

Williams is back at work

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Former Appalachian State University quarterback Richie Williams, who led the Mountaineers to their first national title in 2005, has a new job.

Williams, who was released by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League last month, has signed a free-agent contract with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the CFL.

Williams is in the running for the starting quarterback job for the Bombers, who were a huge bust last fall after reaching the Grey Cup championship game two years ago. The Bombers, members of the Eastern Conference, were 8-10 last fall and lost to Edmonton in the opening round of the playoffs.

Williams, who spent three years with Hamilton has completed 60% of his passes, he's thrown for 2,077 yards, 11 touchdowns with nine interceptions. In turn, he ran for 531 yards in his career with two touchdowns. Brian Randall of Virginia Tech, James Killian of Tulsa and Stefan LaFors of Louisville are also in the running for the starting quarterback job in Winnipeg.

The Bombers will play their exhibition opener at Hamilton, Richie's old team, on June 17th; their season opener will be at Edmonton on July 2nd.