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Bloomfield's Dwight Freeney Selected as Member of 2024 Pro Football Hall of Fame Class

BLOOMFIELD, CT – Bloomfield High School football standout Dwight Freeney was selected as a member of the seven-person enshrinement class for the 2024 Pro Football Hall of Fame, it was announced Thursday night in Las Vegas at the annual NFL Awards Show. Freeney will officially be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Aug. 3, in Canton, OH.

Freeney, who was selected in just his second year of eligibility for the Hall, was an All-State selection in both 1996 and 1997. During his senior year in 1997, Freeney led the Bloomfield Warhawks to a 12-0 record and the Class S state title. He concluded his prep career at Bloomfield High School with 249 tackles, and what at the time was a state-record 60 sacks.

Following his outstanding career at Bloomfield, Freeney went on to become an All-American at Syracuse University and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2023.

Freeney was then selected 11th overall in the 2002 NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts where he was a seven-time pro bowler and a Super Bowl Champion. He also spent time with the Arizona Cardinals, Atlanta Falcons, Seattle Seahawks, and Detroit Lions, prior to his retirement following the 2017 season.

He finished his NFL career with 332 total tackles, 125.5 sacks, 47 forced fumbles, and one defensive touchdown.

"We are all so tremendously proud of Dwight and his continued accomplishments," said Bloomfield Mayor Danielle C. Wong said. "He remains a revered local hero and it's amazing how often he's home. We are thrilled for him and his family on his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. One of our community mantras here in Bloomfield is 'Warhawk Pride'. It conveys respect, determination, and excellence. Dwight embodies these qualities---he's a hometown hero."

About the Town of Bloomfield

Bloomfield is a picturesque Connecticut town, graced with rural beauty, abundant land, quality schools, dynamic commercial building projects, and a highly educated work force. Located just 10 miles west of the state capital of Hartford, the Town encompasses 26.4 square miles and has a population of 21,000 residents. Visit: www.bloomfieldct.gov
