



ROD WOODSON - VS. Indiana, Nov. 22, 1986

ROD WOODSON SELECTED FOR INDUCTION INTO CF HALL OF FAME

Former Purdue All-America defensive back Rod Woodson has been selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame, becoming just the 11th Boilermaker player ever chosen, but the fifth since 2006.

The Football Bowl Subdivision Class of 2016 was announced Jan. 8 in Scottsdale, Ariz., and includes 14 players and two coaches. The class was chosen from a national ballot of 76 All-America players and five elite coaches from the Football Bowl Subdivision and 92 players and 27 coaches from the divisional ranks.

Woodson, who played for head coach Leon Burtnett from 1983 to 1986, is the 16th Boilermaker (11 players and five coaches) to be chosen for college football's ultimate shrine. Woodson follows quarterback Mike Phipps in 2006, quarterback Mark Herrmann in 2010, halfback Otis Armstrong in 2012 and defensive tackle Dave Butz in 2014. Purdue had gone 16 years between inductees before Phipps.

"This is great news," said Kelly Kitchel, President of the Joe Tiller Chapter and also a former Purdue player. "One of the main goals in starting this chapter about 12 years ago was the assist Purdue in getting our deserving players and coaches selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame and the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. Our efforts are paying off."

Woodson, who was inducted into the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009, will join quarterback Bob Griese as the only Boilermakers to be enshrined in the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics, College Football and Pro Football halls of fame.

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THREE EVENTS SET FOR SPRING

APRIL 20 – PURDUE COLOR DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

MAY 6 – RYAN KERRIGAN 12TH BOILER GOLF OUTING

JUNE 10 -- NFF HONORS DINNER "CELEBRATING OUR LEGENDS"

Honoring athletes and identifying champions are the main focal points of the National Football Foundation's Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana again this year.

As the chapter approaches deadlines (Jan. 22) for the judging process for the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award while still accepting nominations through the end of March for the other chapter awards (see awards and nomination form on adjoining pages), many details are now in place for three important events involving our chapter this spring.

Activities begin on the afternoon/evening of Wednesday, April 20, as Purdue Gold Standard, our partner student organization, puts on its fourth annual Color Dodgeball For A Cause at Purdue's Horticulture Park or Co-Rec Fields working in cooperation with Gimlet Leadership Honorary and Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Then, on Friday, May 6, the chapter joins forces with Purdue's Trademarks Licensing Office to host an event, the Ryan Kerrigan/12th Boiler Golf Outing at Purdue's Birk Boilermaker Golf Complex in West Lafayette.

Following that is the chapter's primary function, highlighting our scholar-athletes and award winners at the NFF Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends XII" on Friday, June 10, at the Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms in West Lafayette.

COLOR DODGEBALL

The Purdue Gold Standard, which promotes philanthropy and leadership, is looking to expand on the successes of the previous three Color Dodgeball events that were held in the fall of 2012 and the springs of 2014 and 2015.

The highly-anticipated student-oriented contest primarily serves as a fund-raiser that benefits Purdue's Center for Cancer Research and the NFF Scholarship Fund. Gimlet and Sigma Chi have decided to join the event with part of the proceeds going toward their charities of choice. It is a student-oriented, fun-filled afternoon and evening that includes the dodgeball tournament loaded with paint and medals for the winners. The event also features free food, music and giveaways.

Those interested in signing up can do so at www.nfftillerchapter.org/pgs. The cost is \$10/person or \$50 for a team of six players. For more information, contact Purdue Gold Standard President Austin Hoefling at ahoeflin@purdue.edu.

GOLF OUTING

The seventh annual golf outing features Kerrigan, the former Boilermaker All-American and first round draft pick who helped lead the Washington Redskins to a NFC East Division title this season. Several other former Purdue athletes and coaches have been invited to attend.

Many of the participants in the golf outing will be vendors, retailers and licensees of Purdue University, but there will be plenty of spaces available for NFF chapter members, students and the general public to take part. Cost is \$165 per player (\$75 for students), covering box lunch, golf cart, 18 holes of golf on the Kampen and newly-renovated Ackerman Hills Course and an informal reception/dinner featuring a few presentations at the Voinoff Pavilion following golf. The cost is \$15 less for those who cannot stay for the reception/dinner. Most of the proceeds from the event go toward the 12th Boiler Scholarship Fund and our NFF Scholarship Fund.

Contact Jim Vrugink (765-427-3303) for more information.

HONORS DINNER

Highlighting the awards process for this chapter is our marquee event, the Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends XII" on June 10 at the Purdue Memorial Union.

Top scholar-athletes from throughout northern Indiana, who are nominated by their schools for our Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award, will be the high school guests of honor along with approximately eight or nine specialty award winners. Highlight of the event will be the induction of at least two former football standouts into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. That selection process is still under way. Additional details will be announced in March.

At last June's Honors Dinner, Joshua Brune of Belmont High School was honored as the chapter's Scholar-Athletes of the Year before a crowd of 356 football enthusiasts.

Brune was chosen from a group of eight high school football standouts who were singled out in May by NFF judges as the finalists from an original group of 19 scholar-athletes nominated by their coaches from throughout the northern half of Indiana.

The other finalists were Rylan Arihood of Rensselaer, Cody Howell of Tri-Central, Derrick Randall of Oak Hill, Santiago Thompson of Andean, Alan Trinh of Lafayette Jefferson, Jake Vent of Northwestern and Tanner Watkins of West Lafayette Harrison.

Judging was based 40 percent on academics, 40 percent on athletics and 20 percent on citizenship, leadership and character.

Brune, a four-year varsity player in football and

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REMINDER:
Please nominate by
March 31st for Chapter
Awards (see next page)

AWARDS FOR JOE TILLER CHAPTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a graduating high school senior football player who exemplifies excellence as a student, an athlete and a citizen. Scholarship money from the National Football Foundation is provided to the winner as long as he is not receiving full athletic aid to attend the college of his choice. He is not required to continue his career as a football player.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted in early winter from high school coaches and/or administrators in the counties covered by this NFF chapter. Nominations are evaluated by the Scholar-Athlete Committee, which recommends at least one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner.

Other nominees will also be recognized at the Honors Dinner.

2003 Honorary S-A Clayton Richard of Lafayette McCutcheon High School

2005 Honoree: William Bowman of Lafayette Jefferson High School

2006 Honoree: Brett Courtney of West Lafayette Harrison High School

2007 Honoree: James Wodicka of West Lafayette High School

2008 Honoree: Griffin Richeson of Lafayette Central Catholic High School

2009 Honoree: Matt Lancaster * of West Lafayette High School

2010 Honoree: Daniel Wodicka * of West Lafayette High School

2011 Honoree: Alex Hegg of Seeger Memorial High School

2012 Honoree: Dayton Snyder of West Lafayette High School

2013 Honoree: Ryan Spesard # of Carroll High School

2014 Honoree: *Andrew Ralph of Chesterton High School

2015 Honoree: Joshua Brune of Belmont High School

** Also won Midwest S-A of Year Award; # Also won State S-A of Year Award*

"PURDUE IS PROUD OF YOU" AWARD

This award is intended to provide recognition to a person from Purdue who is closely involved with the game of football and who has provided positive exposure for Purdue through his or her efforts, in a role other than being a player or coach. The recipient will have maintained a lifetime of interest in the football while exhibiting exceptional qualities in his or her profession or activity.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and presentation made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2011 Honoree: Drew Brees, Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year

2012 Honoree: Otis Armstrong, College Football Hall of Fame Selectee

2013 Honoree: MerrieBeth Cox, Miss Indiana and Purdue's Golden Girl

ARNETTE TILLER "SERVICE TO FOOTBALL" AWARD

This award, which is sponsored and funded by the IFCA, is intended to provide recognition to a woman closely related to the game of football who has given tirelessly and effectively for the betterment of the game and its participants. The recipient will have exhibited exceptional service and dedication to a football program covered by this NFF chapter.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and IFCA members and considered by the IFCA Awards Committee in conjunction with Mrs. Tiller and the NFF chapter, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. The presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner in the appropriate IFCA Region. It is recommended that this award be rotated between Region 1 (odd numbered years) and Region 4 (even numbered years).

2012 Honoree: Arnette Tiller, wife of Coach Joe Tiller, Purdue University

2013 Honoree: Jamie Marsh, wife of Coach Leroy Marsh, Munster High School

2015 Honoree: Sarah Lim, 7-year student manager, WLHS & Purdue University

COURAGE AWARD

This award is given to provide recognition to an individual in our region who has exemplified great courage by surviving extreme personal hardship or difficulty OR who has assisted someone else in doing the same. The award-winner must be a high school, college or professional athlete, coach or administrator.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted in early winter from members of this chapter. Nominations are evaluated by the awards committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at either Scholar-Athlete Banquet or the annual Honors Dinner.

2012 Honoree: Danny Anthrop of Lafayette Central Catholic High School

2013 Honorees: Cooper Fulmer of Winamac)/Patrick Mackey of Lafayette Central Catholic High School

2014 Honoree: Jack Folkers of West Lafayette High School

BERNIE FLOWERS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO AMATEUR FOOTBALL

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to an individual whose efforts and activities support the goals of the National Football Foundation on the local level. The award identifies an individual who works tirelessly out of love for football and a desire to help children play the game. The award winner can be a league organizer, administrator, fundraiser, coach, doctor, athletic trainer, official or anyone who excels in representing and supporting the foundation's fundamental creed.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2005 Honoree: Kay Hunt of West Lafayette Little Gridiron Football League

2006 Honoree: John Robinson of Lafayette 56ers Youth Football League

2007 Honoree: Dr. Bob Hagen of Lafayette Orthopaedic and Sportsmedicine Clinic

2008 Honoree: Brad Smith of Attica and Indiana Football Coaches Association

2009 Honoree: Tom Kubat of Lafayette Journal & Courier Sports Department

2010 Honoree: Joe McConnell of Learfield Sports and Purdue Radio Network

2011 Honorees: Lane Custer and Jon Speaker of West Side Flag Football

2012 Honorees: Clay and Chris Oppy of Dream Season

2013 Honoree: Mark Ebelhar of West Lafayette Little Gridiron

2014 Honoree: Linda Rohman of Lafayette

2015 Honoree: David M. Williams of Lafayette Area Little Gridiron

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

This annual award is given to provide recognition to an individual who has consistently excelled in three areas paramount to the National Football Foundation - academics, athletics and service - while maintaining an exemplary record of citizenship in his school and/or local community. The award-winner can be a high school, college or professional athlete.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted in early winter from members of this chapter. Nominations are evaluated by the awards committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at either Scholar-Athlete Banquet or the annual Honors Dinner.

2011 Honoree: Kyle Adams of Purdue University

2012 Honoree: Kurt Lichtenberg of Purdue University

2014 Honoree: Rob Henry of Purdue University

LEGENDS AWARD

This award is intended to provide recognition to a person closely related to the game of football who has given tirelessly and effectively throughout his or her career for the betterment of the game and its participants, without being a player or coach. The recipient will have maintained a lifetime of interest in the football while exhibiting exceptional leadership qualities in his or her profession and bringing recognition to the local area covered by this NFF chapter.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2012 Honoree: Denny Miller, former head athletic trainer of Purdue University

2014 Honoree: Joe Rudolph, former executive dir. of Purdue Alumni Association

2015 Honoree: John Friend, former coach, athletics director, administrator in

NW Indiana

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NOMINATION FORM FOR 2015 AWARDS

(Submit by March 31, 2016, to Jim Vrugink via phone at 765-427-3303, email at jvrugink@purdue.edu or mail at 3672 Farnsworth Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906)

Name of nominee _____

For which award? _____

Phone/address of nominee _____

Reasons for nomination _____

Your name _____

Phone or email _____

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DREW BRES MENTAL TOUGHNESS AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a college or professional athlete who exemplified exceptional mental attitude or toughness while competing within the counties covered by this NFF chapter. Exceptional mental attitude includes displays of high academic achievement, superior leadership, dogged determination, tenacity, moral character, bravery, humility and concern for others, in addition to remarkable athletic accomplishments. The award is named in honor of its first recipient, who also assists in the selection process.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and Drew Brees and presentation made at the Honors Dinner.

2005 Honoree: Drew Brees of the San Diego Chargers

2006 Honoree: Rob Ninkovich of the Purdue Boilermakers

2007 Honoree: Roosevelt Colvin of the New England Patriots

2008 Honoree: Nick Hardwick of the San Diego Chargers

2009 Honoree: Akin Ayodele of the Miami Dolphins

2011 Honoree: Ryan Kerrigan of the Washington Redskins

2012 Honoree: Robbie Hummel of the Purdue Boilermakers

2013 Honoree: Ryan Grigson of the Indianapolis Colts

2014 Honoree: Cliff Avril of Seattle Seahawks

2015 Honoree: Kyle Orton of Buffalo Bills

“HE PLAYED FOOTBALL” AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a former football player in the geographic region of Northwest Indiana who went on to become highly successful in life-after-football. Emphasis is placed on individuals who were not necessarily stars of their teams but who built their later successes on their skills instead of their “football name.”

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and presentation made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2014 Honoree: Francie Gutman, former Purdue quarterback and Director of Cleveland Eye Clinic

2015 Honoree: Carl Buerigler, former Purdue walk-on quarterback, now COO of Jimmy Johns

DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a citizen who has maintained a lifetime of interest in the game of football and who has exhibited enviable leadership qualities and patriotism while making a significant contribution to the betterment of amateur football or sports in general in the United States while bringing recognition to the local area covered by this NFF chapter.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and presentation made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2005 Honoree: Gene Keady, emeritus basketball coach of Purdue University

2006 Honoree: Bob DeMoss, former football coach/administrator at Purdue University

2007 Honoree: Henry Rosenthal, former play-by-play announcer/owner of WASK Radio

2008 Honoree: Bernie Flowers, Purdue All-American, sales extraordinaire

2009 Honoree: Joe Tiller, emeritus football coach of Purdue University

2011 Honoree: Leroy Keyes, former Purdue All-American/administrator

2013 Honorees: Noble Kizer and Noble Kizer, Jr., former football coach and athletic director at Purdue University and his son, Lafayette businessman

GOLD MEDALLION AWARD

This award is given on rare occasion and in special circumstances to recognize the career of a highly-successful person in this region. It recognizes an outstanding American and/or loyal Hoosier who has achieved significant career success while demonstrating integrity and honesty and bringing recognition to the local area covered by this NFF chapter.

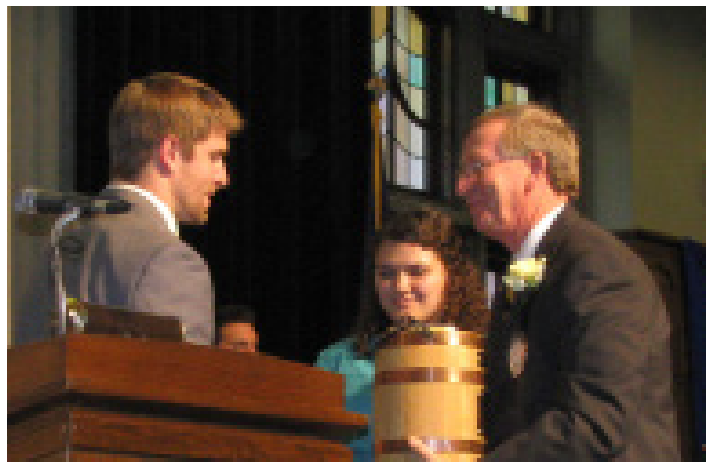
Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and presentation made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2007 Honoree: Dr. Martin Jischke, President of Purdue University

2010 Honorees: Drew Brees, Len Dawson, Bob Griese - Purdue's Super Bowl Champion QB's

2011 Honorees: Neil Armstrong, Eugene Cernan, Jerry Ross - Purdue Astronauts

2013 Honoree: David Boudia, Olympic Gold and Bronze Medalist in diving



DANNY ANTHROP (left) receives the Kiwanis Citizenship Award at December's Senior Recognition Dinner for the Purdue football team. Anthrop had been the Courage Award winner at the 2012 NFF Honors Dinner. Presenting the Citizenship Award, which is a replica of the Old Oaken Bucket, are Circle K President Ellie Fernander (center) and Kiwanis President-Elect Jim Hopf (right).

Executive Director's Report 2015:

CHAPTER FOCUSES ON STABILITY, ATHLETES & COACHES, CHARITIES IN OUR REGION

As we conclude our 11th year of existence as a chapter of the National Football Foundation, the attention of our Board of Advisors is on the future.

With new president Kelly Kitchel taking the reins, the focus is to continue developing our long-range plan for chapter stability, both in terms of financial support and leadership. Secondly, it is important to the board to continue honoring and recognizing scholar-athletes, former athletes and coaches. And, thirdly, the chapter will continue to support charitable causes (including our own leadership scholarship programs) in this region, especially within Tippecanoe County, where most of the fund-raising takes place.

While our chapter's financial status remains healthy (see paragraph below), we saw a mild drop in donations, contributions and advertising sales in 2015 and a continuing decline in tickets sales for our events. As a result, our scholarship commitment for this year again was reduced. The board wants to place an emphasis this next year (and for several years to come) on fund-raising with the goal of establishing an endowment to help assure long-term stability.

Our membership is still fairly strong (154 at last count in November) which ranks us largest in Indiana among the four chapters and seventh in the country among 120. We have a terrific board and many effective committee members, so there are probably other chapter members ready to step forward. Please contact me (via email jvruiggink@purdue.edu or phone 765-427-3303), if you would like to help.

Our 11th annual NFF Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends" on June 10 was a success, but it drew one of our smallest crowds (356), down from our previous years. Also last spring, May 8 to be exact, we had 52 golfers participating in the Ryan Kerrigan/12th Boiler Golf Outing, sponsored jointly by the NFF and Purdue's Trademark Licensing Office at the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex.

Total chapter income this year, through the end of December, is \$45,112, a decrease of about \$7,000 from last year's total and about \$40,000 less than our high-water mark of five years ago. After paying all expenses, our total distribution to charity and scholarship recipients for this year will be nearly \$20,000, raising our 11-year total to about \$250,000.

Through our first 11 years as a chapter, we have honored 256 individuals for their accomplishments, including 214 scholar-athletes who have been awarded a total of nearly \$190,000 in scholarships and honorariums for college.

Special thanks this year goes to Purdue student Travis Baugh, one of our NFF interns, a member of the Purdue Gold Standard and now a member of our board, for his exceptional work redesigning our chapter's web site. Check out the new "look" and updated information at www.nfftillerchapter.org.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of ALL our members.

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Vruiggink, Executive Director

WOODSON IS PURDUE'S 5TH INDUCTEE SINCE 2006

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"Without a doubt, Rod is the most extraordinary athlete that I was associated with during my playing days at Purdue and in the NFL," said Calvin Williams, who was teammates with Woodson in 1985 and 1986. "His selection to the College Football Hall of Fame is well deserved for a player of his stature."

As a senior with the Boilermakers, Woodson was a consensus All-American and runner-up for the Jim Thorpe Award. He was a first team All-Big Ten selection his sophomore, junior and senior seasons – one of only four players in school history to be honored three times. Woodson, who started all 45 games in his Purdue career, ended his collegiate days with 13 individual records, including being tied for the career record with 11 interceptions (since broken and now tied for third) and owned the record for interceptions returned for touchdowns with three (since broken and now second). He presently ranks second in career solo tackles (320), fourth in total tackles (445) and ninth in pass breakups (29). He left Purdue as the career leader with 1,535 kickoff return yards, which now ranks fifth.

In his final collegiate game, Nov. 22, 1986, Woodson played both ways in the Boilermakers' 17-15 Old Oaken Bucket victory over Indiana. He started at tailback and rushed for a team season-high 93 yards on 15 carries while catching three passes for 67 yards. At his usual cornerback position, he recorded 10 tackles, one pass breakup and one forced fumble. He also returned three punts for 30 yards and two kickoffs for 46 yards. In all, Woodson appeared in an astounding 137 plays, approximately 90 percent of the game.

"I've seen a lot of football, and I've never seen a young man play a game like that," Burnett said afterwards of Woodson. "If he's not the best player in this conference, I don't believe I've seen him. I wouldn't trade anybody in the country for Rod Woodson."

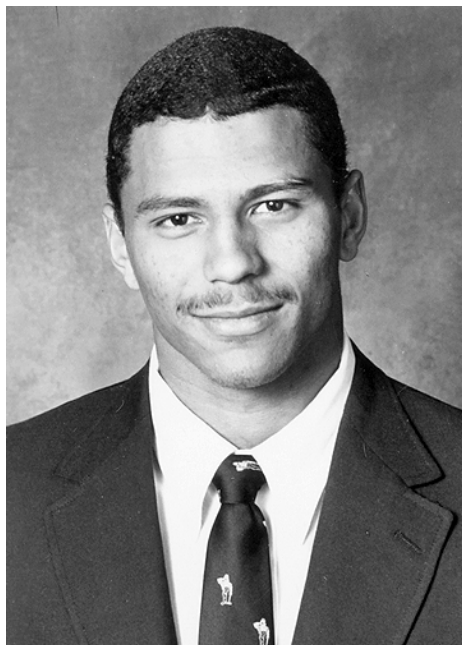
In the 1987 NFL Draft, the Pittsburgh Steelers picked Woodson with the 10th overall pick. He played defensive back for 17 seasons with the Steelers (1987-96), San Francisco 49ers (1997), Baltimore Ravens (1998-2001) and Oakland Raiders (2002-03). He retired with 71 interceptions, the third-most in NFL history, a then-league-record 1,483 interception return yards, and league records of 12 interception returns for touchdowns and 32 fumble recoveries. Woodson was selected to 11 Pro Bowls, and, in 1994, he was one of only five active players to be selected to the NFL's 75th Anniversary Team.

Woodson is one of only 10 players in NFL history to reach the Super Bowl three times with three teams: XXX with the Steelers, XXXV with the Ravens (a 34-7 win over the New York Giants) and XXXVII with the Raiders. He was the 1993 NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

He is a member of the NFL's 75th Anniversary Team and the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 1990s. And, the Big Ten's annual Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year Award carries his name.

Woodson became just the 62nd individual elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility, and he was the fourth individual with Purdue ties to be enshrined, following quarterback Len Dawson (1987), Griese (1990), and running back and assistant coach Hank Stram (2003).

During his Pro Football Hall of Fame induction speech, Woodson paid homage to his alma mater, saying, "My home away from home was Purdue University ... All the multiple coaches there taught me so much. All the professors taught me so much.



ROD WOODSON

They got me ready for the National Football League. But more importantly, they got me ready for life."

Named Purdue's 1986-87 Male Athlete of the Year, Woodson led the Boilermakers to an appearance in the 1984 Peach Bowl.

A native of Fort Wayne, Ind., Woodson also ran track at Purdue and twice earned All-America honors in the hurdles. He was a five-time Big Ten champion and still boasts school records in the 60- and 110-meter hurdles.

Following his retirement from the NFL, Woodson worked as an analyst for the NFL Network and Big Ten Network from 2003 to 2011. He spent the 2011 season as the Raiders' cornerbacks coach before resuming his broadcasting career with Westwood One as a college football analyst in 2012 and 2013. Woodson interned with the Steelers in training camp in 2013 and participated in the Bill Walsh Minority Coaching Fellowship Program with the Denver Broncos during the 2014 offseason. Woodson returned to Oakland as assistant defensive backs coach in 2015.

Woodson and his wife, Nickie, have five children.

The Class of 2016 will be inducted at the 59th NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 6 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. The inductees and their accomplishments will be immortalized forever at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

Of the 5.12 million individuals who have played or coached college football over the past 147 years, only 963 players and 209 coaches have been immortalized in the Hall of Fame. In other words, only two ten-thousandths of one percent (.0002) of those who have been involved in the game have been deemed worthy of the honor.

Two other former Boilermakers, wide receivers Larry Burton (1973-74) and Taylor Stubblefield (2001-04), were on the ballot.

PAST PURDUE GAMES NOW AVAILABLE ON DVD

Boilermaker game films and videos dating back as far as 1931 are still available for public sale.

Purdue's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, in conjunction with SPARX Enterprises, is marketing Boilermaker games to fans who are interested in preserving a little piece of Purdue sports history.

"We are very pleased that we have a reliable means of delivering copies of some of our most valuable sports artifacts – game films or videos – to our fans and former players," says Tom Schott, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Communications. "We have a large collection of materials in our archives that are in the process of being digitized, preserved and protected for the future. Selling copies of games will help to defray the expense of this project and will certainly help us achieve some goals. A percentage of each sale comes back to Purdue."

Fans may explore the inventory of games available by going online at www.footballvideos.com and may place orders directly there or via phone at 717-732-5643 or email at wdr@footballvideos.com.

"SPARX Enterprises and I are very excited to have Purdue onboard as one of our many clients," says Bill Roman, founder and owner of the company that now services nearly 100 schools. "I have been collecting, organizing, preserving, and marketing college football's history for more than 25 years. I am sure Purdue fans and alumni will be very pleased with our inventory of games."

Roman has more than 50,000 college football and basketball games listed at footballvideos.com and

is hopeful of soon welcoming several other Big Ten schools as clients. His goal is to eventually have 600 schools on board with the service.

Pricing varies, but in general the costs are something like this:

- * Games played before 1960 cost \$120 per game
- * Games played 1961 to 1999 cost \$110 per game
- * Games played 2000 and after cost \$80 per game
- * See this link for volume discount

<http://www.footballvideos.com/content/volume-discount-0>

The agreement with SPARX is in place for five years as Purdue attempts to organize, preserve and update its athletics archives, which are currently housed in the basement of Lambert Fieldhouse. The scope of the film/video project will include Boilermaker football, men's basketball, women's basketball and other Intercollegiate Athletics footage as located through Purdue and other sources.

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CHAPTER CONTINUES ITS MISSION OF SUPPORT

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baseball and a three-year performer in basketball, had an outstanding senior year as a two-way player (runningback, wide receiver and defensive back) on the gridiron, leading the Belmont Braves in rushing (1,004 yards), receiving and interceptions while finishing third in tackles. He was the recipient of the Indiana Football Hall of Fame Class 3A Student-Athlete of the Year Award and was one of 13 students across the state to receive the IHSAA's Eugene Cato Award.

Academically, Josh ranked fifth in his senior class, posting a grade point average of 4.25 and scoring 2070 on the SAT and 32 on the ACT. He never had a grade lower than an A during his high school career. He is now studying pre-medicine at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Brune was given a large trophy and a modest scholarship. He placed second in the balloting for the State of Indiana Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Several other awards were presented at the 11th Annual NFF Honors Dinner. They were:

- Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award to Kyle Orton, former Purdue and NFL quarterback with Chicago, Denver, Kansas City, Dallas and Buffalo,
- Bernie Flowers Award for Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football to David M. Williams, long-time president of Little Gridiron Football for area,
- "He Played Football" Award to Carl Buegler, former Portage High School QB and Purdue walk-on who is now Chief Operating Officer for Jimmy Johns,
- Legends Award to John Friend, Indiana Football Hall of Famer, former Munster coach and athletic director plus PU-Calumet AD and
- Arnette Tiller "Service to Football" Award to Sarah Lim, former West Lafayette H.S. and Purdue University student football manager for total of seven years.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

Highlighting the event was the IFCA's induction of three football icons into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. So honored were former Purdue All-America running back Otis Armstrong and two long-time high school coaching veterans from the area, Tom Kelly of Clinton Central and Rochester and Mark Miller of Rochester.

Armstrong, a record-setting back for Purdue in the early 1970's, now lives in Centennial, Colo., near Denver where he played professionally for the Broncos. He was unable to attend due to doctor's orders but plans to attend this year's dinner to retrieve his plaque. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2012.

Kelly, a 1971 Purdue graduate, started his coaching career at Clinton Central High School and concluded it when he died of cancer in 2010 after 35 years as an assistant coach at Rochester H.S., where he helped the Zebras to a state championship in 1987. Kelly was represented by his son Sean, currently an assistant coach at Rochester.

Miller, a Manchester College grad, won 221 games, a state championship, a semi-state, two



KYLE ORTON – Recipient of 2015 Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award at last June's Honors Dinner, flanked by Head Coach Emeritus Joe Tiller (left) and head coach Darrell Hazell

regionals, five sectionals and 10 conference titles in 34 years as head coach at Rochester H.S., where he was also athletics director for 25 years before moving to Florida. Miller was able to attend the induction ceremonies along with his wife and two sons.

Also, the dinner paid tribute to the IFCA Region 1 and Region 4 high school all-stars, who were under consideration for positions to play for the North Squad in the annual North-South All-Star Game in July.

At the end of the evening, Bart Burrell, the chapter's president from when it started in 2004, passed the gavel to new president Kelly Kitchel. Burrell was given a beautiful hand-crafted NFF ring from a generous board member/sponsor and Roth Brothers Jewelers of Monticello in appreciation for his 11 years of service to the NFF.

TICKETS/SPONSORSHIPS

Table prices are the same as last year for a table of eight (\$400 for general public, \$320 for NFF chapter members and honorees' families, and \$280 for

students). Single tickets are \$60 for public, \$50 for members and \$40 for students. VIP "After-Glow" Reception tickets are \$100 each.

As a non-profit organization, this chapter has awarded nearly \$190,000 in grants, scholarships and honorariums plus another \$60,000 to other charities since receiving its charter in the fall of 2004.

In addition to seeking donations and sponsorships to support the scholarship program, the chapter also receives some money (\$500 for every 50 dues-paying members in the local chapter) from the national office in Irving, Tex. In its first 11 years, this chapter has recognized 214 scholar athletes and awarded a much as \$5,000 to a top honoree.

The NFF's tax-deductible membership dues are \$40 per year or \$99 for three years, payable to the National Football Foundation. The NFF has 120 chapters and more than 12,000 members, nationally, and awards more than \$1 million in scholarships each year. For more information, contact Vruggink at 3672 Farnsworth Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906; (email: jvuggink@purdue.edu; phone: 765-427-3303).

Upcoming Events:

Apr. 20, 2016 – Purdue Color Dodgeball Tournament, Co-Rec Fields or Hort Park, West Lafayette

May 6, 2016 – Ryan Kerrigan 12th Boiler Golf Outing, Purdue Golf Complex, West Lafayette

June 10, 2016 – NFF Honors Dinner, Purdue Memorial Union, West Lafayette

Sept. 3, 2016 – Purdue Football Home Opener vs. Eastern Kentucky, Ross-Ade Stadium, West Lafayette



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DR. HAGEN RECEIVES MAJOR HONOR FROM INDIANA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY

Lafayette Orthopaedic Clinic's Dr. Robert Hagen, who has been a major influence and long-time board member of the Joe Tiller Chapter of the NFF, has been honored by his profession, receiving the 2015 Distinguished Orthopaedist Award from The Indiana Orthopaedic Society.

Dr. Hagen received this award for his dedication to the Indiana Orthopaedic Society and for serving 17 continuous years on The Indiana Orthopaedic Society (IOS) Board of Directors. This is only the second time the IOS has given this award in its 59 year history.

Dr. Hagen has practiced orthopaedic medicine in the Lafayette area since 1987. In 2007, he was honored by being selected Team Physician of the Year by the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) and Outstanding Contributor to Amateur Football by the National Football Foundation – Joe Tiller Northwest Indiana Chapter. Dr. Hagen was elected to serve on the American Academy Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) Board of Councilors in 2011. Only two orthopaedists per state are elected to serve on this board. Dr. Hagen's term will end in 2017.

Dr. Hagen is often seen on the sidelines at local high school football games, most frequently at Lafayette Jefferson and West Lafayette's stadiums. For the NFF, he helps in the administration of the Scholar-Athlete of the Year program.

Lafayette Orthopaedic Clinic, a part of Unity Healthcare, has served the Lafayette community for more than 50 years.

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ONLINE AUCTION OFFERS RARE AUTOGRAPHED "CRADLE OF QB" POSTER

A 24 X 34 inch framed poster featuring Purdue's famed "Cradle of Quarterback," autographed by all 12 of the signal callers, is now available for auction on the chapter's website.

The poster, shown above, includes action photos and authentic signatures of the men who make up one of college football's most famous traditions. Members of Purdue's elite "Cradle of Quarterbacks" are Bob DeMoss, Dale Samuels, Len Dawson, Bob Griese, Mike Phipps, Gary Danielson, Mark Herrmann, Scott Campbell, Jim Everett, Drew Brees, Kyle Orton and Curtis Painter.

Bidding will run through the end of May and all proceeds from the auction will go into the chapter's scholarship fund. To join the auctions, go online to www.nfftillerchapter.org and click on AUCTION on the menu line of the homepage.



Join NFF's Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana

About 12 years ago, Purdue Head Football Coach Joe Tiller presented a challenge of creating one of the largest chapters in the National Football Foundation to support football in Northwest Indiana. In the 11 years since receiving its charter, this chapter (renamed the Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana) has enlisted nearly 700 members, becoming the largest in the state. By summer of 2011, it was the second largest in the nation, but now stands at No. 7. Please join or renew today!

KEY POINTS:

- Having a large chapter triggers selection of former players into College Football Hall of Fame...Mike Phipps, Mark Herrmann, Otis Armstrong, Dave Butz and Rod Woodson selected since 2006...and Indiana Football Hall of Fame...Joe Tiller, Mike Alstott, Leroy Keyes and Armostrong inducted since 2012.
- Annual Honors Dinner recognizes achievements and accomplishments via multiple awards.
- You don't need to live in Northwest Indiana to be a member of the chapter.
- Fee is tax deductible, going to national office with a portion returning for scholarships.
- Chapter supports youth football at all levels, including scholarships and stipends worth approximately \$190,000 in 11 years for scholar athletes and other students. Chapter's total charitable donations are approaching \$250,000.
- NFF has 120 chapters and more than 12,000 members nationally, awarding more than a million dollars in scholarships per year.
- Members receive:
 - Voting privileges in selection process for College Football Hall of Fame
 - Invitations and special seating/pricing for chapter events
 - Recognition on membership lists in NFF Honors Dinner program and website.
 - Satisfaction in joining Joe Tiller's challenge to make chapter among nation's largest.

**To become a member, complete application on reverse side or
call Jim Vrugink at 765-427-3303 or see our website at:
www.nfftillerchapter.org**



HONORABLE ACHIEVEMENTS – The NFF's Tiller Chapter takes great pride in recognizing the achievements of residents and former residents of our region, including former Purdue athletes and coaches. The chapter has been instrumental in getting people into the College Football Hall of Fame (four since 2006, including Dave Butz, pictured above, left, with Purdue Athletics Director Morgan Burke, receiving his certificate on the field at Homecoming) and the Indiana Football Hall of Fame (four since 2012, including Mike Alstott and Leroy Keyes, pictured above, right, upon their induction at the 2014 NFF Honors Dinner).



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