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Walter Camp Football Foundation Announces 2009 All-America Team

Repeat Player of the Year Colt McCoy headlines 120th All-America Team

NEW HAVEN, CT – University of Texas senior quarterback **Colt McCoy** headlines the 2009 Walter Camp Football Foundation All-America team, the 120th honored by the organization. The nation's oldest All-America team was announced live this evening on *The Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards Show*.

Top-ranked and undefeated Alabama had the most players (4) selected to the team, followed by its BCS National Championship Game opponent, second-ranked Texas, which had three.

McCoy, a 6-foot, 2-inch senior from Tuscola, Texas, has passed for 3,512 yards and 27 touchdowns for the 13-0 Longhorns. Earlier this evening, McCoy, who also rushed for 348 yards and three touchdowns, was named the 2009 Walter Camp Player of the Year – the second straight season he has been honored. McCoy joins Archie Griffin (RB, Ohio State) and O.J. Simpson (RB, USC) as repeat winners.

Joining McCoy in the offensive backfield are two explosive running backs – senior **Toby Gerhart (Stanford)** and sophomore **Mark Ingram (Alabama)**. Gerhart, who ranks second in the nation in rushing with 1,736 yards (144.7 yards per game), leads the nation in scoring with 160 points. Ingram has been a steady force for the Crimson Tide, rushing for 1,542 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Jordan Shipley (Texas) and **Golden Tate (Notre Dame)** are the wide receivers. Shipley has caught 106 passes for 1,363 yards and 11 touchdowns, while Tate has 93 receptions for 1,496 yards and 15 touchdowns. The tight end is **Dennis Pitta (BYU)**.

Seniors **Russell Okung (Oklahoma State)**, **Mike Iupati (Idaho)**, **Mike Johnson (Alabama)** and **Trent Williams (Oklahoma)** comprise the offensive interior, while senior **Maurkice Pouncey (Florida)** is the offensive center.

Junior **Kai Forbath (UCLA)**, who has connected on 26-of-29 field goals for the Bruins, is the placekicker.

Leading the defensive unit are four repeat Walter Camp First Team All-America selections - TCU defensive end **Jerry Hughes**, senior linebacker **Brandon Spikes (Florida)** and two defensive backs - junior **Eric Berry (Tennessee)** and senior **Taylor Mays (USC)**.

Hughes has 11.5 quarterback sacks for the 12-0 Horned Frogs, and is joined in the interior by senior **Ndamukong Suh (Nebraska)**, who has 12 sacks and was a finalist for the Walter Camp Player of the Year award, senior **Terrence Cody (Alabama)** and junior **Gerald McCoy (Oklahoma)**.

Joining Spikes in the middle are Southeastern Conference foes - Alabama linebacker **Rolando McClain** (101 tackles, 4 sacks), the leader of the nation's top scoring defense (11 points per game allowed), and South Carolina's **Eric Norwood** (71 tackles, 11.5 tackles for loss).

Mays and Berry are joined in the defensive secondary by sophomore **Earl Thomas (Texas)**, who has eight interceptions, and junior **Joe Haden (Florida)**.

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The punter is sophomore **Drew Butler (Georgia)**, who leads the nation with a 48.8 yard-per-punt average. Butler is the son of 1984 Walter Camp All-American place kicker Kevin Butler, who played 13 seasons in the NFL after a stellar collegiate career at Georgia.

The kick returner is exciting senior **C.J. Spiller (Clemson)**. Spiller, who scored a touchdown five different ways this season, averaged 192.9 all-purpose yards per game.

The Walter Camp All-America team is selected by the head coaches and sports information directors of the 120 Football Bowl Subdivision schools and certified by UHY Advisors, a New Haven-based accounting firm. Walter Camp Football Foundation President Alphonse Paolillo, Jr. was pleased with the voting participation.

“We had over 80 percent of the Bowl Subdivision schools participate in this year’s voting,” Paolillo said. “We are very appreciative of the cooperation of the coaches and SIDs in our effort to honor the most outstanding college players each and every season.”

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>.

2009 Walter Camp Football Foundation All-America Teams

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

WR	Jordan Shipley, Texas	Sr.	6-0	190	Burnet, TX
WR	Golden Tate, Notre Dame	Jr.	5-11	195	Hendersonville, TN
TE	Dennis Pitta, BYU	Sr.	6-5	247	Moorpark, CA
OL	Russell Okung, Oklahoma State	Sr.	6-5	300	Houston, TX
OL	Mike Iupati, Idaho	Sr.	6-6	330	Anaheim, CA
OL	Mike Johnson, Alabama	Sr.	6-6	305	Pensacola, FL
OL	Trent Williams, Oklahoma	Sr.	6-5	318	Longview, TX
C	Maurkice Pouncey, Florida	Sr.	6-5	320	Lakeland, FL
QB	Colt McCoy, Texas#	Sr.	6-2	210	Tuscola, TX
RB	Toby Gerhart, Stanford	Sr.	6-1	235	Norco, CA
RB	Mark Ingram, Alabama	Soph.	5-10	215	Flint, MI
PK	Kai Forbath, UCLA	Jr.	6-0	192	Pacific Palisades, CA

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FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska	Sr.	6-4	300	Portland, OR
DL	Jerry Hughes, TCU#	Sr.	6-4	257	Sugar Land, TX
DL	Terrence Cody, Alabama%	Sr.	6-5	365	Fort Myers, FL
DL	Gerald McCoy, Oklahoma	Jr.	6-4	297	Oklahoma City, OK
LB	Rolando McClain, Alabama	Jr.	6-4	258	Decatur, AL
LB	Eric Norwood, South Carolina	Sr.	6-1	252	Acworth, GA
LB	Brandon Spikes, Florida#	Sr.	6-3	258	Shelby, NC
DB	Eric Berry, Tennessee#	Jr.	5-11	203	Fairburn, GA
DB	Taylor Mays, USC#	Sr.	6-3	230	Seattle, WA
DB	Earl Thomas, Texas	Soph.	5-10	197	Orange, TX
DB	Joe Haden, Florida	Jr.	5-11	190	Fort Washington, MD
P	Drew Butler, Georgia	Soph.	6-2	203	Duluth, GA
KR	C.J. Spiller, Clemson	Sr.	5-11	195	Lake Butler, FL

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

WR	Damario Alexander, Missouri	Sr.	6-5	215	Marlin, TX
WR	Freddie Barnes, Bowling Green	Sr.	6-0	206	Chicago Heights, IL
TE	Dorin Dickerson, Pittsburgh	Sr.	6-2	230	Imperial, PA
OL	Bryan Bulaga, Iowa	Jr.	6-6	312	Crystal Lake, IL
OL	Zane Beadles, Utah	Sr.	6-4	305	Sandy, Utah
OL	Anthony Davis, Rutgers	Jr.	6-6	325	Piscataway, NJ
OL	Ciron Black, LSU	Sr.	6-5	322	Tyler, TX
C	Matt Tennant, Boston College	Sr.	6-4	291	Cincinnati, OH
QB	Tim Tebow, Florida*%	Sr.	6-3	245	Jacksonville, FL
QB	Case Keenum, Houston	Jr.	6-2	210	Abilene, TX
RB	C.J. Spiller, Clemson	Sr.	5-11	195	Lake Butler, FL
RB	Jacquizz Rogers, Oregon State	Soph.	5-7	191	Richmond, TX
PK	Leigh Tiffin, Alabama	Sr.	6-2	212	Muscle Shoals, AL

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Derrick Morgan, Georgia Tech	Jr.	6-4	272	Coatesville, PA
DL	Von Miller, Texas A&M	Jr.	6-3	240	DeSoto, TX
DL	Brandon Graham, Michigan	Sr.	6-2	263	Detroit, MI
DL	Brian Price, UCLA	Jr.	6-2	300	South Central LA, CA
LB	Greg Jones, Michigan State	Jr.	6-1	228	Cincinnati, OH
LB	Pat Angerer, Iowa	Sr.	6-1	235	Bettendorf, IA
LB	Sean Weatherspoon, Missouri%	Sr.	6-2	245	Jasper, TX
DB	Rahim Moore, UCLA	Soph.	6-1	197	Los Angeles, CA
DB	Kyle Wilson, Boise State	Sr.	5-10	186	Piscataway, NJ
DB	Javier Arenas, Alabama	Sr.	5-9	198	Tampa, FL
P	Zolton Mesko, Michigan	Sr.	6-5	231	Twinsburg, OH
KR	Chris Owusu, Stanford	Soph.	6-2	201	Westlake Village, CA

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