



Adrion Smith

Only five other men played more games for the Toronto Argonauts than defensive back Adrion “Pee Wee” Smith. A stalwart in the defensive secondary from 1996 to 2005, Adrion was a six-time Division All-Star and a two-time All-Canadian. He was also the Grey Cup with the team three times – 1996, 1997 and 2004. He tied an Argo record in 2005 when he returned his fifth career interception for a touchdown against the Tiger-Cats. Smith also holds the record for the longest kick return for a touchdown in the history of the Grey Cup game.

Adrion played 12 seasons in the CFL, ten of them with the Argonauts. He also played one season for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and one for the Memphis Mad Dogs at the time when the CFL tried an ill-fated expansion into the southern United States. Adrion has also become a stalwart within the community. His generous commitment to charities, like Easter Seals, makes him a powerful role model for the citizens of Toronto. Pee Wee is also an ambassador for the Argonauts flag-ship program, Huddle-Up Against Bullying and is a fan favorite for the Courtside Boatmen, the Argos charity basketball squad.



After his playing career ended, Adrion was a radio analyst for the Argos in 2007 and a CFL analyst on Rogers Sportsnet in 2008. The long-time Argo attended Southwest Missouri State and was born in Kansas City, Missouri. In 2008, he was inducted into the Missouri State Athletics Hall of Fame. Adrion loved his new home in Canada enough to become a Canadian citizen.

Adrion is the son of a pastor and accepted Christ as his Saviour at a young age. His father always quoted Philippians 4:13 to his son in times of trial – I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Smith has spoken to many church groups of all ages and his transparency, sincerity and big smile always lets people know that Christ reigns in his life.

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