Silver Football Winners

Since 1930, the Chicago Tribune's Silver Football has been presented annually to the Most Valuable Player in the Big Ten. Three-time Ohio State All-American Wes Fesler was the very first recipient. Since then none other Buckeyes have been selected, including Archie Griffin who won the prestigious trophy in 1973 as a sophomore and again in 1974 as a junior. Griffin and Minnesota's Paul Giel (now Director of Athletics at UM) are the only two-time winners.

1930 Wesley Fesler  Quarterback  Ohio State
1931 Clarence Munn  Guard  Minnesota
1932 Harry Newman  Quarterback  Michigan
1933 Joe Laws  Back  Iowa
1934 Pug Lund  Back  Minnesota
1935 Jay Berwanger  Back  Chicago
1936 Vernon Huffman  Back  Indiana
1937 Corbett Davis  Fullback  Indiana
1938 Howard Weiss  Fullback  Wisconsin
1939 Nile Kinnick  Halfback  Iowa
1940 Tom Harmon  Halfback  Michigan
1941 Jack Graf  Fullback  Ohio State
1942 Dave Schreiner  End  Wisconsin
1943 Otto Graham  Halfback  Northwestern
1944 Les Horvath  Halfback  Ohio State
1945 Ollie Cline  Halfback  Ohio State
1946 Alex Agase  Guard  Illinois
1947 Chalmers Elliot  Halfback  Michigan
1948 Art Murakowski  Back  Northwestern
1949 Robert Wilson  Center  Wisconsin
1950 Vic Janowicz  Halfback  Ohio State
1951 Bill Reichardt  Fullback  Iowa
1952 Paul Giel  Halfback  Minnesota
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1954 Alan Ameche  Fullback  Wisconsin
1955 Howard Cassady  Halfback  Ohio State
1956 Kenny Ploen  Quarterback  Iowa
1957 Jim Pace  Halfback  Michigan
1958 Randy Duncan  Quarterback  Iowa
1959 Bill Burrell  Guard  Illinois
1960 Tom Brown  Guard  Minnesota
1961 Sandy Stephens  Quarterback  Minnesota
1962 Ron Vanderkelen  Quarterback  Wisconsin
1963 Dick Butkus  Linebacker  Illinois
1964 Bob Timberlake  Quarterback  Michigan
1965 Jim Grabowski  Fullback  Illinois
1966 Bob Griese  Quarterback  Purdue
1967 Leroy Keyes  Halfback  Purdue
1968 Ron Johnson  Halfback  Michigan
1969 Mike Phipps  Quarterback  Purdue
1970 Mike Adamle  Fullback  Northwestern
1971 Eric Allen  Halfback  Michigan St.
1972 Otis Armstrong  Halfback  Purdue
1973 Archie Griffin  Tailback  Ohio State
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1975 Cornelius Greene  Quarterback  Ohio State
1976 Rob Lytle  Tailback  Michigan
1977 Larry Bethia  Def. Tackle  Michigan St.
1978 Rick Leach  Quarterback  Michigan
1979 Tim Clifford  Quarterback  Indiana
1980 Mark Herrmann  Quarterback  Purdue
1981 Art Schlchter  Quarterback  Ohio State
1982 Anthony Carter  Flanker  Michigan
1983 Don Thorp  Def. Tackle  Illinois