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### Gerald Wilcox – Athlete – Legend

- Born in London, July 8, 1966
- Attended Princess Elizabeth Elementary School and South Secondary School
- Excellent all-round athlete – 10-time London gold medalist in shot put, long jump and triple jump; 10-time WOSSA gold medalist in long jump and triple jump; OFSSA 10-time competitor in long jump and triple jump, 2-time high school hockey scoring champion, London high school football champion
- Outstanding hockey player – drafted by London Knights in 1983 in the 17<sup>th</sup> round
- Attended Weber State University (Utah) from 1985 to 1989 on football scholarship
- Was a 4-year starter at tight end, earned 3-time All Big Sky Team awards and was a 2-time Honourable Mention All American
- First overall pick in 1989 Canadian Football League draft by Ottawa Rough Riders
- Played for 3 seasons (1989-91) for Rough Riders
- Traded to Winnipeg Blue Bombers in 1992 where he achieved his greatest success, playing primarily the slot back position
- For 3 years was leading receiver for the Blue Bombers
- Known as a “big target with soft hands and good speed”
- Was favorite target of quarterback Matt Dunigan
- Had 79 receptions for 1,340 yards in 10 touchdowns in 1993, 111 receptions for 1,624 yards and 13 touchdowns in 1994 and 69 catches for 1,024 yards and 5 touchdowns in 1995
- 2-time finalist for outstanding Canadian, winning in 1994
- Was a league all-star in 1994 and an East Division All-Star in 1993 and 1994
- Injuries limited him to just 4 games in 1996 and in 1997 was traded to Calgary Stampeders
- After playing 2 games he retired, amassing 356 passes for 5,478 yards and 36 touchdowns during his career
- Was a finalist for 1994 Manitoba Male Athlete of the Year
- Was inducted into the Winnipeg Football Club Hall of Fame in 2001
- During his 5 seasons with Winnipeg, he also practised with the Winnipeg Jets of the National Hockey League