

# Archie Griffin

Archie Griffin, member of the College National Football Foundation Hall of Fame, Rose Bowl Hall of Fame, Ohio State University Sports Hall of Fame, and Columbus Public Schools Hall of Fame, has won virtually all the top honors any single athlete could win in college football.

Griffin is the only two time winner of the prestigious Heisman Trophy, symbolic of “The Outstanding College Football Player of the Country”. He was three time All American in 1973, 74 and 75. He was named “Most Valuable Football Player in the Big Ten” for two straight years, thereby becoming only the second athlete in history to accomplish this feat. He was named “College Football Player of the Year” by both United Press International and the Sporting News. Griffin is the first athlete in Ohio State’s history to have his number retired.

Griffin broke nearly all the Ohio State rushing records. He set national marks and Big Ten marks, both for a single season and for a career. He also holds another rare distinction, he was named Captain of the 1974 Ohio State football team and his teammates renamed him to Captain of the 1975 Buckeyes.

In 1975, Griffin was a recipient of the NCAA’s Top Five Award. This award is the top honor an undergraduate can receive and is based on a combination of athletic skill, academic accomplishment, leadership and character. Graduating a quarter early, Griffin earned his college degree in Industrial Relations.

In 1976, he was a first round draft choice of the Cincinnati Bengals, served as co-captain and played with that franchise for eight years. As a professional, Archie continued his illustrious football career by ranking among the top NFL rushers with a 4.1 yards per carry average. He also commanded respect throughout the league as a very adept pass receiver.

Archie Griffin returned to his alma mater in March, 1984. He later accepted the position of Special Assistant to the Director of Athletics in June of 1985. In July of 1987, he was named Assistant Director of Athletics. In April of 1994, he was named Associate Director of Athletics. His duties include overseeing 14 sports.

In October of 1999 his jersey, #45, was retired in front of a record crowd in Ohio Stadium.