

HALL OF FAME TOP 15 LISTS

Since 1971, the Board of Selectors for the Pro Football Hall of Fame has narrowed its final choices for enshrinement to the top 15 vote-getters from a preliminary list of 60-70 candidates. If the Senior Committee candidate is not among the top 15, he is also included. There is no set number for any class of enshrinees, but the Board's procedural ground rules stipulate that between four and seven new members will be selected each year. In 1973 and 1976, only three new members were enshrined. The Senior Committee candidate must have spent the bulk of his career 25 years earlier (i.e. pre 1970 in 1995). To be elected a candidate needs approximately 80 percent approval.

To be eligible for election, a player must be retired at least five years, a coach need only be retired. There is no retirement qualification for executives.

Although the electees are celebrated each year, we often forget those who came close -- and may make it in a future election. The following is a listing of the top 15 since this procedure was instituted.

LEGEND

No. elected in brackets after year
Enshrinees in bold type

No. of times in top 15 in parenthesis
Senior Committee candidate in italics

1971 [7]
Roosevelt Brown
JIM BROWN
Tony Canadeo
Charley Conerly
Len Ford
Frank Gifford
BILL HEWITT
BRUISER KINARD
Dick Lane
Dante Lavelli
VINCE LOMBARDI
ANDY ROBUSTELLI
Joe Schmidt
Duke Slater
Y.A. TITTLE
NORM VAN BROCKLIN

1972 [4]
Roosevelt Brown (2)
Tony Canadeo (2)
Charley Conerly (2)
Bill George
Frank Gifford (2)
Paul Hornung
LAMAR HUNT
Dick Lane (2)
Dante Lavelli (2)
GINO MARCHETTI
OLLIE MATSON
ACE PARKER
Joe Schmidt
Mac Speedie
Doak Walker

1973 [3]
RAYMOND BERRY
Roosevelt Brown (3)
Tony Canadeo (3)
Len Ford (2)
Rosey Grier
Lou Groza
Ole Haugsrud
Paul Hornung (2)
Dick Lane (3)
Dante Lavelli (3)
Tony Morabito
JIM PARKER
JOE SCHMIDT (2)
Jim Taylor
Doak Walker (2)

1974 [4]
Roosevelt Brown (4)
TONY CANADEO (4)
Charley Conerly (3)
George Connor
Len Ford (3)
BILL GEORGE (2)
Frank Gifford (3)
LOU GROZA (2)
Jerry Kramer
DICK LANE (4)
Yale Lary
Dante Lavelli (4)
Lenny Moore
Jim Taylor (2)
Doak Walker (3)

1975 [4]
Doug Atkins
ROOSEVELT BROWN (5)
Charley Conerly (4)
GEORGE CONNOR (2)
Len Ford (4)
Frank Gifford (4)
John Henry Johnson
Jerry Kramer (2)
Yale Lary (2)
DANTE LAVELLI (5)
LENNY MOORE
Jim Ringo
Clark Shaughnessy
Jim Taylor (3)

1976 [3]
Charley Conerly (5)
Willie Davis
Weeb Ewbank
RAY FLAHERTY
LEN FORD (5)
Frank Gatski
Frank Gifford (5)
Paul Hornung (3)
John Henry Johnson (2)
Henry Jordan
Jerry Kramer (3)
Yale Lary (3)
Jim Ringo (2)
Clark Shaughnessy (2)
JIM TAYLOR (4)
Doak Walker (4)

1977 [5]
Doug Atkins (2)
Willie Davis (2)
Weeb Ewbank (2)
FRANK GIFFORD (6)
FORREST GREGG
Sam Huff
John Henry Johnson (3)
Yale Lary (4)
Big Daddy Lipscomb
Jim Ringo (3)
Pete Rozelle
GALE SAYERS
BART STARR
BILL WILLIS
Willie Wood

1978 [5]
Herb Adderley
LANCE ALWORTH
Doug Atkins (3)
Charley Conerly (6)
Willie Davis (3)
WEEB EWBANK (3)
Paul Hornung (4)
Sam Huff
John Henry Johnson (4)
Jerry Kramer (4)
Yale Lary (5)
TUFFY LEEMANS
RAY NITSCHKE
Jim Ringo (4)
LARRY WILSON
Willie Wood (2)

1979 [4]
Herb Adderley (2)
Doug Atkins (4)
DICK BUTKUS
Willie Davis (4)
Marshall Goldberg
Paul Hornung (5)
John Henry Johnson (5)
Jerry Kramer (5)
YALE LARY (6)
John Mackey
RON MIX
Jim Ringo (5)
Pete Rozelle (2)
JOHNNY UNITAS
Willie Wood (3)

1980 [4]
HERB ADDERLEY (3)
Charley Conerly (7)
Lou Creekmur
Willie Davis (5)
Paul Hornung (6)
John Henry Johnson (6)
DEACON JONES
Sonny Jurgensen
Jerry Kramer (6)
BOB LILLY
Don Maynard
JIM OTTO
Jim Ringo (6)
Johnny Robinson
Pete Rozelle (3)
Willie Wood (4)

1981 [4]
Doug Atkins (5)
RED BADGRO
GEORGE BLANDA
WILLIE DAVIS (6)
Mike Ditka
Gene Hickerson
Paul Hornung (7)
Jerry Kramer (7)
Willie Lanier
Don Maynard (2)
Mike McCormack
JIM RINGO
Johnny Robinson (2)
Pete Rozelle (4)
Jim Tyrer
Willie Wood (5)

1982 [4]
DOUG ATKINS (6)
Len Dawson
Sid Gillman
Gene Hickerson (2)
Paul Hornung (8)
SAM HUFF (2)
Sonny Jurgensen (2)
Leroy Kelly
Don Maynard (3)
Mike McCormack (2)
GEORGE MUSSO
MERLIN OLSEN
Johnny Robinson (3)
Pete Rozelle (5)
Willie Wood (6)

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1983 [5]

Fred Biletnikoff (4)
Bob Brown
Blanton Collier
LARRY CSONKA (2)
Al Davis (2)
LEN DAWSON (3)
JOE GREENE
Bob Griese (2)
JOHN HENRY JOHNSON (9)
Jerry Kramer (9)
JIM LANGER
Larry Little (2)
DON MAYNARD (8)
Tommy McDonald
Alan Page
ALAN PAGE

1984 [4]

Fred Biletnikoff
WILLIE BROWN
Buck Buchanan
Paul Hornung (10)
Henry Jordan (2)
Jerry Kramer (8)
Willie Lanier
Don Maynard (5)
MIKE MCCORMACK (4)
Joe Namath (2)
Pete Rozelle (7)
Fran Tarkenton
CHARLEY TAYLOR (2)
ARNIE WEINMEISTER
Willie Wood (8)

1985 [5]

Fred Biletnikoff (2)
Buck Buchanan (2)
Carl Eller
FRANK GATSKI
Paul Hornung (11)
Willie Lanier (2)
John Madden
Don Maynard (6)
JOE NAMATH (3)
Johnny Robinson (5)
PETE ROZELLE (8)
O.J. SIMPSON
ROGER STAUBACH
Fran Tarkenton (2)
Willie Wood (9)

1986 [5]

Fred Biletnikoff (3)
Larry Csonka
Al Davis
Len Dawson (2)
Bob Griese
PAUL HORNUNG (12)
KEN HOUSTON
John Henry Johnson (8)
WILLIE LANIER (3)
Larry Little
Tom Mack
Don Maynard (7)
Johnny Robinson (6)
FRAN TARKENTON (3)
DOAK WALKER (5)

1987 [7]

Lem Barney
Bob Brown (2)
EARL CAMPBELL
Al Davis (5)
Carl Eller (3)
L.C. Greenwood
JOHN HANNAH
STAN JONES
John Mackey (4)
John Riggins
TEX SCHRAMM
Ken Stabler (2)
JAN STENERUD
Lynn Swann (4)
Jack Youngblood (2)

1988 [4]

George Allen
FRED BILETNIKOFF (5)
Buck Buchanan (3)
Al Davis (2)
MIKE DITKA
Bud Grant
Bob Griese (3)
JACK HAM
Lee Roy Jordan
Leroy Kelly (2)
Tom Mack (2)
ALAN PAGE
Lou Rymkus
Art Shell
Lynn Swann

1989 [4]

MEL BLOUNT
TERRY BRADSHAW
Buck Buchanan (4)
Al Davis (3)
Carl Eller (2)
Bud Grant (2)
Bob Griese (4)
Ted Hemdricks
Henry Jordan (2)
Leroy Kelly (3)
Tom Mack (3)
John Mackey (2)
ART SHELL (2)
Lynn Swann (2)
WILLIE WOOD (10)

1990 [7]

BUCK BUCHANAN (5)
Al Davis (4)
Dan Dierdorf
BOB GRIESE (5)
FRANCO HARRIS
TED HENDRICKS (2)
JACK LAMBERT
TOM LANDRY
Larry Little (3)
John Mackey (3)
BOB ST. CLAIR
Ken Stabler
Lynn Swann (3)
Ron Yary
Jack Youngblood

1991 [5]

Dan Dierdorf (4)
Carl Eller (7)
JIM FINKS
L.C. Greenwood (2)
Ray Guy (2)
Mike Haynes
Charlie Joiner (4)
HENRY JORDAN (4)
STEVE LARGENT
Tom Mack (7)
Mel Renfro (3)
Dwight Stephenson (2)
LEE ROY SELMON
Lynn Swann (8)
KELLEN WINSLOW (3)

1992 [4]

LEM BARNEY (2)
Bob Brown (3)
AL DAVIS (6)
Dan Dierdorf (2)
Carl Eller (4)
Willie Galimore
Bud Grant (3)
Ray Guy
Charlie Joiner
Tom Mack (4)
JOHN MACKEY (5)
Wellington Mara
JOHN RIGGINS (2)
Lynn Swann (5)
Bill Walsh

1993 [5]

Bob Brown (4)
Carl Eller (5)
DAN FOUTS
Charlie Joiner (2)
LARRY LITTLE (4)
Tom Mack (5)
CHUCK NOLL
WALTER PAYTON
Mel Renfro
Jackie Smith
Dick Stanfel
Dwight Stephenson
Lynn Swann (6)
BILL WALSH (2)
Kellen Winslow

1994 (6)

Dan Dierdorf (3)
TONY DORSETT
Carl Eller (6)
BUD GRANT (4)
JIMMY JOHNSON
Charlie Joiner (3)
LEROY KELLY (4)
Paul Krause
Tom Mack (6)
Mel Renfro (2)
JACKIE SMITH
John Stallworth
Lynn Swann (7)
RANDY WHITE
Kellen Winslow (2)

1995 [5]

BOBBY BELL
SID GILLMAN (2)
Gene Hickerson (3)
Paul Hornung (9)
John Henry Johnson (7)
SONNY JURGENSEN
Don Maynard (4)
Mike McCormack (3)
BOBBY MITCHELL
Joe Namath
Johnny Robinson (4)
Pete Rozelle (6)
Mac Speedie
Charley Taylor
PAUL WARFIELD
Willie Wood (7)