

# **PAT TRACEY JR.**

Inductee

Belleville Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2022

Athlete/Builder, Football

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You could say that Pat Tracey lives and breathes football. In fact, it would be an understatement, and his four-decade career record is the proof. This Belleville native was a standout athlete in both football and track while attending Centennial Secondary (Sports HOF-1989). Elevating his game at the university level, Tracey started at defensive back with the University of Guelph from 1982 through 1986, winning the Vanier Cup in 1984. Notably, he set the Gryphons' record for most games played in a career (51), captained the team in 1986, and was named to the 1980s team of the decade. On the sidelines, Pat's ability to prepare future CFL players has earned him accolades as one of Canada's top defensive specialists. He began coaching with his alma mater from 1987-97 and 1999, as both the defensive coordinator and special teams coordinator. He coached in three Yates Cup finals with the Gryphons, winning two. Tracey was also the special teams coordinator in the CFL with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the 1998 Grey Cup finalist Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Next, Tracey lent his talents to the Queen's football squad for over a decade, where he served as defensive coordinator, and special teams coach. In 2008, he was instrumental in leading Queen's to an undefeated regular season, culminating in the 2009 Vanier Cup championship. He coached with Team Canada, capturing a gold medal at the 2007 NFL Global Juniors in Miami, Florida, and won a Silver medal at the 2011 IFAF World Senior's in Vienna, Austria. Since 2016, Tracey has held the role of defensive coordinator with the UBC football program where he collected his third Vanier Cup title in 2015. Tracey's overall defensive record includes: 145 career wins, 100 conference All-Stars, 40 CFL draft picks, 37 All-Canadians, 14 career shutouts and 12 number one ranked conference units. And counting. Tracey is an honoured team member of the University of Guelph Sports Hall of Fame and the Queen's Football Hall of Fame, and an individual member of the Quinte West Sports Hall of Fame. For a lifetime of dedication to his sport, the Belleville Sports Hall of Fame proudly honours Pat Tracey.