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COLLINS HEADS HALL OF VERY GOOD CLASS OF 2016

WARMINSTER, Pa. (November 5, 2016) – Gary Collins, who caught three scoring passes the last time the Cleveland Browns won an NFL championship game, is one of nine former NFL players who were elected to the 2016 Professional Football Researchers Association Hall of Very Good.

The complete Class of 2016 is as follows:

- Gary Collins: Wide Receiver/Punter, 1962-71 Cleveland Browns
- Gale Gillingham: Guard, 1966-76 Green Bay Packers
- Jim Katcavage: Defensive End/Tackle, 1956-68 New York Giants
- Joe Klecko: Defensive Line, 1977-87 New York Jets, 1988 Indianapolis Colts
- Harvey Martin: Defensive End, 1973-83 Dallas Cowboys
- Don Perkins: Running Back, 1961-68 Dallas Cowboys
- Duane Putnam: Guard, 1952-59 and 1962 Los Angeles Rams, 1960 Dallas Cowboys, 1961 Cleveland Browns
- Isiah Robertson: Linebacker, 1971-78 Los Angeles Rams, 1979-82 Buffalo Bills
- Louis Wright: Cornerback, 1975-86 Denver Broncos

The PFRA is professional football's leading research organization. The Hall of Very Good consists of former players and coaches the PFRA feels are not currently members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame but still deserving of recognition. Multiple members of the HoVG have later been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, generally as seniors candidates.

The nine new members of the Hall of Very Good were selected from a larger group established by a special PFRA committee for consideration by the membership as a whole. The PFRA's 400-plus members voted and the biggest vote getters become members of the Hall of Very Good.

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