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## **CAMERON, HAM, NARCISSE, PAYTON, AND PISTILLI, INDUCTION CLASS OF 2010**

It is my pleasure as Executive Director of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum (CFHOFM) to announce the Induction Class of 2010.

The Inductees are Bob Cameron, Tracy Ham, Don Narcisse, Elfrid Payton and Joe Pistilli.

**BOB CAMERON, PLAYER:** Bob Cameron was a punter with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers from 1980 to 2002. He won the Hec Crighton in 1977 while playing university football with the University of Acadia Axemen. He signed with the Blue Bombers in 1980. He was named a Western All-Star in 1984, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1993, and 1995. He was All-Canadian in 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1993. He helped the Bombers to three Grey Cup victories in 1984, 1988, and 1990. He was named Most Valuable Canadian in the Grey Cup game in 1988. During the 1988 season he set the record for most punting yards regular season with 8,214 yards and most punts regular season with 188 punts. At the time of his retirement held the record for most consecutive games played with 353, as well as most punting yards all-time regular season with 134,301.

**TRACY HAM, PLAYER:** Tracy Ham signed with the Edmonton Eskimos in 1987. He became their starting quarterback in 1988. In 1989 he became the first quarterback to rush for over 1,000 yards. That same year he was named the league's Most Outstanding Player and was a unanimous selection as a Western All-Star and a CFL All-Star. In 1993 he spent one season with the Toronto Argonauts before moving to the Baltimore Stallions in 1994. He led the Stallions to Grey Cup victory in 1995 and was named Most Outstanding Player in the Grey Cup Game. He signed with the Montreal Alouettes in 1996. He played a total of four seasons with Alouettes leading them to the Eastern Division final in 1997. At the time of his retirement, he held the record for Most Rushing yards by a Quarterback during the regular season with 1,096 yards. He is second for Most Rushing Yards All-time by a quarterback with 8,043.

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**DONALD NARCISSE, PLAYER:** Narcisse signed as a free agent with the Saskatchewan Roughriders in 1987. 1989 was his breakout year, leading the Roughriders in all receiving categories. He had 81 receptions for 1,419 yards and 11 touchdowns, including one touchdown during the 1989 Grey Cup game. In 1990, he made 86 receptions and gained 1,129 yards. He was the only Roughrider that year to make a reception in every regular season game. In 1995, Narcisse led the league in receptions, as well as setting the record for most consecutive games with at least one reception with 144 games. Narcisse was a consistent fan favorite in Saskatchewan being voted the Most Popular Roughrider three times during his 13 season career. He was a Western All-Star four times during his career – 1989, 1990, 1993, and 1998, and an All-Canadian All-Star four times – 1989, 1990, 1995, and 1998. He was a Northern Division All-Star once in 1995. At the time of his retirement, Narcisse held the record for most consecutive seasons with a pass reception in every game with 11 seasons, as well as most consecutive games with at least one reception with 216 games. He had a total of seven seasons with over 1,000 pass receiving yards, six of them consecutive. He was inducted to the Saskatchewan Roughriders' Plaza of Honour in 2003

**ELFRID PAYTON, PLAYER:** Payton signed with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers as a free agent in 1991. That same season, he was Winnipeg's nominee for most outstanding rookie with 37 tackles and six sacks. During the 1993 season he was the CFL's leader in quarterback sacks with 22. He was awarded the James P. McCaffrey Trophy (most outstanding defensive player in the Eastern Division) for his efforts. He helped the Baltimore Stallions to Grey Cup victory in 1995 and was named a Southern Division All-Star that same year. In 1996, Payton signed with the Montreal Alouettes. During a 1999 game against Winnipeg he had five sacks tying the record for most Quarterback Sacks during a regular season game. After returning to the Blue Bombers for a season in 2000 and spending the 2001 season with the Argonauts, Payton signed with the Edmonton Eskimos in 2002. For a third time Payton lead the CFL in sacks, as well as being awarded the Norm Fieldgate Trophy (Most Outstanding Defensive Player in the Western Division) and being named the Most Outstanding Defensive Player in the CFL. In 2003, Payton earned his second Grey Cup victory as part of the Edmonton Eskimos team. Payton was an Eastern All-Star five times - 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2001, and a Western All-Star once in 2002. He was a CFL All-Star five times – 1993, 1997, 1998, 2001 and 2002. At the time of his retirement, Elfrid Payton had 154 sacks making him second of All-Time in Quarterback Sacks. He also held the Alouettes' team record for most sacks with 52.

**JOE PISTILLI, BUILDER:** Pistilli was involved with all levels of junior football in Quebec for 42 years, as well as being involved on a national level with Football Canada for 29 years. In 1967, he served as President of the Châteauguay Ramblers. He moved on to become Commissioner of the Quebec Junior Football League in 1970. From 1980 to 1985 he served as President of Football Quebec and Director of Football Canada. He also served as the Vice-President of Administration for Football Canada from 1987 to 1991. He was director of the Quebec Junior Football League in 1987 and 1988. He was President of Football Canada from 1992 to 1998. In 1986, he received a National Award of Merit from the CFL/Football Canada for his service to amateur football.

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“We would like to thank the Selection Committee for their continued commitment and dedication, their efforts make this possible. Each Class is unique and all inductees are worthy members, but we are pleased to see significant amateur representation in the new class remarked” Steve Howse Chairman of the CFHOFM.

"It is again my pleasure to congratulate the Inductees on behalf of the Canadian Football League and fans from coast to coast. Well done and well deserved to Bob, Tracy, Don, Elfrid and Joe" said CFL Commissioner Mark Cohon

As the national body responsible for amateur football in Canada, we are thrilled with the news that Joe Pistilli is being inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum as a Builder. Joe’s passion has been evident in every task he undertakes and we consider ourselves lucky to have been able to count on him as an administrative advocate in championing the best interests of our sport. -- Richard Munro, CEO, Football Canada

As the Hall continues to strive to do things in new ways, it will this year make inductees available for interviews with media across North America, instead of hosting the traditional news conference in Hamilton. All inductees are available today for phone interviews with media across North America. Please email Mark DeNobile to receive contact information for any of the inductees.

Also attached is a fuller summary of each inductee’s career.

The new inductees will bring the total Hall of Fame members to 244 members already included in the Hall’s Zone of Champions, which features busts of each member of the Hall. The Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum operates as a non-profit registered charity. Located in Hamilton, Ontario since 1963, and in its current location next to Hamilton City Hall since 1972, the Hall is home to more than 30,000 Canadian football artefacts, ranging from equipment and trophies to photos and videos.

It’s open to the public year round; see our website for further information [www.cfhof.ca](http://www.cfhof.ca)

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