Ken Johnson	QB	1970-73	1978-82	5
Mustafa Johnson	DT	2018-21	2022-25	4
Sammy Joseph	DB	2003	2009-10	2
Jesse Kaye	QB	1962	1967	1
Ben Kelly	CB	1996-99	2005	1
Brian Kelsey	WR	1968	1971	1
Jeff Knapple	QB	1975-77	1981	1
Afolabi Laguda	DB	2015-17	2021	1
Bud Magrum	DL	1971-72	1973-74	2
Mark Mariscal	P	1998-2002	2004	1
Jerry McClurg	DL	1961-64	1965-66	2
Ron Merkerson	LB	1993-97	2002	1
Wally Merz	OL/DL	1953-56	1957	1
Steven Montez	QB	2015-19	2024	1
Darrin Muilenburg	OL	1986-89	1995-96	2
Chris Mulumba	DL	2017-18	2021-23	3
Stephane Nembot	OT	2012-15	2019	1
Kenneth Olugbode	LB	2013-16	2017	1
Travon Patterson	WR	2010	2011	1
Doug Payton	OL	1971-74	1978-82	5
Horace Perkins	OT	1974-76	1978	1
Lorne Richardson	DB	1969-72	1973-77	5
Tim Roberts	DB	1976-79	1980-83	4
Mel Semenko	DE	1958-60	1961-63	3
Bruce Smith	DL	1967-70	1972-79	8
George Smith	DE	1982-84	1985	1
Chuck Snowden	RB	1989-92	1995	1
Walter Stanley	WR	1980-81	1993-94	2
Bob Stransky	HB	1955-57	1958	1
Bill Symons	RB	1961-64	1966-73	8
Davion Taylor	ILB	2018-19	2024-25	2
Alex Tchangam	DE	2018-19	2023	1
Guy Thomas	DE	2020-22	2023	1

Player	Pos	At CU	In CFL	Seasons
Jeff Turcotte	OL	1972-74	1975-80	6
Eric Upton	DE	1972	1976-84	9
Larry Uteck	DB	1972	1974-80	7
Mark Vassett	P	2023-24	2025	1
Ruben Vaughan	DT	1975-78	1983	1
David Veikune	DE	2004	2012	1
Marcus Washington	DB	1995-98	2000-02	3
Thaddeus Washington	LB	2003-06	2008-09	2
Terry Wellesley	RB	1966-67	1970-76	7
David Williams	RB	1973-75	1976	1
Ted Woods	RB	1958-61	1964-69	5
Jake Zumbach	DE	1970-72	1974	1



Buffs In Recent Pro Spring Leagues



The following Buffs have taken part in recent professional spring leagues including the AAF (2019), the second version of the XFL (2020), the TSL (2021), the second version of the USFL (2022-23), the third version of the XFL (2023) and the currently active UFL, which combined the most recent versions of the XFL and USFL starting in 2024.

Player	Pos	At CU	In Spring Leagues	Leagues
Javier Edwards	DT	2017-18	2023	XFL (2023)
Drew Lewis	LB	2016-18	2020, 22-24	XFL (2020) USFL (2022) XFL (2023) UFL (2024)
Isaiah Lewis	DB	2017-22	2023	USFL (2023)
Phillip Lindsay	RB	2013-17	2023	XFL (2023)
Chance Lytle	OL	2017-21	2024-25	UFL (2024-25)
Ryan Moeller	S	2013-17	2019	AAF (2019)
Steven Montez	QB	2015-19	2023	XFL (2023)
Deji Olatoye	CB	2009-10	2019-20	AAF (2019) XFL (2020)
Kenneth Olugbode	LB	2013-16	2019	AAF (2019)
Derrion Rakestraw	S	2016-20	2023	USFL (2023)
Devin Ross	WR	2015-17	2022-25	USFL (2022-23) UFL (2024-25)
Nelson Spruce	WR	2012-15	2019-20	AAF (2019) XFL (2020)
Carson Wells	OLB	2017-21	2023-25	XFL (2023) UFL (2024-25)
Evan Worthington	SS	2014-18	2022-23	USFL (2022-23)



Buffs In Defunct Pro Football Leagues



AFL

(Atlantic Football League; 1934)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
George Grosvenor	HB/DB	1931-33	1934	1

AFA

(American Football Association, 1936-41)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Abe Levine	OL	1935-38	1939	1

Independent

(Independent teams were more regular in the early days of the NFL, prior to the 1940s)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Abe Levine	OL	1935-38	1941	1

PCFL

(Pacific Coast Football League, 1940-48)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Bill Mitchell	E	1942	1944-45	2

AFL

(American Football League; 1960-69; merged with the NFL to become the AFC in 1970; players that played in the AFL and NFL have their AFL seasons listed in the NFL team-by-team breakdown)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Dick Anderson	S	1965-67	1968-69	2
Estes Banks	RB	1964-66	1967-68	2
Frank Bernardi	DB/HB	1952-54	1960	1
John Denvir	OG	1959-61	1962	1
Bill Fairband	LB	1964-66	1967-68	2
Charles Greer	DB	1965-67	1968-69	2
Gary Henson	E	1959-62	1964	1
Bob McCullough	OG	1959-61	1962-65	4
Mike Montler	OL	1966-68	1969	1
Jim Perkins	OT	1959-61	1962-64	3
Mike Schnitker	OG	1966-68	1969	1
Bob Stransky	HB	1955-57	1960	1
Tony Stricker	DB	1961-62	1963	1
Teddy Washington	RB	1963	1968	1

ACFL

(Atlantic Coast Football League, 1962-71)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Jack Zumbach	DE	1970-72	1974	1

ACFL

(Atlantic Coast Football League; 1962-71)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Dave Garvin	DB	1956-59	1963-64	2
Bill Harris	RB	1960-63	1964	1
George Jartos	OL	1960	1964-65	2
Noble Milton	FB	1960-63	1964-67	4
Bill Scribner	OL	1957-60	1963	1
Teddy Washington	RB	1963	1970	1

COFL

(Continental Football League; 1965-69)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Jesse Kaye	QB	1962	1968	1
Rocky Martin	DL/LB	1965-68	1969	1
Leon Mavity	DB	1960-63	1965-69	5
Bernie McCall	QB	1963-66	1968	1
Noble Milton	FB	1960-63	1969	1
Kerry Mottl	LB/P	1964-67	1968	1
Norm Patera	FB	1963-64	1967	1
Teddy Washington	RB	1963	1969	1

PFLA

(Pro Football League of America, 1965-67)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Roland Jones	DB	1960-61	1965-66	2

TFL

(Texas Football League, 1966-71)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Jim Gannon	OL	1958	1967	1

WFL

(World Football League, 1974-75)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Charlie Battle	LB	1970-71	1974-75	2
Bubba Bridges	DL	1971-72	1975	1
Lennie Ciuffo	LB	1970-73	1974	1
Jim Cooch	S	1967-70	1974	1
Harvey Goodman	OG	1972-74	1975	1
Steve Haggerty	WR	1972-73	1975	1
Ken Johnson	QB	1970-73	1974	1
Scott Mahoney	OL	1968-71	1975	1
Rocky Martin	DL/LB	1965-68	1974	1
Carl Taibi	DL	1968-71	1974-75	2

USFL

(United States Football League, 1983-85)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Howard Ballage	WR	1976-78	1983	1
Mike DeRose	LB	1979-80	1983	1
Steve Doolittle	LB	1977-80	1984	1
Kevin Hood	LB	1980-82	1984	1
Greg Horton	OG/C	1971-73	1983-84	2
Terry Irvin	OLB	1980-83	1985	1
Vic James	WR	1979-81	1983-84	2
Jesse Johnson	DB	1976-79	1984	1
Kelley Johnson	WR	1983-84	1985	1
Ken Johnson	QB	1970-73	1983-84	2
Richard Johnson	WR	1981-82	1983-85	3
Jeff Knapple	QB	1975-77	1983	1
Doug Krahenbuhl	LB	1978-81	1984	1
Bo Matthews	RB	1971-73	1983-84	2
James Mayberry	RB	1975-78	1983-84	2
Matt Miller	OT/OG	1975-78	1984-85	2
Bob Nizolek	TE	1976-80	1983-85	3
Lance Olander	RB/P	1977-80	1983	1
Doug Payton	OL	1971-74	1984	1
Craig Penrose	QB	1971-72	1983-84	2
Pete Perry	DE	1980-81	1983-84	2
Bill Roe	LB	1976-79	1983-85	3
Mark Shoop	DE	1979-82	1984	1
Laval Short	NT	1976-79	1983-84	2
Ruben Vaughan	DT	1975-78	1985	1



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NFL-E/WLAF

(National Football League-Europe; World League of American Football; WLAF 1991-92, 1995-97; NFL Europe 1998-2007)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Rashidi Barnes	DB	1996-99	2002-03	2
Tony Berti	OT	1993-94	2000	1
J'Juan Cherry	CB	1995	2003	1
Shane Cook	OL	1996-99	2001	1
Keith English	P	1985-88	1992	1
J.J. Flannigan	WR/RB	1987-89	1991	1
Joe Garten	OL	1987-90	1996-97	2
Garry Howe	NT	1989-90	1992, 95-97	4
Tim James	S	1988-90	1992	1
Fred Jones	OLB	1996-99	2003	1
Vance Joseph	DB	1991-94	1999	1
James Kidd	WR	1992-96	1998-99	2
Matt Lepsis	OT	1993-96	1998	1
Matt McChesney	DT/OT	2001-04	2007	1
Derek McCoy	WR	1999-2003	2005	1
Chris McLemore	RB	1982-83	1992	1
John Minardi	WR	1998-2001	2003	1
Ben Nichols	OG	1995-98	2000	1
Erik Norgard	OG/C	1987-88	1992	1
Craig Ochs	QB	2000-04	2006	1
Ryan Olson	LB	1993-97	1999	1
Robbie Robinson	S	1999-2001	2003	1
Steve Rosga	S	1992-96	1999	1
Tom Rouen	P	1988-90	1992	1
Brandon Southward	ILB	1995-98	2000	1
Ryan Sutter	FS	1995-97	2000	1
Sam Taulealea	DL	1999-2000	2006	1
Drew Wahlroos	ILB	1999-2002	2004	1
Art Walker	DT	1986-89	1991	1
Jesse Warren	DE	1996-99	2001-03	3
Derek West	OT	1990-94	1998	1
Sam Wilder	OT	2001-04	2006	1
Ron Woolfork	LB	1990-93	1996-97	2

XFL

(2001)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Toni Berti	OT	1993-94	2001	1
James Kidd	WR	1992-96	2001	1
Ron Merkerson	LB	1993-97	2001	1
Ben Nichols	OG	1995-98	2001	1
Damen Wheeler	DB	1996-99	2001	1

UFL

(United Football League; 2009-12)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
Tyson DeVree	TE	2003-07	2010	1

Arena

(All Arena leagues, listed where data is available, likely incomplete)

Player	Pos	At CU	In Pro Leagues	Seasons
J.J. Billingsley	S	2002-06	2007-08	2
Cliff Branch	WR	1970-71	1988	1
Darrin Chiaverini	WR	1995-98	2004-06	3
Shannon Clavelle	DE	1992-94	2003	1
Elton Davis	CB	1994-97	2001	1
Kent Davis	S	1980-84	1988, 93	2
Akarika Dawn	LB	2002-05	2007	1
Mark Fenton	C	2003-06	2009	1
Javon Green	WR	1996-2000	2003	1
George Hemingway	FB	1987-90	1994	1
Garry Howe	NT	1989-90	1995-2000	6
Junior Ili	OL	1981-85	1991-98	8
Cortlen Johnson	RB	1998-2001	2004-06	3
Vance Joseph	DB	1991-94	1999	1
Ben Kelly	CB	1996-99	2004	1
Vaka Manupuna	DT	2002-05	2008	1
Derek McCoy	WR	1999-2003	2007	1
Ron Monteith	WR	2001-04	2006	1
Gary Moore	OL	2002-05	2007-08	2
Darrin Muilenburg	OL	1986-89	1992	1
Gabe Nyenhuis	DE	2002-03	2007-08	2
Bobby Pesavento	QB	2000-01	2003-05	3
Phil Savoy	WR	1994-97	2000	1
Victor Scott	DB	1980-83	1991-92	2
Dusty Sprague	WR	2003-07	2008	1
Clyde Surrell	LB	2000-03	2007	1
Duke Tobin	QB	1992-93	1994-95	2
Terry Washington	CB	2005-06	2008	1
Damen Wheeler	DB	1996-99	2003-08	6
Terrence Wood	DB	1998-2001	2005	1

DID YOU KNOW?... Richard Johnson ('82) led the USFL in receiving in both 1984 and 1985? As a member of the Houston Gamblers, he lined up at slot back and caught 115 passes for 1,455 yards (12.7 avg.) and 15 touchdowns in 1984; the 115 catches at the time was a pro football record. In '85, he caught 103 balls for 1,384 yards (13.4 per) with 14 touchdowns. That's 218 receptions for 2,839 yards and 29 TDs; after the league folded, he went on to play in the NFL for Washington (1987) and Detroit (1989-90), where he would make 135 receptions for 1,823 yards (13.5 avg.) with 14 touchdowns.



Buffs In Other Pro Drafts



Other Collegiate Drafts

Name	Pos (D#)	Season	Lge	Team (Pick for Team)	Rd	Over
Jim Smith	T	1947	AAFC	Brooklyn Dodgers	11	83
Gus Shannon	G	1947	AAFC	Brooklyn Dodgers	15	115
Tex Reilly	B	1947	AAFC	Florida Seahawks	24	163
Bob Salerno	G	1960	AFL	Boston Patriots	—	—
Mel Semenko	E	1960	AFL	Denver Broncos	—	—
Jerry Steffen	HB	1961	AFL	New York Titans	16	125
Chuck Weiss	FB	1961	AFL	Denver Broncos	17	129
Jerry Hillebrand	LB	1962	AFL	Denver Broncos	2	10
Gale Weidner	QB	1962	AFL	Denver Broncos	10	74
Jim Perkins	OT	1962	AFL	Denver Broncos	21	162
Mike Woulfe	LB	1962	AFL	San Diego Chargers	26	208
Claude Crabb	CB	1962	AFL	Buffalo Bills	27	212
Gary Henson	E	1962	AFL	Houston Oilers	28	223
John Denvir	G	1962	AFL	San Diego Chargers	30	240
Dan Grimm	G	1963	AFL	Denver Broncos	20	157
Bill Frank	T	1963	AFL	San Diego Chargers	24	186
Leon Mavity	RB	1963	AFL	Buffalo Bills	28	220
Jerry McClurg	T	1964	AFL	New York Jets	25	194
Stan Irvine	T	1965	AFL	Kansas City Chiefs	16	126
Bill Symons	RB	1965	AFL	Kansas City Chiefs	20	157
Frank Rogers	K	1966	AFL	Denver Broncos	16	139
Bo Matthews	RB	1974	WFL	Memphis Southmen	1	4
Jon Keyworth	RB	1974	WFL	The Hawaiians	4	40
J.V. Cain	TE	1974	WFL	Portland Storm	5	54
Charlie Davis	RB	1974	WFL	Chicago Fire	6	63
Greg Horton	T	1974	WFL	The Hawaiians	7	81
Bill McDonald	C	1974	WFL	Memphis Southmen	12	141
Mark Sens	DT	1974	WFL	Philadelphia Bell	17	200
Fred Lima	K	1974	WFL	The Hawaiians	22	256
Randy Geist	DB	1974	WFL	The Hawaiians	27	321
Ken Johnson	QB	1974	WFL	Portland Storm	34	403
Lee Rouson	RB	1985	USFL	New Jersey Generals	1	11
Dan McMillen	LB	1986	USFL	New Jersey Generals	3	18
Lyle Pickens	DB	1986	USFL	Orlando Renegades	3	20
Ron Brown	WR	1986	USFL	New Jersey Generals	6	40
Derek West	OT	2001	XFL	Los Angeles Xtreeme	3	17
Toni Berti	OT	2001	XFL	NJ/NY Hitmen	4	26
Ron Merkerson	LB	2001	XFL	NJ/NY Hitmen	15	119
Phil Savoy	WR	2001	XFL	NJ/NY Hitmen	21	167
Damen Wheeler	CB	2001	XFL	NJ/NY Hitmen	22	170
Ben Nichols	OL	2001	XFL	San Francisco Demons	25	198
Rashaan Salaam	RB	2001	XFL	Memphis Maniax	26	206
Nelson Spruce	WR	2020	XFL	Los Angeles Wildcats	3	24
(Phase 1, skill players)						
Drew Lewis	LB	2020	XFL	Houston Roughnecks	10	75
(Phase 3, defensive front seven)						
Delrick Abrams	CB	2022	USFL	Tampa Bay Bandits	8	61
(No. 1 pick for CB part of the draft, which began in round 8).						
Drew Lewis	OLB	2022	USFL	Houston Gamblers	31	252
(No. 18 pick for OLB part of the draft, which began in round 29)						
Brady Russell	TE	2023	USFL	Houston Gamblers	8	58
Steven Montez	QB	2023	XFL	Seattle Sea Dragons		
(QB Allocations, Phase 0, Tier 1 of draft)						
Kary Kutsch	OL	2023	XFL	Houston Roughnecks	6	48
(Phase 4: Offensive Line)						

Speciality Drafts

Pick	Name	Pos (D#)	Season	Lge	Team (Pick for Team)	Rd	Over
Frank Clarke	E	1960	NFLE	Dallas Cowboys(Browns)			
Dan Grimm	OG	1966	NFLE	Atlanta Falcons (Packers)			
Ralph Heck	LB	1966	NFLE	Atlanta Falcons (Eagles)			
Bubba Bridges	DT	1976	NFLE	Tampa Bay (Broncos)			
Walt Clay	FB	1950	AAFLD	Cleveland Browns (Dons)			
Ray Cone	LB	1983	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Richard Johnson	RB	1983	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Robert Johnson	DB	1983	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Mark Shoop	DE	1983	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Sandy Armstrong	LB	1984	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Jeff Donaldson	DB	1984	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Dave Hestera	TE	1984	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Terry Irvin	LB	1984	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Vince Rafferty	DE	1984	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Clyde Riggins	DB	1984	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Victor Scott	DB	1984	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Art Chirte	LB	1985	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Kelley Johnson	WR	1985	USFLT	Denver Gold			
Bill Brundige	DT	1974	WFLP Wash. Ambassadors (RS)	2	24		
John Tarver	RB	1974	WFLP Detroit Wheels (Patriots)	17	198		
Bobby Anderson	RB	1974	WFLP Chicago Fire (Broncos)	38	448		
Ryan Moeller	S	2020	XFLS	Dallas Renegades			
Devin Ross	WR	2022	USFLS	Michigan Panthers	S8	338	
(No. 57 pick in the supplemental draft which began at pick 281 overall)							
Carson Wells	LB	2023	XFLS	St. Louis BattleHawks	9	62	
Devin Ross	WR	2023	XFLS	San Antonio Brahmas	17	90	