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HAYES: Former Florida A&M standout, Olympic champion and Dallas Cowboys star inducted posthumously into Pro Football HOF.

OVERLOOKED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

LONG LIST OF BLACK COLLEGE STARS DESERVING OF HOF; '09 CLASSIC GAMES

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HBCU ALUMNI WHO WILL MAKE THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME WHEN THEY BECOME ELIGIBLE:

JERRY RICE (WR, Mississippi Valley State) set virtually every receiving record in existence during his 20-year career with San Francisco, Denver and Seattle. Rice was chosen for the Pro Bowl 13 times, named All-Pro 12 times, won three Super Bowl rings with the 49ers, named to NFL's 1980s and 1990s All-Decade teams, league MVP in 1988, picked to the NFL's 75th Anniversary team and voted MVP of Super Bowl XXIII. Finished his career with record 1,459 receptions for 22,895 yards and 197 touchdowns. ELIGIBLE IN 2010.



RICE: Best receiver in NFL history by a long shot.

MICHAEL STRAHAN (DE, Texas Southern) was a feared pass rusher during his 15-year career with the New York Giants. He was named to the Pro Bowl seven times, first team All-Pro four times, NFC Defensive Player of the Year twice and NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 2001. Strahan holds the NFL single season sack record with 22.5 and is No. 5 on the league's career list with 141.5. He won a Super Bowl ring in his final season. ELIGIBLE IN 2013.

AENEAS WILLIAMS (CB, Southern) was an eight-time Pro Bowl pick and a four-time first team All-Pro selection during his 14-year career with the Phoenix/Arizona Cardinals and St. Louis Rams. Williams is 17th on the NFL all-time list with 55 career interceptions. He was named to the NFL 1990 All-Decade. He scored 12 defensive touchdowns during his career, nine on interceptions on three on fumble returns. ELIGIBLE IN 2010.



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Hayes gets long overdue HOF induction

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On Saturday, **Bob Hayes** became the 23rd athlete from an HBCU and first from **Florida A&M** enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, an honor long overdue given the former Rattler star's impact on the NFL as wide receiver with the Dallas Cowboys.

Hayes, who earned the title of World's Fastest Human by winning two gold medals in the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, forced NFL teams to change the way they played defense with his speed. No one in the league was fast enough to cover him man-to-man, so teams had to resort to zones and double-teams to prevent Hayes from beating them deep. The two-deep zone that many teams use in today's NFL was devised to combat him.

"He was impactful," said Cowboys Hall of Fame quarterback Roger Staubach, speaking on behalf of Hayes' family and the Cowboys during Hayes' posthumous induction in Canton, Ohio. "That's what the Hall of Fame is about -- having an impact. Bob Hayes truly had an impact on the NFL."

Hayes, who died in 2002 of kidney and liver ailments at age 59, won the 100 meters at the Tokyo Olympics with a time of 10.05 seconds, a world record. He anchored the U.S. 400-meter



BELATED HONOR: Bob Hayes, Jr. with father's Hall of Fame bust.

relay team that also won gold with a 100-meter split of 8.6 seconds. When the Cowboys won the 1972 Super Bowl, Hayes became the only athlete to win an Olympic gold medal and Super Bowl ring. He still is the only athlete with that distinction.

Hayes' speed made him the quintessential deep threat during his 11-year career with the Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers from 1965-75. He averaged 20.0 yards a catch and scored 71 touchdowns. He scored at least 10 touchdowns in each of his first four seasons and five times during his career, and he averaged fewer than 16 yards a catch just once.

"He had that extra burst to go get the ball," says former Cleveland Browns offensive lineman John Wooten, Chairman of the Fritz Pollard Alliance. "That's what made (Roger) Staubach (the Cowboys' Hall of Fame quarterback) what he was."

Staubach and Hayes were first teammates on the 1965 College All-Star team that played the NFL champion Cleveland Browns. Staubach told the audience in Canton, Ohio, that when he first threw to Hayes, he thought he was overthrowing him. As it turned out, Staubach says, he was actually under throwing Hayes.

Hayes routinely ran circles around defensive backs. He caught six passes for 195 yards in a

game against the New York Giants in a game at the Cotton Bowl in 1966. Later that season, he had nine receptions for 246 yards against the Washington Redskins.

"He made big play after big play," Staubach said. "Bob made it happen."

Hayes' induction into the Hall of Fame came 34 years after his career ended even though he was eligible five years after he retired. A conviction for selling narcotics - in 1979 he served five months of a 10-year sentence -- in all likelihood had a role in prevented from being voted into the Hall of Fame sooner. Jarrett Bell, who covers the NFL for USA TODAY and is a Hall of Fame voter, says even with the drug conviction Hayes should have been in the Hall years ago. "It's long overdue," Bell, a long-time Hayes supporter, says. "I wish he were here to experience it."

In support of Hayes in Canton were members of his family, classmates and friends from old Matthew Gilbert High School in his native Jacksonville, Florida, along with FAMU classmates, teammates and coaches.

Florida A&M University President **Dr. James H. Ammons** headed the official FAMU party which included former presidents, **Dr. Walter L. Smith**, **Dr. Frederick Humphries** and **Dr. Fred Gainous**, along with Athletic Director **Bill Hayes**, and **Dr. Joseph P. Ramsey, II**, chairman of the FAMU Sports Hall of Fame Steering Committee.

Black college players deserving of the Hall of Fame

SEE FOR YOURSELF - HBCU alumni who are eligible and deserve to be in the Hall of Fame:

- **Robert Brazile** (LB, Jackson State) played his entire 10-year career with Houston Oilers. He was an eight-time All-Pro, played in the Pro Bowl each of his first seven seasons and was named to the NFL 1970s All-Decade team.

- **Harold Carmichael** (WR, Southern) played 14 seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles and Dallas Cowboys. Carmichael was a four-time Pro Bowler and was named to the NFL 1970s all-Decade team. He is 19th all-time in career touchdown receptions with 79.

- **Richard Dent** (DE, Tennessee State) played 14 seasons with the Chicago Bears, San Francisco 49ers, Philadelphia Eagles and Indianapolis Colts. He was MVP of Super Bowl XX with the Bears against New England. Dent was a two-time first team All-Pro pick, played in four Pro Bowls and was named All-NFC five times. He is tied for sixth on the all-time sack list with 137.

- **L.C. Greenwood** (DE, Arkansas-Pine Bluff) was part of the Steelers' Steel Curtain Defense for 13 seasons, won four Super Bowl rings in the 1970s and was unofficially credited with 73 quarterback sacks. He was All-Pro twice, All-AFC four times and played in six Pro Bowls.

- **Claude Humphrey** (DE, Tenn. State) was a devastating pass rusher who recorded 122 career sacks in 14 seasons with the Atlanta Falcons and Philadelphia Eagles. Humphrey missed just one game in his first seven seasons. He had a career-best 15 sacks in 1976 after missing the entire 1975 season with what was thought to be a career-ending knee injury. Humphrey was the 1968 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, a six-time Pro Bowler and a five-time first team All-Pro selection.

- **Harold Jackson** (WR, Jackson State) was a five-time All-Pro pick during his 16-year career with the Los Angeles Rams, Philadelphia Eagles, New England Patriots, Minnesota Vikings and Seattle Seahawks and averaged 18 yards per catch. He is 16th in league history in receiving yards (10,372). He led the league in receptions in 1972 and in receiving yards in 1969 and 1972.

- **Ed "Too Tall" Jones** (DE, Tenn. State) is one of only three player who played 15 seasons with the Dallas Cowboys. Jones played in the Pro Bowl twice. He appeared in three Super Bowls with the Cowboys, including their 1978 victory against Denver. He officially had 57 career sacks. His unofficial total was 106 as sacks didn't become an official stat until 1982.

- **Henry Lawrence** (OT, Florida A&M) was a member of the Oakland Raiders offensive line that included Hall of Famers Gene Upshaw, Art Shell and Jim Otto. Lawrence didn't miss a game in 10 of his 13 seasons. He played in the Pro Bowl twice and won two Super Bowl rings.

- **Greg Lloyd** (LB, Fort Valley State) was the emotional leader of the Pittsburgh Steelers' defense during the early 1990s. Lloyd, hampered by knee injuries throughout his career, was a three-time All-Pro pick, played in five Pro Bowls and was the 1994 UPI AFC Defensive Player of the Year.

- **Ken Riley** (CB, Florida A&M) played 15 seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals and ended his career with 65 interceptions. He is fifth on the NFL all-time interceptions list and has more career interceptions than 16 of the 20 defensive backs in the Hall of Fame.

- **Isaiah Robertson** (LB, Southern) was noted for making big plays. Robertson was NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in 1971 and a four-time first team All-Pro pick during his 12-year career with the Los Angeles Rams

and Buffalo Bills. He was second team All Pro twice and played in the Pro Bowl six times.

- **Shannon Sharpe** (TE, Savannah State) played 14 seasons with the Denver Broncos and Baltimore Ravens. He is No. 1 all-time among tight ends with 815 receptions and No. 2 in receiving yards with 10,060. Sharpe, named to the NFL's 1990s All-Decade team, won three Super Bowl rings during his career. He played in eight Pro Bowls and was first team All-Pro four times.

- **Donnie Shell** (SS, South Carolina State) won four Super Bowl rings during his 14-year career as part of the Pittsburgh Steelers' Steel Curtain Defense. Shell retired as the NFL career leader in interceptions among strong safeties with 51. He was a four-time first team All-Pro pick and played in five Pro Bowls.

- **Everson Walls** (DB, Grambling State) led the league in interceptions as a rookie free agent with the Dallas Cowboys in 1981 and is the only player in history to lead the NFL in interceptions three times. Walls played 13 seasons with the Cowboys, New York Giants and Cleveland Browns and ended his career with 57 interceptions. He was a four-time Pro Bowl pick, and he won a Super Bowl ring with the Giants in 1990. Walls is tied for 10th place on the NFL all-time interception list with 57.

- **Paul "Tank" Younger** (RB/LB, Grambling State) in 1949 became the first athlete to go directly from an HBCU into the NFL when he signed with the Los Angeles Rams and is No. 6 on their career rushing list with 3,296 yards. A four-time Pro Bowl pick, he was the first black to play in an NFL All-Star Game. After retiring, Younger became the first black front office executive in NFL history.

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2009 CLASSIC, BOWL AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29		Concordia vs. Savannah State in Valdosta, GA..... 4p
Wade Wilson Classic		Fish Bowl Classic - ESPN2 -delayed-10:30pm ET
Cheyney vs. Lincoln (PA) in Cheyney, PA..... 4p	Two Rivers Classic	Norfolk State vs. Bethune-Cookman in Norfolk, VA..... 4p
Fayetteville State vs. UNC Pembroke in Fayetteville, NC..... 6p	Kickoff Classic	
Lincoln (MO) vs. Upper Iowa in Jefferson City, MO..... 7p		
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5		SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
Palmetto Capital City Classic		The Commemorative Classic
Benedict vs. West Virginia State in Columbia, SC..... 4p	John Merritt Classic	Livingstone vs. Johnson C. Smith in Salisbury, NC..... 1p
Tennessee State vs. Alabama A&M in Nashville, TN..... 6p	Greenville HBCU Classic	26th Circle City Classic
Livingstone vs. Savannah State in Greenville, SC..... 6p	Virginia Lottery Labor Day Classic	Tuskegee vs. Alabama A&M in Indianapolis, IN..... 4p
Norfolk State vs. Virginia State in Norfolk, Va..... 6p	LU Football Classic	State Fair Classic
Lincoln (MO) vs. Langston in Jefferson City, MO..... 7p	Labor Day Classic - ESPN2 -delayed-10:30pm ET	Grambling State vs. Prairie View A&M in Dallas, TX..... 6p
Texas Southern vs. Prairie View A&M in Houston, TX..... 7p		
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6		SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
5th MEAC/SWAC Challenge - ESPN2 - Live		74th Tuskegee-Morehouse Classic
SC State vs. Grambling State in Orlando, Fla..... 2p	Dayton Classic V	Tuskegee vs. Morehouse in Columbus, GA..... 2p
Central State vs. Virginia Union in Dayton, OH..... 5p	3rd Labor Day Golden Classic	
Miles vs. Tuskegee in Birmingham, AL..... 6p		
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12		SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
Ralph J. Bunche Classic		Battle of the Bay
Edward Waters vs. Johnson C. Smith in Kingsland, GA..... 5p	Joe Turner Classic	Norfolk State vs. Hampton in Norfolk, VA..... 1p
Savannah State vs. Alabama State in Savannah, GA..... 5p	Southern Heritage Classic	Wiregrass Football Classic
Jackson State vs. Tennessee State in Memphis, TN..... 6p		Edward Waters vs. Concordia in Dothan, AL..... 4p
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19		Biker's Classic
Western VA Educational Classic		Tennessee State vs. Murray State in Nashville, TN..... 6p
Saint Paul's vs. Fayetteville State in Salem, VA..... 1p	Miami Dade Football Classic	
Benedict vs. Concordia in..... 4p	12th Down East Viking Football Classic	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
Elizabeth City State vs. Chowan in Rocky Mount, NC..... 4p	NY Urban League Classic	68th Magic City Classic
Morgan State vs. Winston-Salem State in East Rutherford, NJ..... 4p	Submarina San Diego Football Classic	Alabama State vs. Alabama A&M in Birmingham, AL..... 2:30p
Central State vs. Stillman in Chula Vista, CA..... 7p		
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26		SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
8th Lucille M. Brown Community Youth Bowl		CIAA Football Championship - CIAA TV Network
Virginia Union vs. Chowan in Richmond, VA..... 1p	Prince George's Classic	East Champ vs. West Champ in Durham, NC..... 1p
Bowie State vs. Shaw in Bowie, MD..... 2p	Stan Lomax Gold Coast Football Classic	20th Fountain City Classic
Edward Waters vs. Fort Valley State in Brunswick, GA..... 2:30p	18th Gateway Classic	Albany State vs. Fort Valley State in Columbus, GA..... 2p
Kentucky State vs. Tuskegee in St. Louis, MO..... 3p	21st Bank of America Atlanta Football Classic	Clark Atlanta vs. Benedict in Augusta, GA..... 2p
Florida A&M vs. Tennessee State in Atlanta, GA..... 3:30p	10th Chicago Football Classic	Delta Classic 4 Literacy
Miss Valley State vs. Alabama State in Chicago, IL..... 4p	South Georgia Heritage Classic	Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. Grambling State in Little Rock, AR..... 2:30p
		SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
		36th Gulf Coast Classic
		Alabama State vs. Southern in Mobile, AL..... 2:30p
		SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
		Capital City Classic
		Jackson State vs. Alcorn State in Jackson, MS..... 1p
		Florida Classic XXX - ESPN Classic - Live
		Florida A&M vs. Bethune-Cookman in Orlando, FL..... 2:30p
		THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
		86th Turkey Day Classic - ESPN2 - Live
		Alabama State vs. Tuskegee in Montgomery, AL..... 3p
		SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
		Dallas Lone Star Classic
		Texas Southern vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Dallas, TX..... 1p
		Bayou Classic XXXVI - NBC
		Southern vs. Grambling State in New Orleans, LA..... 1p
		SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
		SWAC Championship Game
		East Champ vs. West Champ in Birmingham, AL..... TBA

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HBCU ALUMNI IN PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

- Lem Barney, CB, Jackson State
- Elvin Bethea, DE, North Carolina A&T
- Mel Blount, CB, Southern
- Roosevelt Brown, OT, Morgan State
- Willie Brown, Grambling State
- Buck Buchanan, DT, Grambling State
- Harry Carson, South Carolina State
- Willie Davis, DE, Grambling State
- Len Ford, DE, Morgan State¹
- Bob Hayes**, WR, Florida A&M
- Ken Houston, SS, Prairie View A&M
- Charlie Joiner, WR, Grambling State
- Deacon Jones, DE, S. C. State State/Miss. Valley State
- Leroy Kelly, RB, Morgan State
- Willie Lanier, LB, Morgan State
- Larry Little, OG, Bethune-Cookman
- Marion Motley, FB, South Carolina State²
- Walter Payton, RB, Jackson State
- Art Shell, OT, Maryland-Eastern Shore
- Jackie Slater, OT, Jackson State
- John Stallworth, WR, Alabama A&M
- Emmitt Thomas, CB, Bishop College
- Rayfield Wright, OT, Fort Valley State

¹ Ford transferred to the University of Michigan after one year.

² Motley transferred to the University of Nevada-Reno after one year.