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## 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 Brockermeier  
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