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The National Football Foundation Charter

The Foundations cornerstone, the recognition of the Scholar-Athlete, who Strives to excel in the classroom, community and football field, makes us proud of these 37 young men with us tonight. 37! From the vast Los Angeles area, where there are many activities and distractions that could have led these young men to pro-crastinate the opportunities that are offered to achievers and leaders. Chapters 1/3 our size set lower standards honor many more young men than our Chapter, but we insist on maintaining our rigid requirements. These young men chose to compete in honors courses in Math English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. We are proud to present their names to the Hall of Fame in South Bend, IN, where you will be able to access their name when you visit the museum.

We encourage each of you to join our Chapter and contribute to encouraging our youth to make the right decisions in their formative years. Great leaders have left us with words of wisdom and one of football's greatest coaches -Knute Rockne, set high standards for CHARACTER and ATTITUDE. Referring to a summary of his outlook on the game of football - " Dear Lord - In the life, I ask for a field that is fair, A chance that is equal in life, The courage to do and to dare. If I should win, let it be by the code....My faith and my honor held high. If I should lose, let me stand by the road - And cheer as the winner rides by.

The National Football Foundation And College Hall of Fame John Ferraro Los Angeles Chapter

The Forty Second Annual Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet

> Radisson Inn Culver City, CA

March 11, 2005

Recognizing 37 Los Angeles Area Young Men for their Sacrifice and Dedication To their Education, Family, Community and Representatives of their School



FAR BETTER IT IS TO DARE MIGHTY THINGS, TO WIN GLORIOUS TRIUMPHS, EVEN THOUGH CHECKERED WITH FAILURE, THAN TO TAKE RANK WITH THOSE POOR SPIRITS WHO NEITHER ENJOY MUCH OR SUFFER MUCH, BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN THE GREY TWILIGHT THAT KNOWS NOT VICTORY OR DEFEAT. PRESIDENTITHEODORE ROOSEVELT

Tonight's Game Plan Welcome Carver Shannon

Program Chairman Charles Carr - Carver Shannon

National Anthem

Norm Williams - Guests

Master of Ceremonies
Buddy Farmer

Pledge of Allegiance

Honored Guests

Invocation Rev. Rosey Grier, All American, All Pro

Presented by Dick Bass

Our Esteemed Guest - Ollie Matson

NFF - HOF Representative Robert Keropian

> Guest Speaker Rosey Grier

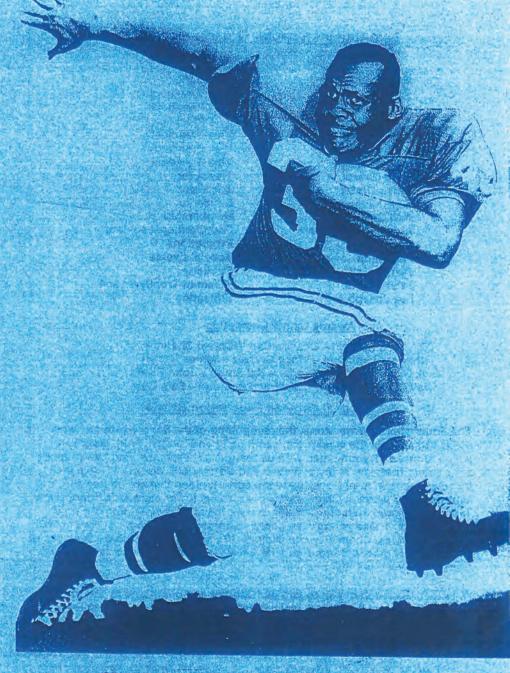
Presentation of Scholar Athlete Awards
Buddy Farmer - Announcer

Presenters

Reggie Berry - Founder Goals For Life Dick Bass - All American Marlin McKeever - All American USC

Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award
Buddy Farmer

UPON THE FIELDS OF FRIENDLY STRIFE ARE SOWN THE SEED THAT UPON OTHER FIELDS, ON OTHER DAYS WILL BEAR THE FRUITS OF VICTORY. General Douglas McArthur.



OLLIE MATSON ~ An American Icon — a complete Human Being - that accompanies his unequalled Athletic & Civic accomplishments. Olympic Gold Medal winner in 1952 Olympics, College and Profootball Hall of Fame - always available for our youth

As a collegiate and professional athlete it seemed as if nothing could stop a young Texan, Ollie Matson. In 1951, his senior year at the Univ of San Francisco, when backs played both ways, he led the nation in rushing with 1566 yards & touchdowns in nine games. The #2 back rushed for under 800 yards. In 1952 he was the number 1 draft coach by the Chicago Cardinals but did not report as he prepared for the 1952 Olympics summer games in Helsinki; he proceeded to win medals in the 400 meters and the 4x400 meter relay. He ran a 46.94 in the 400 meter and a 46.70 as the lead off in the relay.

When Matson reported to the Cardinals late in September, he was an instant success. In today's game of specialists, Ollie lined up where they needed him. On offense he FB, HB, TE and FI. On defense he was CB, FS and LB. He returned both punts and kickoffs and blocking back when he did not carry the ball.

Because the game was based on ball control, only 15 to 20 passes were thrown per game, permitting the defense to key on him. Yet in his abbreviated time to get into football shape, he was Rookie of the Year, All Pro and starred in the Pro Bowl. He was drafted into the army and missed the 1953 season. It did not take long for him to get into shape and lead the league

in rushing and kick returns. During his career, he scored he caught 222 passes and scored 73 touchdowns & accumulated almost 13,000 yards. In those days the schedule was for only 12 games, not 16 as it has been since 1978. He still holds the record for punt and kickoff returns for touchdowns. Consider that he accomplished all of this while playing on just two winning teams in his14 year career. The combined record of those teams was 58 -117 - 5. The true value of Matson was expressed when the LA Rams traded nine players to obtain him from the Cardinals.

Ollie eventually joined Jim Thorpe as the only athlete to win Olympic Medals and be enshrined in both the College and Pro Hall of Fame.

After retiring in 1966, he was a physical education teacher and football coach at Los Angeles High, then coached the running backs at San Diego State. He later served 11 years as events supervisor at the Los Angeles Collseum. Today he is unique in that he is always available for charitable youth events and the only Los Angeles based Hall of Fame Inductee to support our Scholar Athletes.

He spends his time with his devoted wife Mary and his four children and eight grand children. We are honored to be in the presence of such an outstanding human being,

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AGAIN THIS YEAR LIZ AND CHUCK CARR HAVE OFFERED THEIR EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE OUR ANNUAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE BANQUET. THEIR PROFESSIONAL LIVES ARE DEDICATED TO GUIDING OUR YOUTH 2 TO 13 YEARS OLD.

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THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER IS INDEBTED TO FOUNDER ED DAVENPORT & JIM HARPER FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OVER OUR FORTY TWO YEARS OF OPERATION.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO REGGIE BERRY, FOUNDER OF goals for Life - FOR HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS HELPING AT - RISK - STUDENTS TO REALIZE THEIR VALUE AND POTENTIAL.

Success is never final - Failure is never fatal. Joe Paterno If you come to the fork in the road - take it. Yogi Berra Tonight marks the Forty-Second meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. Our Chapter has the largest number of high schools, 110, and is the most selective of any Chapter for the requirements to be honored. This year we had excellent response from the coaches and thus we have the largest number of young men to be honored - 37! - representing 24 High Schools. Last year we had 22 honorees. We would like to first compliment the coaches who spend endless hours preparing these young men for the physical rigors of the sport and at the same time emphasizing the need to excel in the classroom and be dedicated to their community, Each school administration is to be complimented for their efforts and prove that education - like anything else in life can be successful with desire, dedication, hard work and sacrifice. Parents can take this opportunity to be outwardly proud of their son and the guidance that they fostered.

OUR 37 SCHOLAR ATHLETES

STUDENT	HIGH SCHOOL	COACH
Johnathon Allen	El Rancho	Willie Reyna
Matthew Appenfelder	Loyola	Steve Grady
Adrian Arellano	El Rancho	Willie Reyna
Eric Bernath	Redondo Union	Gene Simon
Kenneth Brown	St. John Bosco	Kiki Mendoza
Michael Bruccoleri	Bishop Montgomery	Arnold Ale
Reginald Carter	Crenshaw	Robert Garrett
Joshua Catron	Torrance	Rock Hollis
Keith Charles	Dorsey	Paul Knox
Dylan Cohen	Palisades Charter	Leo Castro
Anthony De Martinis	Notre Dame	Kevin Rooney
Octovio Dominguez	Loyola	Steve Grady
Michael Drachkovitch	Notre Dame	Kevin Rooney
Russell Ellis	Crenshaw	Robert Garrett
Kevin Ellison	Redondo Union	Gene Simon
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STUDENT	HIGH SCHOOL	COACH	
Johnny Espinoza	El Rancho	Willie Reyna	
Britton Ertman	Mira Costa	Don Morrow	
Casey Frost	Loyola	Steve Grady	
Gavril Gabriel	Downey	Grant Warhurst	
Juan Garcia	Paramount	Art Tavizon	
Daniel Hernandez	Lakewood	Mike Chistensen	
Christopher Jackson	Palos Verdes	Patrick Fresch	
David Knight	Carson	Rowen Tupuivao	
Derek Kuwahara	South Torrance	John Waybright	
Aleksey Lanis	Crenshaw	Robert Garrett	
Jeremy Lawson	Peninsula	Tony Uruburu	
Eric Lorig	Peninsula	Tony Uruburu	
Anthony Mendez	El Rancho	Willie Reyna	
Robelin Montemayor	Cantwell Sacred*	Pete Smolin	
Luis Orozco	St. John Bosco	Kiki Mendoza	
Dario Padilla	Bell Gardens	David Ramos	
Juan Perez	Santa Fe	Jack Mahlstede	
Michael Roy	La Serna	Ken La Vignie	
Baru Sanchez	Huntington Park	Leroy Wilson	
Samuel Kussin Shoptaw	Brentwood	Patrick Brown	
Steven Stout	Torrance	Rock Hollis	
Thomas Weber	Loyola	Steve Grady	
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"It is a reality that men are competitive and the most competitive games draw the most competitive men. That's why they are there – to compete. They know the rules and the objective when they are in the game. The objective is to win – fairly, squarely, decently and by the rules – but to win. I firmly believe that in man's finest hour – the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and at games end, he lays exhausted on the field of battle – victorious." Vince Lombardi. And as a heads up warning to all athletes – cherish your youthful body, as football has a way of making aging unpleasant, with aces and pains in your every joint.