

## Riders Extend Durant

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The Saskatchewan Roughriders have extended quarterback Darian Durant's contract — through to 2016. Durant, who played at the University of North Carolina, led the Riders to a Grey Cup championship last year. He was signed to a new multi-year contract. Durant's previous contract was set to expire at the end of the 2014 season.

Durant passed for 245 yards and three touchdowns in last year's 45-23 Grey Cup victory over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Durant established school freshman records at UNC with 17 touchdown passes, 142 completions, 1843 passing yards and 1971 yards of total offense. His freshman records for passing yards and completions were broken in 2007 by T.J. Yates. During his freshman season, Durant was named Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Rookie of the Week five times. He finished second overall in ACC Rookie of the Year voting to Florida State quarterback Chris Rix. As a freshman, Durant split time with Ronald Curry, helping the team to a victory in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl. He was awarded the Jeffrey Cowell Memorial Award as the team's top freshman.

After his college career, Durant was one of the most accomplished athletes in UNC history. He held 51 offensive records at the school. During his sophomore season, Durant set the school's single game record for passing yards with 417 during a victory against Arizona State. In his junior year, he set single season records with 389 passing attempts, 234 completions and 2,551 passing yards. Durant had set UNC records with 1,159 passing attempts, 701 completions, 68 passing touchdowns, 8,755 passing yards and 9,630 yards of total offense.

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