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University of Texas Quarterback Colt McCoy Selected 2009 Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year

Senior quarterback just the third repeat winner

New Haven, CT – University of Texas senior quarterback **Colt McCoy (Tuscola, TX)** has been selected as the 2009 Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year. Foundation President Alphonse Paolillo, Jr. made the announcement tonight during ESPN's 6 p.m. edition of SportsCenter.

The 43rd recipient of the Walter Camp Player of the Year award, McCoy is the third player – joining Archie Griffin (RB, Ohio State – 1974 and 1975) and O.J. Simpson (RB, USC – 1967 and 1968) – to repeat as Player of the Year. The Walter Camp Player of the Year is voted on by the nation's 119 Football Bowl Subdivision head coaches and sports information directors.

Other finalists for the Walter Camp Player of the Year award included quarterbacks Tim Tebow (Florida) and Case Keenum (Houston) along with running back Mark Ingram (Alabama) and Nebraska defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh.

"We are, once again, pleased with the selection of Colt McCoy as our Player of the Year," Paolillo said. "Colt's leadership and consistency have been hallmarks of the Longhorns' outstanding season."

The 6-foot 2, 210-pound McCoy is a Walter Camp First Team All-America selection after leading a Longhorn offense that ranks third in the country in scoring (40.7 points per game). Texas (13-0), ranked second in the final BCS standings, will play in the BCS National Championship Game on Jan. 7, 2010, against top-ranked Alabama (13-0).

In 13 games this season, McCoy has completed 330-of-468 passes (70.5%) for 3,512 yards and 27 touchdowns. His 147.5 pass efficiency rating ranks third in the nation. McCoy threw for 300 or more yards five times, including a season-high 470-yard effort in a win over Central Florida on November 7.

A dual-threat, McCoy has rushed for 348 yards and three touchdowns. McCoy's best single-game performance came on Thanksgiving evening when he threw for 304 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for a career-best 175 and one score in a 49-39 Longhorn victory.

For his career, McCoy holds 46 school records, including career marks for victories (45), passing yards (13,244), passing touchdowns (112), total offense (14,815), completions (1,115), passing attempts (1,643), (completion percentage (70.3%) and passing efficiency (155.0 rating). McCoy is also the first quarterback in major college football history to lead his team to four 10-win seasons.

The 2009 Walter Camp Player of the Year and members of the All-America team will be honored at the organization's national awards banquet on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Yale University Commons in New Haven. In addition, the Foundation will honor three individuals – NFL Hall-of-Famer John Elway (Stanford), former NFL All-Pro David Fulcher and ABC broadcast personality Robin Roberts (Southeastern Louisiana) – with major awards. The Foundation is offering a "Holiday Ticket Promotion" for the National Awards Dinner. Buy two tickets for \$400 (you save \$150) before December 25. Please call **(203) 288-CAMP** (288-2267) for more information.

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.

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 <http://www.ncfaa.org>.

Walter Camp Player of the Year Recipients (1967-2009)

2009 – Colt McCoy, QB, Texas
2008 – Colt McCoy, QB, Texas
2007 – Darren McFadden, RB, Arkansas
2006 – Troy Smith, QB, Ohio State
2005 – Reggie Bush, RB, University of Southern California
2004 – Matt Leinart, QB, University of Southern California
2003 – Larry Fitzgerald, WR, Pittsburgh
2002 – Larry Johnson, RB, Penn State
2001 – Eric Crouch, QB, Nebraska
2000 – Josh Heupel, QB, Oklahoma
1999 – Ron Dayne, RB, Wisconsin
1998 – Ricky Williams, RB, Texas
1997 – Charles Woodson, DB, Michigan
1996 – Danny Wuerffel, QB, Florida
1995 – Eddie George, RB, Ohio State
1994 – Rashaan Salaam, RB, Colorado
1993 – Charlie Ward, QB, Florida State
1992 – Gino Torretta, QB, Miami
1991 – Desmond Howard, WR, Michigan
1990 – Raghib Ismail, WR, Notre Dame
1989 - Anthony Thompson, RB, Indiana
1988 – Barry Sanders, RB, Oklahoma State
1987 – Tim Brown, WR, Notre Dame
1986 – Vinny Testaverde, QB, Miami
1985 – Bo Jackson, RB, Auburn
1984 – Doug Flutie, QB, Boston College
1983 – Mike Rozier, RB, Nebraska
1982 – Herschel Walker, RB, Georgia
1981 – Marcus Allen, RB, University of Southern California
1980 – Hugh Green, DE, Pittsburgh
1979 – Charles White, RB, University of Southern California
1978 – Billy Sims, RB, Oklahoma
1977 – Ken MacAfee, TE, Notre Dame
1976 – Tony Dorsett, RB, Pittsburgh
1975 – Archie Griffin, RB, Ohio State
1974 – Archie Griffin, RB, Ohio State
1973 – John Cappelletti, RB, Penn State
1972 – Johnny Rodgers, RB, Nebraska
1971 – Pat Sullivan, QB, Auburn
1970 – Jim Plunkett, QB, Stanford
1969 – Steve Owens, RB, Oklahoma
1968 – O.J. Simpson, RB, University of Southern California
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