

Legendary Saxon coach Alex Yunevich included on 2021 College Football Hall of Fame ballot

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IRVING, TX - The National Football Foundation (NFF) and College Hall of Fame has released its 2021 ballot for the College Football Hall of Fame. Legendary Alfred University football coach Alex Yunevich is among those being considered for induction in the Divisional Coaching category.

Yunevich is the winningest coach in AU football history, winning 177 games from 1937-41 and 1946-76. His coaching tenure was interrupted from 1941-46, when he served during World War II. During his career at Alfred University, Yunevich coached six undefeated teams and five teams with only one loss.

In 1971, Yunevich led the Saxons to an unbeaten 8-0 season and the Lambert Bowl Championship as the best small college team in the East. That same season, he earned the Stan Lomax-Irving T. Marsh Trophy as the best small college coach in the nation. In 1956, the Washington Touchdown Club named Yunevich the Small College National Coach of the Year after he guided the Saxons to a perfect 7-0 campaign. He was inducted into the Alfred University Athletics Hall of Fame in 1975.

In addition to leading the Saxon football program, Yunevich also spent time as the head men's basketball, wrestling and golf coach at Alfred University. He was a Second Team All-American and All-Big 10 fullback at Purdue University while also serving as the captain of the Boilermakers' track and field program.

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The 2021 NFF College Football Hall of Fame ballot includes 78 players and seven coaches from the Football Bowl Subdivision and 99 players and 33 coaches from the divisional ranks. The announcement of the 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Class Presented by ETT will be made in early 2021, with specific details to be announced. The 2021 College Football Hall of Fame class will be officially inducted during the 64th NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 7, 2021, at the New York Hilton Midtown.

"It's an enormous honor to just be on the College Football Hall of Fame ballot considering more than 5.4 million people have played college football and only 1,027 players have been inducted," said NFF President and CEO Steve Hatchell. "The Hall's requirement of being a First-Team All-American creates a much smaller pool of about 1,500 individuals who are even eligible. Being in today's elite group means an individual is truly among the greatest to have ever played the game, and we look forward to announcing the 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Class Presented by ETT early next year."

Founded in 1947 with early leadership from General Douglas MacArthur, legendary Army coach Earl "Red" Blaik and

immortal journalist Grantland Rice, the National Football Foundation (NFF) and College Hall of Fame is a non-profit educational organization that runs programs designed to use the power of amateur football in developing scholarship, citizenship and athletic achievement in young people.