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1940's FINALISTS FOR ROSE BOWL GAME ALL-CENTURY CLASS INCLUDE CHAPPUIS, GILMER AND TRIPPI

PASADENA, Calif. – Bob Chappuis, Harry Gilmer and Charley Trippi have been nominated as finalists for the Rose Bowl Game All-Century Class as representatives from the 1940's. The candidates, as voted by an esteemed panel from the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), are the fourth of a series of names that will be unveiled each Sunday throughout the remainder of the college football regular season.

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

University of Michigan's star halfback, Bob Chappuis, rushed the Wolverines to a 49-0 victory in the 1948 Rose Bowl Game against USC, capping a perfect season for the maize and blue. Chappuis, a member of the notorious 'Mad Magicians,' set two Rose Bowl Game records with 279 total offensive yards and 14 pass completions. During the season leading up to his New Year's Day Pasadena appearance, he set the Big Nine offensive record with 1,395 total rushing and passing yards. His performance in 1947 stunned sports writers across the nation, earning him All-America honors from the Associated Press, Grantland Rice, United Press International, New York Telegram and Chicago Tribune. Chappuis was inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 1992.

Harry Gilmer was an offensive arsenal for the University of Alabama – spending time throughout his career at halfback, quarterback, punter and kickoff returner. While his arm was expected to test USC in the 1946 Rose Bowl Game, it was his running ability that sunk the Trojans. Voted Player of the Game, Gilmer carried the ball 16 times for 116 yards and one touchdown as the Crimson Tide rolled over USC, 34-14, amassing 351 yards to USC's 41. An All-American and SEC player of the year in 1945, Gilmer's 16 career interceptions remain among the highest total in 'Bama history. Gilmer was inducted in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1973, the College Football Hall of Fame in 1993 and the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 1995.

In 1943, halfback Charley Trippi led the University of Georgia to a 9-0 Rose Bowl Game victory over UCLA, highlighting an 11-1 season and consensus national championship. Plagued by injury, Heisman winner Frank Sinkwich watched from the sidelines as Trippi played both offense and defense for 58 minutes, which was unprecedented for the times. Trippi carried the ball 25 times for 130 yards, earning Most Valuable Player honors. A Maxwell Award winner in 1946, he went on to play nine seasons in the NFL and was elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1968, the College Football Hall of Fame in 1959 and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1965. Trippi was also a 1991 Rose Bowl Hall of Fame inductee.

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 100th Rose Bowl Game, please visit www.tournamentofroses.com.

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