



On Friday July 25th the BC Lions football club was proud to announce that they would be retiring Geroy Simon's number 81 and that he would also be inducted into the BC Lions ring of honour when the Lions would take on the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Geroy Simon started his career with the Blue Bombers, but was then later traded to the Lions. The 14 year veteran won 3 Grey Cups with BC and had one last season with the Saskatchewan Roughriders

before retiring. Geroy Simon also happens to be the all-time leader in receiving yards.

The retirement ceremony was a very special night for all of us fans who knew Geroy Simon, aka Superman, because Geroy Simon played a key role both with the Lions and in many different community events around Vancouver and the lower mainland.

I remember clearly my first BC Lions practice. I told Geroy I would like to have a pair of receiver gloves just like the

ones he was wearing. Without knowing, Geroy went back into the locker room and gave me a pair of gloves, and believe me, I was shocked he would give me such a thing.

Geroy Simon was my favorite player on the Lions because every time he scored a touchdown, he would do the superman pose. This is where his nickname, "Superman", would come from.

I had so many great memories watching and talking to Geroy Simon. It was a very sad day for me when I had heard Geroy Simon was leaving me and the Lions for the Roughriders. I said to myself, "how could this be possible?" but I always knew his heart was with the BC Lions. Once you're a Lion, you're always a lion, no matter what team you go to play for.

I was so thrilled to be at the game that Geroy Simon's number would be retired. Unfortunately the Lions lost to Winnipeg 23-6 but I always remember this night because I got to see Geroy Simon's number 81 get retired. There will only be one Superman Geroy Simons to ever play in the CFL and for the BC Lions!

