Jimmy Rogers, Jr. Most Valuable Lineman

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A smaller edition of the championship trophy is also presented to the most valuable lineman. It is named in honor of Jimmy Rogers, Jr., who was president of the Sun Bowl Association in 1970-71 and is chairman emeritus of the football committee. Rogers was inducted into the Legends of the Sun Bowl in 1999. The following players have captured the award since its inception in 1961.

Date

Pos.

Player
School

Dec. 30, 1961

G

Richie Ross
Villanova

Dec. 31, 1962

G

Don Hoovler
Ohio

Dec. 31, 1963

G

Don Hughes
SMU

Dec. 26, 1964

T

Jim Wilson
Georgia

Dec. 31, 1965

T

Ronny Nixon
TCU

Dec. 24, 1966

MG

Jerry Durling
Wyoming

Dec. 24, 1967

LB

Fred Carr
UTEP

Dec. 30, 1968

T

David Campbell
Auburn

Dec. 20, 1969

LB

Jerry Murtaugh
Nebraska

Dec. 19, 1970

LB

Bill Flowers
Georgia Tech

Dec. 18, 1971

LB

Matt Blair
Iowa State

Dec. 30, 1972

DT

Ecomet Burley
Texas Tech

Dec. 29, 1973

TE

John Kelsey
Missouri

Dec. 28, 1974

DT

Jimmy Webb
Mississippi State

Dec. 26, 1975

MG

Al Romano
Pittsburgh

Jan. 2, 1977

DT

Edgar Fields
Texas A&M

Dec. 31, 1977

LB

Gordon Ceresino
Stanford

Dec. 23, 1978

DE

Dwight Jefferson
Texas

Dec. 22, 1979

DT

Doug Martin
Washington

Dec. 27, 1980

DE

Jimmy Williams
Nebraska

Dec. 26, 1981

DT

Rick Bryan
Oklahoma

Dec. 25, 1982

DE

Ronnie Mullins
Texas

Dec. 24, 1983

C

Wes Neighbors
Alabama

Dec. 22, 1984

LB

Carl Zander
Tennessee

Dec. 28, 1985

C

Peter Anderson
Georgia

Dec. 25, 1986

MG

Steve Alvord
Washington

Dec, 25, 1987

LB

Darren Warren
West Virginia

Dec. 24, 1988

LB

Derrick Thomas
Alabama

Dec. 30, 1989

LB

Anthony Williams
Texas A&M

Dec. 31, 1990

LB

Craig Hartsuyker
USC

Dec. 31, 1991

DT

Mike Ploskey
Illinois

Dec. 31, 1992

NT

Rob Waldrop
Arizona

Dec. 31, 1993

DE

Shawn Jackson
Texas Tech

Dec. 30, 1994

OT

Blake Brockermeyer
Texas

Dec. 29, 1995

DL

Jerod DeVries
Iowa

Dec. 31, 1996

DE

Kailee Wong
Stanford

Dec. 31, 1997

DT

Jeremy Staat
Arizona State

Dec. 31, 1998

DE

London Dunlap
Texas Christian

Dec. 31, 1999

DT

Dyron Russ
Minnesota

Dec. 29, 2000

OG

Oscar Cabrera
UCLA

Dec. 31, 2001

DE

Akin Ayodele
Purdue

Dec. 31, 2002

DE

Shaun Phillips
Purdue

Dec. 31, 2003

DT

Junior Siavaii
Oregon

Dec. 31, 2004

DT

Brandon Villareal
Purdue

Dec. 30, 2005

DE

Kevin Mims
Northwestern

Dec. 29, 2006

DE

Xzavie Jackson
Missouri

Dec. 31, 2007

OT

Fenuki Tupou

Oregon