



The Pro Football Hall of Fame Canton, Ohio

Presenters for Class of 2010

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Almost immediately after receiving the good news of their election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, each member of the new Class of Enshrinees turn their attention to who they will ask to serve as their presenter at the annual enshrinement ceremony in Canton, Ohio. The presenters chosen by this year's enshrinees – Russ Grimm, Rickey Jackson, Dick LeBeau, Floyd Little, John Randle, Jerry Rice, and Emmitt Smith – include two family members, two coaches, two NFL club owners and a former owner.

Dallas Cowboys Owner/President/General Manager **Jerry Jones** will make his second appearance on the Hall of Fame Enshrinement stage as a presenter when he presents Smith, the NFL's all-time rushing leader for induction. Jones also served as Michael Irvin's presenter in 2007. Complementing Smith's induction, the Cowboys will face the Cincinnati Bengals the next evening in the annual Pro Football Hall of Fame Game.

"There is no greater honor for a person in my position," remarked Jones, "and I can't think of a more inspirational way for our current team to start a new season than being in Canton, OH while we all recognize the NFL's all-time leading rusher."

In a year that saw the New Orleans Saints win their first Super Bowl, it seems only appropriate that Saints fans are also able to celebrate Jackson's election to the Hall of Fame. Jackson is the first long-time Saints player to reach the Hall of Fame. Jackson has asked the Saints Owner/President **Tom Benson** to share in his honor by serving as his presenter.

"No one has done more for football in the State of Louisiana than Tom Benson; he kept the Saints in New Orleans during many tough times. As a result, everyone in the region can enjoy the team's success today," Jackson stated. "Mr. Benson has always been good to me and stood by me since day one. I owe a great deal of my success to him."

Rice, the game's all-time leading receiver, wasted little time in selecting his presenter. His choice is **Ed DeBartolo, Jr.**, the former owner of the San Francisco 49ers. During his 23 years owning the team, beginning in 1977, the 49ers won an unprecedented five Super Bowls, three (XXIII, XXIV and XXIX) during Rice's tenure. This is the fourth time DeBartolo has served as a presenter. He presented Bill Walsh in 1993, Joe Montana in 2000, and Fred Dean in 2008.



Ed DeBartolo, Jr.



Class of 2010 Presenters

Russ Grimm – Joe Bugel, former Washington Redskins assistant coach

"It's truly a great honor to present my dear friend Jerry Rice into the Hall of Fame," said DeBartolo. "No player in pro football history dominated his position the way Jerry did, and it's a privilege to be his presenter."

Rickey Jackson – Tom Benson, New Orleans Saints Owner/President

LeBeau, the former Detroit Lions star cornerback and the game's third all-time leading interceptor at his position, has selected his brother **Bob LeBeau** to serve as his presenter.

Dick LeBeau – Bob LeBeau, Dick's brother

Floyd Little – Marc Little, Floyd's son

"Dick loved to play sports," remarked his brother who continues to reside in London, Ohio where the two brothers grew up. "He was a great athlete. He's a great coach, and he's the most loving brother a man could have. I'm so proud that he's going to be in the Pro Football Hall of Fame."

John Randle – John Teerlinck, former Minnesota Vikings defensive line coach

Little, who amassed more than 12,000 all-purpose yards during his career with the Denver Broncos, has also asked a family member to do the honors. The versatile running back has selected his son **Marc Little** to present him.

Jerry Rice – Eddie DeBartolo Jr., former San Francisco 49ers owner

Emmitt Smith – Jerry Jones, Dallas Cowboys Owner, President, and General Manager

"It gives me extraordinary joy to present my dad to the Pro Football Hall of Fame," he stated. "I'm humbled to be the representative who will speak on behalf of our family

many of whom equally deserve to be presenters. Our family will all stand together and witness the crowning achievement of a spectacular career."

Randle, who terrorized offenses from his defensive tackle position for 14 seasons, has asked his friend and former defensive line coach **John Teerlinck** to be his presenter. As defensive line coach with the Vikings (1992-94) Teerlinck helped develop Randle from an undrafted rookie free agent to a consensus All-Pro defensive lineman.

"I've been an assistant coach for 22 years," remarked Teerlinck, now with the Indianapolis Colts. "I've coached in 31 playoff games, six championships, and four Super Bowls. This tops them all. This is the biggest honor for an assistant coach."

Russ Grimm has also tapped an assistant coach, asking **Joe Bugel** to do the honors. During Grimm's career with the Washington

Redskins (1981-91), Bugel served as the team's offensive coordinator (1981-82) and assistant head coach-offense (1983-89). It was under Bugel's watchful eye that the Grimm developed into one of the game's premier guards and the anchor of the Redskins famed offensive line nicknamed "The Hogs."

"When Russ said he wanted me to be his presenter," Bugel shared, "it lifted me so high I almost hit my head on the ceiling."

As a part of the special enhancements being created for this year's enshrinement ceremony, the Hall of Fame presenters will deliver their remarks in a video tribute to their respective Hall of Famer. He will also be featured center stage to assist in the dramatic unveiling of the enshrinee's bronzed bust, the signature icon of enshrinement into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

In addition to their Enshrinement Ceremony responsibilities, presenters also play a key role during the gala Enshrinees Dinner conducted on the eve of the Enshrinement. It is there that they present their enshrinee with his gold Hall of Fame jacket.

The 2010 Enshrinement Ceremony, televised nationally by ESPN and NFL Network, will be held on Saturday, August 7 at 7 PM (ET) in Fawcett Stadium. Tickets for the ceremony are \$30 each and can be purchased by calling Turnstyles Ticketing at (800) 913-9788 or ordering online. [Buy your enshrinement tickets now>>>](#)

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Ben Alexander - August 07 2010 12:20 PM

I have been a friend to Chris Berman for about 20 years; I will call him at ESPN from time to time. So When i heard you to be put in the hall, I was some very pleased and proud of him. I has the pleasure to get to meet at Catv-Cable tv Convention in 1990 in New York. And without him and guys others Tom Mees and many others, There would be no Espn Today. They started it back in 1982. So to my Friend Chris Berman it is long over due. So Everyone is proud of what you have done for pro football always. And remember that (He could go all the way), Straight to the pro football hall of fame. Ha! Ha! Some to cheers to you my friend,And I am Sorry i Can't be there to see be inducted into the hall. But I will be watching on TV. Some thank you for giving so much to so many people in sports. And for being a friend. Hope to get to see you again soon!!! So to the Best of the Best in Sports: Chris Berman and ESPN . Congrats Mr.Berman you deserve this to happen to you and to Sports. Your Friend Always, Ben P.S. Chris Please Don't use this as a dart board. Little Joke Chris Berman Remember 1992 July.

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Kevin L. Fuzell - June 29 2010 09:28 AM

I've been a 49ers fan since the days of John Brodie/Gene Washington @ Kezar Stadium. I really admire Jerry Rice aka 'Flash 80' on & off the Gridiron and one day during a dark time in my life I was near SFO/Bayshore Hwy when I saw Jerry Rice being dropped off @ his car, after what I beleive he just recorded a local TV commerical (Matthews TV & Stereo). Although, I was ashamed to say anything to him at that moment, I was motivated & I knew I needed to turn my life around. I promised that one day I would personally thank him. I hope to do this, if I can afford to, @ the HOF Ceremonies. If I can't just know Jerry Rice your humbleness, hardwork and success is a inspiration. Thanks for all the Memories your the greatest! God Bless you & yours Kevin P.S. 'Boooooo' is for the Cowboys! ;-D

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Chris Poff - June 14 2010 08:34 PM

I went to High School with Emmitt at Escambia High School in Pensacola. I graduated in 86, he in 87. He was incredible to watch. It was standing room only every home and away game. In his junior year, it was nothing to see Galen Hall, Pat Dye, Gene Stallings, and even Barry Switzer walking around on a Friday night. I kept up with his career right on up through the pros. What a ride it was. Wish I could be there to see an old friend get inducted to the Hall of Fame. Congratulations "Scoey"

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