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## Former Raiders WR Tim Brown and Contributor Ron Wolf Elected into Pro Football Hall of Fame

**PHOENIX, Ariz.** – Former Raiders **WR Tim Brown** and contributor **Ron Wolf** were elected for enshrinement into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2015, the Pro Football Hall of Fame announced Saturday at the Fourth Annual NFL Honors from Symphony Hall at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Ariz.

Brown and Wolf join Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams/Pittsburgh Steelers RB Jerome Bettis, Dallas Cowboys/San Francisco 49ers DE Charles Haley, Buffalo Bills/Carolina Panthers/Indianapolis Colts contributor Bill Polian, San Diego Chargers/Miami Dolphins/New England Patriots LB Junior Seau, Kansas City Chiefs G Will Shields and Minnesota Vikings C Mick Tingelhoff to make up the Class of 2015 that will be officially enshrined into the Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio on Aug. 8, 2015. With Brown and Wolf entering the Hall of Fame, an illustrious 24 Raiders have now been selected for induction into the Hall of Fame. Below is the updated list:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Seasons</u>	<u>Inducted</u>
Ron Mix	T	1971	1979
Jim Otto	C	1960-1974	1980
George Blanda	QB/K	1967-1975	1981
Willie Brown	CB	1967-1978	1984
Gene Upshaw	G	1967-1982	1987
Fred Biletnikoff	WR	1965-1978	1988
Art Shell	T	1968-1982	1989
Ted Hendricks	LB	1975-1983	1990
Al Davis	Owner	1963-2011	1992
Mike Haynes	CB	1983-1989	1997
Eric Dickerson	RB	1992	1999
Howie Long	DE	1981-1993	2000
Ronnie Lott	S	1991-1992	2000
Dave Casper	TE	1974-1980, 1984	2002
Marcus Allen	RB	1982-1992	2003
James Lofton	WR	1987-1988	2003
Bob Brown	OT	1971-1973	2004
John Madden	Head Coach	1969-1978	2006
Rod Woodson	S	2002-2003	2009
Jerry Rice	WR	2001-2004	2010
Warren Sapp	DL	2004-2007	2013
Ray Guy	P	1973-1986	2014
<b>Tim Brown</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>1988-2003</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Ron Wolf</b>	<b>Executive</b>	<b>1963-74, 1979-89</b>	<b>2015</b>

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Tim Brown, who played for the Raiders from 1988-2003, was one of the most productive wide receivers in NFL history. He was originally selected by the Raiders in the first round (sixth overall) of the 1988 NFL Draft. Over his 17-year career, Brown played in 255 games with 202 starts, totaling 1,094 receptions for 14,934 yards (13.7 avg.) and 100 touchdowns, 50 rushes for 190 yards (3.8 avg.) and one touchdown, 162 punt returns for 3,320 yards (10.2 avg.) and three touchdowns, and 49 kick returns for 1,235 yards (25.2 avg.) and one touchdown. Brown ranks fifth in all-time receptions, sixth in all-time receiving yards, tied for seventh in all-time receiving touchdowns, fourth in all-time punt returns, sixth in all-time punt return yards and fifth in all-time all-purpose yards. He is also the Raiders' franchise leader with 240 games played.

For his career, Brown made nine Pro Bowl appearances and was named to the Associated Press All-Pro team in 1997. He is the only player in NFL history to record at least 75 receptions in 10 straight seasons (1993-2002), and he recorded at least 1,000 receiving yards in nine straight seasons (1993-2001).

Ron Wolf is recognized as one of the finest personnel men in NFL history. Wolf helped the Raiders win nine division titles, eight AFL/AFC championship games and three Super Bowls during his time with the Silver and Black. He also helped turn the Green Bay Packers into a dominant franchise, helping the team claim three straight NFC Central Division titles and back-to-back Super Bowl appearances, including a victory in Super Bowl XXXI. He was also the general manager of the expansion Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1976.

***Below are quotes regarding Tim Brown.***

**Raiders Hall of Fame WR Fred Biletnikoff on Tim Brown:** "He has unique credentials that make him worthy of selection to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Tim is probably the most focused, professional, team-oriented player I have ever known. He needed to be all of that to overcome many obstacles in his career, including an Adrian Peterson-like injury. For almost his entire career as a starter, Tim was the ONE guy opponents had to worry about, yet nobody really ever stopped him. Tim Brown was a rock of reliability. Tim belongs in the Hall of Fame. It was a pleasure to coach him."

**Raiders Super Bowl MVP QB Jim Plunkett on Tim Brown:** "I didn't get a chance to play with Tim as I was on injured reserve during his rookie year, but I would have loved to. He showed what a performer he was from the beginning, first as a return specialist, then as wide receiver. He put up numbers that are unbelievable and was a big-play guy for many years. Time after time Tim made the clutch catch or the key play. He ranked up there with not only the greatest Raiders, but the greatest in professional football. Tim did all the things you would expect of Hall of Fame receiver."

**Raiders NFL MVP QB Rich Gannon on Tim Brown:** "I would tell you that without question, he was one of the smartest players I ever played. I don't know if he has a photographic memory or what, but we would install large volumes of plays on Wednesday morning and go out on the field Wednesday before lunch and it seemed like he had every play down. He would help all the other receivers get lined up. He was one the smartest guys I've ever played with. He was tough, dependable, durable, instinctive. He had maybe the best hands – he made all the difficult catches. I think people don't remember how good of a punt returner this guy was. If he's not Hall of Fame material, then I don't know what Hall of Fame material looks like."

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**Raiders Super Bowl-winning Head Coach Tom Flores on Tim Brown:** "Tim was just an outstanding player from the minute he started playing football. Right now, they're talking about him as a receiver, but people forget how dangerous and productive he was as a return man. He was just an all-around athlete coming out of Notre Dame and he became a go-to guy, a home-run guy, and just a multitude of things that he could do as a receiver. Just a complete receiver."