

Strahan, Sapp, Ogden Finalists For Pro Football Hall Of Fame

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(MCT) — Michael Strahan and Bill Parcells are one step closer to football immortality.

They are among the 15 modern-era finalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2013. The inductees will be announced Feb. 2, the Saturday before Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans.

Strahan joins Larry Allen, Jonathan Ogden and Warren Sapp as first-year eligible players who are finalists. Parcells was a finalist last year and is in his second year of eligibility.

If elected, Strahan and Parcells would join 18 other Giants in the Hall of Fame. Parcells also had coaching stints with the Patriots, Jets and Cowboys, but he

won two Super Bowls with the Giants.

Parcells was NFL Coach of the Year in 1986 and 1994. In 19 seasons as a head coach, Parcells posted a regular-season record of 172-130-1 and was 11-8 in the playoffs. He is the only coach to guide four different teams to the playoffs.

Strahan was a dominant pass rusher who had 141 { career sacks and set the NFL single-season sack record in 2001 with 22 {. He also won the NFL sack title in 2003 with 18 {. He was named first-team All-Pro five times (1997, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2005) and voted to seven Pro Bowls. He was selected to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000s.

Other players who are finalists include RB Jerome Bettis, WR Tim Brown, WR Cris Carter, LB Kevin Greene, DE Charles Haley, WR Andre Reed, G Will

Shields and S Aeneas Williams. Owners Edward DeBartolo Jr. and the late Art Modell are also finalists.

The Hall of Fame committee will also consider two senior nominees: former Kansas City Chiefs and Houston Oilers defensive tackle Curley Culp and former Green Bay Packers and Washington Redskins linebacker Dave Robinson.

Unlike the controversial Baseball Hall of Fame voting that was announced this week, the Pro Football Hall of Fame will not shut out all nominees. Although there is no set number for any class of enshrinees, the Pro Football Hall of Fame's current ground rules stipulate that between four and seven new members will be selected each year, but no more than five modern-era nominees can be elected in a given year.

2013 Pro Football Hall of Fame Finalists

x-Larry Allen, G-T, Dallas and San Francisco
Jerome Bettis, RB, L.A./St. Louis Rams and Pittsburgh
Tim Brown, WR, L.A./Oakland Raiders and Tampa Bay
Cris Carter, WR, Philadelphia, Minnesota and Miami
y-Curley Culp, DT, Kansas City, Houston Oilers, Detroit
Edward DeBartolo, Jr. owner, San Francisco
Kevin Greene, LB-DE, L.A. Rams, Pittsburgh, Carolina and San Francisco
Charles Haley, LB-DE, San Francisco and Dallas
Art Modell, owner, Cleveland

Browns/Baltimore Ravens
x-Jonathan Ogden, OT, Baltimore Ravens
Bill Parcells, coach, N.Y. Giants, New England, N.Y. Jets, Dallas
Andre Reed, WR, Buffalo and Washington
y-Dave Robinson, LB, Green Bay and Washington
x-Warren Sapp, DT, Tampa Bay and Oakland
Will Shields, G, Kansas City
x-Michael Strahan, DE, N.Y. Giants
Aeneas Williams, DB, Phoenix/Arizona Cardinals and St. Louis Rams

x-first-year eligible; y-senior nominee

USD Swimmers Top Morningside

VERMILLION — South Dakota men's and women's swimming and diving each swam to dual victories over Morningside on Friday night in the DakotaDome.

The women won 127-50 while the men outscored their opponent 106-67. The USD men and women combined to win 15 of the meet's first 17 events.

"This was a good first meet back from the training trip," said head coach Jason Mahowald. "Morningside is a much improved team from last year, and they are headed in the right direction."

The Coyotes spread out the victories, with 13 different athletes winning individual events. Buckley was the only 'Yote to win multiple individual titles as she took home the 800-meter freestyle (9:43.13) and 100 freestyle (1:02.77).

"We were able to get some kids to swim a few different events than they usually would," Mahowald said. "That really allowed us to see some new things and get prepared for (Saturday). We'll be looking for some good swims against South Dakota State."

South Dakota will face off against South Dakota State at 1 p.m. today (Saturday) in the DakotaDome.

Tanagers Tip Lennox

VERMILLION — Despite trailing by 11 after one quarter, the Vermillion Tanagers turned things around and beat Lennox 51-48 in Big 8 Conference boys' basketball action Friday night in Vermillion.

J.T. Sorensen had 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Tanagers (7-1), while Nick Jensen added 11 points and seven rebounds.

Lennox led 19-8 after one quarter and the game was tied 38-38 after three quarters.

Tyler Harms had 14 points for the Orioles (1-6).

Lennox plays Chamberlain in the Schoolers Classic today (Saturday) in Sioux Falls, while Vermillion visits Elk Point-Jefferson next Tuesday.

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Cedar Catholic 50, Pierce 42

HARTINGTON, Neb. — James Kaiser scored 16 points and Hartington Cedar Catholic held on to beat Pierce 50-42 in boys' action Friday night in Hartington, Neb.

Grant Howell added 12 points for the Trojans (8-4), who led 28-15 at halftime and 38-24 after three quarters. Logan Feilmeier chipped in with 11 points.

For Pierce (5-7), Lane Rohrich scored 15 points and Eddie Francois added 14 points.

Cedar Catholic visits

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Yankton goalie Renee Cross stops a shot from Mitchell's Destiny Pinder-Buckley, 44, during the first period of their girls' JV hockey match on Friday at Alcoa Arena. Mitchell scored four second-period goals on the way to a 6-2 victory. Cross made 23 saves in goal for the Miracle.

Hockey: Marlins Pull Past Yankton Girls

The Mitchell Marlins used a four-goal second period to pull away to a 6-2 victory over Yankton in JV girls' hockey action on Friday at Alcoa Arena.

Michelle Wyatt and Emily Spates each had two goals, with Wyatt also recording an assist for Mitchell. Cassidy Stucky and Ashley Zimmer scored goals,

with Stucky also recording an assist. Jacey Brunson added an assist for the Marlins.

Helena Pokorney and Elizabeth Rueppel scored goals for Yankton.

Cara Beck stopped seven shots in goal for Mitchell. Renee Cross made 23 saves in goal for Yankton.

Yankton travels to Watertown on Sunday.

PeeWee

Sioux Falls 10, Yankton 0

Keegan Lafollette scored four goals to lead Sioux Falls West to a 10-0 victory over Yankton in

PeeWee 'B' hockey action on Friday.

Braden Gage and Isaac Sarker each scored twice, with Gage also recording an assist. Logan Melstad had a goal and an assist. Andrea Stelling also scored a goal. Gabe Murphy had two assists, with Jonah Weems and Dylan Meyer recording as-

sists in the victory.

Braden Jorgenson stopped all three shots he faced in the victory. Isaac Nedved made 19 saves in goal for Yankton.

Yankton plays two against Sioux Center on Sunday. Start times are 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Wrestling: Bucks Win At Watertown 39-33

WATERTOWN — The Yankton Bucks recorded five pins and won their second straight Eastern South Dakota Conference wrestling dual, 39-33, Friday night at Watertown.

With the match tied 33-33 heading into the heavyweight bout, Yankton's Royce Reisner pinned Mason Tinch in 52 seconds to give the Bucks the win.

"I thought it was a fantastic team win for us," Yankton coach Ryan Hage said. "We had to juggle the lineup around a little bit, the guys wrestled very well."

Also picking up wins for the Bucks

were Noah Vetter (106), Spencer Huber (120), Casey Skillingstad (132), Matt Huber (152), James Hisek (160), C.J. Warren (182) and Thomas Kruse (195).

Yankton returns to action next Friday night for an ESD dual against Brandon Valley, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Summit Center.

106 — Noah Vetter Y pin. Josh Tulowetke 3:24; 113 — Brady Burghardt W pin Bashir Abd-Al-Kreem 0:55; 120 — Spencer Huber Y dec. James Suter 9-6; 126 — Tyler Andrus W by forfeit; 132 — Casey Skillingstad Y pin. Dylan Mitzel 1:59; 138 — Taylor McLaughlin W pin. Jamee Bruegman 0:51; 145 — Jale Brower W dec. Mason Strahl 5-1; 152 — Matt Huber Y pin. Will Barrett 2:23; 160 — James Hisek Y dec. Jesse Forman 7-1; 170 — Sterling Gettkie W pin. Cody Hanzik 0:35; 182 — C.J. Warren Y dec. Tristan Wirjes 13-6; 195 — Thomas Kruse Y pin. Cole Jurgans 3:14; 220 — Dean Stahl W pin. Ty Novak 3:35; 285 — Royce Reisner Y pin. Mason Tinch 0:52

Pierre 48, Huron 19

HURON — In a matchup between unbeaten ESD squads, the Pierre Governors rolled past Huron 48-19 in a Friday night dual in Huron.

The hometown Tigers led 12-10 after 126 pounds, but the Governors won eight of the final 10 weight classes.

106 — Spencer Sarringar P pin. Trent Francom 1:02; 113 — Wyatt Skillingstad H by forfeit; 120 — Jabben Keyes P maj. dec. Jesse Mikrutt 8-0; 126 — Chel Glanzer H by forfeit; 132 — Tanner Monfroe P pin. Tyler Skogstad 0:56; 138 — Caleb Stollenburg P by forfeit; 145 — A.J. Dorschner P maj. dec. Nick Christiansen 11-1; 152 — Hartman Katz H dec. Alec Williams 4-3; 160 — Reagan Francom H maj. dec. Seth Scott 19-8; 170 — Dawson Monfroe P maj. dec. Connor Gose 9-0; 182 — Kyle Sarringar P dec. Tyler Kleinsasser 5-2; 195 — Trey Maier P dec. Dustin French 3-1; 220 — Lane Lettau P pin. Jeremiah Johnson 1:22; 285 — Dylan Bennett P pin. Josh Waagen 1:55

Big Sioux Girls' Final Set

BERESFORD — Emma Johnson scored 15 points as Tri-Valley edged Beresford 51-50 in overtime in Friday night's semifinal of the Big Sioux Conference Tournament in Beresford.

Sammy Kasowski added 14 points for the Mustangs, who also got eight points from Mariah Swier. Tri-Valley advances to play Sioux Falls Christian tonight (Saturday) in

the championship game in Dell Rapids.

Beresford got 20 points from Alyson Johnsen and 15 points from Ashley Ostrem. The Watchdogs will play Canton for third place tonight.

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NASCAR: Earnhardt Jr. Starts Big Wreck At Daytona Speedway Test



JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL/MCT

Dale Earnhardt, Jr., stands in his garage after causing a 12-car pile-up during test trials at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Friday.

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — New cars, same results at Daytona International Speedway.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. started a 12-car accident at Daytona on Friday that essentially shut down a three-day test session designed to hone NASCAR's redesigned cars.

Stock-car racing's most popular driver was trying to bump draft with Marcus Ambrose on the back straightaway when he lifted Ambrose "like a forklift" and turned him into the wall. Ambrose's Ford bounced back across the track and triggered a pileup that collected a host of others.

"It was a big mess and tore up a lot of cars down here trying to work on their stuff," Earnhardt said. "Definitely the drafting is not like it used to be. You can't really tandem certain cars; certain cars don't match up well."

Two of Earnhardt's Hendrick Motorsports teammates, Jeff Gordon and Kasey Kahne, also were involved. So were defending Sprint Cup champion Brad Keselowski, new teammate Joey Logano, Carl Edwards, Kyle Busch,

Jamie McMurray, Martin Truex Jr., Aric Almirola and Regan Smith.

There were no injuries, but the wreck caused several teams to leave Daytona. At least 10 teams, including Michael Waltrip Racing, Penske Racing and Richard Petty Motorsports, packed up their haulers and headed back to North Carolina.

"It is unfortunate, but sometimes you have to wreck them to learn," Keselowski said. "The sport is rewinding. That is the important thing to say. The sport advanced to the two-car tandem three or four years ago, and there were certain things you could do then that you couldn't do in the past without wrecking."

"Now the rules package is back to where we were in the early 2000's when the fans enjoyed the racing better. We as drivers have to rewind to how we used to drive these cars. This is how you do it. You make mistakes and learn and that is part of it. I might be the guy who makes the mistake next time, so I can't be mad about it."

Manufacturers Chevrolet, Ford and Toyota are using new cars in 2013, ones that have unique front ends that make race cars more

closely resemble those on the streets and in the showroom.

The new cars have considerably less downforce than their predecessors and perform differently on the track. The previous models had identical designs that made it easier for bump drafting because the front and rear bumpers lined up squarely.

But with redesigned parts in low supply as vendors try to keep up with demands, many teams came to Daytona without backup cars. Drivers took a cautious approach to the test, trying to gain information about speed and handling while hoping to avoid the kind of huge wrecks typically associated with racing in tight-knit packs at nearly 200 mph.

NASCAR asked teams to simulate race conditions Friday by forming the large drafting packs, and there were 18 cars on the track when Earnhardt triggered the big one.

"You can't push, which I think is a good thing," Gordon said. "The bad thing is you can still get to the guy's bumper, but the cars just don't line up very well. ... It's something

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