First-Team All-Americas

Truman 1900-1999
All-Century Football Team

During the summer of 2000, a group set
about the task of naming a Truman All-
Century Football Team for the 20th century.
Bulldog football began in 1900 and over
the first 100 years produced some of the
most outstanding athletes at the NCAA
Division II level. The list was narrowed down
to an elite group of men whose marks on
Bulldog football left a lasting impression.
The group of 95 men, include receiver and
coach Eric Holm, the only member named
twice. The earliest team member to be
named was Jim Rouse, a first-team all-state
offensive lineman in 1906 and 1907. The lat-
est selection was Jeff Klee who earned all-
America status in 1999 as one of the most
prolific place kickers in school history.
Special teams selection Charles Blakley was
the only member with a leg currently
playing for the team, all-MIAA receiver
Andrew Blakley.

Fifty-three of the men on the team have
been inducted into the Truman Athletics Hall
of Fame, and at least 30 members of the
team have died. In the second half of the
century, more than 700 men earned letters
as contributors to Bulldog football.

Members
Quarterbacks: Arnold Embree; Jeff Frost; Earl
Hatcher; Tom Hayes; Chris Hegg; & Louis Miller.

Offensive Linemen: Stanley Barker; Willie
Barton; Darrell Buffington; Jim Burchett; Guy
Curtright; LaVerne Dubney; Kenneth Gardner; Bob
Hall; Scott Hull; Seldon Hutchinson; Mel
Loncaric; Trusten McArtor; Matt McKnight; Carl
Noble; Rich Rhodes; Jack Robinson; Jim Rouse;
Kevin Urbatsch; & Mike Yancey.

Defensive Ends: Matt Copeland; Orval Craig; Robert Doyle; Gary Isaia;
Del Maddox; Milt McPeke; & Fontaine Walker.

Running Backs: Ralph Alexander; Jarrett
Anderson; Ralph Cavanah; Charley Draper; Lenvil
Elliott; Andre Gillespie; Chad Guthrie; Dale “Paley”
Mills; Leo Petree; Steve Powell; Martin Rhode; Mike
Richardson (special mention at defensive back); &
James Streeter.

Wide Receivers: Mike Berentes; John Busby; Russell Evans (special mention on
special teams); Tom Geredine; Lloyd Henry; & Rich Otte.

Defensive Backs: Gary Evans; Tommy Hernandez;
Robert Merriman; Jerry Meyer; Clifton Ray; Freddy
Thompson; & Jon Walton.

Linebackers: Levi
Craig; Aubrey Johnson; Doug Kreighbaum; Craig
O’Sadnick; Marti Rave; & Don Rowdon; & Ricky
Ruf.

Defensive Linemen: Ken Bebermeyer; Chris
Cannon; Tim Gildehaus; Dave Grant (special men-
tion on offensive line); Pete Grathwohl; Ligo Letuli;
Elijah Lockhart; Freddy Lyles; Mike Roos; Bill
Saman; Mark Sobol; John Snell; Frank Wagner; &
Dave Waterkotte. Special Teams: Charles Blakley;
Larry Jones; Mike Laussse; & Sharvon Washington.

Kickers & Punters: Dave Austinson; Dave
Bormann; Scott Bresaw; K.C. Conaway; Kent
Fensom; Bob Fletcher; Jeff Klee; & Mike Miletich
Coaches: Don Faurot; Eric Holm; H.L. ”Curly”
McWilliams; & Maurice ”Red” Wade

Other Bulldog All-Americas
Andrew Blakley 2002 WR Daktronics _______________2nd
Andrew Blakley 2001 QB Daktronics _______________2nd
Eric Howe 2001 FB Daktronics _______________2nd
Curt Cira 2000 DT Daktronics _______________2nd
Jared Anderson 1998 DB Daktronics _______________2nd
Tommy Hernandez 1997 FB Daktronics _______________2nd
Jim Guntli 1996 FB Daktronics _______________2nd
Jarrett Anderson 1995 DB CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Matt Copeland 1995 TE CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Jim Guntli 1995 OT CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Jarrett Anderson 1994 TB CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Paul Grutter 1994 LB CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Scott Hull 1994 OG CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Steve Thompson 1994 QB CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Robert Merriman 1992 DB CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Fontaine Walker 1992 WR CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Matt McKnight 1992 TB CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Fontaine Walker 1991 TE CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Chris Livingstone 1991 QB CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Jim Burchett 1988 OC CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Gary Isaia 1988 TE CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Ricky Ruff 1988 LB CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Jim Burchett 1987 OC CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Kevin Urbatsch 1987 OC CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd
Russell Evans 1986 WR CoSIDA/NC A.D. _______________2nd

* Rhodes died from wounds he received in 1968 as a member of the Army in Vietnam. Haller died in
March of 1980 after suffering an apparent heart attack.
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Jersey No. 31, worn by running back Dale "Paley" Mills from 1957-60, was retired in 1977. Mills, who at one time held 10 college division records, garnered all-America status four times in his career. He collected first-team accolades twice in 1960, once in 1959, and was a honorable mention pick in 1958. Mills entered the Truman Athletics Hall of Fame in 1984. Until Jarrett Anderson's record-breaking spree in '96, Mills held nine Bulldog records, including career rushing yards (4,502) and career scoring (407). See page 52 for a detailed story on Mills' accomplishments.

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Jersey No. 32, worn by Derringer Cade in his last season of a three-year career (1988-90) as a Bulldog outside linebacker, was retired in 1990. Cade died from a rare heart disease after collapsing on the sidelines late in a game at Southwest Baptist University during his junior year. According to the coaches, Cade played the best game of his career that day. He was credited with eight total tackles, including two-and-a-half quarterback sacks and another tackle for a loss. The Derringer Cade Inspirational Award was instituted by the coaches following his death. See the next page for a list of the award winners.

Retired Bulldog Numbers

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The No. 3 was worn by the 1996 NCAA Division II player of the year, Jarrett Anderson, from 1991-96. Anderson's number was retired at halftime of the homecoming game with Missouri Southern on Oct. 21, 2000. He led the nation in rushing and scoring in 1996, seasonal all-MIAA, Truman and NCAA records by the end of his career. Anderson was named to the Truman All-Century Football team in 2000 after winning the Harlon Hill trophy, presented annually to the DII player of the year. See the next page for a complete story on Anderson.
Jarrett Anderson made college football history when he completed an illustrious four-year career at Truman and became the first Bulldog to win the NCAA Division II Player of the Year award, the Harlon Hill Trophy.

The award was presented to Anderson on Dec. 13, 1996, in Florence, Ala. Anderson received 42 first-place votes from NCAA Division II football sports information directors and had a grand total of 207 points, just two shy of setting the Harlon Hill record at that time for most points. His name did appear on 92 of the 105 ballots cast which was a new record for the award at that time.

Anderson finished his career with a Truman and Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association record of 6,166 yards rushing, shattering former Bulldog Dale “Paley” Mills’ (1957-60) 36-year-old record of 4,502. It also made him the third all-timeusher in NCAA history at any level, passing former Heisman winners Tony Dorsett, Herschel Walker and Archie Griffin.

During his senior campaign, Anderson was unanimously voted MIAA Offensive MVP. He rushed for 2,140 yards in ’96, setting the NCAA Division II mark for yards in a season that year, the sixth highest single season total among all divisions at that time.

Anderson broke or tied five NCAA Division II records his final season. In addition to the season rushing record, he set records in season yards per game with 194.5 and career touchdowns at 73, and he tied the marks for 1,000-yard seasons with four and 200-yard games in a season with five in 1996.

Ten MIAA records and 17 Truman standards were re-written before Anderson, who had never been redshirted, took off the Purple and White for the last time. Besides those that were also NCAA marks, others included single-season touchdowns (28), single-season rushing touchdowns (27), career scoring (440), single-season scoring (168), career rushing attempts (979) and 100-yard games in a career (20 out of 43). He tied the mark for touchdowns in a game in the MIAA (6), but it stands as a Truman record.

Anderson gained 306 yards against Emporia State, tying Mills’ single-game record at Truman, but ESU’s Brian Shay gained 360 yards in a game earlier in the ’96 season for the league record. Shay led the nation in rushing for several weeks after that, but Anderson claimed the honor with two weeks remaining to lead the nation in rushing and scoring for the year.

Shay broke many of Anderson’s NCAA and MIAA records before he finished his career in 1997. A complete account of Anderson’s current NCAA records is on page 31.

“A player like Jarrett only comes along once every 50 years or so,” his head coach John Ware said. “I feel honored to have been his coach.”

Anderson, who never missed a game in four years, began in 1993 when he rushed for 1,096 and was named MIAA freshman of the year. He was MIAA Offensive MVP two consecutive years in 1995 and 1996, and a finalist for the Hill Trophy in 1994.

During the 2000 season, Anderson had his No. 3 retired at Truman, and he was named to the Truman all-Century football team.

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**Derringer Cade Inspirational Award**

For the past 13 years, a Bulldog player has been selected by the football coaching staff for the Derringer Cade Inspirational Award. The award was named in memory of a former Truman outside linebacker, Derringer Cade, who died of a rare heart problem after collapsing during a game in 1990 at Southwest Baptist.

The award recognizes a Bulldog who, through hard work and dedication, has been a quiet role-model for his teammates, classmates and the community.

**Cade Award Recipients**

1990-Benny Pardue  
1991-Dave Harkin  
1992-Robert Merriman  
1993-Mike Roos  
1994-Steve Thompson  
1995-Demond Baine  
1996-Mike Myerson  
1997-Karega Scott  
1998-Kurt Henriksen  
1999-Tim Bussen  
2000-Joel Shumate  
2001-Brandon Montgomery  
2002-Mike Redding