



## Alabama in the College Football Hall of Fame

Located in South Bend, Ind., the College Football Hall of Fame has enshrined 20 members of the Crimson Tide family since it opened. Here is a look at each of those players:



**Cornelius Bennett**  
Linebacker, 1983-86  
Birmingham, Ala.  
•2005 Inductee•

A three-time All-American, Bennett was a unanimous selection in 1986, the year he also won the Lombardi Trophy. He was selected as SEC Player of the Year in 1986 after earning All-America honors in 1984 and 1985. Cornelius was Defensive Player of the Game in the 1985 Aloha Bowl and the 1986 Sun Bowl and finished 7th in the Heisman Trophy balloting that year. He was selected to the Tide's Team of the Century and was the Player of the Decade for the 1980s. He went on to a stellar career in the NFL, including four Super Bowl appearances with the Buffalo Bills and one with the Atlanta Falcons.



**Johnny Mack Brown**  
Halfback, 1923-25  
Dothan, Ala.  
•1957 Inductee•

A two-year all-Southern Conference player, Brown is best remembered for his role in Alabama's 20-19 win over Washington in the 1926 Rose Bowl. He was on the receiving end of two long passes—a 58-yarder from Grant Gillis and a 62-yarder from Pooley Hubert—which fueled Bama to its victory. Inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1957, his performance in that '26 Rose Bowl earned him a spot on the all-time Rose Bowl team. Known as the "Dothan Antelope" during his playing days, he was the first of four brothers to play for the Tide. He died of a kidney disease Nov. 15, 1974 in Beverly Hills, Calif.



**Paul Bryant**  
Right End, 1933-35  
Fordyce, Ark.  
•1986 Inductee•

Often forgotten in the legend of Paul Bryant was his prowess as a football player for the Crimson Tide in his 1933-35 career. Known as the other end because of the superstar status of Don Hutson, Bryant did not live in total anonymity. He was a second team All-SEC selection in 1934 and a third team choice in 1935. Only 11 players were picked to the squads back then and the SEC had 13 members instead of today's 12. Known for his unquestioned toughness, Bryant played in the 1935 Tennessee game with a broken leg, a contest won by Bama 25-0.



**Johnny Cain**  
Fullback, 1930-32  
Montgomery, Ala.  
•1973 Inductee•

Known best as a powerful left-footed punter, Johnny "Hurri" Cain was the only sophomore starter on Alabama's 1931 Rose Bowl Championship team. A two-time All-America selection, Cain was named to the all-time Alabama team and in 1973 received the ultimate honor for a college football player when he was inducted into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. His most famous game as a punter was against Tennessee, the 1932 game which was played in a driving rainstorm, when he punted 19 times for an average of 48 yards a punt. He was a three-time member of the All-Southern Conference team.



**Harry Gilmer**  
Quarterback/Defensive Back,  
1944-47  
Birmingham, Ala.  
•1993 Inductee•

One of the all-time football legends at Alabama, Harry Gilmer's deftness in passing, running, tackling, returning kicks and kicking highlighted an extraordinary career. An All-America and SEC Player of the Year in 1945, Harry was voted MVP of the Rose Bowl after leading Bama to a 34-14 victory over Southern California. His 16 career interceptions rate as second-best in Alabama history, while his 436 punt return yards in 1946 are the best in Bama annals. Gilmer accounted for 52 touchdowns in his Crimson Tide career, an Alabama school record. In 1946, he led the team in passing, rushing, interceptions, punt returns and kick-off returns.



**John Hannah**  
Guard, 1970-72  
Albertville, Ala.  
•1999 Inductee•

Considered the finest offensive lineman to play the game of football, John Hannah was a unanimous All-America selection in 1972. He was also named to some All-America teams in 1971 and was an All-SEC pick in 1971-72. He was a member of Alabama's Team of the Century, was selected to ESPN's all-time college football team in 1989 and was a member of Alabama's team of the decade for the 1970s. Named winner of the 1972 Jacobs Trophy, given annually to the best blocker in the SEC, Hannah went on to a stellar career in the NFL where he was elected to the NFL Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.



**Frank Howard**  
Guard, 1928-30  
Barlow Bend, Ala.  
•1989 Inductee•

During his playing days at the Capstone, Howard was known as the "Little Giant of the Tide's Herd of Red Elephants." Those were productive years for Bama, especially Howard's senior year when Alabama claimed a national title and defeated Washington State 24-0 in the Rose Bowl. Howard coached at Clemson from 1940-69 and while a head coach he compiled a record of 165-118-2. Clemson's football stadium is named after him. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1989.



**Dixie Howell**  
Halfback, 1932-34  
Hartford, Ala.  
•1970 Inductee•

In the first two years of the Southeastern Conference's existence, Millard Howell, better known as Dixie, led Alabama to a pair of conference titles and one national championship. An All-America choice in 1934, he is best remembered for his record-setting performance in Alabama's 29-13 win over Stanford in the 1935 Rose Bowl. He rushed for 111 yards, completed 9-of-13 passes for 160 more, and punted six times for a 43.8 average. He was elected to the college football Hall of Fame in 1970 and to the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 1993.



**Pooley Hubert**  
Quarterback, 1922-25  
Meridian, Miss.  
•1964 Inductee•

The second All-American football player in the school's history, he was a four-year letterman on Alabama teams that had a combined record of 31-6-2, including a 1925 squad that went unbeaten and made the Tide's first bowl appearance. He quarterbacked Alabama to the first of six Rose Bowl appearances and led the Tide to a 20-19 victory over Washington. Alabama fell behind 12-0 but Hubert rallied the Tide by scoring one TD and passing to Johnny Mack Brown for another. He was elected to the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame in 1964.



**Don Hutson**  
End, 1932-34  
Pine Bluff, Ark.  
•1951 Inductee•

Don Hutson established himself among college football's legends in the 1935 Rose Bowl game when he caught six passes for 165 yards and scored twice on passes of 59 and 54 yards in the Tide's 29-13 win over Stanford. Voted to the all-time college football team in 1969 and to Sports Illustrated's Silver Anniversary Team, Hutson left the Capstone to become the NFL's first superstar receiver while playing for the Green Bay Packers. His college coach Frank Thomas said of Hutson, "He was the best player I ever coached." Hutson, who came to Alabama on a partial baseball scholarship, also starred as a sprinter on the Tide's track team. He was selected to the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 1993.



**Lee Roy Jordan**  
Linebacker, 1960-62  
Excel, Ala.  
•1983 Inductee•

A two-time All-America selection for the Crimson Tide, Lee Roy Jordan is considered the best inside linebacker in Alabama football history. Voted Alabama's Player of the Decade for the 1960s and to the ESPN all-time college football team in 1989, Jordan was inducted into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 1983. During his career, Alabama compiled a 29-2-2 record and Jordan will forever be remembered for his unforgettable Orange Bowl performance against Oklahoma on New Year's Day, 1963. In that 17-0 Alabama triumph, Jordan was credited with 31 tackles.



**Vaughn Mancha**  
Center, 1944-47  
Birmingham, Ala.  
•1990 Inductee•

Vaughn Mancha earned the starting assignment at center in his first college game as a freshman against LSU in 1944. He never relinquished his spot and went on to a career that earned him a spot in the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame in 1990. He was a consensus All-America pick in 1945, a year in which the Tide posted a perfect 10-0 record and beat Southern California 34-14 in the Rose Bowl. During his career, he also played in a pair of Sugar Bowls.



**Johnny Musso**  
Halfback, 1969-71  
Birmingham, Ala.  
•2000 Inductee•

Johnny Musso earned All-America honors in 1970 and 1971, including unanimous selection in '71. He was SEC "Player of the Year" in 1971 as selected by the Nashville Banner, the Atlanta Touchdown Club and the Birmingham Quarterback Club. He was selected to Alabama's Team of the Century, the all-decade team of the '70s and is a member of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. The 1971 offensive team captain, Musso was also an Academic All-America and National Scholar Athlete winner. He rushed for 2,741 yards and 34 TD and had 495 receiving yards and 4 touchdowns in his collegiate career.



**Billy Neighbors**  
Tackle, 1959-61  
Northport, Ala.  
•2003 Inductee•

One of the best to play for Coach Bear Bryant, Neighbors played on Tide teams that went 26-3-4 and won a national championship during his three year tenure. A unanimous All-America pick in 1961, Neighbors helped Alabama to three straight bowl appearances, including the 1962 Sugar Bowl and a perfect, 11-0 season. Defensively, Bama yielded just 25 points during the championship run. The MVP of the Senior Bowl, Neighbors won the SEC's Jacobs Trophy in 1961, given to the top blocking lineman. An All-Conference pick and team captain, he was selected in the sixth round of the AFL draft by the Boston Patriots.



**Ozzie Newsome**  
Split End, 1974-77  
Leighton, Ala.  
•1994 Inductee•

Voted Alabama's Player of the Decade for the 1970s, Ozzie made 102 receptions for 2,070 yards and 16 touchdowns during his Alabama playing career. He averaged 20.3 yards per catch, still the SEC's best mark on a minimum of 100 receptions, as the Tide went 42-6 during his career. Ozzie started 47 consecutive games and helped the Tide to win three Southeastern Conference championships. He also returned punts, averaging 7.5 yards per return on 40 returns. He went on to a 13-year NFL career, where he started 176 of 182 games for the Cleveland Browns.



**Fred Sington**  
Tackle, 1928-30  
Birmingham, Ala.  
•1955 Inductee•

A consensus All-American and Phi Beta Kappa choice as well, Sington capped his brilliant career by leading the Tide to a perfect season in 1930 capped by a 24-0 win over Washington State in the Rose Bowl. Elected to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 1955, Sington was such a dominant lineman legendary Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne called him, "the greatest lineman in the country." Also a stand-out baseball player, Sington played professional baseball for the Washington Senators.



**Riley Smith**  
Quarterback, 1934-35  
Columbus, Miss.  
•1985 Inductee•

A converted fullback, a position he played in 1933, he quarterbacked Alabama in 1934-35, earning All-America honors. He also won the Jacobs Award, given annually to the SEC's best blocker. Still considered one of the best blockers in Alabama football history, he came back from an injury to lead the Tide to impressive wins over Georgia (17-7) and Tennessee (25-0) in his senior year. In the win over the Vols, he threw for one touchdown and ran for another. He was selected to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 1985.

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**Frank Thomas**  
Head Coach, 1931-46  
Muncie, Ind.  
•1951 Inductee•

Frank Thomas followed Wallace Wade as head coach at Alabama, being named to the position in January, 1931. A 1923 graduate of Notre Dame where he played for the legendary Knute Rockne, Thomas compiled a 115-24-7 (81.2%) as the head coach of the Crimson Tide. Six of his teams appeared in major bowls, including three Rose Bowl tilts and two of his teams were crowned national champions. He had four undefeated teams, including his 1934 and 1945 squads which won Rose Bowl championships. Among the players he coached at Alabama were Don Hutson, Dixie Howell, Riley Smith, Harry Gilmer, Vaughn Mancha, Johnny Cain, and Paul Bryant.



**Wallace Wade**  
Head Coach, 1923-30  
Trenton, Tenn.  
•1955 Inductee•

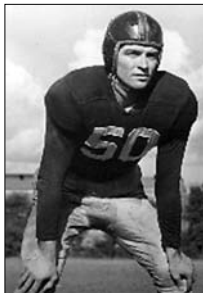
Under Wallace Wade's tutelage, Alabama football was established as a national power. During his eight year coaching tenure, the Crimson Tide compiled a 61-13-3 record and won three national championships. In 1925, he led the Tide to an undefeated record and to its first bowl game, a trip to Pasadena to play Washington in the Rose Bowl. Alabama won 20-19, clinching a first national title and forever establishing the Crimson Tide among the nation's football powers. Alabama also appeared in the 1927 and 1931 Rose Bowls under Wade. After Alabama beat Washington State 24-0 on January 1, 1931, Wade left the Capstone for Duke. He was inducted into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 1955. Wade died October 6, 1986.



**Don Whitmire**  
Tackle, 1941-42  
Decatur, Ala.  
•1956 Inductee•

An All-America tackle for the Crimson Tide, he helped the Tide to a 9-2-0 season in 1941 and an 8-3 mark in 1942, including a 37-21 win over Boston College in the Orange Bowl. He was later chosen to the all-time Orange Bowl squad. After the 1942 season, he moved to Annapolis and the Naval Academy. He was awarded the Knute Rockne Trophy, signifying him as being the nation's best lineman in 1943. He rose to greater heights in the Navy, advancing to the rank of admiral. He was chosen to the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame in 1956. Whitmire died May 4, 1991.

## NCAA Statistical Champions



**KICKER**  
Hugh Morrow  
1945  
(46 of 46 PATs)



**PUNT RETURNS**  
Harry Gilmer  
1946  
(11.8 ypr)



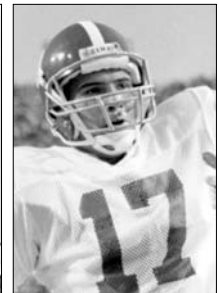
**INTERCEPTIONS**  
Hootie Ingram  
1952  
(10 for 63 yards)



**KICKER**  
David Ray  
1964  
(52 of 53 PATs, 12 FGs)



**PASSING EFFICIENCY**  
Steve Sloan  
1965  
(153.8)



**FIELD GOALS**  
Philip Doyle  
1989  
(22 of 25, 2.0 FGP)  
1990  
(24 of 29, 2.18 FGP)



**FIELD GOALS**  
Michael Proctor  
1993  
(22 of 29, 1.8 FGP)



**SCORING**  
Shaun Alexander  
1999  
(13.1 PPG)

## NCAA Team Champions

SCORING DEFENSE	
Year	Average
1961	2.2 ppg
1966	3.7 ppg
1975	6.0 ppg
1979	5.3 ppg
2005	10.7 ppg

RUSHING DEFENSE	
Year	Average
1945	33.9 ypg
1992	55.0 ypg

PASSING DEFENSE	
Year	Average
1953	45.6 ypg
1959	45.7 ypg
1990	82.47 ypg
2004	113.1 ypg

TOTAL DEFENSE	
Year	Average
1938	77.9 ypg
1945	109.9 ypg
1961	132.6 ypg
1992	194.2 ypg