

## **Robert Brazile:**

One of the most feared linebackers of all-time... Robert Brazile or “Dr. Doom” as he is known to his fans... terrified offenses for years. A Consensus All-American from Jackson State, Brazile was drafted by the Houston Oilers in the first round of the 1975 NFL Draft.

In his first year, he lived up to expectations by earning NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year and making the All- Rookie team. During the 1978 season he recorded a career best of 185 tackles... But it didn't end there... Brazile continued to dominate at the linebacker position and was a leading force on an Oilers defense that helped the team to three consecutive 10-win seasons and back-to-back AFC title game appearances.

In his decade with the Oilers, Brazile set the standard by starting all 147 games of his career and snagging 13 career interceptions along with 14 fumble recoveries. He was named first-team All-Pro five times, elected to seven consecutive Pro Bowls and was a member of the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 1970s.

Tonight “Dr. Doom” captures one more award.. Induction into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

## **JOSE CRUZ:**

Legendary Outfielder, Jose “Cheo” Cruz, quickly became a fan favorite after leading the Astros to its FIRST-EVER division title and postseason berth in 1980. A stand-out player all the way from Arroyo, Puerto Rico.. Cruz played a total of 19 seasons in the Major leagues including 13 with the Houston Astros.

By 1985 he was at or near the top of every Astros hitting category. In his 13-year career with the Astros, Cheo played in 1,870 game, hit 355 doubles, and set a franchise-record of 80 triples. He also had 138 Home runs, 942 RBI’s and 288 stolen bases. He was known for his defense and sharp swing becoming a 2- time All-Star, 4-time Astros MVP and 2 time Silver Slugger.

Following his retirement cruz has continued to hold a strong presence within the Astros organization ... in 1997, he became the Astros first base coach for 13 seasons and was involved in the Astro’s first nine postseason appearances: 3 as a player and 6 as a coach.

Already a member of the Astros Hall of Fame...Tonight... Cheo “cruz-es” his way into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

## **SCOTT DREW:**

Scott Drew... who took over as head coach of Baylor Men's Basketball in 2003, led a program that was in turmoil to the pinnacle of college athletics in what is now considered one of the GREATEST turnarounds in sports history. Now in his 20th season as head coach, he has led the Bears to 10 NCAA Tournament appearances, 5 Sweet Sixteens, and two Big 12 Regular Season championships. He also earned numerous accolades, including being named 2017 Basketball Times National Coach of the Year, 2020 NBC Sports National coach of the year, and 3 -time consecutive Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year. However, Drew's biggest accomplishment came in 2021, when he brought home the program's FIRST NCAA men's basketball title, beating Gonzaga 86-70 becoming only the SECOND coach in history to win a title at a Texas school joining Texas Western's, Don Haksins. Today, Drew is one of the Big 12's longest-tenured head coach and owns the school record of 400 victories and counting.

Please welcome the newest member of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame...Coach Scott Drew.

## **Carlette Guidry-Falkquay:**

This Texas Longhorn Legend did it all during her collegiate career... sprints, long jumps, relays ...and has the titles to prove it. While at the University of Texas, Carlette Guidry claimed a total of 23 All-American awards , won 17 Southwest Conference Championships, and 12 NCAA championships. Her 7 individual sprint national titles are tied for the most of any man or woman in NCAA History. Guidry won the NCAA Long Jump crown as a freshman and just kept going as one of the best sprinters of all time. Guidry also set school records in the 55meters, 60meters, 100meters and sprint medley relay. .

She made her first international debut at the 1986 Pan American Championships, where she won the 200, 4x100 and long jump. Guidry also won a silver medal in the 60 meters at the 1995 World Indoor Championships. After her collegiate career, she went on to win Gold medals in the 4 by 1 relays at both the 1992 and 1996 Olympics.

Tonight, Carlette Guidry-Falkquay sprints her way into the Texas sports hall of fame.

## **Priest Holmes:**

Priest Holmes was one of the most dominant high school running backs of the decade earning all-state honors and leading San Antonio John Marshall to its first-ever state championship appearance in 1991. After high school, Holmes attended the University of Texas where he is largely remembered for his outstanding performances in the 1994 Sun Bowl and 1996 Big 12 Championship against Nebraska.

In 1997, Priest's NFL career took him to the Baltimore Ravens where he earned a ring in Super Bowl 35. In 2001, he joined the Kansas City Chiefs where he became the NFL's leading rusher with 1,555 yards. He went on to set records with the Chiefs in career rushing attempts, rushing yards, rushing touchdowns, and total touchdowns. From 2001-2003, he had over 6,500 rushing yards... Holmes carved out a successful 11-year NFL career where he became a 3-time All-Pro, 3-time Pro-Bowler and 2002 NFL offensive player of the year.

Once again, Priest Holmes gets to the promised land as a member of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

## **Adrian Peterson**

If there were a Mount Rushmore for running backs, Adrian Peterson's likeness would surely be carved in stone... At Palestine high school, Peterson developed into a three sport standout in football, basketball and track. Peterson's Elite speed and strength quickly made him a Consensus 5 star recruit and quickly gained the attention of Oklahoma head coach, Bob Stoops. His freshman season at Oklahoma he finished with 1,925 rushing yards which led the Big 12 and set another freshman record. He carried the Sooners to a perfect regular season, a berth in the 2004 national championship game and he became the first freshman in school history to earn AP All-American honors. In the 2007 NFL draft, he was selected by the Minnesota vikings. As a rookie, he set an NFL record for all-purpose yards in a game with 361 and the single-game rushing record with 296 yards -which he still holds today. His performance capped off one of the most dominant rookie seasons in NFL history. Throughout his NFL career he has a total of 14,918 yards & 120 rushing touchdowns that are both ranked top 5 in NFL history. Peterson is a 4 -time All-Pro, 7-time pro bowler, 2007 rookie of the year , 2012 NFL MVP and made the NFL all-

decade team for the 2010's.. Tonight Peterson scores another honor.. This time as the newest member of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame

### **Cynthia Potter:**

Born and raised in Houston, Cynthia Potter discovered her love and passion for the sport of diving at an early age. She started off by joining the swimming team at Lamar high school. In the 1970s women were not granted athletic scholarships, but Cynthia was given the opportunity by legendary diving Coach, Hobie Billingsley to train with the male divers at Indiana University to prepare for the international stage. She would go on to earn spots on three Olympic teams, winning a bronze medal in 1976. Potter has 28 individual national titles to her name making her the most decorated US diver in women's history. She also has 20 gold medals in world competitions and was voted World Diver of the Year three times.

After her competitive career, Cynthia became television's most trusted diving analyst for 30 plus years covering the Olympic games, the USA diving national championships and the Mens and womens NCAA Diving Championships. Tonight, Cynthia Potter makes another seamless entry.. this time right into Texas Sports Hall of Fame Cynthia Potter.

## **Michael Strahan**

One of the most feared defensive linemen in football history, Michael Strahan terrified NFL quarterbacks for 15 years, racking up 141.5 career sacks and 854 tackles. Strahan's football journey began in Germany, where he grew up with his military-based family. After moving back to Houston his senior year of high school to play at Westbury High School, Strahan earned a scholarship to Texas Southern University. Strahan was dominant during his four years as a Tiger, winning two consecutive Southwestern Athletic Conference Player of the Year awards.

The New York Giants selected Strahan in the 1993 NFL Draft with the fortieth pick, undeniably one of the greatest draft picks in the franchise's history. By his fourth season, Strahan was already a Pro-Bowler and a first-team All-Pro selectee. Strahan's best season came in 2001, when he set the NFL's single season record for sacks with 22.5. His performance that season earned him NFL Defensive Player of the Year. Strahan retired in 2007 a champion, after his New York Giants upset the New England Patriots in Super Bowl 42. Already a member of the Pro Football Hall of



Fame and the New York Giants' Ring of Honor, Strahan will now join another Hall of Fame, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

**Bubba Thornton:**

Thornton competed as a sprint and relay performer for the TCU track and field program from 1967 to 1969. He was also a wide receiver and defensive back for the Frogs and was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in 1969 as a wide receiver and kick returner.

Thornton returned to TCU to coach the track & field team for 14 years (1982-95). During his time at TCU, he coached nine NCAA champions. After TCU, he coached at the University of Texas from 1996-2013 where he produced xxx all american, big 12 xxxx champs,xx olympians. In 2008, Thornton was named head track coach for Team USA for the 2008 Olympics.

