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Dent, Marino, Young among Hall finalists

Former Bears defensive end Richard Dent and former quarterbacks Dan Marino and Steve Young were among the 15 finalists announced Tuesday for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The Class of 2005, which will have from three to six members, will be announced Feb. 5, the day before the Super Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla.

Dent played for the Bears from 1983 to 1993 and again in 1995. He was the most valuable player in their 46-10 Super Bowl victory against the New England Patriots in January 1986 and is their career leader with 124½ sacks, including a team-record 17½ in 1984. He

finished his career with 137½ sacks, fifth on the all-time list.

Marino, who set many passing records during his career with the Miami Dolphins, and Young, who led the San Francisco 49ers to a Super Bowl victory in January 1995, are among four finalists who made the list in their first year of eligibility. The others are former Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin and former Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas, who died after a car accident in 2000.

The other nominees are former



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New York Giants linebacker Harry Carson, former Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end L.C. Greenwood, former Washington Redskins offensive lineman Russ Grimm, former Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Claude Humphrey, former Dolphins guard Bob Kuechenberg, former Redskins receiver

Art Monk, former St. Louis Cardinals cornerback Roger Wehrli, late Giants general manager George Young and seniors Fritz Pollard and Benny Friedman.

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