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## **HEAD COACHES DOMINATE HALL OF FAME FINALISTS FROM 1980'S FOR THE ROSE BOWL GAME ALL-CENTURY CLASS**

**PASADENA, Calif.** – Don James, John Robinson and Bo Schembechler have been nominated as finalists for the Rose Bowl Game All-Century Class as representatives from the 1980's. The candidates, as voted by an esteemed panel from the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), are the eighth 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*.

Don James, one of the most successful coaches in college football history, compiled a 153-57-2 record during his 18 years as head coach for the University of Washington. At the helm for the Huskies, James' teams reached *The Granddaddy of Them All* six times, placing him third on the list of coaches with the most Rose Bowl Game appearances. He walked away with the Rose Bowl Game trophy four times (1978, 1982, 1991 and 1992). The 1992 victory capped a perfect 12-0 season and national championship in the USA Today/CNN Coaches' Poll. His four Rose Bowl Game victories mark the second most of any coach. James earned national coach of the year awards in 1977 and 1991, was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1997 and the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 1994.

As a head coach, John Robinson's four wins in as many appearances makes him one of the winningest in Rose Bowl Game history. He guided the USC Trojans to the 1977, '79, '80 and '96 Rose Bowl Games, along with a national title in 1978 and Coach of the Year in 1979. Prior to being head coach, Robinson was the offensive coordinator at USC for the 1973 and '75 Rose Bowl Games, winning both. Robinson's lone Rose Bowl Game loss was as a player in 1958, for the Oregon Ducks. After a nine year stint in the NFL, Robinson returned to USC, coaching the Trojans from 1993 to 1997, winning his final Rose Bowl Game in 1996. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2009 and the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 2003.

The sixth winningest college football coach of all-time in terms of winning percentage, Glen 'Bo' Schembechler led the University of Michigan to a record 10 Rose Bowl Game appearances during his 21-year tenure as the Wolverines coach (1969-89). In addition, Michigan's three consecutive Rose Bowl Game appearances (1977, '78, '79) trails only USC's John McKay and Pete Carroll, as well as Ohio State's Woody Hayes, who led their teams to four straight trips to Pasadena. Following the 1980 season, Schembechler gained the first of his two Rose Bowl Game victories by beating the Don James' Washington Huskies. Schembechler retired from coaching after the 1990 Rose Bowl Game. He was inducted into the Rose Bowl and College Football Hall of Fame in 1993.

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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