

# 2006 Pro Football Hall of Fame Induction

**RICK  
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TAKE**

**Best Cowboy not in the Hall: Michael Irvin**

*Irvin was the emotional leader of a team that won three Super Bowls in the 1990s. He ranks 18th all time with 750 receptions in a career cut short after 12 seasons because of a neck injury.*



## COWBOYS IN THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME



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In April, Troy Aikman and Rayfield Wright took their place among former Cowboys players in the Hall of Fame. Present with Aikman and Wright at Valley Ranch that day (and decked out in their NFL Alumni gold blazers) were, from left: Mel Renfro, Roger Staubach, Randy White and Bob Lilly. It has been 10 years since the last member of the franchise was inducted in Canton.



### Mel Renfro

**CORNERBACK/SAFETY, CLASS OF 1996**  
**NFL seasons:** 14 (1964-77)  
**How acquired:** Second-round pick in 1964  
**Honors:** 10 Pro Bowls (1964-73)  
**Key stat:** His total of 52 interceptions still stands as the most in franchise history.  
**Did you know?** The Houston native was one of the top running backs in the nation as a senior at Oregon.  
**Notable performance:** In January 1971, he returned two fourth-quarter punts for scores in the first AFC-NFC Pro Bowl, earning offensive player of the game honors.



### Tony Dorsett

**RUNNING BACK, CLASS OF 1994**  
**NFL seasons:** 12 (Dallas 1977-87; Denver 1988)  
**How acquired:** Second pick overall in 1977  
**Honors:** Four Pro Bowls (1978, 1981-83)  
**Key stat:** His 99-yard run against Minnesota on Jan. 3, 1983, is the longest in NFL history.  
**Did you know?** He is the only person to win a Heisman, national title and Super Bowl and be enshrined in the pro and college halls of fame.  
**Notable performance:** Dorsett gained 206 yards on 23 carries against Philadelphia on Dec. 4, 1977, setting a Cowboys rookie record.



### Randy White

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE, CLASS OF 1994**  
**NFL seasons:** 14 (1975-88)  
**How acquired:** Second pick overall in 1975  
**Honors:** Nine Pro Bowls (1977-85)  
**Key stat:** His 111 sacks rank second in franchise history behind Harvey Martin, who finished his Cowboys career with 113.  
**Did you know?** White relied on techniques learned in martial arts to keep offensive linemen from getting their hands on him.  
**Notable performance:** He had a sack in Super Bowl XII against Denver and was selected co-MVP along with Harvey Martin.



### Tex Schramm

**PRESIDENT/GENERAL MANAGER, CLASS OF 1991**  
**NFL seasons:** 29 (1960-88)  
**Career record:** 270-178-6  
**Key stat:** The Cowboys became the first team to play in five Super Bowls.  
**Did you know?** Schramm once worked in public relations for the Los Angeles Rams.  
**Notable accomplishment:** Was chairman of the competition committee (1966-88) during a highly innovative time in the NFL.



### Tom Landry

**COACH, CLASS OF 1990**  
**NFL seasons:** 29 (1960-88)  
**Career record:** 270-178-6  
**Key stat:** His teams recorded 20 consecutive winning seasons (1966-85), which is an NFL record.  
**Did you know?** He had 31 interceptions in six seasons as a defensive back with the Giants.  
**Notable accomplishment:** His 20 career playoff victories are the most of any coach in NFL history.



### Roger Staubach

**QUARTERBACK, CLASS OF 1985**  
**NFL seasons:** 11 (1969-79)  
**How acquired:** 10th-round pick in 1964  
**Honors:** Six Pro Bowls (1971, 1975-79)  
**Key stat:** Staubach directed 23 come-from-behind victories in the fourth quarter — 14 in the final two minutes.  
**Did you know?** He didn't become the Cowboys' full-time starter until 1973.  
**Notable performance:** Staubach earned MVP honors in Super Bowl VI after completing 12 of 19 passes for 119 yards and two touchdowns in the win against Miami.



### Bob Lilly

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE, CLASS OF 1980**  
**NFL seasons:** 14 (1961-74)  
**How acquired:** 13th pick overall in 1961  
**Honors:** 11 Pro Bowls  
**Key stat:** He played in a franchise-record 196 consecutive games (Lilly missed only one game in his career).  
**Did you know?** Lilly is an avid photographer. He published a book of photos from his playing days.  
**Notable performance:** Lilly had five sacks during a 1966 victory over Pittsburgh, a team record tied by Jim Jeffcoat in 1985.