**Bullock Texas State History Museum**

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***Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame***

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Whether it's pint-sized players running around on a city field or professional athletes suiting up for big games, football matters in Texas. It's fitting that the most extensive and comprehensive professional football exhibition ever to go on tour will make its first Texas stop at the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Featuring visitor activities, audio and video produced by NFL Films, and an extraordinary collection of over 200 artifacts, Gridiron Glory presents the panoramic story of professional football, from its humble beginnings in the late 19th century to its current status as a cultural phenomenon. Don't miss a football and leather helmet dating to the earliest days of football; Houston Oiler/ New Orleans Saints kicker Tom Dempsey’s specially-designed kicking shoe; Texan Mean Joe Greene’s jersey; the Super Bowl trophy; and one-of-a-kind artifacts that tell the stories of Red Grange, Dick Butkus, Joe Namath, Bart Starr, Tom Landry, Joe Montana, and many other gridiron giants.

*Exhibition Credit line:* Gridiron Glory *is organized by Pro Football Exhibits, LLC in association with the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Museum. Offered in partnership with the Houston Texans with items on loan from the Dallas Cowboys.*

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**Exhibition Artifacts**

**01.baugh-sammy-helmet**

*Courtesy Bullock Museum*A native of Temple Sammy Baugh, also known as "Slingin' Sammy," wore this leather helmet during 1949 season as quarterback for the Washington Redskins. *Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame* features more than 200 artifacts from the best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame’s collection, including football artifacts, rare documents, award winning-photography and more.

**02.dempsey-tom-shoe**

*Courtesy Bullock Museum*Born without toes on his right foot, Tom Dempsey set an NFL record wearing this modified shoe with a flattened and enlarged toe surface. He kicked the longest field goal in league history of 63 yards in the New Orleans Saints' 19-17 win over the Detroit Lions on Nov. 8, 1970. Dempsey whet on to play one year with the Houston Oilers in 1977. Experience the inspirational stories of the game’s pioneers, great players, coaches, at *Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame* this fall at the Bullock Texas State History Museum.

**03.dickerson-eric-ball**

*Courtesy Bullock Museum*

In 1984, Sealy, Texas native and Los Angeles Rams running back Eric Dickerson broke the single-season rushing record after rushing for 2,105 yards that season. This game ball was presented to Dickerson in recognition of his sensational performance and record-setting achievement.

**04.brees-drew-5k-jersey**

*Courtesy Bullock Museum*Austinite and former Westlake High School quarterback, Drew Brees wore this jersey in 2008 while playing for the New Orleans Saints when he became just the second player ever to pass for 5,000 yards in a season.

**05.1968-afl-nfl-championship-program**

*Courtesy Bullock Museum*

This program cover was provided during the second Super Bowl Championship Game featuring the Oakland Raiders vs. Green Bay Packers in Miami, Fl., on Jan. 14, 1968.

**06.wellington-mara-camera**

*Courtesy Bullock Museum*Pro Football Hall of Famer Wellington Mara used this Bell & Howell Filmo Model 70 camera to film New York Giants practices and training camp when his father was the owner. See this as well as other one-of-a-kind artifacts at *Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame* opening Sept. 26, 2015 at the Bullock Texas State History Museum.

**07. General Exhibition Views**

*Courtesy Bullock Museum*

Various views of the exhibition cases.