

## Childress 1 of 12 up for Lombardi

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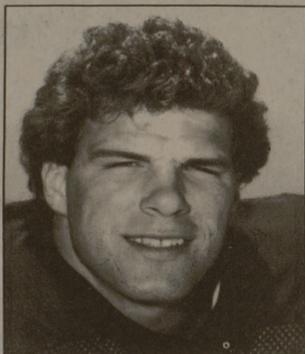
HOUSTON — Three Big Eight linemen and two from both the Southwest and Southeastern conferences are among 12 college football players nominated for the prestigious Lombardi Award, which will be presented Dec. 6.

They were nominated for the Rotary-Lombardi "College Lineman of the Year" award by a national selection committee of 217 college coaches, sports writers and sportscasters. Four finalists will be announced during the weekend of Nov. 24-25.

The Big Eight nominees are nose guard Tony Casillas of Oklahoma, offensive center Mark Tryanowicz of Nebraska and defensive tackle Leslie O'Neal of Oklahoma State.

Picked from the Southwest Conference are defensive tackles Ray Childress of Texas A&M and Tony Degrate of Texas. Southeastern Conference nominees are inside linebacker Gregg Carr of Auburn and offensive tackle Lance Smith of Louisiana State University.

The other five nominees are outside linebacker Jack Del Rio, University of Southern California; offensive tackle Bill Fralic, Pittsburgh; defensive tackle Tim Green, Syracuse; nose guard William Perry,



A&M's Ray Childress

Clemson, and defensive tackle Bruce Smith, Virginia Tech.

All of the nominees are seniors except Casillas, Green and O'Neal, who are juniors.

The 40-pound granite block trophy is a memorial to the late Green Bay Packer coach Vince Lombardi. An estimated 1,200 people are expected to attend 15th annual \$150-per-person affair sponsored by the Rotary Club of Houston.

## Huskies, Horns top UPI poll

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NEW YORK — Washington, preparing for its toughest test of the season, Monday became the first team to be ranked No. 1 for four weeks this season by the UPI Board of Coaches.

Washington, the fifth team ranked No. 1 in 1984, received 30 of 42 first-place votes and 615 total points in the latest balloting. The Huskies face No. 12 Southern California in Los Angeles Saturday with the Pac-10 title and Rose Bowl trip on the line.

Texas held second with six first-place votes and 560 points while Nebraska climbed ahead of Brigham Young into third place. The Cornhuskers received two first-place votes and 524 points while BYU received four first-place votes and 512 points.

The Cougars fell despite improving to 9-0 and clinching their ninth straight Western Athletic Conference title Saturday.

Total points are based on 15 for a first-place vote, 14 for second, etc.

No. 5 South Carolina and No. 6 Miami held their positions this week. Oklahoma State moved into seventh with Georgia eighth, Oklahoma ninth and Florida State 10th.

Oklahoma State and Oklahoma moved up three spots this

week while Florida State advanced four. Georgia did not move.

Rounding out the Top 20 are No. 11 Florida, USC, No. 13 Ohio State, No. 14 Texas Christian, No. 15 Louisiana State, No. 16 Boston College, No. 17 Iowa, No. 18 West Virginia, No. 19 Virginia and No. 20 Southern Methodist.

Auburn, ranked first in preseason, fell from the ratings for the first time this year after losing 24-3 to Florida. The Tigers were 11th last week.

Texas, Nebraska and Miami have also been ranked No. 1 this season. Nebraska was the only team to hold the top spot for three weeks before Washington.

Ohio State and TCU each advanced five spots to make the largest jump this week, while Boston College and West Virginia went tumbling nine spots.

Penn State edged Boston College 37-30 while Virginia knocked off West Virginia 27-7. The Cavaliers, 6-1-1, extended their unbeaten streak to seven games with the upset win and cracked the ratings for the first time this year.

Iowa fell four spots after being

held to a 10-10 tie by Wisconsin.

SMU returned to the Top 20 after a one-week absence. Fullerton State, ranked 20th last week, dropped out despite becoming the nation's only Division I-A 10-0 team with a 20-17 win over Fresno State.

Besides the Washington-USC battle Saturday, South Carolina hosts Florida State and Georgia meets Florida at Jacksonville in games that will go a long way in deciding bowl bids. South Carolina and FSU are among the three top-ranked independent schools, while Georgia has a half-game lead over Florida and LSU in the Southeastern Conference chase.

Along with the SEC, the Southwest Conference and Big Eight have three ranked teams. Texas, TCU and SMU are SWC schools, while Nebraska, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma are the leading Big Eight contenders.

BYU became the nation's first team to clinch a bowl berth Saturday, since the WAC winner automatically goes to the Holiday Bowl. The Cougars' 42-9 win over Texas-El Paso was their 20th straight, which is the longest current winning streak in the nation.

## Top 20

The United Press International Board of Coaches Top 20 college football ratings, with first-place votes and records in parentheses (total points based on 15 points for first place, 14 for second, etc.):

1. Washington (30) (9-0) 615
2. Texas (6) (6-9-1) 560
3. Nebraska (2) (8-1) 524
4. Brigham Young (4) (9-0) 512
5. South Carolina (8-0) 461
6. Miami (8-2) 351
7. Oklahoma State (7-1) 325
8. Georgia (7-1) 322
9. Oklahoma (6-1-1) 227
10. Florida State (6-1-1) 215
11. Florida (6-1-1) 192
12. Southern Cal (7-1) 143
13. Ohio State (7-2) 121
14. Texas Christian (7-1) 100
15. Louisiana State (6-1-1) 98
16. Boston College (5-2) 65
17. Iowa (6-2-1) 57
18. West Virginia (7-2) 46
19. Virginia (6-1-1) 26
20. Southern Methodist (5-2) 21

## Giants have found what Pokes lost — team unity

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DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants are among those tied for the lead in the NFC East, but the atmosphere around the two camps makes for a marked contrast these days.

"We have finally found it," said New York linebacker Lawrence Taylor, expressing the current mood of the Giants. "We have togetherness. We are not just offense or defense or special teams. We are a team."

Things are not quite as cheery in other quarters, however. "I guess we're not realizing the importance of every game," said

Dallas defensive back Dennis Thurman. "Until everyone takes it upon themselves to work, not individually but as a team, we just won't get it done. A lot of people forget what it takes to get to the playoffs."

"We're playing teams like New York that are fighting for their lives."

New York and Dallas were left in the heap at the top of the division with 6-4 records as a result of the Giants' 19-7 win over the Cowboys last Sunday. It was the second straight big win for New York, which had clobbered Washington the week before.

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Among the good things coming out of the game for the Giants was the performance of place kicker Ali Haj-Sheikh, who had succeeded on only six of 16 field goal tries coming into the contest but who made good on all four of his attempts Sunday.

"It was a little frustrating for a while," he said. "Then it was just a

matter of putting in a lot of hard work, which we did. I put in a lot of time after practice trying to get everything together. I'd say it paid off."

New York completed a sweep of Dallas with the Sunday win, marking the first time in 21 years the Giants had beaten the Cowboys twice in the

same season.

"You don't expect something to happen," said New York running back Rob Carpenter. "You just try to go out and do it. You go through a game and you hope you can do this and you hope you can do that. I think we accomplished what we hoped we could do. But we can get better."

New York goes to Tampa Bay next week while the Cowboys must go to St. Louis and face a team that is also tied for the division lead. Dallas also must rectify its quarterback situation — where Danny White is currently nursing a sore left shoulder

and Gary Hogeboom is nursing a bruised ego.

Both tried and failed to move the ball against the Giants Sunday.

"It's not over by any means," said White. "We have 49 guys here to have to decide to pay the price if we're going to go where we want to go."

"Yes," said Hogeboom. "I'm frustrated. We're not playing as well offensively as we should. We're having a hard time getting the ball out wide. I think we have the potential to be a playoff team, but we'll find out in the next couple of weeks."

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