

Mexican kicker goes from Borregos to Toronto Argonauts



Tec graduate Alfredo Gachúz's field goal record is 62 yards

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Alfredo Gachúz

At the **age of 8**, he wore a **football jersey** for the first time, and he would never be far from a football again from that moment on.

Now a kicker for **Canadian team** the Toronto [Argonauts](#) in the [Canadian Football League](#) (CFL) and recognized as the **best player** in the **Steelers** kicker clinic, **Alfredo Gachúz**, a Tec graduate from the **State of Mexico campus**, shared his experience as a **professional athlete**.

*"If you want to achieve your goal, **you have to do it with love**. It's the only way to get there. You have to be willing to make **sacrifices** and put aside your personal and family life.*

*“My ultimate goal is to **make it to the NFL**; I know I have the skills to do that. I’ve known I can make it ever since the time I played for the **Tec Borregos** team. I will play football as long as **my body allows me to**,” he said.*

With an effectiveness of **85%** in the last three years and a **personal record of 62 yards** for his longest kick, Alfredo wants to consolidate his sports career in the **CFL**, and later aim for an **opportunity** in the [National Football League](#) (NFL).



Steelers Clinic

The Tec **Civil Engineering** graduate, who also has a master’s in **Education** from the State of Mexico campus, was invited to the **Steelers’ team clinic** while he was playing for the **Raptors** as part of the Mexican Professional American Football League ([LFA](#) for its initials in Spanish).

Organized by the **Steelers, NFL Mexico, and the LFA**, the clinic gave invited players the chance to practice with former professional NFL players such as **Mexican Raul Allegre Rodriguez** and Canadian **Shaun Suisham**.

*“The clinic allowed us to **learn and polish details**, as well as receive **feedback** and listen to the **experiences** of these great former players.*

*“One of the **challenges** was to make a **58-yard kick**, which I managed to do. **Raul, Shaun, and Mark**, a Steelers scout, provided me with an overall **evaluation** and concluded that I was the **best performer** at the camp.*

*“At the end, they presented me with a Steelers **award** for being the clinic’s **best player**,” Alfredo said.*

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Toronto Argonauts

Now a kicker for the Canadian **Toronto Argonauts** team, Alfredo highlighted the **long road to get there, which involved a lot of hard work**.

*“It all started to take shape when I was **playing in the LFA**. In 2018, I realized that I wasn’t that far behind the **level** of kickers in the United States. **I worked harder, got better**, and finished well in my major league to get the **exposure** I needed.*

*“The opportunity came with ‘[Mexican Stars](#)’, which was the first draft between Mexico and Canada, as a **partnership** between the LFA and the CFL.”*

Alfredo had decided by that time that he would first **finish his master’s degree** and the **LFA** season, and then aim for opportunities in Canada.

*“Then I applied to the **global draft** and a few other clinics. The **Argonauts** already had me on their radar and that’s how **I ended up being drafted** by the Canadian team,” he said.*



Gachúz also shared that right now one of his **biggest challenges** is to earn his place in the **CFL** with the Argonauts.

*"It's a very long season and **I need to be ready at all times**, as I'm not a starting kicker at the moment. However, anything can happen, and I'm **committed** to playing my part in the team.*

*"I'm here to **earn my place** and give my best for the **trust** they put in me, through good performances in training, **being proactive**, and being ready for anything," he said.*

The Mexican player and Tec graduate concluded by saying that his path over the coming years is clear.

*"I want to become **a high-performance athlete in the CFL**. My intention is to **learn** for two years here, then spend three more **solidifying my career**. As I enter my 30s, I will look for the opportunity to join a team **in the NFL**," he concluded.*

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