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## **Arkansas' Darren McFadden Selected as the 2007 Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year**

**New Haven, CT** – Arkansas junior running back **Darren McFadden (Little Rock, Ark.)** has been selected as the 2007 Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year. Foundation President John Barbarotta made the announcement tonight during ESPN's 6:00 p.m. edition of SportsCenter.

The 41<sup>st</sup> recipient of the Walter Camp Player of the Year award, McFadden is the first Arkansas player to capture the honor. He is also the first player from the Southeastern Conference (SEC) to win the award since 1996 (Florida QB Danny Wuerffel).

The Walter Camp Player of the Year recipient, who is voted on by the nation's 119 Division I-A coaches and sports information directors, is strongly viewed in the college football world as the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy, which will be presented on Saturday evening in New York City.

Other finalists for the Walter Camp Player of the Year award included quarterbacks Dennis Dixon (Oregon), Matt Ryan (Boston College), Tim Tebow (Florida) and Chase Daniel (Missouri).

"We are extremely pleased with the selection of Darren McFadden as our Player of the Year," Barbarotta said. "His all-around offensive performance for the Razorbacks – whether it was running the ball or passing it - has been most impressive and extremely worthy of this prestigious honor."

The 6-foot 2, 215-pound McFadden is a Walter Camp First Team All-America selection for the second straight season. During the season, McFadden set single-season records for Arkansas with 1,725 rushing yards and 2,172 all-purpose yards gained. Both marks eclipse records he set last year.

A two-time Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week honoree, McFadden has scored 16 touchdowns (15 rushing, 1 receiving) and has even passed for four touchdowns this season. He had nine 100-yard rushing efforts, and tied the SEC single-game record with 321 yards in a win over South Carolina on November 3. McFadden's best game came on November 23 when he rushed for 211 yards and three touchdowns and passed for another score in a 50-48 overtime victory over then top-ranked LSU.

Through 37 career contests, McFadden has become the Razorbacks' all-time leading rusher (4,485) and all-purpose (5,743) leader.

Arkansas (8-4) will play in the 72<sup>nd</sup> AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic on Jan. 1, 2008, against the Big 12 runner-up Missouri (11-2).

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.

McFadden and the members of the 2007 Walter Camp All-America team will be honored at the organization's national awards banquet on January 12, 2008 at the Yale University Commons in New Haven. Tickets (\$275) are available by calling **(203) 288-CAMP**.

*Please see page two for a complete list of Walter Camp Player of the Year recipients.*

## **Walter Camp Player of the Year Recipients (1967-2007)**

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