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Purdue University's Kory Sheets Named 2008 Walter Camp "Connecticut Player of the Year"

Former Bloomfield High School star will be honored on January 17

NEW HAVEN, CT – Former Bloomfield High School standout **Kory Sheets**, a senior running back from Purdue University, has been named by the Walter Camp Football Foundation as its 2008 "Connecticut Player of the Year" presented by Charter Oak Insurance & Financial Services (www.charteroakinsurance.com).

Awarded annually to the top college football player who is a resident of the state of Connecticut, the Connecticut Player of the Year is selected by the all-volunteer membership of the Walter Camp Football Foundation. It is the second time that Sheets has earned the honor (2006) and he is just the third player (former Connecticut QB Dan Orlovsky and former Wisconsin LB Tarek Saleh) to win it multiple times.

"We are pleased with the selection of Kory Sheets as our Connecticut Player of the Year," Foundation president John Barbarotta said. "Kory was a versatile offensive force for the Boilermakers and joins some impressive company as a two-time recipient."

This season, Sheets led the Boilermakers (4-8) in touchdowns (17), rushing yards (1,131) and all-purpose yardage (1,643). An honorable mention All-Big Ten selection, Sheets ranked second in the conference in touchdowns (17) and fifth in rushing (94.2 yards per game). Sheets had three 100-yard rushing efforts on the season, including a season-high 180 yards against Oregon.

Sheets finished his collegiate career with several school records, including touchdowns (54), rushing touchdowns (48) and all-purpose yards (4,944). Sheets (3,341 yards) ranks second to former Boilermaker and NFL standout Mike Alstott on the Purdue career rushing list.

Sheets is a resident of Manchester. Before attending Purdue, Sheets had an accomplished high school athletic career at Bloomfield. He was named the *Hartford Courant's* Connecticut Player of the Year after leading the Warhawks to the 2003 Class S state championship and also was an All-State track & field performer.

Sheets joins current NFL All-Pro and Indianapolis Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney (Syracuse, 2001) as former Bloomfield High School standouts to capture Walter Camp's Connecticut Player of the Year honor. Sheets is also the second Purdue player (Niko Koutouvides, 2002) recognized with the award.

Sheets, along with major award winners - former NFL stars Tim Brown, Morten Andersen and Len Dawson – and members of the 2008 Walter Camp All-America team will be honored at the organization's national awards banquet on Saturday, January 17, at the Yale University Commons in New Haven.

In addition, the Foundation will hold its annual Fan Fest on Friday, January 16, at the New Haven Athletic Center from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinner (\$275.00) and Fan Fest tickets (\$10.00) can be purchased by calling **(203) 288-CAMP**.

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The award is voted on by the Walter Camp Football Foundation membership.*

Year	Recipient, Pos.	School	Hometown
2008	Kory Sheets, RB	Purdue	Manchester (Bloomfield HS)
2007	Mike McLeod, RB	Yale	New Britain
2006	Kory Sheets, RB	Purdue	Manchester (Bloomfield HS)
2005	John Sullivan, OL	Notre Dame	Greenwich
2004	Anttaj Hawthorne, DL	Wisconsin	Hamden
2004	Dan Orlovsky, QB	Connecticut	Shelton
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2002	Niko Koutouvides, LB	Purdue	Plainville
2001	Dwight Freeney, DE	Syracuse	Bloomfield
2000	Peter Mazza, LB	Yale	Cheshire
1999	Bobby Myers, DB	Wisconsin	Hamden
1998	Carl Bond, RB	Connecticut	Hamden
1997	Kyle McIntosh, RB	Syracuse	Cheshire
1996	Tarek Saleh, LB	Wisconsin	Woodbridge (Notre Dame-WH HS)
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1994	Jason Miska, LB	Auburn	Bridgeport (ND-Fairfield HS)
1993	Chris Zingo, LB	Cornell	Fairfield (Fairfield Prep)
1992	Curtis Eller, DE	Villanova	Stratford
1991	Corey Vincent, DL	Holy Cross	Shelton
1990	Rob Thomson, DB	Syracuse	Southington
1989	Terry Wooden, LB	Syracuse	Farmington
1988	Glenn Antrum, WR	Connecticut	Ansonia
1987	Bill Romanowski, LB	Boston College	Vernon
1986	Richard Comizio, RB	Pennsylvania	New Fairfield
1985	Tom Patton, DE	Holy Cross	Meriden
1984	<i>no recipient</i>		
1983	Steve Young, QB	Brigham Young	Greenwich
1982	Mike Marshall, DB	Southern Connecticut	Bridgeport
1981	Rich Diana, RB	Yale	Hamden

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