

CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICANS



RALPH "SLOUIE" CHAPMAN

GUARD, 1914

Chapman joined teammate Perry Graves as consensus All-America selections on Walter Camp's All-America squad. Chapman played guard on Head Coach Bob Zuppke's 1914 national championship squad. A quick, aggressive 180-pound standout, Chapman came to Illinois from Washington, D.C., and earned three letters in football, was wounded in World War I, entered the brokerage business in Chicago and served as vice president of the UI Foundation. He died in 1969 at age 77.



PERRY GRAVES

END, 1914

A two-year letterman for Bob Zuppke at end, the 148-pound Graves helped lead the 1914 Illini to a perfect 7-0 record and a shared national championship with Army. The Rockford native was a two-sport star, also playing infield for George Huff's Big Ten champion baseball squad. Graves joined teammate Ralph "Slouie" Chapman as 1914 consensus All-America selections. Graves went on to serve as a Big Ten football official for 22 years and died in 1979 at age 89.



BART MACOMBER

HALFBACK, 1915

Halfback Macomber teamed with backfield mates Harold Pogue and George "Potsy" Clark to help Illinois win a national title in 1914 as a sophomore before earning consensus All-America honors in 1915 and All-America honors as the captain of the 1916 Fighting Illini. The rugged Macomber played halfback for two seasons before switching to quarterback for his senior campaign. The Oak Park graduate played all three backfield positions and handled kicking duties. Macomber passed away in 1971 and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1972.



JOHN DEPLER

CENTER, 1918

Depler earned All-America honors in 1918, 1919 and 1920 and was a consensus pick in 1918. A native of Lewistown, Ill., Depler anchored an offensive line that included All-America picks Burt Ingwersen, Albert Mohr and Clarence Applegran and helped lead Illinois to its second national championship in 1919. Depler went on to found the Brooklyn Dodgers professional football team and coached eight years at Columbia. He died in 1970 at age 71.



CHUCK CARNEY

END, 1920

One of the greatest athletes in Illinois history, Carney is the only Illini athlete to earn All-America honors in football and basketball, including consensus All-America accolades as an end in 1920. Carney was a receiver for Coach Bob Zuppke from 1918 to 1921. On the hardwood, Carney set a Western Conference scoring record that stood for 22 years and earned All-America honors in 1920 and 1922. The Evanston native went on to coach football at Northwestern, Wisconsin and Harvard and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1966 after a long investment career on the New York Stock Exchange. Carney died in 1984 at age 84.



JIM MCMILLEN

GUARD, 1923

The rugged McMillen earned All-America honors in 1922 as a guard before earning consensus accolades opening holes for the legendary Red Grange on the 1923 national championship squad. McMillen was a native of Grayslake and played left guard from 1921-23, serving as captain on the undefeated 8-0 1923 squad as a senior. He passed away on Jan. 19, 1984.



HAROLD E. "RED" GRANGE

HALFBACK, 1923-25

The greatest running back in history, Grange revolutionized the game and became one of the greatest sport celebrities of the 20th century. A charter member of both the college and professional Halls of Fame, Grange was the initial winner of the *Chicago Tribune's* Silver Football Award and received the Toomey Trophy in 1924, the precursor of the Heisman Trophy, presented to college football's best player. Nicknamed the "Wheaton Iceman" as a tribute to his summer job and workout regimen in his hometown, Grange's famed "77" jersey was immediately retired after his last college game in 1925 and he took his worldwide popularity to the fledgling National Football League and George Halas' Chicago Bears, singlehandedly lending credibility and popularity to the pro game. Grange is a member of the Camp Foundation's All-Century team. He passed away Jan. 28, 1991, at age 87.



BERNIE SHIVELY

GUARD, 1926

A three-sport star at Illinois, Shively earned consensus All-America honors as a quick, agile guard in football following the 1926 season. The Paris, Ill. native won eight varsity letters at Illinois from 1924-26, battling to a draw in the 1926 Big Ten heavyweight wrestling championship and competing in the hammer throw in track and field. Shively joined the University of Kentucky staff as an assistant coach in 1927 and was eventually promoted to athletic director in 1938, a position he held for the next 30 years. Shively died in 1967 at age 64 and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1982.



ALEX AGASE

GUARD, 1946

Joining Dick Butkus and Red Grange on the Camp Foundation All-Century team selected in 1990, Agase was a three-time All-America selection at Illinois and Purdue. He earned *Chicago Tribune* Silver Football Most Valuable Player honors following the 1946 season when he helped lead Coach Ray Eliot's Big Ten champions to a 45-14 Rose Bowl victory over UCLA. Agase went on to a long professional playing career with Chicago, Cleveland, and Baltimore before serving as head coach at Northwestern and Purdue. The Evanston native passed away in May, 2007.



JOHNNY KARRAS

HALFBACK, 1951

"The Argo Express" came to Illinois in 1946 as a freshman, then spent 18 months in the Army. When he returned as a sophomore in 1949, Karras exploded on the scene with seven touchdowns, 826 yards rushing and a 6.5 yards per carry average. He led the Illini in rushing in 1950 and 1951 as Illinois went 16-3-1, winning the 1952 Rose Bowl over Stanford. Karras was a 1951 consensus All-American after gaining 716 yards and scoring a UI-record 13 touchdowns as Illinois went 9-0-1 to win the Big Ten title and earn a No. 3 final national ranking. Karras passed away in Nov., 2008.

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J.C. CAROLINE

HALFBACK, 1953

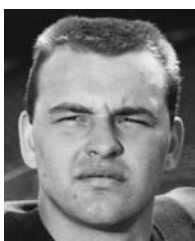
As a sophomore in 1953, Caroline led the nation in rushing and shattered the Big Ten-record with 1,256 yards on just 194 carries, enjoying six 100-yard performances, including 205 yards against Minnesota and 192 against Ohio State. Caroline earned consensus All-America honors, leading Illinois to an undefeated 7-0-1 record, a No. 7 national ranking and Coach Ray Eliot's last Big Ten title. Caroline was seventh in the Heisman Trophy balloting in 1953. After battling through injuries as a junior, the Columbia, S.C., native went on to the Canadian Football League and a 10-year all-pro career as a defensive back with the NFL's Chicago Bears. Caroline was an assistant coach under Jim Valek and Bob Blackman from 1967-76 and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1980.



BILL BURRELL

GUARD, 1959

Burrell finished fourth in balloting for the 1959 Heisman Trophy and was the nation's top defensive player, earning consensus All-America honors in Coach Ray Eliot's final season. The Chebanse, Ill.-native was a two-time All-America selection, a three-time first-team All-Big Ten selection and received the *Chicago Tribune* Silver Football Award as the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player in 1959. One of the greatest defensive players in Illinois and Big Ten history, Burrell went on to a successful career in real estate in Rockford. He passed away in March of 1998 and is currently on the ballot for election to the College Football Hall of Fame.



DICK BUTKUS

LINEBACKER/CENTER, 1963-64

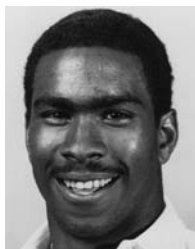
The greatest linebacker in history, Butkus is one of four Illinois players in history to earn consensus All-America honors in two seasons, receiving the awards in 1963 and 1964. Butkus played center on offense and linebacker on defense for Coach Pete Elliott, leading the Illini to the 1963 Big Ten title and a Rose Bowl victory over Washington. Butkus was named the 1963 *Chicago Tribune* Silver Football Most Valuable Player and finished third in the 1964 Heisman Trophy balloting. Butkus went on to a seven-year Hall of Fame career with the NFL's Chicago Bears. The Chicago native was named to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1983. His Illinois jersey, No. 50, was retired in 1986 and he was named to the Camp Foundation All-Century team in 1989. The nation's top collegiate linebacker receives the "Butkus Award." Butkus has gone on to a successful acting and entertainment career.



JIM GRABOWSKI

FULLBACK, 1965

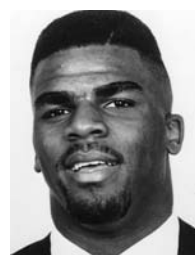
Grabowski finished his Illinois career as the all-time Big Ten rushing leader with 2,878 yards. A punishing runner, Grabowski was third in the Heisman Trophy balloting in 1965 after finishing second in the nation with 1,258 yards. A two-time Academic All-America selection and the 1965 Big Ten Medal of Honor and Silver Football Award winner recipient, Grabowski went on to a six-year NFL career with the Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears, playing in two Super Bowls for Coach Vince Lombardi. Grabowski was inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame, honoring his 125-yard MVP effort in Illinois' 17-7 victory over Washington in the 1964 Rose Bowl. Grabowski was inducted into the GTE Academic All-America Hall of Fame in 1993 and the College Football Hall of Fame in 1995. He retired from his 27-year stint as the color analyst on the Illini Sports Network in 2006.



DAVID WILLIAMS

RECEIVER, 1984-85

Williams was quarterback Jack Trudeau's favorite target for three seasons, catching a UI-record 262 passes for 3,392 yards and 24 touchdowns. A native of Los Angeles, Williams finished his career as the second-leading receiver in college football history and caught a record 101 passes in 1984. Williams helped the Illini to the 1983 Big Ten title, catching 69 passes for 958 yards. One of three Williams brothers to play receiver for Illinois, he went on to play with Tampa Bay and the Los Angeles Raiders in the National Football League and seven years in the Canadian Football League. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in Dec. 2005.



MOE GARDNER

NOSETACKLE, 1989-90

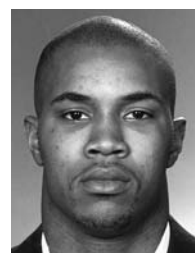
A two-time consensus All-America selection, Gardner was the anchor of a defensive unit that helped Illinois win 10 games in 1989 and earn a share of the Big Ten title in 1990. The Indianapolis native made 316 tackles in his four-year UI career and also recorded a then-record 57 tackles for loss. He was a finalist for the 1990 Rotary Lombardi Award and the 1989 Outland Trophy. Gardner was named to the Illinois All-Century team in 1990 as an active player and played with the Atlanta Falcons from 1991-96. He has been nominated for the College Football Hall of Fame.



DANA HOWARD

LINEBACKER, 1994

Howard set the Big Ten record for career tackles with 595 stops and earned consensus All-America honors as a senior in 1994. The East St. Louis native became the first UI football player to earn a major national award when he was named the 1994 Butkus Award recipient. A model of consistency, Howard made 147 tackles in 1991, 150 in 1992 and 1994 and 148 stops in 1993. He played with the St. Louis Rams in 1995 and spent two seasons with the Chicago Bears from 1996-97. Howard now works in the financial service field in St. Louis.



KEVIN HARDY

LINEBACKER, 1995

Hardy followed in former teammate Dana Howard's footsteps, earning the Butkus Award as the nation's top college linebacker in 1995. The Evansville, Ind., native made 105 tackles in 1995, joining Simeon Rice to form college football's top linebacker duo and cementing Illinois' reputation as "Linebacker U." Hardy made 326 tackles in his Illinois career, including 38 tackles for loss. He was chosen by Jacksonville as the No. 2 pick in the 1996 NFL draft.



J LEMAN

LINEBACKER, 2007

Leman earned nine different All-America Awards in 2007 and was a first-team All-Big Ten selection for the second-straight year. He led the team in tackles with 132, his second time over 125 stops in a season. He also had 10.5 tackles for loss. The Champaign, Ill., native led Illinois to a second-place finish in the Big Ten and a trip to the 2008 Rose Bowl, Illinois' first appearance in "The Granddaddy of Them All" in 24 years. Leman finished his career with 407 total tackles and 38 TFL.