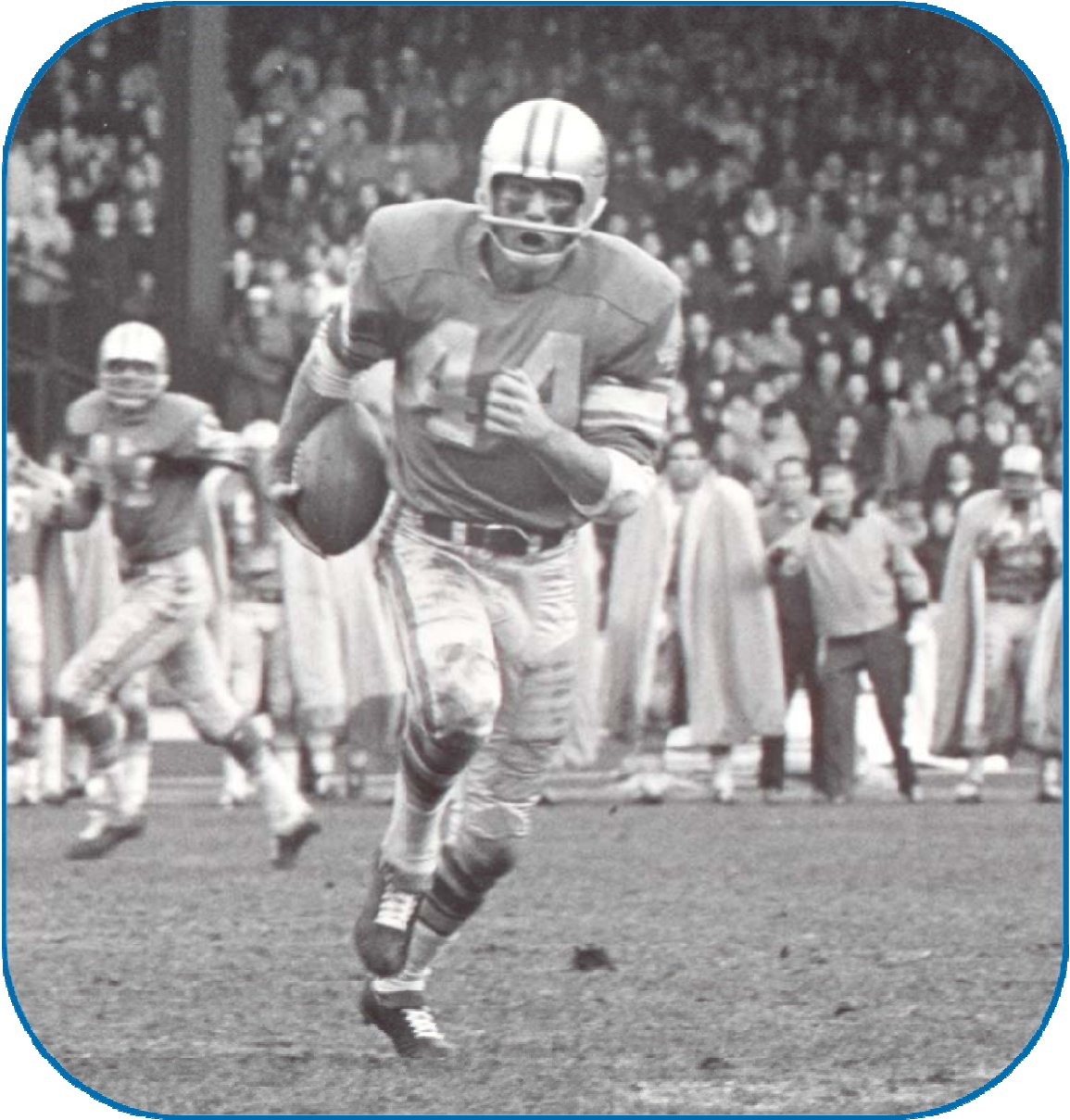


DICK LEBEAU



***Pro Football
Hall of Fame
Class of 2010***

DICK LEBEAU

Cornerback

Years: 1959-72

Ht: 6-1

Pro Bowls: 3 (1965-67)

Ohio State

Seasons: 14

Wt: 185

When it comes to picks by Lions defenders, cornerback Dick LeBeau stands on top in Lions history. From 1959-72, LeBeau, who was well-known for his ability to anticipate and break on the ball, recorded 62 interceptions for 762 yards and three touchdowns. His 62 picks are the most by a player in franchise history, and they are tied for eighth all-time in NFL history. At the time of his retirement following the 1972 season, LeBeau was ranked third all-time in career interceptions. His 762 interception return yards rank third all-time in team history.

During the 12-year span from 1960-71, LeBeau (62) had more interceptions than any player in the NFL. He was the only player to average more than five interceptions per season over that span, and he had at least three interceptions in each of those 12 seasons. LeBeau is one of only six players (one of two cornerbacks) in league history to intercept 60 passes (averaging five per season) over a 12-year period.

LeBeau was not only productive in picking off opponent passers, but he was one of the most durable players in team history. From 1959-72, he played in 185 games which is fourth all-time in team history, and he is third all-time for the most seasons played (14). With 171 straight games, LeBeau holds the NFL record for consecutive games played (all starts) by a cornerback, and he holds the Lions franchise record with 171 consecutive starts.

During his career, he earned three trips to the Pro Bowl from 1965-67.

LeBeau was a key cog in one of the Lions' greatest eras of defense during the team's 76 seasons in Detroit. From 1961-70, the Lions ranked first in total defense twice (1962 and 1965), as well as second (1969-70), third (1961 and 1967), fourth (1968) and fifth (1964). In nine of those 10 seasons, the Lions were ranked in the Top 5 in total defense.

In 1970, LeBeau established a career-high nine interceptions, which are tied for sixth on the team's all-time single-season interceptions list, and he was a major defensive contributor to the Lions finishing with a 10-4 record that season. His nine interceptions were second in the league (first in NFC). The Lions finished second in the NFC Central and earned a berth in the playoffs for the first time since 1957 (13 years). LeBeau helped lead the Lions defense that ranked second in the NFL in total defense (246.3 yards per game) and second in scoring defense (14.4 points per game).

LeBeau was acquired by the Lions as a free agent after being released by Cleveland in training camp prior to his rookie season. LeBeau was drafted by the Browns in the fifth round of the 1959 NFL Draft out of Ohio State. While in college, he was a member of the Buckeyes 1956 National Championship team.

LEBEAU'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tm	G	Int	Yds	Avg	TD
1959	Det	6	0	0	0.0	0
1960	Det	12	4	58	14.5	0
1961	Det	14	3	45	15.0	0
1962	Det	14	4	67	16.8	1
1963	Det	14	5	158	31.6	1
1964	Det	14	5	45	9.0	0
1965	Det	14	7	84	12.0	1
1966	Det	14	4	66	16.5	0
1967	Det	14	4	29	7.2	0
1968	Det	14	5	23	4.6	0
1969	Det	14	6	15	2.5	0
1970	Det	14	9	96	10.7	0
1971	Det	13	6	76	12.7	0
1972	Det	14	0	0	0.0	0
Totals		185	62	762	12.3	3



DETROIT LIONS 75th SEASON ALL-TIME TEAM

CB **Dick LeBeau** was named to the Lions 75th Season All-Time Team in 2008. LeBeau was honored alongside four defensive backs who are members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, including: CB **Lem Barney** (HOF Class of 1992), S **Jack Christiansen** (HOF Class of 1970), CB **Dick "Night Train" Lane** (HOF Class of 1974) and S **Yale Lary** (HOF Class of 1979). On defense, Hall of Fame LB **Joe Schmidt** (HOF Class of 1973) also joined them on the Lions' all-time team.

The Lions 75th Season All-Time Team was selected by online polling and a selection committee that included three current (Tom Kowalski, Booth News Service) and past (Mike O'Hara, Detroit News; Jerry Green, Detroit News) members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Selection Committee among others.

LeBEAU VS. LAST FIVE HALL OF FAME DEFENSIVE BACKS INDUCTED

Comparison of LeBeau's career numbers against the last five defensive backs selected as Hall of Famers

- In the last 10 years (Since 2000), five defensive backs have been enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, including: S/CB **Ronnie Lott** (HOF '00), CB **Roger Wehrli** (HOF '07), CB **Emmitt Thomas** (HOF '08), **Darrell Green** (HOF '08) and CB/S **Rod Woodson** (HOF '09). When compared to those five, LeBeau ranks third in career interceptions (62), and is only one behind Lott (63).
- Among the last five defensive backs enshrined in Canton, LeBeau has the highest interceptions per game average (.335), more than that of Lott (.328), Thomas (.320), Woodson (.298), Wehrli (.207) and Green (.183).

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Rk	Player	Pos	Years	Exp	G	Int	Int/G	Yds	Avg	TD	Class
1	Rod Woodson	CB/S	1987-2003	17	238	71	.298	1483	20.9	12	2009
2	Ronnie Lott	S/CB	1981-94	14	192	63	.328	730	11.6	5	2000
3	Dick LeBeau	CB	1959-72	14	185	62	.335	762	12.3	3	--
4	Emmitt Thomas	CB	1966-78	13	181	58	.320	937	16.2	5	2008
5	Darrell Green	CB	1983-2002	20	295	54	.183	621	11.5	6	2008
6	Roger Wehrli	CB	1969-82	14	193	40	.207	309	7.7	2	2007

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS PER GAME

Rk	Player	Pos	Years	Exp	G	Int	Int/G	Yds	Avg	TD	Class
1	Dick LeBeau	CB	1959-72	14	185	62	.335	762	12.3	3	--
2	Ronnie Lott	S/CB	1981-94	14	192	63	.328	730	11.6	5	2000
3	Emmitt Thomas	CB	1966-78	13	181	58	.320	937	16.2	5	2008
4	Rod Woodson	CB/S	1987-2003	17	238	71	.298	1483	20.9	12	2009
5	Roger Wehrli	CB	1969-82	14	193	40	.207	309	7.7	2	2007
6	Darrell Green	CB	1983-2002	20	295	54	.183	621	11.5	6	2008

HOW LeBEAU MATCHES UP AGAINST THE HALL OF FAMERS

Comparison of LeBeau's statistics with the 20 defensive backs already enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame

- LeBeau not only ranks favorably among the last five defensive backs enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, but he also ranks high among the current 20 defensive backs in the Hall of Fame. LeBeau's 62 career interceptions would rank sixth among those enshrined in Canton, and he has more interceptions than 15 current members of the Hall of Fame.
- He also ranks seventh when compared to the 20 Hall of Fame defensive backs in interceptions per game (.335) during his career.
- When compared to the 20 Hall of Fame defensive backs, only **Dick "Night Train" Lane** has more career interceptions than LeBeau for a player who played their entire career as a cornerback.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS (LeBeau vs. Hall of Fame defensive backs)

Rk	Player	Pos	Years	Exp	G	Int	Int/G	Yds	Avg	TD
1	Paul Krause	S	1964-79	16	226	81	.358	1185	14.6	3
2	Emlen Tunnell	S	1948-61	14	167	79	.473	1282	16.2	4
3	Rod Woodson	CB/S	1987-2003	17	238	71	.298	1483	20.9	12
4	Dick "Night Train" Lane	CB	1952-65	14	157	68	.433	1207	17.8	5
5	Ronnie Lott	S/CB	1981-94	14	192	63	.328	730	11.6	5
6	Dick LeBeau	CB	1959-72	14	185	62	.335	762	12.3	3
7	Emmitt Thomas	CB	1966-78	13	181	58	.320	937	16.2	5
8	Mel Blount	CB	1970-83	14	200	57	.285	736	12.9	2
9	Lem Barney	CB	1967-77	11	140	56	.400	1077	19.2	7
10t	Willie Brown	CB	1963-78	16	204	54	.265	472	8.7	2
10t	Darrell Green	CB	1983-2002	20	295	54	.183	621	11.5	6
12	Larry Wilson	S	1960-72	13	169	52	.308	800	15.4	5
12	Mel Renfro	S/CB	1964-77	14	174	52	.299	626	12.0	3
14	Yale Lary	S	1952-53, 56-64	11	133	50	.376	787	15.7	2
15	Ken Houston	S	1967-80	14	196	49	.250	898	18.3	9
16t	Willie Wood	S	1960-71	12	166	48	.289	699	14.6	2
16t	Herb Adderley	CB	1961-72	12	164	48	.293	1046	21.8	7
18	Jimmy Johnson	CB	1961-76	16	213	47	.221	615	13.1	2
19t	Jack Christiansen	S	1951-58	8	89	46	.517	717	15.6	3
19t	Mike Haynes	CB	1976-89	14	192	46	.240	688	15.0	2
21	Roger Wehrli	CB	1969-82	14	193	40	.207	309	7.7	2

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS PER GAME – TOP 10 (LeBeau vs. Hall of Fame defensive backs)

Rk	Player	Pos	Years	Exp	G	Int	Int/G	Yds	Avg	TD
1	Jack Christiansen	S	1951-58	8	89	46	.517	717	15.6	3
2	Emlen Tunnell	S	1948-61	14	167	79	.473	1282	16.2	4
3	Dick "Night Train" Lane	CB	1952-65	14	157	68	.433	1207	17.8	5
4	Lem Barney	CB	1967-77	11	140	56	.400	1077	19.2	7
5	Yale Lary	S	1952-53, 56-64	11	133	50	.376	787	15.7	2
6	Paul Krause	S	1964-79	16	226	81	.358	1185	14.6	3
7	Dick LeBeau	CB	1959-72	14	185	62	.335	762	12.3	3
8	Ronnie Lott	S/CB	1981-94	14	192	63	.328	730	11.6	5
9	Emmitt Thomas	CB	1966-78	13	181	58	.320	937	16.2	5
10	Larry Wilson	S	1960-72	13	169	52	.308	800	15.4	5

PROVEN AMONG BEST OVER TIME

LeBeau had one of the best 12-year stretches in NFL history

- LeBeau is **one of only six players in NFL history** to register 60 interceptions over a 12-year span. That equates to averaging at least five interceptions a season over 12 years. He is **one of only two cornerbacks** ever to accomplish this feat.
- Proven as one of the best defensive backs during his era, **no player in the NFL** had more interceptions during the 12-year span from 1960-71 than LeBeau (62). In fact, LeBeau registered five more interceptions than any other player from 1960-71.

60+ INTERCEPTIONS OVER 12-YEAR PERIOD

Rk	Players	Pos	Int	Avg/Yr	Years
1	Emlen Tunnell*	S	76	6.33	1948-59
2	Paul Krause*	S	74	6.17	1964-75
3	Emlen Tunnell*	S	72	6.00	1949-60
4	Dick Lane*	CB	67	5.58	1952-63
5	Paul Krause*	S	64	5.33	1965-76
6t	Emlen Tunnell*	S	62	5.17	1950-61
6t	Dick LeBeau	CB	62	5.17	1960-71
8	Darren Sharper	S	61	5.08	1998-2009
9t	Ronnie Lott*	S/CB	60	5.00	1981-92
9t	Paul Krause*	S	60	5.00	1966-77

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INTERCEPTIONS FROM 1960-71

Rk	Player	G	Int	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
1	Dick LeBeau	165	62	762	12.3	70t	3
2t	Bobby Boyd	121	57	994	17.4	74	4
2t	Johnny Robinson	164	57	741	13.0	57	1
4	Paul Krause*	110	52	699	13.4	77t	2
5	Larry Wilson*	157	49	765	15.6	96t	5
6t	Herb Adderley*	151	48	1046	21.8	80t	7
6t	Dave Grayson	139	48	933	19.4	99	5
6t	Willie Wood*	166	48	699	14.6	42t	2

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AMONG THE ALL-TIME LEADERS

LeBeau tied for eighth place on the NFL's all-time interceptions list

- At the time of his retirement in 1972, LeBeau **ranked third all-time**, which included 52 NFL seasons, in career interceptions. The only two players ahead of him were Hall of Famers S **Emlen Tunnell** (79) and CB **Dick "Night Train" Lane** (68).

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS (updated following 2009 season)

Rk	Player	Pos	Years	Exp	G	Int	Int/G	Yds	Avg	TD
1	Paul Krause*	S	1964-79	16	226	81	.358	1185	14.6	3
2	Emlen Tunnell*	S	1948-61	14	167	79	.473	1282	16.2	4
3	Rod Woodson*	CB/S	1987-2003	17	238	71	.298	1483	20.9	12
4	Dick "Night Train" Lane*	CB	1952-65	14	157	68	.433	1207	17.8	5
5	Ken Riley	CB	1969-83	15	207	65	.314	596	9.17	5
6t	Ronnie Lott*	S	1981-94	14	192	63	.328	730	11.6	5
6t	Darren Sharper	S	1997-	13	197	63	.320	1412	22.4	11
8t	Dave Brown	CB/S	1975-89	15	216	62	.287	698	11.3	5
8t	Dick LeBeau	CB	1959-72	14	185	62	.335	762	12.3	3
10	Emmitt Thomas*	CB	1966-78	13	181	58	.320	937	16.2	5

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CAREER INTERCEPTIONS FROM 1920-72* (NFL's First 52 seasons)

Rk	Player	Pos	Years	Exp	G	Int	Int/G	Yds	Avg	TD
1	Emlen Tunnell	S	1948-61	14	167	79	.473	1282	16.2	4
2	Dick "Night Train" Lane	CB	1952-65	14	157	68	.433	1207	17.8	5
3	Dick LeBeau	CB	1959-72	14	185	62	.335	762	12.3	3

* Rankings at the time of LeBeau's retirement

PICKING OFF THE GREATS

LeBeau fared well against legendary quarterbacks

- During LeBeau's career, his 62 interceptions came against 29 different quarterbacks. Among those 29 quarterbacks, four passers (Johnny Unitas, Bart Starr, Fran Tarkenton and Y.A. Tittle) are members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
- LeBeau not only recorded interceptions against 29 different quarterbacks, but 18 of his 62 picks came against four Hall of Famers. He picked off seven passes each from both Unitas and Starr, which is his highest tally against any quarterback during his 14-year career.

QUARTERBACKS LeBEAU INTERCEPTED

Rk	Player	Int	Rk	Player	Int	Rk	Player	Int	Rk	Player	Int
1t	Johnny Unitas*	7	9t	Earl Morrall	2	14t	Dick Shiner	1	14t	Jim Hart	1
1t	Bart Starr*	7	9t	Gary Cuozzo	2	14t	Jim Ninowski	1	14t	Sam Wyche	1
3	Jack Concannon	5	9t	Bob Berry	2	14t	Y.A. Tittle*	1	14t	Daryle Lamonica	1
4t	Bill Munson	4	9t	Sam Etcheverry	2	14t	Norm Snead	1	14t	Bobby Douglass	1
4t	Roman Gabriel	4	9t	Steve Spurrier	2	14t	Lamar McHan	1	14t	Scott Hunter	1
6t	Joe Kapp	3	14t	Frank Ryan	1	14t	Rudy Buckich	1	Total		62
6t	John Brodie	3	14t	Eddie LeBaron	1	14t	Billy Wade	1			
6t	Fran Tarkenton*	3	14t	Terry Baker	1	14t	Bill Nelsen	1			

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LEGENDARY LION

LeBeau among the best defensive players in team history which includes four members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame

- LeBeau is the Lions **all-time leader in interceptions** (62). He has more career interceptions than four other Lions greats already enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, including: CB **Lem Barney** (56; 1967-77), S **Yale Lary** (50; 1952-53, 56-64), S **Jack Christensen** (46, 1951-58) and LB **Joe Schmidt** (24, 1953-65).
- LeBeau ranks **third** on the Lions all-time list for interception return yards and is behind only Barney and Lary.
- Among Lions defenders, LeBeau ranks **second** in team history with four defensive touchdowns (interceptions or fumble returns). He is **second**, behind only Barney, for the most defensive touchdowns in franchise history.
- LeBeau is **one of only 12 players in NFL history** and **only player in Lions history** to return a fumble and an interception for a touchdown in a single game. In a 37-23 win vs. Minnesota on December 9, 1962, LeBeau scooped up a fumble and returned it 26 yards for a score and then proceeded to pick off a pass and return it 31 yards for a touchdown against the Vikings.
- His career long interception return was a 70-yard touchdown September 14, 1963 at the Los Angeles Rams.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Rk	Player	Int	Yds	Avg	TD	Years
1	Dick LeBeau	62	762	12.3	3	1959-72
2	Lem Barney*	56	1077	19.2	7	1967-77
3	Yale Lary*	50	787	15.7	2	1952-53, 56-64
4	Jack Christensen*	46	717	15.6	3	1951-58
5	Jim David	36	259	7.2	0	1952-59
6	Bob Smith	29	719	24.8	3	1949-54
7	James Hunter	27	279	10.3	1	1976-82
8	Don Doll	26	464	17.8	2	1949-52
9t	Joe Schmidt*	24	294	12.3	2	1953-65
9t	Jimmy Allen	24	231	9.6	0	1978-81

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CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS

Rk	Player	Int	Yds	Avg	TD	Years
1	Lem Barney*	56	1077	19.2	7	1967-77
2	Yale Lary*	50	787	15.7	2	1952-53, 56-64
3	Dick LeBeau	62	762	12.3	3	1959-72
4	Bob Smith	29	719	24.8	3	1949-54
5	Jack Christensen*	46	717	15.6	3	1951-58
6	Levi Johnson	21	549	26.1	3	1973-77
7	Don Doll	26	464	17.8	2	1949-52
8	Dick Jauron	14	328	23.4	1	1973-77
9	Mike Lucci	21	308	14.7	4	1965-73
10	Joe Schmidt*	24	294	12.3	2	1953-65

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DETROIT LIONS, CAREER DEFENSIVE RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

Rk	Player	TD	Int	Fum	Years
1	Lem Barney*	7	7	0	1967-77
2t	Dick LeBeau	4	3	1	1959-72
2t	Mike Lucci	4	4	0	1965-73

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DETROIT LIONS AND THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

With the selection of CB **Dick LeBeau** as a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2010, the Detroit Lions now have 18 Hall of Fame players who have played for the franchise during their careers. As a member of this year's class, Lebeau will be the third Lions player to enter the Hall of Fame since 2004 (RB Barry Sanders in 2004 and TE Charlie Sanders in 2007).

HALL OF FAME NOTABLES

- LeBeau becomes the seventh player in Lions history selected as a Hall of Famer who played on the defensive side of the ball during their Lions' career. The six defensive players already in the Hall of Fame include: C/LB **Alex Wojciechowicz** (1938-46), S **Jack Christiansen** (1951-58), LB **Joe Schmidt** (1953-65), **Dick "Night Train" Lane** (1960-65), S/P **Yale Lary** (1952-53, '56-64) and CB **Lem Barney** (1967-77).
- He becomes the fifth Hall of Fame defensive back who has played for the Lions, and he is the third cornerback, along with Lane and Barney, voted into the Hall of Fame.
- Among the Lions in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, LeBeau becomes the 13th player who has played at least four seasons with the team.
- Prior to the Class of 2010, the Lions were tied for seventh all-time in terms of the number of players in the Hall of Fame.

FROM MOTOWN TO CANTON

LIONS IN THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Class	Player	Pos	Years	Seasons
1963	Earl "Dutch" Clark	QB	1934-38	5
1966	Bill Dudley	HB	1947-49	3
1967	Bobby Layne	QB	1950-58	9
1968	Alex Wojciechowicz	C/LB	1938-46	9
1970	Jack Christiansen	DB	1951-58	8
1970	Hugh McElhenny	HB	1964	1
1972	Ollie Matson	FB	1963	1
1973	Joe Schmidt	LB	1953-65	13
1974	Dick "Night Train" Lane	DB	1960-65	6
1979	Yale Lary	DB/P	1952-53,56-64	11
1985	Frank Gatski	C	1957	1
1986	Doak Walker	HB	1950-55	6
1987	John Henry Johnson	FB	1957-59	2
1992	Lem Barney	CB	1967-77	11
1996	Lou Creekmur	T	1950-59	10
2004	Barry Sanders	RB	1989-98	10
2007	Charlie Sanders	TE	1968-77	10
2010	Dick LeBeau	CB	1959-72	14

FRANCHISES WITH 10 PLAYERS IN PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

(Prior to Class of 2010 Selection)

Rk	Team	Players
1	Chicago Bears	27
2	Green Bay Packers	26
3	New York Giants	23
4	Cleveland Browns	20
5t	Pittsburgh Steelers	19
5t	St. Louis Rams	19
7t	Detroit Lions	17
7t	Oakland Raiders	17
7t	Washington Redskins	17
10t	Dallas Cowboys	15
10t	Philadelphia Eagles	15
10t	San Francisco 49ers	15
13t	Kansas City Chiefs	14
13t	Minnesota Vikings	14
15t	Arizona Cardinals	12
15t	Indianapolis Colts	12
17t	Miami Dolphins	10
17t	San Diego Chargers	10
17t	Tennessee Titans	10