

Myer & Jack Budovitch Memorial Award



Dan McCullough

The Fredericton area has produced many fine high school football players over the past two decades. Many have gone on to have productive university careers as well. Dan McCullough has taken it one step further.

The Fredericton High School product spent five seasons at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec, where he was a Humanities major. He also spent five seasons at defensive end for the Gaiters football team. That's where he first caught the attention of the BC Lions of the Canadian Football league.

The six foot-three, 243 pound special teams player and backup defensive end is entering his fourth full season with the Lions. McCullough has played 54 consecutive games and has 17 career special teams tackles. He also serves as the team's long snapper- a position that does not lead itself to statistics. But his worth to the team was described this way on the Lions official website:

"Dan is a great example of a CFL player willing to do whatever it takes to make the club. Although he was undrafted, Dan brought a positive attitude and strong work ethic with him to training camp in 2007. And after making the club, has kept up the same attitude...."

McCullough's consistency as the club's long snapper on punts and field goals is a big reason the team did not have one blocked kick all of last season. That earned him a contract extension from the team. Dan McCullough has one other distinction- He's the only New Brunswicker currently on a C-F-L active roster. That makes him a perfect choice for Fredericton's Athlete of the year.

