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Walter Camp Football Foundation Announces 2008 All-America Team

Player of the Year Colt McCoy headlines 119th All-America Team

NEW HAVEN, CT – University of Texas quarterback **Colt McCoy** headlines the 2008 Walter Camp Football Foundation All-America team, the 119th honored by the organization. The nation's oldest All-America team was announced live this evening on *The Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards Show*.

McCoy, a 6-foot, 3-inch junior from Tuscola, Texas, leads the nation with a 179.20 quarterback rating and has passed for 3,445 yards and 32 touchdowns for the Fiesta Bowl-bound Longhorns. McCoy, who has also rushed for a team-high 576 yards and 10 touchdowns on the season, was named the 2008 Walter Camp Player of the Year earlier this evening – the second Texas player (RB Ricky Williams, 1998) to receive the honor.

Joining McCoy in the offensive backfield are two running backs from the Big Ten Conference – senior **Javon Ringer (Michigan State)** and junior **Shonn Greene (Iowa)**. Ringer, who ranks fourth in the nation in rushing with 1,590 yards, is tied for the national lead in scoring with 126 points. A 100-yard rusher in all 12 games, Greene has rushed for 1,729 yards and 17 touchdowns.

Three Big 12 Conference standouts – sophomore wide receivers **Michael Crabtree (Texas Tech)** and **Dez Bryant (Oklahoma State)** along with tight end **Chase Coffman (Missouri)** – are first team selections. Crabtree is a repeat First Team All-American after hauling in 93 passes for 1,135 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Seniors **Mike Oher (Mississippi)**, **Rylan Reed (Texas Tech)** and **Duke Robinson (Oklahoma)** join junior **Andre Smith (Alabama)** on the offensive line. Robinson was a Second Team selection a year ago. Senior **A.Q. Shipley (Penn State)** is the offensive center. Senior **Louie Sakoda (Utah)**, who has connected on 21-of-23 field goals for the Sugar Bowl-bound Utes, is the placekicker.

Leading the defensive unit is a three-time Walter Camp All-America selection, Ohio State senior linebacker **James Laurinaitis**. Laurinaitis is the fifth player to earn Walter Camp All-America honors three times, joining Dre' Bly (DB, North Carolina - 1996-98), Herschel Walker (RB, Georgia - 1980-82), Hugh Green (DE, Pittsburgh - 1978-80), and Ken Easley (DB, UCLA - 1978-80).

Laurinaitis leads the Buckeyes' defensive unit with 121 tackles and has four quarterback sacks and two interceptions. Joining Laurinaitis in the middle are USC linebacker **Rey Mauluga** (73 tackles), the leader of the nation's top scoring defense (7.8 points per game allowed), and Florida's **Brandon Spikes** (87 tackles, 4 interceptions).

Two seniors – **Brian Orakpo (Texas)** and **Nick Reed (Oregon)** join juniors **Jerry Hughes (TCU)** and **Aaron Maybin (Penn State)** on the first team defensive interior. Hughes leads the nation with 14 sacks, while Reed has 19.5 tackles for loss.

Senior defensive backs **Malcolm Jenkins (Ohio State)** and **Alphonso Smith (Wake Forest)** earn First Team honors after each made the Walter Camp All-America Second Team last year. Jenkins and Smith are joined by USC junior **Taylor Mays** and Tennessee sophomore **Eric Berry**, the nation's interception (8) leader, in the defensive secondary.

The punter is senior **T.J. Conley (Idaho)**, who leads the nation with a 47.4 yard-per-punt average, and the kick returner is sophomore **Jeremy Maclin (Missouri)**, the nation's all-purpose yardage (2,646) leader.

The Walter Camp All-America team is selected by the head coaches and sports information directors of the 119 Football Bowl Subdivision schools and certified by UHY Advisors, a New Haven-based accounting firm. Walter Camp Football Foundation President John Barbarotta was pleased with the voting participation.

"We had 80 percent of the Bowl Subdivision schools participate in this year's voting," Barbarotta said. "We are very appreciative of the cooperation of the coaches and SIDs in our effort to honor the most outstanding college players each and every season."

Members of the 2008 Walter Camp All-America team will be honored at the organization's national awards banquet on January 17, 2009 at the Yale University Commons in New Haven. In addition, the Foundation will honor former collegiate and NFL stars – **Tim Brown** (Notre Dame), **Len Dawson** (Purdue) and **Morten Andersen** (Michigan State) – with major awards. Please call **(203) 288-CAMP** for tickets (\$275.00).

Walter Camp, "The Father of American Football," first selected an All-America team in 1889. Camp – a former Yale University athlete and football coach – is also credited with developing play from scrimmage, set plays, the numerical assessment of goals and tries and the restriction of play to eleven men per side. The Walter Camp Football Foundation – a New Haven based all-volunteer group – was founded in 1967 to perpetuate the ideals of Camp and to continue the tradition of selecting annually an All-America team.

2008 Walter Camp Football Foundation All-America Teams

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

WR	Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech*	Soph.	6-3	214	Dallas, TX
WR	Dez Bryant, Oklahoma State	Soph.	6-2	210	Lufkin, TC
TE	Chase Coffman, Missouri	Sr.	6-6	245	Peculiar, MO
OL	Mike Oher, Mississippi	Sr.	6-5	318	Memphis, TN
OL	Andre Smith, Alabama	Jr.	6-4	330	Birmingham, AL
OL	Duke Robinson, Oklahoma#	Sr.	6-5	335	Atlanta, GA
OL	Rylan Reed, Texas Tech	Sr.	6-7	305	Dallas, TX
C	A.Q. Shipley, Penn State	Sr.	6-1	297	Beaver County, PA
QB	Colt McCoy, Texas	Jr.	6-3	210	Tuscola, TX
RB	Shonn Greene, Iowa	Jr.	5-11	235	Sicklerville, NJ
RB	Javon Ringer, Michigan State	Sr.	5-9	202	Dayton, OH
PK	Louie Sakoda, Utah	Sr.	5-9	178	San Jose, CA

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Brian Orakpo, Texas	Sr.	6-4	260	Houston, TX
DL	Aaron Maybin, Penn State	Jr.	6-2	236	Ellicott City, MD
DL	Jerry Hughes, TCU	Jr.	6-2	248	Sugar Land, TX
DL	Nick Reed, Oregon	Sr.	6-2	260	Trabuco Canyon, CA
LB	Rey Mauluga, USC	Sr.	6-2	260	Eureka, CA
LB	James Laurinaitis, Ohio State@	Sr.	6-3	240	Hamel, MN
LB	Brandon Spikes, Florida	Jr.	6-3	245	Shelby, NC
DB	Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio State#	Sr.	6-1	201	Piscataway, NJ
DB	Alphonso Smith, Wake Forest#	Sr.	5-9	190	Pahokee, FL
DB	Eric Berry, Tennessee	Soph.	5-11	195	Fairburn, GA
DB	Taylor Mays, USC	Jr.	6-3	230	Seattle, WA
P	T.J. Conley, Idaho	Sr.	6-3	220	Walla Walla, WA
KR	Jeremy Maclin, Missouri	Soph.	6-1	200	Kirkwood, MO

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SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

WR	Jarett Dillard, Rice%	Sr.	5-11	185	San Antonio, TX
WR	Percy Harvin, Florida	Jr.	5-11	195	Virginia Beach, VA
TE	Jemaine Gresham, Oklahoma	Jr.	6-6	261	Ardmore, OK
OL	Eugene Monroe, Virginia	Sr.	6-6	315	Plainfield, NJ
OL	Ryan Stancheck, West Virginia#	Sr.	6-4	303	Cincinnati, OH
OL	Herman Johnson, LSU	Sr.	6-7	386	Olla, LA
OL	Alex Boone, Ohio State	Sr.	6-8	312	Lakewood, OH
C	Alex Mack, California	Sr.	6-4	316	Santa Barbara, CA
QB	Sam Bradford, Oklahoma	Soph.	6-4	218	Oklahoma City, OK
RB	Knowshon Moreno, Georgia	Soph.	5-11	208	Bedford, NJ
RB	Donald Brown, Connecticut	Jr.	5-10	210	Atlantic Highlands, NJ
PK	Graham Gano, Florida State	Sr.	6-1	192	Pensacola, FL

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	George Selvie, South Florida*	Jr.	6-4	245	Pensacola, FL
DL	Terrence Cody, Alabama	Jr.	6-5	365	Fort Myers, FL
DL	Everette Brown, Florida State	Jr.	6-4	252	Stantonsburg, NC
DL	Mitch King, Iowa	Sr.	6-3	280	Burlington, IA
LB	Scott McKillop, Pittsburgh	Sr.	6-2	240	Export, PA
LB	Michael Tauiliili, Duke	Sr.	5-11	235	Houston, TX
LB	Sean Weatherspoon, Missouri	Jr.	6-1	235	Jasper, TX
DB	Trimane Goddard, North Carolina	Sr.	5-11	195	Robersonville, NC
DB	Rashad Johnson, Alabama	Sr.	6-0	186	Sulligent, AL
DB	Mike Mickens, Cincinnati	Sr.	6-0	190	Huber Heights, OH
DB	Trevar Lindley, Kentucky	Jr.	6-0	175	Hiram, GA
P	Pat McAfee, West Virginia	Sr.	6-1	221	Plum, PA
KR	Derrick Williams, Penn State	Jr.	6-0	194	Greenbelt, MD
KR	Joe Burnett, Central Florida	Sr.	5-11	185	Eustis, FL

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