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Walter Camp Football Foundation Announces Five Finalists for 2009 Player of the Year Award

New Haven, Conn. – Three quarterbacks, including last year’s recipient **Colt McCoy (Texas)**, headline the list of finalists for the Walter Camp Football Foundation 2009 Player of the Year award. Florida’s **Tim Tebow** and Houston’s **Case Keenum** join McCoy as finalists. Alabama running back **Mark Ingram** and Nebraska defensive tackle **Ndamukong Suh** round out the list.

The 2009 Walter Camp Player of the Year recipient, who is voted on by the Football Bowl Subdivision head coaches and sports information directors, will be presented live on Thursday, December 10 during the 6 p.m. edition of ESPN SportsCenter. The winner will receive his trophy at the Foundation’s annual national awards banquet on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Yale University Commons in New Haven. Sponsorships and tickets are available by calling (203) 288-CAMP.

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 continue the tradition of selecting an annual All-America team.

The Walter Camp Football Foundation is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA). The NCFAA was founded in 1997 as a coalition of the major collegiate football awards to protect, preserve and enhance the integrity, influence and prestige of the game’s predominant awards. The NCFAA encourages professionalism and the highest standards for the administration of its member awards and the selection of their candidates and recipients. Visit www.ncfaa.org.

The finalists for the 2009 Walter Camp Player of the Year award include:

MARK INGRAM – ALABAMA – Sophomore – Running Back – Ingram has led the Crimson Tide to a 12-0 record and a berth in the SEC championship game... Has rushed for 1,429 yards and 12 touchdowns... Seven 100-yard rushing efforts, including a season-high 246-yard effort in a win over South Carolina... Has caught 28 passes for 246 yards and three touchdowns.

CASE KEENUM – HOUSTON – Junior – Quarterback – Keenum has led the high-scoring Cougars (10-2) to a berth in this weekend’s Conference USA title game... Leads the nation with 4,922 passing yards (412-of-584) and tied for the nation’s lead with 38 touchdown passes... Has thrown for 400 or more yards six times, including a season-high 559 in a win over Southern Miss.

COLT MCCOY – TEXAS – Senior – Quarterback – Last year’s Walter Camp Player of the Year recipient, McCoy has led the Longhorns (12-0) to a third straight berth in the Big 12 title game... Has passed for 3,328 yards (310-of-432) and 27 touchdowns... Has thrown for 300 or more yards five times this season... Has rushed for 368 yards and two touchdowns.

NDAMUKONG SUH – NEBRASKA – Senior – Defensive Tackle – The leader of the Cornhuskers’ defense that ranks 11th in the nation in total defense... Suh has registered 70 tackles and 7.5 quarterback sacks... Has 22 quarterback hurries, 16 tackles for loss, 10 pass breakups, and three blocked kicks.

TIM TEBOW – FLORIDA – Senior, Quarterback – A Player of the Year finalist for the third straight year, Tebow has led the top-ranked Gators (12-0) to a berth in this weekend’s SEC championship game... Has thrown for 2,166 yards and 17 touchdowns, while rushing for 796 yards and 13 more scores... He had two games where he passed for two touchdowns and rushed for two as well.