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Chicago Bears

When Carl Sandburg dubbed Chicago “The City of the Big Shoulders,” you have to wonder if he had the Chicago Bears in mind. From the days of Bronko Nagurski and “The Monsters of the Midway” to 80’s fan-favorite Refrigerator Perry, da Bears have been one thing: Tough. Er, make that big and tough.

Consider this: Since literally founding the NFL in 1922, the Bears have gone on to send more players to the Pro Football Hall of Fame (26) than any other team. They reached the astounding milestone of 600 victories quicker than any other club. And in the process, they gave us household names like Walter Payton, Mike Ditka, and the immortal “Red” Grange. Ditka led the Bears onto a Super Bowl win in 1985 (below) and though it has been over two decades the pride remains.

◀ San Diego Chargers running back Michael Turner(33) is tackled by Chicago Bears defenders Brian Urlacher, bottom, Hunter Hillenmeyer (92), and Lance Briggs, rear, during the first quarter of a preseason NFL football game Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, in Chicago. (AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

▼ Mike Ditka carried off the field humming “The Super Bowl Shuffle”.

