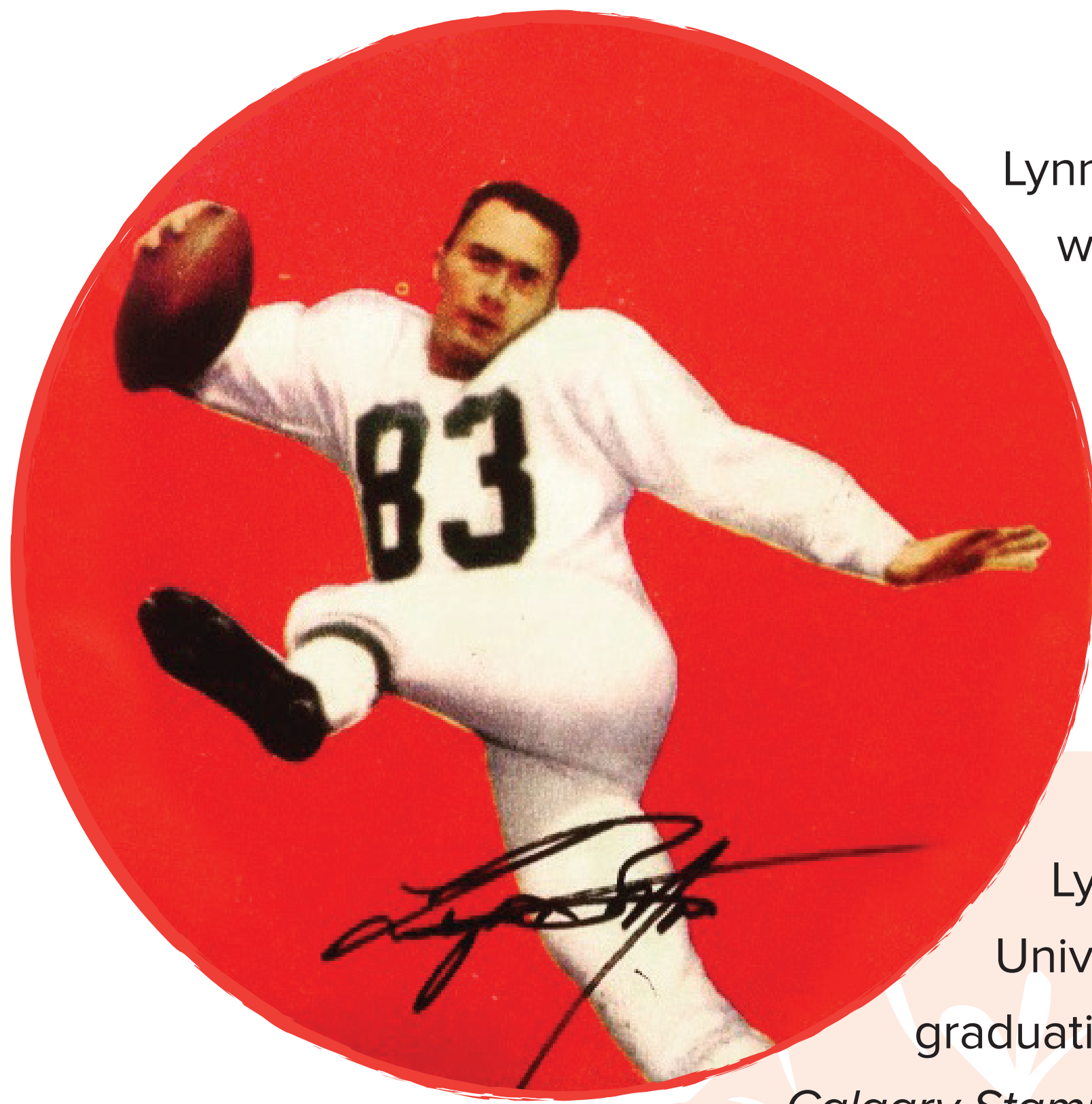


Fine Athlete – Fine Teacher

Lynn Bottoms



Lynn Bottoms was an award winning defensive back and halfback who played in the Canadian Football League for ten seasons, from 1954 to 1963. **Bottoms was a small man by football standards but was oh so rugged, by any standard.**

Lynn was a graduate of the University of Washington and after graduation signed with his hometown *Calgary Stampeders*. In that first year

he won the Dr. Beattie Martin Trophy for Best Canadian Rookie in the West with 379 yards rushing, 368 yards receiving and one interception for a touchdown.

In 1955 he led the *Stamps* in rushing with 402 yards. That same year Lynn **averaged over 58 of the 60 minutes of playing time per game**, in the era when many players played on both sides of the ball, offence and defence. He had the honour of representing the Western Canadian Football League in **three Shrine All Star Games**.

In 1960 he was traded to the *Toronto Argonauts*, and remained with them until 1963, playing in 40 regular season games and 5 playoff games. Over his ten year career with Calgary and Toronto, Lynn rushed for 1,560 yards, caught 96 passes and had 12 interceptions.

After retiring from football, Lynn and his family **moved to the Cobourg area and Lynn became a welding/tech teacher** at Cobourg District Collegiate East from the mid 1960s until the late 1980s. He was a **much loved and respected teacher** while at the school and, of course, was heavily involved as a coach in their football program.

Lynn also became very involved in local sports, playing fastball, old timers hockey and golf. **He had only one speed** in any of his athletic endeavours - **“Full Out”**. He was fun to be around.

Lynn Bottoms died of a heart infection on December 22, 1995.

