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15 FINALISTS FOR HALL OF FAME ELECTION

Canton, OH – John Elway and Barry Sanders, two first-year eligible candidates, are among the 15 finalists who will be considered for election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame when the Hall's Board of Selectors meet in Houston, Texas on Saturday, January 31.

Joining the former Denver Broncos quarterback and Detroit Lions running back as finalists are 12 former all-league players and a highly successful team/league administrator. The players include defensive ends Richard Dent, Carl Eller, and Jim Marshall; linebacker Harry Carson; offensive linemen Bob Brown, Bob Kuechenberg, Rayfield Wright, and Gary Zimmerman; cornerback Lester Hayes; safety Cliff Harris; and wide receivers Bob Hayes and Art Monk. The team/league administrator is George Young.

To be elected, a finalist must receive a minimum positive vote of 80 percent.

Listed alphabetically, the 15 finalists with their positions, teams, and years follow:

Bob Brown – Tackle – 1964-1968 Philadelphia Eagles, 1969-1970 Los Angeles Rams, 1971-1973 Oakland Raiders

Harry Carson – Linebacker – 1976-1988 New York Giants

Richard Dent – Defensive End – 1983-1993, 1995 Chicago Bears, 1994 San Francisco 49ers, 1996 Indianapolis Colts, 1997 Philadelphia Eagles

Carl Eller – Defensive End – 1964-1978 Minnesota Vikings, 1979 Seattle Seahawks

John Elway – Quarterback – 1983-1998 Denver Broncos

Cliff Harris – Safety – 1970-1979 Dallas Cowboys

Bob Hayes – Wide Receiver – 1965-1974 Dallas Cowboys, 1975 San Francisco 49ers

Lester Hayes – Cornerback – 1977-1986 Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders

Bob Kuechenberg – Guard – 1970-1984 Miami Dolphins

Jim Marshall – Defensive End – 1960 Cleveland Browns, 1961-1979 Minnesota Vikings

Art Monk – Wide Receiver – 1980-1993 Washington Redskins, 1994 New York Jets, 1995 Philadelphia Eagles

Barry Sanders – Running Back – 1989-1998 Detroit Lions

Rayfield Wright – Tackle – 1967-1979 Dallas Cowboys

George Young – General Manager/Administrator – 1968-1974 Baltimore Colts, 1974-1978 Miami Dolphins, 1979-1997 New York Giants, 1998-2001 National Football League

Gary Zimmerman – Tackle – 1986-1992 Minnesota Vikings, 1993-1997 Denver Broncos

Brown, Carson, Eller, Lester Hayes, Kuechenberg, Monk, Young, and Zimmerman have all been finalists in previous years. Although they have been eligible prior to this year, this is the first time that Dent, Harris, Bob Hayes, Marshall, and Wright have been finalists.

From this year's list, seven players – Carson, Elway, Harris, Lester Hayes, Kuechenberg, Sanders, and Wright – spent their entire NFL career with just one team.

Brown and Bob Hayes were selected as senior candidates by the Hall of Fame's Seniors Committee at their August 2003 meeting. The Seniors Committee reviews the qualifications of those players, coaches, and contributors whose careers took place more than 25 years ago. Carson and Young are automatic finalists for the Class of 2004 because they finished in the top six in the voting last year. The remaining 11 modern-era finalists were determined by a vote of the Hall's 39-member Board of Selectors from a list of 67 preliminary nominees that earlier was reduced to a list of 25 semi-finalists. To be eligible for election, modern-era players must be retired at least five years while a coach needs only to be retired. A contributor may be elected while still active.

The Board of Selectors will meet in Houston, Texas on Saturday, January 31, 2004, to elect the Hall of Fame Class of 2004. To be elected, a finalist must receive a minimum positive vote of 80 percent.

At the 2004 election meeting (January 31), the selectors will thoroughly discuss the careers of each finalist before narrowing the field to six candidates. At least three candidates must be elected but the total class cannot number more than six.

Of the 2004 finalists, Brown has been eligible 26 years, Bob Hayes 24 years, Eller, Harris, Marshall, and Wright 20 years, Kuechenberg 16 years, Lester Hayes 13, Carson 11, Monk four, Dent and Zimmerman two and for Elway and Sanders 2004 is their first year of eligibility.

The Class of 2004 will be announced at a press conference at 12 noon (CST) on Saturday, January 31, at the Super Bowl media center in the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

Representatives of the accounting firm Deloitte & Touche will tabulate all votes during the meeting. At the press conference, they will present Hall of Fame President John Bankert with an envelope containing the names of the nominees elected. The Hall will contact each new member immediately after the announcement. Members of the Class of 2004 in Houston for the Super Bowl will be asked to join the press conference. Those not able to attend will be asked to join via teleconference.

Enshrinement of the Class of 2004 will take place at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, on Sunday, August 8, 2004.

CLASS OF 2004 - 15 FINALISTS

BOB BROWN

Tackle. . .6-4, 280 . . .Nebraska. . .1964-1968 Philadelphia Eagles, 1969-1970 Los Angeles Rams, 1971-1973 Oakland Raiders. . .10 seasons, 126 games. . .Eagles' first-round draft pick (2nd player overall), 1964 NFL Draft. . .Also Denver Broncos first-round pick (first player overall), 1964 AFL Draft. . .Named college football's "Lineman of the Year" by Washington Touchdown Club. . .An aggressive blocker, he used his size and strength to neutralize pass rushers. . .Possessed great quickness, strength, and self-confidence. . .Knee injury suffered in 1967 bothered him through much of career, but continued to excel. . .Was traded to Los Angeles in 1969, after four all-league seasons with Eagles. . .That year Rams offensive line set an NFL record for protecting the passer. . .Named All-NFL seven of 10 seasons (1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972). . .Named second-team All-NFL two of three years he didn't make first-team (1964, 1967). . .Named NFL/NFC offensive lineman of the year three times. . . Chosen to play in six Pro Bowls – three with Eagles, two with Rams, and one with Raiders. . . Born December 8, 1941 in Cleveland, Ohio.

HARRY CARSON

Linebacker . . .6-2, 237. . .South Carolina State. . .1976-1988 New York Giants. . .13 seasons, 173 games. . .Giants' fourth-round draft pick (105th player overall), 1976 NFL Draft. . . Defensive end in college . . . Became Giants' starting middle linebacker halfway through rookie season. . .Earned All-Rookie honors. . .Led Giants defenders in tackles five seasons. . .Had career-high performance in 1982 vs. Green Bay, 20 solo tackles and five assists. . .Ferocious run stopper whose 14 career fumble recoveries ranks second in Giants' record book. . .Known for his aggressive pursuit, he recorded 11 career interceptions. . .Was a part of the famed Giants linebacker trio of Carson, Lawrence Taylor, and Carl Banks. . .A big-play performer, his interception and 12 tackles vs. Redskins in 1986 virtually assured Giants of NFC East title. . . Made key goal line stand play in Super Bowl XXI when he stopped Broncos running back for no gain. . .Selected to play in nine Pro Bowls, including seven straight (1982-1988). . . All-Pro (first-team) 1981, 1984; (second-team) 1978, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1986. . . All-NFC (first-team) 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1986; (second-team) 1978, 1985. . .Born November 26, 1953, in Florence, South Carolina.

RICHARD DENT

Defensive End. . .6-5, 265. . .Tennessee State. . .1983-1993, 1995 Chicago Bears, 1994 San Francisco 49ers, 1996 Indianapolis Colts, 1997 Philadelphia Eagles. . .15 seasons, 203 games . . .Selected by Chicago in eighth round (203rd player overall) of 1983 NFL Draft. . .Played in every game as rookie. . .Became fulltime starter early in 1984. . .An intimidating player, could speed rush or power rush the quarterback. . .One of game's premier pass rushers with 137.5 career sacks. . .Recorded double-digit sacks eight times including a streak of five consecutive years (1984-1988). . .Led NFC with team record 17.5 sacks, 1984. . .Following year, led NFL with 17 sacks as an integral part of Bears dominating defense. . .Earned Super Bowl XX MVP honors following Bears lopsided 46-10 win over Patriots. . .Career statistics include 8 interceptions (one touchdown), a safety, and fumble recovery for a touchdown. . .Named first- or second-team All-Pro four times, All-NFC five times. . . Selected to play in four Pro Bowls (1985, 1986, 1991, 1994). . .Born December 13, 1960 in Atlanta, Georgia.

CARL ELLER

Defensive End. . .6-6, 247. . .Minnesota. . .1964-1978 Minnesota Vikings, 1979 Seattle Seahawks. . .16 seasons, 225 games. . .Consensus All-America at Minnesota, 1963. . .Played in 1964 College All-Star Game. . .Drafted by both Minnesota Vikings (NFL) and Buffalo Bills (AFL). . .Became a regular as a rookie and held job for 15 seasons . . .During Eller's tenure, Vikings won 10 NFL/NFC Central Division crowns, 1969 NFL title, NFC championships in 1973, 1974, 1976, advanced to four Super Bowls. . .Major factor in this long-term success was ferocious defensive unit known as "Purple People Eaters". . .Eller anchored line at left end. . .Extremely quick, mobile. . .Excellent on rushing defense, superb pass rusher. . .Recorded 44 QB sacks in 1975, 1976, 1977 period. . .Recovered 23 opponents' fumbles, third best mark in history at time of retirement. . .Eller caused fumble that led to teammate Jim Marshall's famous wrong-way run, 1964. . .All-Pro, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973 . . All-Western Conference 1968, 1969. . .All-NFC five times . . .Selected to six Pro Bowls. . .Born February 25, 1942, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

JOHN ELWAY

Quarterback. . .6-3, 215. . .Stanford. . .1983-1998 Denver Broncos. . .16 seasons, 234 games . . .Selected by Baltimore Colts in first round (1st player overall) 1983 NFL Draft. . .Was immediately traded to Broncos for two veteran players and 1984 first-round pick. . .From 1983 through 1998, led his team to five victories in six AFC championship games and two Super Bowl wins . . His record 47 fourth quarter game-winning or game-tying drives are legendary. . . In 1986 AFC title game, engineered a 98-yard come-from-behind touchdown drive to tie the Cleveland Browns and send the game into overtime. . .Broncos went on to win 23-20. . .Only player in NFL history to pass for 3,000 yards and rush for 200 yards in same season seven consecutive times. . .Only second quarterback in NFL history to record 40,000-plus yards passing and 3,000-plus yards rushing during career. . .Ranks second all-time in three of the game's most significant passing categories, passing yards (51,475), attempts (7,250), completions (4,123). . .Selected to nine Pro Bowls, a first- or second-team All-Pro three times, first- or second-team All-AFC five times. . .Named the NFL's Most Valuable Player, 1987, AFC Offensive Player of the Year, 1993, and Super Bowl XXXIII Most Valuable Player. . .Born June 28, 1960 in Port Angeles, Washington.

CLIFF HARRIS

Safety. . .6-0, 188. . .Ouachita Baptist. . .1970-1979 Dallas Cowboys. . .10 seasons, 141 games . . .Undrafted, Harris was given free agent tryout after Dallas scouts watched films of tiny Ouachita Baptist University. . .Was playing semi-pro football when the Cowboys extended offer . . .Earned a starter's berth as a rookie free safety, but season interrupted by military service . . .Returned following year and regained starter's role, which he never relinquished. . .Model of consistency throughout career. . .Earned nickname "Captain Crash" for hard-hitting style of play . . .Described as "a rolling ball of butcher knives," by Hall of Fame coach George Allen. . .In addition to 29 career interceptions, also accounted for 16 opponents' fumble recoveries. . . During first half of career also utilized as punt and kickoff return specialist. . . Astute student of game, his vision and leadership on field earned him respect of teammates and opponents alike . . .Six times during 10-year career was invited to play in the Pro Bowl (1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980). . .Named first- or second-team All-Pro or All-NFC and six times. . . Born November 12, 1948 in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

BOB HAYES

Wide Receiver. . .5-11, 185. . .Florida A&M. . .1965-1974 Dallas Cowboys, 1975 San Francisco 49ers. . .11 seasons, 132 games. . .Selected as a future pick by Cowboys, seventh round, 1964 NFL Draft (88th player overall) and future choice by Denver, 14th round (105th player overall) 1964 AFL Draft. . .Won a pair of gold medals in the 1964 Olympic Games earning him the title “World’s Fastest Human”. . .As a rookie, his 46 receptions for 1,003 yards led all Cowboys receivers. . .His world class speed was major factor in Cowboys offensive successes. . .“Bullet Bob” terrorized defensive backs and demanded deep double coverage rarely seen in the NFL at that time. . .Often said that bump and run defense was developed to slow him down. . .Used his speed “in a football sense,” rather than just trying to run fast. . .Four times was named first- or second-team All-NFL. . . Three times led the Cowboys in receptions, including back-to-back titles in 1965-1966 when he caught a total of 110 passes for more than 2,200 yards and 25 touchdowns. . .For 11-year career, Hayes accumulated 7,414 yards and 71 touchdowns. . .His 71 career touchdown receptions remain a Cowboys’ club record. . .Born December 20, 1942 in Jacksonville, Florida. . .Died September 18, 2002.

LESTER HAYES

Cornerback. . .6-0, 200. . .Texas A&M. . .1977-1986 Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders. . .10 seasons, 149 games. . .Raiders’ fifth-round pick (126th player overall) in 1977 NFL Draft. . . Played linebacker first two years and safety second two years at Texas A&M . . .Converted to cornerback in pros. . .Excellent in man-to-man coverage, earned a spot in starting lineup as rookie. . .A bump-and-run specialist, he recorded 39 interceptions for 572 yards and 4 TDs during 10-year career. . .Career interception total is team high, tied with Hall of Famer Willie Brown. . .At retirement, career interception yardage third best in club history . . .Four career TDs tied him for club record at retirement. . .Five-time Pro Bowl selection (1981-1985). . .Had finest statistical season in 1980 with league-leading 13 interceptions. . .Had an additional four picks nullified by penalties. . .Had five interceptions in four 1980 playoff games and was named NFL Defensive Player of the Year. . .Recorded eight interceptions in 13 post-season games, 2nd in NFL history . . .Scored two touchdowns on interceptions in post-season, second most in NFL history. . .Born January 22, 1955 in Houston, Texas.

BOB KUECHENBERG

Guard. . .6-2, 253. . .Notre Dame. . .1970-1984 Miami Dolphins (inj. res. - 1984). . .Selected by Philadelphia Eagles in 4th round (80th player overall) of 1969 AFL-NFL Draft. . .15 seasons, 196 games. . .Spent 1984 season on injured reserve. . .Released by both the Eagles and Atlanta Falcons. . .Played semi-pro football before signing as free agent with Miami Dolphins in 1970. . .Highly competitive and driven to succeed, played in more regular season games (196) than any other player in Dolphins history at the time of his retirement. . .Also only player to play in all 19 playoff games in franchise’s history at that time. . .A versatile player, also spent time at tackle and center positions. . .In 1978 played eight games at guard and seven at tackle, earning Pro Bowl spot at guard and Sporting News All-AFC honors at tackle. . .In 1977 suffered a pair of fractures in back in August but returned to lineup after missing just two regular season starts. . . Named to six Pro Bowls (1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1983, 1984). . .All-Pro 1975, 1978; All-AFC 1974, 1975, 1978; All-Pro Second Team 1975, 1977, 1978. . .Had memorable performance in Super Bowl VII victory. . .Born October 14, 1947 in Gary, Indiana.

JIM MARSHALL

Defensive End. . .6-4, 248. . .Ohio State. . .1960 Cleveland Browns, 1961-1979 Minnesota Vikings. . .Selected by Browns in fourth round (44th player overall) of 1960 NFL Draft and Houston Oilers in 1960 AFL Draft. . .20 seasons, 282 games. . .Played in record 282 consecutive games. . .All-America and All-Big Ten at Ohio State. . .Played one year in CFL in 1959. . .Traded by Browns in a multi-player deal, prior to 1961 season. . .Started Vikings' opener and never missed a start thereafter during his career. . .Twice kept streak alive by walking out of hospitals - recuperating from pneumonia and ulcers. . .Frequently outsized, used competitive spirit and quick moves to compensate and outmaneuver opponents. . .Recorded NFL best 29 opponents' fumbles recovered. . .Anchored and defensive captain of line known as "Purple People Eaters" that dominated NFC Central Division during 11-year period (1968 -1978) . . .During those years, captured 10 division crowns, 1969 NFL championship, 1973, 1974, 1976 NFC Championships. . .Second-team All-Pro 1969, second-team All-NFL 1964, 1968, 1969, second-team All-NFC, 1971. Selected to Pro Bowl, 1969 and 1970. . .Born December 30, 1937 in Danville, Kentucky.

ART MONK

Wide Receiver. . .6-3, 210. . .Syracuse. . .1980-1993 Washington Redskins, 1994 New York Jets, 1995 Philadelphia Eagles. . .16 seasons, 224 games. . .Selected by Washington in first round (18th player overall) of 1980 NFL Draft. . .Prototype for today's bigger, stronger receivers . . .Caught 58 passes as a rookie and was unanimous All-Rookie choice. . .Had 50 or more receptions in a season nine times. . .Gained 1,000 or more receiving yards in a season five times. . .Set then-NFL records for catches in a season (106), most consecutive games with at least one reception (164), and career receptions (820). . .Finished career with 940 catches . . .Had finest season in 1984, catching eight or more passes in six games, five games of 100-plus receiving yards, and in one game caught 10 passes for 200 yards. . .Named Redskins 1984 Most Valuable Player. . .First Redskin to produce three consecutive 1,000 receiving yard seasons. . .A three-time Pro Bowl selection, was All-Pro choice in 1984 and 1985. . .First- or second-team All-NFC three times. . .Born December 5, 1957 in White Plains, New York.

BARRY SANDERS

Running Back. . .5-8, 203. . .Oklahoma State. . .1989-1998 Detroit Lions. . .10 seasons, 153 games. . .Selected by Lions in first round (3rd player overall) in 1989 NFL Draft. . .Rushed for 1,000-plus yards in each of 10 seasons, first ever to do so. . .In 1997 became third person to gain 2,000 yards in a season. . .Made pro debut just three days after signing with Lions. . .His 1,470 yards rushing during rookie season, just 10 yards short of the league's best for the year . . .Topped all ground gainers in 1990 (1,304 yards), 1994 (1,883 yards), 1996 (1,553 yards), and 1997 (2,053 yards). . .In 1997, gained 100-plus yards rushing in record 14 consecutive regular season games. . .Named league MVP, 1997. . .Capitalized on size by running low to ground making him less of a target for tacklers. . .Elusive, uncanny ability to reverse direction seemingly at will. . .First- or second-team All-Pro ten consecutive seasons. . .First running back to record five 1,500-yard rushing seasons, and only back to do so in four consecutive seasons (1994-1997). . .Named to Pro Bowl 10 times. . .Held nearly all Lions' rushing records, and numerous NFL records, at time of retirement. . .Born July 16, 1968 in Wichita, Kansas.

RAYFIELD WRIGHT

Tackle. . .6-6, 255. . .Fort Valley State. . .1967-1979 Dallas Cowboys. . .13 seasons, 166 games. . . Selected by Cowboys in seventh round (182nd played overall) of 1967 NFL Draft. . . Raw talent, used as a tight end, defensive end, and offensive tackle during first three seasons. . . In 1969 replaced injured right tackle Ralph Neely in lineup. . .First opponent was future Hall of Fame defensive end Deacon Jones. . .Performance against Jones good enough that before 1970 training camp, named permanent starting right tackle. . .One season later was named All-NFL. . .Known as “Big Cat,” earned first- or second-team All-NFL honors six consecutive times (1971-76). . .Selected to play in Pro Bowl following each of those seasons. . .1975 season particularly impressive. . .Coming off knee surgery, many questioned whether he would even play. . .Again earned All-NFL honors. . .In 1975 postseason play faced three legendary defensive ends – Jack Youngblood, L.C. Greenwood, and Carl Eller – head on. . .Each time rose to occasion with exceptional play. . .Born August 23, 1945 in Griffin, Georgia.

GEORGE YOUNG

General Manager/Administrator. . .Bucknell, Johns Hopkins, Loyola. . .1979-1997 New York Giants, 1998-2001 National Football League. . .Little All-America and All-East honors as a defensive tackle at Bucknell. . .General manager of Giants, rebuilt team by drafting key players such as Phil Simms and Lawrence Taylor. . .Hired Bill Parcells as head coach. . .During tenure, Giants earned eight playoff berths, and victories in Super Bowls XXI, XXV. . .Prior to Young’s arrival, Giants had not made playoffs since 1963. . .Was named NFL Executive of the Year unprecedented five times, 1984, 1986, 1990, 1993, 1997. . .Following 1997 season, joined NFL front office as executive vice president for football operations. . .Served as chairman of NFL Competition Committee. . .Prior to joining Giants was on staff of Baltimore Colts (1968-1974) as scout, offensive line coach, director of player personnel, offensive coordinator. . .With Miami Dolphins (1974-1978) was director of personnel and pro scouting. . .Born September 22, 1930 in Baltimore, Maryland. . .Died December 8, 2001.

GARY ZIMMERMAN

Tackle. . .6-6, 294. . .Oregon. . .1986-1992 Minnesota Vikings, 1993-1997 Denver Broncos. . .12 seasons, 184 games. . .Selected in first round (3rd player overall) 1984 NFL Supplemental Draft. . .Originally selected by Giants, signing rights traded to Vikings for two second-round picks in 1986 draft. . .Spent two seasons with the L.A. Express of failed USFL before reporting to Vikings. . .After joining Vikings, began streak of 169 consecutive starts that lasted until 1996 when surgery sidelined him. . .Anchored offensive line that helped Vikings lead NFC in rushing, 1991. . .Acquired by Broncos in trade prior to start of 1993 season. . .With Zimmerman blocking, Broncos recorded most successful offensive output in franchise history. . .Led AFC in total combined yards, 1995. . .Led NFL in that category, 1996, 1997. . .Broncos also led NFL in rushing, 1996. . .Equally adept at pass blocking, Minnesota and Denver quarterbacks led their conferences in passing 1986, 1988, 1993, 1996. . .One of just handful of players to earn honor of being named to two NFL All-Decade Teams, 1980s, 1990s. . .Earned first- or second-team All-Pro honors eight times. . .Selected to play in seven Pro Bowls. . .Born December 13, 1961 in Fullerton, California.

IF ELECTED . . . SPECIAL NOTES ON 2004 FINALISTS

THE ROSTER OF HALL OF FAME MEMBERS COULD INCREASE FOR 10 NFL TEAMS

The Dallas Cowboys and Minnesota Vikings have three finalists who spent all or a significant part of their careers with that team. The Denver Broncos, and New York Giants are represented by two finalists, while the Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, Miami Dolphins, Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders, Philadelphia Eagles, and Washington Redskins are represented with one finalist who spent all or a significant part of the their careers with those teams.

If elected . . .

Bob Brown would join seven previously elected Philadelphia Eagles Hall of Famers, including Chuck Bednarik, Bert Bell, Sonny Jurgensen, Tommy McDonald, Earle “Greasy” Neale, Pete Pihos, and Steve Van Buren.

Harry Carson and/or George Young would be the 17th and/or 18th member(s) of the New York Giants to be elected. Red Badgro, Roosevelt Brown, Frank Gifford, Mel Hein, Sam Huff, Tuffy Leemans, Tim Mara, Wellington Mara, Steve Owen, Andy Robustelli, Ken Strong, Fran Tarkenton, Lawrence Taylor, Y.A. Tittle, Emlen Tunnell, and Arnie Weinmeister, preceded them.

Richard Dent would be the 27th long-time Chicago Bear to be added to the Hall of Fame honor roll. Doug Atkins, George Blanda, Dick Butkus, George Connor, Mike Ditka, John “Paddy” Driscoll, Jim Finks, Dan Fortmann, Bill George, Harold “Red” Grange, George Halas, Dan Hampton, Ed Healey, Bill Hewitt, Stan Jones, Sid Luckman, Link Lyman, George McAfee, George Musso, Bronko Nagurski, Walter Payton, Gale Sayers, Mike Singletary, Joe Stydahar, George Trafton, and Clyde “Bulldog” Turner are the others.

Carl Eller, Jim Marshall and/or Gary Zimmerman could join six other Minnesota Vikings Hall of Fame members: Jim Finks, Bud Grant, Paul Krause, Alan Page, Fran Tarkenton, and Ron Yary.

John Elway and/or Gary Zimmerman would be the first and/or second players to play all or a significant part of their careers as members of the Denver Broncos.

Cliff Harris, Bob Hayes, and/or Rayfield Wright would be the 8th, 9th, and/or 10th Dallas Cowboys Hall of Fame members. Tony Dorsett, Tom Landry, Bob Lilly, Mel Renfro, Tex Schramm, Roger Staubach, and Randy White are the current Cowboys Hall of Fame members.

Lester Hayes would be the 13th Oakland/Los Angeles Raider elected to the Hall. Marcus Allen, Fred Biletnikoff, George Blanda, Willie Brown, Dave Casper, Al Davis, Mike Haynes, Ted Hendricks, Howie Long, Jim Otto, Art Shell, and Gene Upshaw are the other Raiders Hall of Famers.

Bob Kuechenberg will be the ninth long-time member of the Miami Dolphins to be elected. Nick Buoniconti, Larry Csonka, Bob Griese, Jim Langer, Larry Little, Don Shula, Dwight Stephenson, and Paul Warfield are the other Dolphins Hall of Fame members.

Art Monk would be the 16th Washington Redskins Hall of Fame member. He would join George Allen, Cliff Battles, Sammy Baugh, Bill Dudley, Albert Glen “Turk” Edwards, Ray Flaherty, Joe Gibbs, Ken Houston, Sam Huff, Sonny Jurgensen, George Preston Marshall, Wayne Millner, Bobby Mitchell, John Riggins, and Charley Taylor.

Barry Sanders would be the 12th player to play all or a significant part of his career as a member of the Detroit Lions. Previously elected Lions include Lem Barney, Jack Christiansen, Dutch Clark, Lou Creekmur, Bill Dudley, Dick “Night Train” Lane, Yale Lary, Bobby Layne, Joe Schmidt, Doak Walker, and Alex Wojciechowicz.

THE MODERN-ERA POSITION ROSTER WILL CHANGE AFTER 2004 ELECTION

If elected . . .

Bob Brown, Rayfield Wright and/or Gary Zimmerman would be the 14th, 15th and/or 16th modern-era players who played primarily as a tackle to be elected. Other Hall of Fame tackles include Roosevelt Brown, Lou Creekmur, Dan Dierdorf, Forrest Gregg, Lou Groza (also PK), Mike McCormack, Ron Mix, Anthony Muñoz, Jim Parker (G-T), Bob St. Clair, Art Shell, Jackie Slater, and Ron Yary.

Harry Carson would be the 16th modern-era Hall of Fame linebacker joining Bobby Bell (also DE), Nick Buoniconti, Dick Butkus, George Connor (also DT and OT), Bill George, Jack Ham, Ted Hendricks, Sam Huff, Jack Lambert, Willie Lanier, Ray Nitschke, Joe Schmidt, Mike Singletary, Lawrence Taylor, and Dave Wilcox.

Richard Dent, Carl Eller, and/or Jim Marshall would become the 12th, 13th and/or 14th modern-era defensive end(s) to be elected to the Hall of Fame. Other Hall of Fame defensive ends are Doug Atkins, Elvin Bethea, Willie Davis, Len Ford, Dan Hampton (DT-DE), Deacon Jones, Howie Long, Gino Marchetti, Andy Robustelli, Lee Roy Selmon, and Jack Youngblood.

John Elway would join 18 modern-era quarterbacks in the Hall of Fame, including George Blanda (also a kicker), Terry Bradshaw, Len Dawson, Dan Fouts, Otto Graham, Bob Griese, Sonny Jurgensen, Jim Kelly, Bobby Layne, Joe Montana, Joe Namath, Bart Starr, Roger Staubach, Fran Tarkenton, Y.A. Tittle, Johnny Unitas, Norm Van Brocklin, and Bob Waterfield.

Cliff Harris and/or Lester Hayes would be the 17th and/or 18th modern-era defensive back in the Hall of Fame. Other Hall of Fame defensive backs include Herb Adderley, Lem Barney, Mel Blount, Willie Brown, Jack Christiansen, Mike Haynes, Ken Houston, Jimmy Johnson, Paul Krause, Dick “Night Train” Lane, Yale Lary, Ronnie Lott, Mel Renfro, Emlen Tunnell, Larry Wilson, and Willie Wood.

Bob Hayes and/or Art Monk would join 17 other modern-era receivers in the Hall of Fame. Other Hall of Fame modern-era receivers include Lance Alworth, Raymond Berry, Fred Biletnikoff, Tom Fears, Elroy Hirsch (also a halfback), Charlie Joiner, Steve Largent, Dante Lavelli, James Lofton, Don Maynard, Tommy McDonald, Bobby Mitchell (also a halfback), Pete Pihos, John Stallworth, Lynn Swann, Charley Taylor (also a halfback), and Paul Warfield.

Bob Kuechenberg would be the 9th modern-era player who played primarily as a guard to be elected. The other Hall of Fame guards previously elected are Joe DeLamielleure, John Hannah, Larry Little, Tom Mack, Mike Munchak, Jim Parker (G-T), Billy Shaw, and Gene Upshaw.

Barry Sanders would join 23 other modern-era running backs in the Hall of Fame. Other running backs include Marcus Allen, Jim Brown, Earl Campbell, Larry Csonka, Eric Dickerson, Tony Dorsett, Frank Gifford, Franco Harris, Paul Hornung, John Henry Johnson, Leroy Kelly, Ollie Matson, Hugh McElhenny, Lenny Moore, Marion Motley, Walter Payton, Joe Perry, John Riggins, Gale Sayers, O.J. Simpson, Jim Taylor, Charley Trippi, and Doak Walker.

George Young would be the 18th contributor elected to the Hall of Fame. He would join Bert Bell, Charles Bidwill, Joe Carr, Al Davis, Jim Finks, George Halas, Lamar Hunt, Curly Lambeau, Tim Mara, Wellington Mara, George Preston Marshall, Hugh “Shorty” Ray, Dan Reeves, Art Rooney, Dan Rooney, Pete Rozelle, and Tex Schramm.

