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Walter Camp Football Foundation Announces Five Finalists for 2018 Player of the Year Award

New Haven, Conn. – Four quarterbacks and one linebacker comprise the list of five finalists for the Walter Camp Football Foundation 2018 Player of the Year award.

Quarterbacks **Will Grier (West Virginia, senior)**, **Kyler Murray (Oklahoma, junior)**, **Gardner Minshew (Washington State, senior)** and **Tua Tagovailoa (Alabama, sophomore)**, join senior linebacker **Josh Allen (Kentucky)** as the five finalists.

Grier has passed for 3,864 yards and 37 touchdowns for the 8-3 Mountaineers, while **Murray** has thrown for 37 touchdowns and ranks second in the nation with a 206.8 passing efficiency rating for the sixth-ranked Sooners (11-1). **Minshew** is the nation's leader in passing yards (4,477) and has thrown 36 touchdown passes for the eighth-ranked Cougars (10-2). **Tagovailoa** leads all FBS quarterbacks in passing efficiency (212.5) and has thrown for 36 touchdowns and just two interceptions for the top-ranked Crimson Tide (12-0). **Allen** has been a dominant force for the 9-3 Wildcats with 84 tackles (18.5 for losses), 14 quarterback sacks and five forced fumbles.

Former University of Oklahoma and current Cleveland Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield was the 2017 Walter Camp Player of the Year.

The 2018 Walter Camp Player of the Year recipient, who is voted on by the 130 Football Bowl Subdivision head coaches and sports information directors, will be announced on Thursday, December 6 during the 6 p.m. edition of ESPN SportsCenter.

The winner will then receive his trophy at the Foundation's 52nd annual national awards banquet, presented by David McDermott Lexus of New Haven, on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Yale University's Lanman Center.

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. Visit www.waltercamp.org.

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