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## TWO CRIMSON TIDE AND ONE TROJAN HIGHLIGHT THE 1930's FINALISTS FOR ROSE BOWL GAME ALL-CENTURY CLASS

**PASADENA, Calif.** – Millard Howell, Don Hutson and Howard Jones have been nominated as finalists for the Rose Bowl Game All-Century Class as representatives from the 1930's. The candidates, as voted by an esteemed panel from the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), are the third of a series of names that will be unveiled each Sunday throughout the remainder of the college football regular season.

In commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Rose Bowl Game, the All-Century Class will highlight and honor great players and coaches throughout the history of *The Granddaddy of Them All*.

Millard "Dixie" Howell was arguably one of the most versatile athletes ever to play in a Rose Bowl Game. In an era when teams rarely passed the ball, for Howell, it was the highlight reel of his repertoire. The triple-threat back put on a show during the 1935 Rose Bowl Game, as he rushed for two touchdowns of five and 67 yards and threw a 59 yard score to Don Hutson. Howell was selected Player of the Game as he led Alabama to its fourth national championship. After a brief stint in the National Football League and minor league baseball, Howell became head coach at Arizona State Teachers College (now Arizona State) and Idaho, compiling a 36-35-6 record. He was inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 1993.

Don Hutson came to Alabama on a partial baseball scholarship and walked-on to the Crimson Tide football program. Upon graduation, he was an All-American end who would continue an illustrious career in professional football. Hutson played a crucial role in Alabama's 29-13 victory over Stanford in the 1935 Rose Bowl Game. He caught six passes for 165 yards and scored on receptions of 59 and 54 yards, helping lead the Crimson Tide to victory. He was twice named NFL Player of the Year (1941 and '42) as a member of the Green Bay Packers. At the time of his retirement, Hutson held almost all the NFL's receiving records and still holds many to this day. He was a charter member of both the NFL and College Football Hall of Fames and a 1993 Rose Bowl Hall of Fame Inductee.

From 1930 to 1940, Howard "The Headman" Jones led USC to the Rose Bowl Game five times, winning all appearances by a combined 95 points. Prior to his arrival, Trojan football had not secured a national title nor featured a single All-American. After 16 seasons under Jones, 19 All-Americans joined a long list of accolades which included eight Pacific Coast Conference titles and an unblemished Rose Bowl Game mark. Three of those victories in 1932, 1933 and 1939 led to national championships for USC. Jones' overall record at USC was a remarkable 121-36-13 from 1925-1940. Along with being an inaugural member of the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 1989, Jones was a charter member of the College Football Hall of Fame in 1951.

The FWAA voting committee will select one Rose Bowl Game representative from each decade to comprise the All-Century Class. In addition, one overall player and one overall coach will be highlighted at a press conference on Selection Sunday, which will take place on December 8, 2013, in Pasadena.

For more information on the 100<sup>th</sup> Rose Bowl Game, please visit [www.tournamentofroses.com](http://www.tournamentofroses.com).

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