



## RAISING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS IS CHAPTER'S TOP CHALLENGE

*Honoring People for Accomplishments also Primary Goal*

While the mission of this chapter is to support amateur sports on all levels, the greatest amount of our effort goes into recognizing and honoring people for their accomplishments and providing scholarships and other forms of support for young people.

Our top challenge is raising dollars to fund our commitments and to keep our efforts moving forward. That will be a focal point for the near future as we attempt to stem the tide of the declining membership numbers and fund-raising totals that we experienced in 2012.

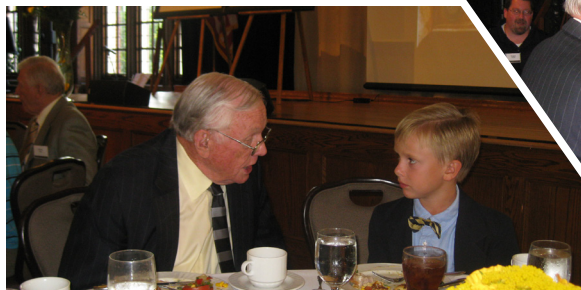
Here are a few projects that are aimed to bolster our numbers:

### **DVD Includes Neil Armstrong's Final Purdue Appearance**

-- To supplement our scholarship fund during the final weeks of 2012, this chapter is offering a DVD copy of the 2011 NFF Honors Dinner, which was Neil Armstrong's final appearance on the Purdue's campus, as a "thank-you" to anyone donating \$100 or more to the scholarship fund. For a donation of \$150 or more, we'll also include a DVD of the 2010 Honors Dinners, which featured Purdue's three Super Bowl Champion Quarterbacks, and for \$200 or more, we'll make it a three-pack by also including the DVD of this year's Honors Dinner program when Frank O'Shea, Tom Ransom and Joe Tiller were inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame.

### **Membership Drive Aims to "Bring Back" Supporters**

-- Chapter board and committee members are in the process of contacting all chapter members who have allowed their memberships to expire, in hopes of boosting our numbers back toward our record levels of last year when the Tiller Chapter was ranked as the second largest chapter (with 340



NEIL ARMSTRONG'S final appearance at Purdue occurred at the NFF Honors Dinner of 2011. Above, he shares dinner and some words of wisdom with a future young astronaut and, following dinner, he greets Super Bowl Champion Quarterback Drew Brees. That special evening was captured on DVD and is available as part of a special offer described on the left.

members) among the NFF's 120 chapters. As of late-October, our ranking has slipped to fifth largest (with 224 members), trailing the Georgia Chapter (370), Nebraska Chapter (312), Bill Dooley Chapter of Tennessee (288) and the Wyoming Chapter (270). See the NFF ORDER FORM on page 3 for more details.

### **Color Dodgeball Tournament Generates Scholarship Dollars**

-- NFF intern Mike Asem deserves our applause and appreciation for his efforts in creating a new student organization on campus called Purdue Gold Standard this year (check out the web site at [www.PurdueGoldStandard.com](http://www.PurdueGoldStandard.com)). Then, with the help of a hard-working board, which includes two other NFF interns (Travis Baugh and Clay Oppy), PGS created a fund-raising event to benefit both our NFF Scholarship Fund and the Dream Season Foundation. The Color Dodgeball Tournament, primarily directed at Purdue students but available to anyone in the community, attracted 19 teams of competitors for its inaugural event on Oct. 27 at Purdue's Horticulture Park. Final accounting is still under way, but it appears our scholarship fund and Dream Season will benefit nicely from this event. Plans are to make it an annual event.

### **Other Events to be Planned for 2013**

-- In addition to the successful Dodgeball Tournament, the Tiller Chapter is consider several other event-oriented fund-raising opportunities as it has in the past -- including dinners, banquets, golf scrambles, bowling, mud runs and concerts. Any chapter member who is interested in assisting with the planning and execution of those events, should contact Jim Vrugink at 765-427-3303.



### **Mark Hoffman, Dana Smith Assist with Fund-Raising**

-- Two long-time NFF chapter members, Mark Hoffman of Valparaiso and Dana Smith of Lafayette, have agreed to assist the Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana with its fund-raising efforts for the upcoming year. Hoffman, the recently retired football coach and athletic director at Valparaiso High School, will focus on the northern part of the chapter while Smith, the retired director of Greater Lafayette Commerce (previously known as Chamber of Commerce), will work the southern part of the chapter, particularly the Lafayette area.

Chapter director Jim Vrugink says, "I am extremely pleased to get both Mark and Dana involved with our sponsorship and advertising programs. Mark has a tremendous reputation both as a coach and fund raiser in the most heavily-populated region of our chapter. Dana has been in Lafayette-West Lafayette area since his collegiate days at Purdue. Both know their communities extremely well and most of the business leaders know them." Mark has already made contact with several potential sponsors and Dana will begin seeking support for the scholarship fund and events after the first of the year. Any assistance fellow chapter members can provide Mark and Dana will be greatly appreciated.

### **NFF & IFCA Cooperate to Expand Scholarship Opportunities**

-- In an effort to carry out the wishes of NFF headquarters, Geoff Bradley (Central Indiana chapter director), Jim Holt (Moose Krause chapter director in South Bend) and Jim Vrugink (Tiller chapter director) are working with football enthusiasts in the Evansville and Fort Wayne areas, respectively, to ignite or reignite NFF chapters in the southern and northeastern parts of the state. The goal is to provide recognition and scholarship opportunities for top football-playing scholar-athletes at all Indiana high schools. Currently, athletes in 13 counties in northeast Indiana and 21 counties in southern Indiana have no such opportunities. Potential leaders have been identified in those areas and, through the assistance of Dave Land, executive director of the Indiana Football Coaches Association, scholarship nomination forms now have been sent to all coaches.



A COLOR DODGEBALL tournament Oct. 27 at Purdue's Horticulture Park helped to raise money for the NFF Scholarship Fund and Dream Season. The event was sponsored by Purdue Gold Standard, a student organization.

# 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.

**2005 Honoree:** Will 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

## 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

## 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

## 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 at 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

## 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 the presentation should be made at the annual 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

## 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 Dinner.

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

## 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 the presentation should be 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, former Purdue All-American, salesman extraordinaire

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

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

## 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 the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner.

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

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

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

## NOMINATION FORM

### FOR 2013 AWARDS

(Submit by January 15, 2013, to Jim Vrugink via phone at 765-427-3303, email at [jvruggink@purdue.edu](mailto:jvruggink@purdue.edu) or mail at 320 Dehart St., West Lafayette, IN 47906)

Name of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

For which award? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/address of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

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Reasons for nomination \_\_\_\_\_

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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

## NFF ADVISORY BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2012-13

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**CHAPTER DIRECTOR** – Jim Vrugink  
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## Chapter Director's 2012 Report:

### CHAPTER REMAINS FOCUSED ON HELPING SCHOLAR-ATHLETES, OTHER CHARITIES

Surviving our "first year without Drew Brees" was a bit of a challenge, but the eighth annual NFF Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends" was a success financially, featuring the induction of Frank O'Shea, Tom Ransom and Joe Tiller into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame, along with providing recognition for several other award winners.

The Honors Dinner attendance on June 21 of 521 was our third largest crowd, behind 2010's record of 800 and last year's 625. Also on June 21, we had 55 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 cash revenues this year, including the anticipated contributions from Purdue Gold Standard's dodgeball tournament, will total more than \$64,000. That includes \$13,796 generated through earlier activities like "Bowling with the Bowl Team" event at Arrowhead Lanes in Lafayette in January, the Tippy Mud Run

at Ross Hills Park near West Lafayette in April, the Scholar-Athlete Banquet at Avalon Manor in Merrillville in May, and the golf outing.

Unfortunately, our fund-raising through sponsorships and ticket sales for 2012 fell approximately \$15,000 below last year's total. Yet, we have awarded \$20,085 in scholarships and honorariums. In addition, the 2012 VIP Reception raised \$3,750 for the Indiana Football Hall of Fame, which - like the NFF - awards scholarships to high school students. Our VIP receptions the last three years have netted nearly \$26,000 for six different charities.

In all, it appears we will generate about \$29,000 for students, honorees and charities, this calendar year, which is about \$8,000 less than our record-year of 2011. In the eight years since this chapter started, we have now donated nearly \$190,000, with \$146,987 designated for students.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of our members.

SUBMITTED BY: *Jim Vruggink, Chapter Director*

## NFF ORDER FORM

### "Honors Dinner" on DVD - 2010/2011/2012\*

DVD copies of the program of the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Honors Dinner events, feature the presentations, comments and "celebrity" appearances of some of Purdue's most famous athletes and personalities who were part of June events the last three years. You'll especially enjoy the interviews of honorees Len Dawson, Bob Griese, Drew Brees, Mark Herrmann, Joe McConnell and Daniel Wodicka on the 2010 DVD and Neil Armstrong, Eugene Cernan, Jerry Ross, Leroy Keyes, Ryan Kerrigan, Joe Tiller and Brees on the 2011 DVD, plus Otis Armstrong, Frank O'Shea, Tom Ransom and Tiller on the 2012 DVD.

### "Joe Tiller Roast & Toast" - DVD

DVD copy of all the comments, jokes and sentiments expressed during the January 2009 event attended by former and current players, coaches, and supporters in honor of Joe Tiller. Roasters and toasters include Joe Paterno, Barry Alvarez, Gene Keady, Danny Hope, Bill Doba, Rosevelt Colvin, Drew Brees, Matt Light, Brock Spack, Jim Chaney and others.

### "Ross-Ade Stadium Panorama" - Autographed Photo

A panoramic night view of Ross-Ade Stadium captured from the top of the east stands during kickoff of the 2009 Purdue-Notre Dame game facing the press box and a beautiful sunset, make this 13" X 40" picture a keepsake. Already autographed by Purdue Head Football Coach Danny Hope makes it suitable for framing.

### "Mackey Arena Panorama" - Autographed Photo

A panoramic view of Keady Court captured from the west camera deck of Mackey Arena during the 2010 Purdue-Indiana game creates a 13" X 40" piece of Boilermaker history. Already autographed by Purdue Head Basketball Coach Matt Painter, this picture is a "must-have" for fans commemorating Purdue's 22nd Big Ten basketball championship.

### "NFF Lapel Pin" - New Logo

This item, featuring the NFF's new logo, will look sharp on your coat lapel, jacket or shirt and will support our scholarship fund.

### "NFF Autograph Football"

This close-out item is now selling for half price (\$25 instead of \$50)...it measures 9-inches long and has a white panel suitable for autographs.

### NFF MEMBERS:

As always, we appreciate your past and current support of this chapter and want to ask you to please continue to renew your memberships (\$40 per year or \$99 for three years) when they become due. Unfortunately, many of you have allowed your memberships to lapse during the last few years. As of today, only dues-paying members receive ballots in the selection process each March for the College Football Hall of Fame. Also, a portion of your dues come back to our chapter to award scholarships to deserving high school scholar-athletes from this area. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Jim Vruggink (via email: [jvruggink@purdue.edu](mailto:jvruggink@purdue.edu); phone: 765-427-3303; or postal: 320 Dehart St., West Lafayette, IN 47906) to check your renewal date. Also, please provide him with any changes in your address, email or phone numbers. Thanks.

To support the chapter by purchasing any of these items, please complete this form and return it to the address below. For tax purposes, the NFF local chapter's ID# is 20-2151811 and the National Football Foundation's ID# is 221-50-8812.

### All proceeds go to scholarships.

"Honors Dinner 2010" DVD*	_____ X \$25 ea. = \$ _____
"Honors Dinner 2011" DVD*	_____ X \$25 ea. = \$ _____
"Honors Dinner 2012" DVD*	_____ X \$25 ea. = \$ _____
"Tiller Roast & Toast" DVD:	_____ X \$20 ea. = \$ _____
"Ross-Ade Panorama" photo:	_____ X \$50 ea. = \$ _____
"Mackey Arena Panorama" photo:	_____ X \$50 ea. = \$ _____
NFF Lapel Pin (with new logo):	_____ X \$15 ea. = \$ _____
NFF Autograph Football (half price)	_____ X \$25 ea. = \$ _____
One-year NFF membership	_____ X \$40 ea. = \$ _____
Three-year NFF membership	_____ X \$99 ea. = \$ _____
Donation to Scholarship Fund*	= \$ _____
*Scholarship donation of \$100 or more prior to end of 2012 includes choice of DVD	
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Contact Jim Vruggink by email ([jvruggink@purdue.edu](mailto:jvruggink@purdue.edu)) or phone (765-427-3303) with questions. (Please make check or money order payable to **National Football Foundation** and send to: NFF Chapter Director, 320 Dehart St., West Lafayette, IN 47906-2730.)



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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec. 3, 2012** – Purdue/Kiwanis Football Banquet, Purdue Memorial Union, West Lafayette

**Dec. 4, 2012** – NFF Awards Dinner, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, NYC

**April/May 2013** – Ryan Kerrigan 12th Boiler Golf Outing, W. Lafayette

**Late April 2013** – Tippy Mud Run, Ross Hills, Tippecanoe County

**May 5, 2013** – Hall of Fame/Scholar-Athlete Banquet, Avalon Manor, Merrillville

**June 10, 2013** – NFF Honors Dinner, Purdue Memorial Union, West Lafayette

**Sept. 7, 2013** – Purdue Football Home Opener vs. Indiana State, Ross-Ade Stadium, West Lafayette

## NFF HONORS DINNER HAD HALL OF FAME FEEL

### Indiana Football Hall of Fame Honors Four

Three highly-accomplished individuals -- football coaches Frank O'Shea from the high school ranks and Joe Tiller from the collegiate ranks along with Big Ten football official Tom Ransom -- were inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame as the highlight of the NFF Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends VIII" on June 21 before a crowd of 521 at the Purdue Memorial Union in West Lafayette.

In addition, Otis Armstrong, Purdue's Consensus All-America halfback of 1972, was on hand to be recognized for his upcoming induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in December.

Tiller, the founder of the Northwest Indiana NFF chapter and now a resident of Buffalo, Wyo., was inducted as the all-time victory leader in the history of Purdue football.

O'Shea was recognized as a long-time and highly-successful high school coach who is currently serving as an assistant to his son Kevin O'Shea, the head coach of the three-time defending state champion Knights of Lafayette Central Catholic.

Ransom, who is chairman of the board of Kramer Lumber Company in Frankfort, was honored for being a football official since 1965, including 30 years with the Big Ten Conference (21 years on the field, seven in the replay booth and two years as an observer).

Also, Arnette Tiller, Joe's wife, received the Indiana Football Coaches Association's Service to Football Award.

Anyone interested in seeing or downloading photos from the VIP Reception that evening may do so going on-line to [www.johnunderwood.com/NFF](http://www.johnunderwood.com/NFF).

Always a highlight of the NFF Honors Dinner is the announcement of the winner of the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. Last winter, 22 high school seniors were nominated by their schools and honored at the NFF's Scholar-Athlete Banquet in Merrillville on May 6 when six finalists for the top award were announced. This year's winner of the big trophy and more than \$3,000 toward his tuition and books is Dayton Snyder of West Lafayette. The other five finalists were Cameron Colby of Kokomo, Austin Magley of Lowell, Dylan Morang of Lake Central, Travis Smith of Lafayette Central Catholic and Mason Zurek of Andean.

Among the six chapter awards this year, four were presented at the June 21 dinner. Long-time Purdue athletic trainer Denny Miller was honored with the Legends Award, Lafayette Central Catholic High School star Danny Anthrop was the first winner of the chapter's Courage Award for helping save the life of his uncle in 2011 and Chris and Clay Oppy of Lafayette received the Bernie Flowers Award for Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football for their efforts with Dream Season, a program that works with people of special needs.

Two other chapter awards were presented in Merrillville in May. At that event, Purdue basketball star Robbie Hummel became the first-ever non-football player to receive the Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award and Kurt Lichtenberg of the Boilermaker football team received the Citizenship Award for his mission work locally as well as in Haiti and South Africa.

Music for this year's Honors Dinner was provided by one of Joe Tiller's former players at Purdue, Craig Terrill, a seven-year veteran defensive lineman with the Seattle Seahawks following his four years (1999-2003) with the Boilermakers.



*PLAQUE PRESENTATION – Otis Armstrong (center) is presented with Purdue's copy of his plaque acknowledging his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame during a timeout in the first half of Purdue's football game this fall versus Wisconsin. Making the presentation were (left to right) Scott Dillman from NFF sponsor Fidelity Investments and Ron Dilatash from NFF Headquarters and accepting on behalf of Purdue were Otis' head coach Bob DeMoss and Athletics Director Morgan Burke.*

### OTIS ARMSTRONG RECEIVES NFF HALL OF FAME PLAQUE

Purdue's Consensus All-America running back and Big Ten MVP Otis Armstrong was back at Purdue for the second time in five months as he was honored on the field Oct. 13 during the Purdue-Wisconsin football game.

Armstrong, who lives in Colorado where he competed professionally for the Denver Broncos, was presented with Purdue's plaque acknowledging his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. He was informed of his selection in May, appeared at the NFF Honors Dinner in June, will be formally inducted at the NFF Awards Dinner in New York City in December and enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame next summer.

The eighth-place finisher in 1972 Heisman Trophy voting, Armstrong's 3,315 career rushing yards set Purdue and Big Ten records and placed him sixth in NCAA history at career's end. Otis' senior campaign in 1972 remains the best in Boilermaker history, rushing 243 times for 1,361 yards and accumulating 1,868 all-purpose yards (all of which set single-season records at the time). Armstrong led the Big Ten in rushing that year and his 276-yard effort against Indiana remains a school record as does his total of 670 career carries.

Armstrong is the third Boilermaker player selected for induction since this chapter was started. Mike Phipps (2006) and Mark Herrmann (2010) had ended a drought of 16 years for Purdue since the induction of Leroy Keyes in 1990. Every dues-paying member of the NFF receives a ballot in the selection process ... one of the primary benefits to having a strong chapter. Otis says "thanks!"



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