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Walter Camp Football Foundation Names 2007 Football Championship Subdivision All-America Team

UNH QB Ricky Santos a three-time All-American

NEW HAVEN, CT – University of New Hampshire senior quarterback **Ricky Santos**, a three-time selection, headlines the Walter Camp Football Foundation 2007 Football Championship Subdivision All-America team. The team was selected by the head coaches and sports information directors of the Football Championship Subdivision schools and certified by UHY Advisors, a New Haven-based accounting firm.

Santos, the 2007 Colonial Athletic Association Co-Offensive Player of the Year, passed for 2,972 yards and 24 touchdowns to help lead UNH (7-5) to its fourth consecutive FCS playoff berth. For his career, Santos passed for 13,182 yards and 123 touchdowns – both totals are good for third all-time in FCS history.

Joining Santos in the offensive backfield are two CAA running backs – **Omar Cuff (Delaware)** and **Tim Hightower (Richmond)**. Entering the Blue Hens' FCS semifinal contest at Southern Illinois, Cuff has rushed for 1,759 yards and a nation-leading 34 touchdowns. Entering the Spiders' FCS semifinal game at Appalachian State, Hightower has rushed for 1,829 yards and 20 touchdowns.

The 2007 Walter Camp All-America defensive squad includes 11 players who are candidates for the Buck Buchanan Award, presently annually to the top defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Among the defensive standouts include repeat Walter Camp All-Americans **Bryan Smith (McNeese State)** and **Kroy Biermann (Montana)**. Biermann has recorded 18.5 tackles for loss, including 16 quarterback sacks.

Also on the defensive interior is **Eric Bakhtiari (University of San Diego)**, who was named the Pioneer Football League Defensive Player of the Year after leading the nation with 20 quarterback sacks. Bakhtiari is also one of six finalists – and the lone FCS player – for the Ted Hendricks award which is given to college football's best defensive end.

In the secondary, **Tony LaZotte (James Madison)**, the 2007 CAA Defensive Player of the Year, is being honored for the second time. LaZotte made the 2005 Walter Camp All-America squad. Joining LaZotte in the secondary is **Derrick Huff (Eastern Kentucky)**, who has nine interceptions and was named the 2007 Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

In all, players from 10 different conferences and 22 total institutions were represented on the 2007 Walter Camp 1-AA All-America team. The Colonial Athletic Association had the most players (7), followed by the Big Sky Conference (4). Five schools – Appalachian State, Delaware, Massachusetts, Montana and North Dakota State – each placed two players on the 2007 Walter Camp All-America team.

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 All-America teams for the Football Bowl and Championship subdivisions.

2007 Walter Camp Football Championship Subdivision All-America Team

OFFENSE

WR	Terrell Hudgins	Elon University	Soph.	6-2	226	Rocky Mount, NC
WR	Ramses Barden	Cal Poly	Jr.	6-6	228	Altadena, CA
TE	Matt Champa	Dayton	Sr.	6-2	219	Sagamore Hills, OH
OL	Kerry Brown	Appalachian State	Sr.	6-6	310	Marietta, GA
OL	Mike Byrne	Delaware	Sr.	6-6	295	Lititz, PA
OL	Mike Austin	Massachusetts	Sr.	6-5	285	Reading, MA
OL	Nate Safe	North Dakota State	Sr.	6-5	310	Cannon Falls, MN
OL	Chad Rinehart	Northern Iowa	Sr.	6-5	308	Boone, IA
C	Brennan Carvalho#	Portland State	Sr.	6-1	310	Kapaa, Hawaii
QB	Ricky Santos %	New Hampshire	Sr.	6-2	215	Bellingham, MA
RB	Omar Cuff	Delaware	Sr.	5-10	195	Landover, MD
RB	Tim Hightower	Richmond	Sr.	6-1	225	Waldorf, MD
PK	Dan Carpenter	Montana	Sr.	6-2	207	Helena, MT

DEFENSE

DL	Kroy Biermann#	Montana	Sr.	6-3	241	Hardin, MT
DL	Bryan Smith#	McNeese State	Sr.	6-3	230	Newton, TX
DL	Brian Johnson	Gardner-Webb	Sr.	6-5	280	San Diego, CA
DL	Eric Bakhtiari	San Diego	Sr.	6-4	260	Burlingame, CA
LB	Kye Stewart	Illinois State	Sr.	6-0	210	Nashville, TN
LB	Bobby Daly	Montana State	Jr.	6-1	215	Helena, MT
LB	Jason Hatchell	Massachusetts	Sr.	6-0	240	Mullica Hill, NJ
LB	Joe Mays	North Dakota State	Sr.	5-11	243	Chicago, IL
DB	Corey Lynch	Appalachian State	Sr.	6-0	205	Cape Coral, FL
DB	Tony LeZotte@	James Madison	Sr.	6-0	200	Augusta, GA
DB	Ladarius Webb	Nicholls State	Jr.	5-11	205	Opelika, AL
DB	Derrick Huff	Eastern Kentucky	Sr.	5-11	188	Hamilton, OH
P	Chris MacDonald	Texas State	Sr.	6-4	215	Mesa, AZ
KR	Jeremy Gilchrist	Hampton	Jr.	5-10	174	Virginia Beach, VA

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