

FOOTBALL ON THE WEB  
The College Football Hall of  
Fame

<http://CollegeFootball.org/index.shtml>

The College Football Hall of Fame Web Site is colorful, entertaining, and informative. The first thing you see when you go there is the Hall medallion and ten brightly-colored pennants waving in the wind of cyberspace.

Those flags aren't there just to remind you of the pageantry of college football. Each one is a link. Each one you click on takes you to a different part of the site.

For example, INFO gets you general information on the Hall and background on the National Football Foundation.

If you're in an argumentative mood, try TALKBACK, an interactive section where you can voice your opinion on some question of the day. When we clicked, the question was "Should college football coaches be given tenure like other college professors?"

That "other college professors" raised our eyebrows. Somehow we just never thought of him as "Professor Sherrill," but it is a brave new world. Anyway, you can answer "Yes" or "No" and there's a space provided for comments.

You can take a quick tour of the Hall by clicking on TOUR. Personally, we'd like to see this section expanded with lots more photos. But, as my sainted mother used to ask, "Whaddya want? Egg in yer beer?" As tours go, you can't beat the price.

To find out what's going on there, click on EVENTS. This seems to overlap with PRESSROOM, where news releases are available and perhaps a bit with PLAYBOOK, where you can learn the the College Hall Web Site has won a well-deserved award, and that there are colorful prints for sale. Yea! Red Grange!

You can also find out about South Bend, Indiana, (the home of the Hall) by clicking on -- three guesses -- SOUTH BEND.

The section we find most interesting -- and the one we go to most often -- is HALL OF FAMERS. In case you don't know, almost 800 players and coaches have been enshrined in the Hall, so just the list of enshrinees itself isn't something you can easily keep in mind to recite at parties. The HALL OF FAMERS site will give you name, college, position, years played, year of induction, and, in most cases, the number the player wore. You can look up individual players like Doak Walker, or colleges like all the Alabama enshrinees, or who was inducted when. Those come up quickly. On the other hand, if you want to look at the whole list, you're going to sit for a while because it's a long list. We downloaded it onto our hard drive, figuring we'll only check the section once a year.

Our second most favorite site is FEATURED FAMERS where recent enshrinees are given brief biographies. Here are two samples.

**Dave Rimington**  
Nebraska Center 1979-82

The first player ever to win the coveted outland trophy in consecutive years (1981 and 1982), Dave Rimington is one of the most decorated offensive lineman in Cornhusker history.

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The 6'3", 290-pound, center was a two-time First Team All-American selection in 1981 and 1982 and is one of the 11 Cornhuskers to have his jersey (#50) retired. A three-time First Team All-conference choice from 1980-82, Rimington was twice named the Big Eight Player of the year in 1981 and 1982. He was named the Big Eight Offensive Player of the Year in 1981. A four-year letterman and three-year starter for Nebraska, Rimington was named team captain and capped off his senior season by winning the 1982 Lombardi Award winner.

A two-time First Team Academic All-American, Rimington was honored by the NCAA as a Top-Five Student-Athlete and was selected as a National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete in 1982. He was also a three-time First Team Academic All-Big Eight choice from 1980-82.

A first round draft choice of the Cincinnati Bengals, Rimington played five seasons with the Bengals and finished his professional football career after playing two seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1989. Currently an executive for the Esiason Foundation, Rimington resides in New York City.

### **Dave Robinson**

Penn State    End (O&D)    1960-62

A dominant two-way lineman for the Nittany Lions in the early sixties, Dave Robinson helped Penn State capture back-to-back Lambert Trophies in 1961 and 1962.

During his final season at Penn State, Robinson was named First Team All-American and was selected the Top Collegiate Lineman by the Philadelphia Sportswriters Association. He was a First Team All-East selection and was named the Newark Athletic Club's College Athlete of the Year in 1962. A three year letterman, Robinson played in the 1960 Liberty Bowl and the 1961 and 1962 Gator Bowls. He was named to the All-time Gator Bowl team.

A first-round draft choice of the Green Bay Packers, Robinson played ten seasons and was a member of the Super Bowl I and Super Bowl II Championship teams. Robinson ended his professional football career playing two seasons with the Washington Redskins in 1973 and 1974.

Currently a Coors Distributor, Robinson and his wife, Elaine, reside in Akron, Ohio. They have three sons.

We find these bios stressing the college careers very useful for players who went on to pro careers because, quite frankly, we don't follow college football that closely. We're sometimes surprised to learn that a player actually had an outstanding college career when we never heard of him until he was drafted. Perhaps there's something missing in our football knowledge.

If you want to show how much you know about college football (and how much more you know than we do), click on WIN. There you'll find a trivia question you can answer with another interactive click.

The question up on the screen when we went there was "What Division 1-A school has the all-time longest losing streak?" Multiple choice answers are provided. Notre Dame wasn't among the three choices available so we were stuck. You might do better.