

1922 ALL-PROS

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An unbroken string of All-Pro teams stretches from 1922 to now. It was in 1922 that the loose American Professional Football Association became the National Football League, a tighter organization destined to endure. Two of the NFL's leading figures memorialized the debut season with All-Pro selections.

George Halas picked a team which appeared in several mid-western newspapers. As a fine end, coach and co-owner of the Chicago Bears, and an influential voice in league affairs, Halas already had a reputation as an expert on pro football.

first team

E- Guy Chamberlin, Can
E- Luke Urban, Buf
T- Wilbur Henry, Can
T- Hugh Blacklock, ChiB
G- Herb Stein, Tol
G- Ed Healey, RI-ChiB
C- Joe Alexander, Roc
Q- Tommy Hughitt, Buf
H- Paddy Driscoll, ChiC
H- Pete Stinchcomb, ChiB
F- Rip King, Akr

second team

E- Eddie Anderson, ChiC
E- Tillie Voss, RI
T- Russ Hathaway, Day
T- Fred Gillies, ChiC
G- Hunk Anderson, ChiB
G- Al Nesser, Akr
C- Jim Flower, Akr
Q- Benny Boynton, Roch
H- Dutch Sternaman, ChiB
H- Curly, Lambeau
F- Jim Laird, Buf

Sources: Green Bay *Press Gazette*, December 16, 1922; Columbus *Dispatch*, December 17, 1922; Dayton *Journal*, December 19, 1922; Canton *Daily News*, December 19, 1922 (first team only)

One surprising aspect of Halas' selections is the appearance of only two Canton players, Guy Chamberlin and Wilbur Henry, despite the Bulldogs' undefeated championship season.

Another 1922 honor roll was chosen by Guy Chamberlin, star end and coach of the Bulldogs. Chamberlin made up for Halas' neglect by picking five of his Canton players for the first team and two more for honorable mention.

first team

E- Eddie Anderson, ChiC
E- Bird Carroll, Can
T- Wilbur Henry, Can
T- Steamer Horning, Tol
G- Herb Stein, Tol
G- Duke Osborn, Can
C- Joe Alexander, Roc
Q- Harry Robb, Can
H- Paddy Driscoll, ChiC
H- Pete Stinchcomb, ChiB
F- Doc Elliott, Can

Honorable mention

E- Dave Reese, Day
E- George Halas, ChiB
E- Tillie Voss, RI
G- Tarzan Taylor, Can
C- Russ Smith, ChiB
C- Garland Buckeye, ChiC

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T- Russ Hathaway, Day Q- Tommy Hughitt, Buf
T- Link Lyman, Can Q- Jim Conzelman, RI
T- Hugh Blacklock, ChiB H- Dutch Sternaman, ChiB
G- Hunk Anderson, ChiB H- Ockie Anderson, Buf
G- Ed Healey, RI-ChiB F- Bob Koehler, ChiC

Source: Canton *Daily News*, January 7, 1923

Chamberlin modestly omitted his own name despite a marvelous season on the field, but he thought enough of two of his backs, Harry Robb and Doc Elliott, to name them to the first team.

Five players made the first teams chosen by Halas and Chamberlin. Paddy Driscoll of the Cardinals and Pete Stinchcomb of the Bears won the halfback slots on both teams. Driscoll's varied talents were at their peak, and Stinchcomb's speed and quickness made him a dangerous back. In the line, Joe Alexander of Rochester, Herb Stein of Toledo, and Henry of Canton won honors from both Halas and Chamberlin. All three men had great college reputations and prospered in pro ball. Halas also recognized the great season of Guy Chamberlin. In his first season as coach in Canton, Chamberlin reorganized the Bulldogs and recaptured the glory of the Thorpe years. Leading by example, Chamberlin was a master defensive player and his own best asset on the field.