

# **OLELO NOEAU (Pearls of Wisdom)**

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# 53 YEARS OF PRO BOWL HISTORY

This game marks the 53<sup>rd</sup> installment of the annual NFL classic. The first Pro Bowl pitting Conference All Stars against each other was played on January 14, 1951, when the American Conference All Stars defeated the National Conference All Stars, 28-27, at Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles. Cleveland Browns quarterback Otto Graham was named the player of the game. This is the 33<sup>rd</sup> time the AFC has faced the NFC—and the 24<sup>th</sup> game Hawaii has hosted in the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl series, which began in 1971 following the merger that united the American Football League with the NFL. The series is split 16-16, but the AFC

#### PRO BOWL BROADCAST TEAM

For the ninth straight year, **ABC** will broadcast the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl. Kickoff is set for 12:30 p.m. HT. ABC's **Al Michaels** will handle the play-by-play calling and he is joined by sixtime Pro Bowler **Dan Fouts** for game analysis. Former NFL great and Hall of Famer **Lynn Swann** and **Melissa Stark** from the sideline.

The game will also be broadcast nationally on CBS Radio with Marv Alberts handling the play-by-play and Boomer Esiason giving game analysis

with the NFL. The series is split 16-16, but the AFC has won six of the last eight contests including a 38-30 barn-burner last year. Since 1990, the AFC has won the Pro Bowl during every odd year (1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999 and 2001). while the NFC won each of the even years (1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 2000), except for the AFC's victories in 1998 and 2002. Aloha Stadium has been the site for the past 23 Pro Bowls, and the AFC holds a 12-11 edge in Hawaii. The NFC Pro Bowl squad will represent the home team in Hawaii.

#### LAST YEAR'S GAME IN REVIEW

QB Rich Gannon passed for 137 yards and two TDs to become the first player to earn back-toback Pro Bowl player of the game honors, as he led the AFC to a 38-30 victory. DE **Hugh Douglas** recovered a Gannon fumble on the first play of the game and returned the ball to the AFC two-yard line to set up RB Ahman Green's TD 27 seconds into the game. K David Akers hit a 29-yard field goal to give the NFC a 10-0 lead. Gannon responded two plays later with a 55yard TD pass to WR Marvin Harrison. CB Deltha O'Neal's 24-yard INT return to the NFC six-yard line moments later set up RB Curtis Martin four-yard TD run and gave the AFC a 14-10 lead. Just five plays into the AFC's next drive, RB Priest Holmes broke off a 39-yard TD run to give the AFC a 21-10 lead. A 10-play NFC drive led to Akers' second field goal, but KR **Jermaine Lewis'** 54-yard kickoff return set up Gannon's 18-yard TD pass to TE **Ken Dilger** and gave the AFC a 28-10 lead. The NFC overcame P Shane Lechler Pro Bowl-record 73-yard punt with Akers 49-yard field goal just before halftime to cut the deficit to 28-16. CB Champ Bailey's INT led to a QB Donovan McNabb eight-yard TD pass to WR Terrell Owens to cut the deficit to 28-23 with 8:12 left. Runs of 29 and 16 yards by RB Corey Dillon led to a Jason Elam 38-yard field goal and, two plays later, CB Ty Law intercepted McNabb and returned the ball to the NFC 13 before lateralling to LB Ray Lewis, who dragged three players into the end zone for a 38-23 lead with 2:49 remaining. McNabb's 15-yard TD pass to RB Garrison Hearst with 1:32 left cut the deficit to 38-30, but S Rod Woodson recovered the ensuing onside kick to clinch the victory. Gannon went 8-for-10 for 137 yards and two TDs. McNabb went 12-for-25 for 149 yards and two TDs, with two INTs, to lead the NFC. Terrell Owens had eight receptions for 122 yards and one TD.

# DAN MCGUIRE AWARD (PRO BOWL MVP)

The Buffalo Bills hold the NFL record with four players (O.J. Simpson, 1973; Bruce Smith, 1988; Jim Kelly, 1991; Steve Tasker, 1993) being selected as Pro Bowl MVP since the 1970 merger. Seven teams (Cowboys, Packers, Jets, Chiefs, Eagles, Rams, Vikings and Chargers) are tied for second with two players. Last year Rich Gannon became the first player in Pro Bowl history to earn back-to-back MVP awards.

#### ALL-STAR VOTE RECORD

A record 51 million votes were cast by fans on NFL.com this year and Green Bay Packers quarterback **Brett Favre** (930,270) led all NFL All-Stars in balloting for the 2003 Pro Bowl. With 13 fewer voting days than last season, NFL.com recorded 51,677,578 total votes, eclipsing last year's record of 43,957,135. Kansas City Chiefs running back **Priest Holmes** (747,297) ranked second overall with Buffalo Bills quarterback **Drew Bledsoe** (733,754), Oakland Raiders quarterback **Rich Gannon** (673,740), and Tampa Bay Buccaneers fullback **Mike Alstott** (672,947) rounding out the top five. Fan voting finished on NFL.com December 13. Players and coaches vote December 16-17. The squads were announced December 19 on the 2003 Pro Bowl Selection Show on ESPN. The consensus ballots of NFL fans, players and coaches each counted one-third towards determining the 43-man rosters that will represent the American and National Football Conferences at Aloha Stadium. The NFL is the only professional sports league that combines voting by fans, players and coaches in determining its all-star teams. The NFL became the first professional sports league to offer online voting in 1995.

# **INSIDE THE PRO BOWL**

# THE EAGLE HAS LANDED

The Philadelphia Eagles have the most representation in the Pro Bowl this season with 10 members attending. It marks the first time a team has had 10 Pro Bowlers in Hawaii since the 1998 season when both Minnesota and Denver had 10 representatives. The Eagles also boast the most offensive representation in the Pro Bowl with five members. Both the San Francisco 49ers and Miami Dolphins are tied for second place with six members each. Representing the Eagles in Hawaii include the following (number of Pro Bowl selections): PK David Akers (2), FS Brian Dawkins (3), DE Hugh Douglas(3), TE Chad Lewis (3), G Jermane Mayberry (1), QB Donovan McNabb (3), T Jon Runyan (1), CB Bobby Taylor (1), T Tra Thomas (2) and CB Troy Vincent (4).

# **BAY AREA BOMBERS**

Both the San Francisco 49ers and the Oakland Raiders boast the second most offensive representation in the Pro Bowl with four members each. The Raiders offensive unit ranked first in the NFL in 2002 after totaling 6,237 yards of total offense (389.8 avg. yds. per game). The silver and black offensive unit also ranked first in total passing offense in the league after throwing for 4,475 yards (279.7 yds. per game). The 49ers offensive unit led the NFC with only 17 giveaways (10 interceptions, 7 fumbles).

Representing the Raiders offensively are: QB Rich Gannon (4), WR Jerry Rice (13), T Lincoln Kennedy (3) and C Barrett Robbins (1). Representing the 49ers offensively includes: QB Jeff Garcia (3), WR Terrell Owens (3), G Ron Stone (3) and C Jeremy Newberry (2).

#### **MIAMI VICE**

The **Miami Dolphins** defensive unit boasts the most defensive representation in the Pro Bowl with five members. The Dolphins defensive unit ranked third in the NFL in 2002 after only allowing opponents 301 points (4<sup>th</sup> in NFL) and 4,656 total yards (291 avg. yds. per game). Representing the Dolphins defensively includes: CB **Patrick Surtain (1)**, FS **Brock Marion (2)**, ILB **Zach Thomas (4)**, IL **Tim Bowens (2)** and DE **Jason Taylor (2)**.

# **SPECIAL TEAM SPECIALISTS**

Both the New Orleans Saints and the New England Patriots are tied for the most representation on special teams in the Pro Bowl with two apiece. Representing the Patriots are K Adam Vinatieri (1) and ST Larry Izzo (2), while representing the Saints are ST Fred McAfee (1) and KR Michael Lewis (1).

#### RESPECT YOUR ELDERS

As a whole, the AFC Pro Bowl roster has more Pro Bowl experience compared to the NFC Pro Bowl roster. Part of this can be attributed to the fact that the AFC Pro Bowl roster has more NFL years accrued and NFL experience under their belt than the NFC roster. Collectively, the AFC has a total of 313 years played in the NFL (7.3 avg.) compared to the NFC's 245 years played in the NFL (5.7 avg.). Also, the AFC holds the advantage in Pro Bowl game experience. The AFC, as a group, has been voted to 147 Pro Bowls (3.5 avg.), while the NFC totals 113 Pro Bowls (2.6 avg.).

A large portion of this can be attributed to the fact that the AFC has five players with more Pro Bowl experience than the most experienced Pro Bowl player on the NFC roster. Below is a listing of those five players:

PLAYER—TEAM	YRS. IN PRO BOWL
Jerry Rice—Raiders	13
Junior SeauChargers	12
Rod WoodsonRaiders	11
Willie Roaf—Chiefs	8
Will ShieldsChiefs	8

# **SEMINOLES SPEAR HAWAII**

Florida State University has the most college representation in the Pro Bowl this season. Below are the five players that represent FSU in the 2003 Pro Bowl. Florida State also leads the Pro Bowl with 14 years of Pro Bowl experience.

NAME—TEAM	# YEARS IN PRO BOWL
<b>Derrick Brooks</b> —Buccaneers	6
Peter Boulware—Ravens	3
Walter Jones—Seahawks*	3
<b>Tra Thomas</b> —Eagles	2
<b>Brad Johnson</b> —Buccaneers	2

<sup>\*</sup> Will not attend the Pro Bowl in Hawaii due to a shoulder injury suffered during the season.

# RICE, RICE, BABY

Making his return after a two-year hiatus, **Jerry Rice** will set a Pro Bowl record this year by playing in his 13<sup>th</sup> Pro Bowl. Rice breaks the record set only two years ago by Randall McDaniel.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Jerry Rice	13
Junior Seau	12
Randall McDaniel	12
Rod Woodson	11
Reggie White	11
Bruce Matthews	10
Warren Moon	9
Cris Carter	8
Cortez Kennedy	8
Bruce Smith	8

# SCHOOL REPRESENTATION BREAKDOWN

Florida State	5	Alabama	1	New Mexico	1
Georgia	3	Alcorn State	1	None	1
Miami, Fla.	3	Arizona State	1	Northeast Louisiana	1
Tennessee	3	Auburn	1	Ohio State	1
Washington	3	Boston College	1	Oklahoma State	1
California	2	Brigham Young	1	Pittsburgh	1
Clemson	2	Central State (OH)	1	Rice	1
Louisiana State	2	Colorado State	1	San Jose State	1
Notre Dame	2	Delaware	1	South Carolina	1
Marshall	2	Florida	1	South Dakota State	1
Michigan	2	Fresno State	1	Southern California	1
Mississippi	2	Georgia Tech	1	Stanford	1
Penn State	2	Illinois	1	Tenn-Chattanooga	1
Purdue	2	Itawamba (Miss.) JC	1	Texas Southern	1
San Diego State	2	Louisville	1	Texas A&M Kingsville	1
Southern Miss	2	Louisiana Tech	1	Texas Tech	1
Syracuse	2	Michigan State	1	UCLA	1
Texas	2	Mississippi State	1	Virginia Tech	1
Texas A&M	2	Mississippi Valley State	1	Washington State	1
Texas Christian	2	Mississippi College	1	West Virgina	1
Wisconsin	2	Nebraska	1	William & Mary	1
Akron	1	Nevada	1	-	

# TEXANS EAT, DRINK AND SLEEP FOOTBALL

The state of Texas boasts the most representation of players in the 2003 Pro Bowl with 10 members. Below is a listing of the players and their respective Texas university or college. The state of California (nine representatives) came in a close second place with nine representatives, while Mississippi came in third place with eight representatives.

NAME—TEAM	INSTITUTION
Priest Holmes—Chiefs *	University of Texas
Ricky Williams—Dolphins	<b>University of Texas</b>
LaDanian Tomlinson—Chargers	Texas Christian
Barrett Robbins—Raiders	Texas Christian
Aaron Glenn—Texans	Texas A&M
Dante Hall—Chiefs	Texas A&M
<b>Zach Thomas</b> —Dolphins	Texas Tech
Michael Strahan—Giants	Texas Southern
Jermane Mayberry—Eagles	Texas A&M Kingsville
Larry Izzo—Patriots	Rice

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#### **DOUBLE TROUBLE**

Of the 24 players making their first appearance in the 2003 Pro Bowl, two names appear that could be considered way overdue. FB **Lorenzo Neal** and ST **Fred McAfee** will enjoy their first time in Hawaii as All-Stars after their 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> year respectively in the league.

Neal has played in 144 consecutive games over the past nine seasons at one of the toughest positions on the field. He has blocked for six consecutive 1,000-yard rushers, including: Adrian Murrell (1,086 in 1997), Warrick Dunn (1,026 in 1998), Eddie George (1,304 in 1999 and 1,509 in 2000) and Corey Dillon (1,315 in 2001 and 1,311 in 2002). Originally drafted by the Saints in the sixth round of the 1991 NFL draft, McAfee served as a spot starter and contributor at running back from 1991-93 in his first go-round with the Saints. Actually leading the team in rushing his rookie year with 494 rushing yards. In his second tour with the Saints, which started in game four of 2000, McAfee has served as the team's special teams leader, shown by being named the

team's special teams captain in 2001 and 2002, recording 43 special teams tackles during that span.

Following is a list of players with the most NFL seasons before making the Pro Bowl:

Yrs.	Player	First Season
16	Ray Brown, G, San Francisco	2002
12	Trace Armstrong, DE, Miami	2001
12	Steve Beuerlein, QB, Carolina	2000
12	Bob Young, G/T, St. Louis Cardinals	1978
11	Fred McAfee, ST, New Orleans	2003
11	Eric Williams, T, Chicago	2002
11	Rich Gannon, QB, Oakland	2000
11	Larry Brown, T/TE, Pittsburgh	1982
11	Jim Richter G/C, Buffalo	1991
11	Mark Tuinei, T, Dallas	1994
10	Lorenzo Neal, FB, Cincinnati Bengals	2003

# TEAMMATES TIMES TWO

When the All-Stars take the field on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, a few players will look right next door, and feel right at home. On the NFC offensive line, Philadelphia Eagles LT **Tra Thomas** and LG **Jermane Mayberry** will line up side-by-side, just as they did while they helped pave the way for the NFL's 4<sup>th</sup>-highest scoring offense. Kansas City RG **Will Shields**, RT **Willie Roaf** and TE **Tony Gonzalez** make up the right end of the starting offensive line for the AFC. They were a big part of the reason Kansas City's offense was fourth in the league in total yards per game, including being ranked No. 1 in passing and No. 3 in rushing per game.

# A FOREIGN TWIST

In a time that is showing more and more what a global game football has become, a record seven NFL Europe League veterans have earned Pro Bowl nods this year. Philadelphia K **David Akers** (Berlin, 1999), Dallas DL **La'Roi Glover** (F.C. Barcelona, 1997), Kansas City RS **Dante Hall** (Scotland, 2001), Jacksonville P **Chris Hanson** (F.C. Barselona, 2000), New Orleans RS **Michael Lewis** (Rhein Fire, 2001), Green Bay G **Marco Rivera** (Scotland, 1997) and New England K **Adam Vinatieri** (Amsterdam, 1996) are all strong representatives of what NFL Europe can do for the NFL.

#### THREE TEAMS A CHARM

Oakland S **Rod Woodson** is making the 11<sup>th</sup> Pro Bowl appearance of his illustrious 16-year career. Not only did Woodson move up to third place on the all-time Pro Bowl appearance's list, but he also tied a record for the most teams represented by a single player with three. Woodson was voted to the Pro Bowl while playing for the Pittsburgh Steelers (1990-95), Baltimore Ravens (2000-02) and Oakland Raiders (2003). Here is a list of the players that have represented three different teams in the Pro Bowl:

#### REACHED PRO BOWL WITH THREE DIFFERENT TEAMS

Rod Woodson Pit, Bal, Oak
Chris Doleman Min, Atl, SF
Irving Fryar NE, Mia, Phi
Kevin Greene Ram, Pit, Car
Ted Hendricks Bal, GB, Oak
Keith Jackson Phi, Mia, GB
Warren Moon Hou, Min, Sea
Deion Sanders Atl, SF, Dal

#### **FOOTBALL U**

After working odd jobs for a few years, New Orleans Saints RS **Michael Lewis** got a shot in the NFL on the Saints practice squad in 2000. After proving himself in NFL Europe, he earned a spot on the roster and played in eight games in 2001. Lewis had an explosive year in 2002, ranking second in the NFC and fourth in the NFL with a 14.2 yard average on punt returns, including one which he returned 83 yards for a TD. Lewis was also fourth in the NFC and tied for seventh in the NFL, averaging 25.8 yards per kick return and tied for the lead league by returning two for TDs. Lewis is one of only three players since 1990 to be selected to a Pro Bowl without playing in college (Darren Bennett 1996, 2001 and Eric Swann 1996-97).

#### AFC RUNNING BACK TRIO DOMINATED 2002 NFL SEASON

The AFC Pro Bowl running back corps, Kansas City's **Priest Holmes\***, San Diego's **LaDainian Tomlinson** and Miami's **Ricky Williams** completely dominated the competition during the 2002 NFL season. Not only did the trio finish first, second and third for the most rushing yards in the NFL, but they were also well rounded enough to finish as the top three players for the most yards gained from the line of scrimmage. The Texas school trio (Holmes-Texas, Tomlinson-Texas Christian and Williams-Texas) also accounted for three of the top six leading scorers in the NFL (non-kickers) and tallied six of the top 10 single-game rushing performances, including four of the top five in the NFL during the 2002 season. Williams and Tomlinson are making their first Pro Bowl appearance, while Holmes will enjoy his second in as many seasons.

#### **GROUND ATTACK**

Below is a breakdown of the top five leading rushers in the NFL during the 2002 season.

NAME	TEAM	YARDS	AVG.
R. Williams	Dolphins	1,853	4.8
L. Tomlinson	Chargers	1,683	4.5
P. Holmes*	Chiefs	1,615	5.2
C. Portis	Broncos	1,508	5.5
T. Henry	Bills	1,438	4.4

#### **TOTAL PACKAGE**

Below is a breakdown of the top five leaders in yards from the line of scrimmage in the NFL during the 2002 season.

NAME	TEAM	TOTAL YDS	RUSHING	RECEIVING
P. Holmes*	Chiefs	2,287	1,615	672
R. Williams	Dolphins	2,216	1,853	363
L. Tomlinson	Chargers	2,172	1,683	489
T. Barber	Giants	1,984	1,387	597
Garner	Raiders	1,903	962	941

#### **SCORING BARRAGE**

NFL games in 2002 averaged 43.3 points per game this season, which was the highest average in 19 years (43.7 in 1983). Below is a breakdown of the top six leading scorers (non-kickers) during the NFL's 2002 season. Holmes' 21 rushing touchdowns in 2002 tied for the third-best rushing touchdown total in NFL history. Only Emmitt Smith's 25 in 1995 and John Riggins' 24 in 1983 topped his 2002 performance.

NAME	TOTAL POINTS
Priest Holmes*	144
Shaun Alexander	108
Ricky Williams	102
Clinton Portis	102

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Deuce McAllister	96
LaDainian Tomlinson	90

#### **BIG DAY BACKS**

Below is a breakdown of the top 10 single-game rushing performances during the NFL's 2002 season.

YARDS	PLAYER	OPPONENT/DATE
228	Ricky Williams	@ Buffalo 12/01
228	Clinton Portis	vs. Arizona 12/29
220	LaDainian Tomlinson	vs. Denver 12/01
217	LaDainian Tomlinson	vs. New England 9/29
216	Ricky Williams	vs. Chicago 12/09
203	Ronde Barber	vs. Philadelphia 12/28
197	Priest Holmes*	@ Seattle 11/24
187	Jamal Lewis	@ Cleveland 10/06
185	Ricky Williams	@ New England 12/29
183	Marshall Faulk	vs. Seattle 10/20

# HIDDEN GEM HARRISON DESTROYS ONE OF NFL'S HOLY GRAILS

AFC Pro Bowl starting wide receiver **Marvin Harrison** destroyed one of the NFL's most highly sought after records this season. In its 82 years, the NFL had only seen three receivers break the 120-catch barrier during a single-season, until the 2002 season. Harrison's destroyed the old record by 20 catches, formerly held by Detroit Lions standout wide receiver Herman Moore. Below is a breakdown of the top five single-season reception totals in NFL History:

RECEPTIONSSEASON	NAME—TEAM	YEAR
143	Marvin Harrison—Indianapolis	2002
123	Herman Moore—Detroit	1995
122	Cris Carter—Minnesota	1995
122	Cris Carter—Minnesota	1994
122	Jerry Rice—San Francisco	1995

Below is a listing of several more records Harrison broke after his breakout 2002 season.

- Recorded the most receptions in NFL history in a player's first seven seasons—665, breaking the mark held by Sterling Sharpe (595).
- Became the first player in history to post 1,500 yards in consecutive seasons.
- Reached 600 catches in the fewest games in a career—102, one full season faster than the record-holder, Moore (118).

#### HAPPY RETURNS

The return game provided extreme excitement and touchdowns during the 2002 season. There were 39 combined kick return touchdowns and 22 punt return touchdowns, both represented single-season NFL records.

The NFC and AFC return specialists, New Orleans' **Michael Lewis** and Kansas City's **Dante Hall**, tied for the most combined kickoff and punt return touchdowns in the NFL during the 2002 season with three apiece. Lewis returned two kickoff returns for a touchdown and one punt return for a touchdown, while Hall returned one kickoff return and two punt returns for a touchdown. Both players will be making their first trip to the Pro Bowl.

#### PICK POCKETS

The AFC Pro Bowl secondary stayed extremely busy this season intercepting opposing quarterbacks. The starting AFC Pro Bowl secondary unit combined for 19 interceptions (five returned for touchdowns) compared to the NFC's ten total interceptions amongst starters.

#### STARTING AFC PB SECONDARY

NAME/TEAM	INT/TD
C. Woodson—Raiders	8/2
L. Milloy—Patriots	0/0
P. Surtain—Dolphins	6/1
A. Glenn—Titans	5/2
TOTALS	19/5

#### STARTING NFC PB SECONDARY

NAME/TEAM	INT/TD
T. Vincent—Eagles	2/0
C. Bailey—Redskins	3/0
J. Lynch—Buccaneers	3/0
B. Dawkins—Eagles	2/0
TOTALS	10/0

#### **JEREMY SHOCKS 'EM**

New York Giants tight end **Jeremy Shockey** took the NFL by storm during his rookie campaign and was selected as the lone rookie to make the 2003 Pro Bowl squad. He recorded 74 receptions for 894 yards, which led all NFL tight ends during the 2002 season. His totals were the also the second highest in NFL history for a rookie tight end, trailing only Keith Jackson (81 receptions in 1988) and Mike Ditka (1,076 yards in 1961).

#### **GANNON'S MVP CANNON**

Raiders QB Rich Gannon had an outstanding 2002 season as evidenced by both his numbers and his team's success. The 1987 fourth-round draft choice out of Delaware has come a long way and will be making his fourth consecutive Pro Bowl appearance. Gannon was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player in 2002 after going 418-for-618 (67.6%) for 4,689 yards, 26 touchdowns and only 10 interceptions. His 97.3 QB rating ranked second in the league. Below are a few more accomplishments Gannon made during his impressive run.

- Led the NFL in attempts (618), completions (418) and passing yards (4,689). His 418 completions set an NFL record for the most completions in a season, breaking Houston's former QB Warren Moon in 1991 (404).
- Set an NFL record for the most 300-yard passing games in a season with 10, toping Dan Marino's total of nine during the 1984 season.
- Set an NFL single-game record by completing 21 consecutive passes on November 11 against Denver, breaking Cincinnati's Ken Anderson (20) on January 2, 1983 vs. Houston
- Became the first QB in history to reach 4,000 yards in his first 13 games (Dec. 8).

#### LOCAL YOCAL

Chicago Bears and NFC Pro Bowl C **Olin Kreutz** grew up in Hawaii as a child before attending the University of Washington. He attended St. Louis High School on Oahu Island.

#### FIRST-TIMERS

There are a total of  $\overline{24}$  new faces making their first appearance at the 2002 Pro Bowl, including 12 from the NFC and 12 from the AFC.

The 12 NFC first-time players are Minnesota RB Michael Bennett, Bears WR Marty Booker, Packers WR Donald Driver, Saints KR Michael Lewis, Eagles G Jermane Mayberry, Saints

ST Fred McAfee, Saints RB Deuce McAllister, 49ers Jeremy Newberry, 49ers Julian Peterson, Packers G Marco Rivera, Eagles T Jon Runyan and Giants TE Jeremy Shockey.

The 12 AFC first-time players are KR Dante Hall, Jaguars P Chris Hanson, Ravens TE Todd Heap, Bills RB Travis Henry, Bengals FB Lorenzo Neal, Steelers OLB Joey Porter, Raiders C Barrett Robbins, Patriots IL Richard Seymour, Dolphins CB Patrick Surtain, Chargers RB LaDainian Tomlinson, Patriots PK Adam Vinatieri and Dolphins RB Ricky Williams.

#### THE TOTAL PACKAGE

At all three levels of the defensive scheme, the Buccaneers are a complete unit, which was one of the reasons the team had the No. 1 ranked defense in the NFL during the 2002 season. They have representation and leadership as starters in the Pro Bowl on the defensive line with LE **Simeon Rice** and IL **Warren Sapp**, on the linebacking corps with **Derrick Brooks** and in the secondary with **John Lynch**.

# **INVINSIBLE SHIELD**

Kansas City G Will Shields is making his eighth consecutive Pro Bowl appearance, which marks the longest streak by an offensive player in franchise history. He also has started in 159 consecutive games, the longest streak in team history since 1968 and the third-longest active streak in the NFL.

#### **CONNECTIONS**

Miami Dolphins RB Ricky Williams and Kansas City Chiefs RB Priest Holmes were in the same backfield at the University of Texas... Miami LB Zach Thomas is the brother-in-law to Miami DE Jason Taylor... Taylor married Thomas' sister Katina... 49ers C Jeremy Newberry and Chiefs TE Tony Gonzales were teammates for the University of California... The Florida State Seminoles have the most alumni in the game this weekend, including: Seahawks T Walter Jones, Eagles T Tra Thomas, Buccaneers LB Derrick Brooks, and Ravens LB Peter Boulware... Brooks' teammate with the Buccaneers DT Warren Sapp represents the Miami Hurricanes along with two former Hurricane tight ends Packers TE Bubba Franks and Giants rookie TE Jeremy Shockey... The Southeastern Conference Champion Georgia Bulldogs have Redskins CB Champ Bailey, Patriots DT Richard Seymour and Steelers WR Hines Ward playing in the Pro Bowl... Jets C Kevin Mawae and Steelers G Alan Faneca attended Louisiana State University... Former Fighting Irish DT Bryant Young of the 49ers and CB Bobby Taylor of the Eagles will be playing for the NFC.... Saints RB Deuce McAllister is in his first Pro Bowl and Dolphins DT **Tim Bowens** is in his second Pro Bowl... Both are Rebels from Mississippi... Redskins LB **LaVar Arrington** and Packers G **Marco Rivera** represent the Nittany Lions of Penn State here in Honolulu... Chiefs KR Dante Hall is from Texas A&M as is Texans CB Aaron Glenn... A different Texas A&M the one in Kingsville has Eagles G Jermane Mayberry as its only lone representative in the game...This year the National Champion Ohio State Buckeyes are represented by Rams T Orlando Pace... The Thundering Herd of Marshall is represented by Vikings WR Randy Moss and Jaguars P Chris Hanson... Former Washington Huskies playing in the game include Patriots S Lawyer Milloy, Raiders T Lincoln Kennedy and Bears C Olin Kreutz... Kreutz is coming home as he is an Island native and from Honolulu... Kreutz and WR Marty Booker were teammates of Carolina P Todd Sauerbrun with the Bears in 1999... FB Mike Alstott of the NFC Champion Buccaneers is from Purdue as is fellow Boilermaker FS Rod Woodson of the AFC Champion Oakland Raiders... The Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi are represented by Dolphins CB Patrick Surfain and Packers QB Brett Favre... Ex-Clemson Tigers DT Trevor Pryce of the Broncos and S Brian Dawkins of the Eagles are ready to defend for their respective conferences... Former Volunteers in the weekend's game are QB Peyton Manning of the Colts LB Al Wilson of the Broncos... Texans CB Aaron Glenn was a teammate of Jets C Kevin Mawae with New York from 1998-2001... Jets DE John Abraham was also a teammate of Glenn from 2000-2001... From 1995-1997 Glenn and Eagles DE Hugh Douglas were teammates for the Jets... Patriots LB Larry Izzo was a teammate of Dolphins LB Zach Thomas, S Brock Marion, CB Patrick Surtain and DE Jason Taylor from 1998-2000... Bengals FB Lorenzo Neal was a teammate of Chiefs T Wille Roaf with the New Orleans Saints from 1993-1996... From 1995-1998 Chiefs G Will Shields and Raiders QB Rich Gannon were teammates for the Chiefs... Saints WR Joe Horn was a teammate of Gannon and Shields from 1996-1998 with the Chiefs... Horn was a teammate of Roaf and Cowboys DT La'Roi Glover with the New Orleans Saints from 2000-2001... Packers RB Ahman Green was a teammate of Seahawks T Walter Jones with Seattle from 1998-1999... 49ers G Ron Stone was a teammate of Giants DE Michael Strahan in New York from 1996-2001... In 1998 Colts QB Peyton Manning and Rams RB Marshall Faulk were teammates in Indianapolis... Bills QB Drew Bledsoe was teammates with Patriots LB Larry Izzo, K Adam Vinatieri, S Lawyer Milloy, DT Richard Seymour, and CB Ty Law with the Patriots... Chiefs RB Priest Holmes, Ravens LB Peter Boulware and T Jonathan Ogden were teammates with the Ravens from 1997-2000... Raiders S Rod Woodson was a teammate of the aforementioned Ravens from 1998-2000... 49ers QB Jeff Garcia, WR Terrell Owens, C Jeremy Newberry and DT Bryant Young were all teammates of Raiders WR Jerry Rice with the 49ers... Texans DT Gary Walker was a teammate of Jaguars P Chris— **Hanson** with Jacksonville in 2001.