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Walter Camp Football Foundation Announces 2018 All-America Teams

It is the 129th edition of the nation's oldest All-America Squad

NEW HAVEN, CT – Led by 2018 Player of the Year **Tua Tagovailoa**, top-ranked Alabama has six players on the Walter Camp Football Foundation All-America Teams, the 129th honored by the organization. The nation's oldest All-America squad was announced this evening on The Home Depot ESPN College Football Awards Show.

In all, 29 different schools from 10 conferences (including independents) were represented on the All-America First and Second Teams (a total of 50 players selected). Alabama has four First Team honorees, and two on the Second Team. LSU has four All-Americans (3 First Team, 1 Second Team), while three Clemson players were named to the First Team. Overall, the Southeastern Conference had the most honorees (15), followed by the Atlantic Coast Conference (9) and Big Ten (8).

The Walter Camp All-America teams are selected by the head coaches and sports information directors of the 130 Football Bowl Subdivision schools and certified by Marcum LLP, a New Haven-based accounting firm. Walter Camp Football Foundation President Michael Madera was pleased with the voting participation.

"Once again, we had more than 80 percent of the FBS schools participate in this year's voting," Madera said. "We are very appreciative of the continuing cooperation of the head coaches and sports information directors in our annual effort to honor the nation's most outstanding college players."

Leading the First Team offensive unit is **Tagovailoa**, a sophomore quarterback who was also selected the 2018 Walter Camp Player of the Year. Second in the nation in passing efficiency (202.3), Tagovailoa has passed for 37 touchdowns and 3,353 yards to lead a high-scoring Crimson Tide offensive unit, one that averages 47.9 points per game.

Joining Tagovailoa in the backfield are the junior **Darrell Henderson** (**Memphis**) and sophomore **Jonathan Taylor** (**Wisconsin**). Henderson has rushed for 1,909 yards and 22 touchdowns, while Taylor has rushed for a nation's leading 1,989 yards and has scored 15 touchdowns.

Senior **Andy Isabella** (**Massachusetts**) and sophomore **Jerry Jeudy** (**Alabama**) are the wide receivers. Isabella, who leads the nation with 141.5 receiving yards per game, has 102 catches for 1,698 yards and 13 touchdowns, while Jeudy has 59 catches for 1,103 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The tight end is **Jace Sternberger** (**Texas A&M**). Sternberger has 47 receptions for 804 yards and 10 touchdowns for the Aggies this season.

On the offensive line, junior **Jonah Williams** (**Alabama**) is joined by a trio of seniors – **Ben Powers** (**Oklahoma**), **Beau Benzschawel** (**Wisconsin**) and **Mitch Hyatt** (**Clemson**). Hyatt was a Second Team All-America honoree last season. Senior **Garrett Bradbury** (**North Carolina State**) is the offensive center.

Placekicker **Andre Szmyt (Syracuse)** earns First Team honors after converting 28-of-32 field goals and all 57 of his point-after-kicks this season for the Orange.

Leading the defensive unit is senior **Christian Wilkins** (**Clemson**), who was a Second Team All-American last season. Wilkins has 45 tackles and five quarterback sacks from his defensive tackle position. Wilkins is joined in the defensive interior by his Clemson teammate **Clelin Ferrell**, a junior defensive end, sophomore **Quinnen Williams** (**Alabama**) and junior **Ed Oliver** (**Houston**). Oliver is a repeat First Team All-America honoree.

Senior **Josh Allen** (**Kentucky**), who has 84 tackles and 14 quarterback sacks for the Wildcats, leads the linebacker corps. Allen is joined by juniors **Devin White** (**LSU**) and **Devin Bush** (**Michigan**). Bush was a Second Team All-American in 2017.

In the defensive secondary, senior **DeAndre Baker** (**Georgia**) is joined by junior **Julian Love** (**Notre Dame**) and sophomore teammates from LSU, **Greedy Williams** and **Grant Delpitt.**

The punter is junior **Braden Mann** (**Texas A&M**), who averages a nation's leading 51.1 yards-perpunt. The kick returner is sophomore **Savon Scarver** (**Utah State**), who averages 34.1 yards per kickoff returns and has returned two for touchdowns.

Second Team Notables

Leading the Second Team is junior quarterback **Kyler Murray** (**Oklahoma**). Murray has passed for 4,053 yards and 40 touchdowns for the fourth-ranked Sooners. Wide receiver **David Sills** (**West Virginia**) is a repeat Second Team honoree. Sills has caught 61 passes for 896 yards and 15 touchdowns for the Mountaineers.

Junior defensive end **Sutton Smith** (**Northern Illinois**) is honored again after earning First Team accolades a year ago. Punter **Mitch Wishnowsky** (**Utah**) is a Walter Camp All-American for the third straight year. Wishnowsky earned Second Team honors a year ago and was a First Team selection in 2016.

Members of the 2018 Walter Camp All-America team and other major award winners (Distinguished American-Archie Manning, Man of the Year-Mike Golic, and Perseverance Award-Jake Olson of USC),

will be honored at the organization's national awards banquet, presented by David McDermott Lexus of New Haven, on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the 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 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.

2018 Walter Camp All-America Teams

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	<u> Feam Offense</u>			
Pos.	Name, School	Hgt	Wgt	Class Hometown
WR	Jerry Jeudy, Alabama	6-1	192	Soph. Deerfield Beach, FL
WR	Andu Isabella, UMass	5-10	190	Senior Mayfield, OH
TE	Jace Sternberger, Texas A&M	6-4	250	Junior Kingfisher, OK
OL	Jonah Williams, Alabama	6-5	301	Junior Folsom, CA
OL	Mitch Hyatt, Clemson#	6-5	310	Senior Suwanee, GA
OL	Ben Powers, Oklahoma	6-4	313	Senior Wichita, KS
OL	Beau Benzschawel, Wisconsin	6-6	315	Senior Grafton, WI
C	Garrett Bradbury, North Carolina State	6-3	300	Grad Charlotte, NC
QB	Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama	6-1	218	Soph. Ewa Beach, HI
RB	Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin #	5-11	221	Soph. Salem, NJ
RB	Darrell Henderson, Memphis	5-9	200	Junior Batesville, MS
PK	Andre Szymt, Syracuse	6-1	195	Fresh. Vernon Hill, IL
First Team Defense				
Pos.	Name, School	Hgt	Wgt	Class Hometown

First Team Defense				
Pos.	Name, School	Hgt	Wgt	Class Hometown
DL	Christian Wilkins, Clemson &	6-4	315	Grad Springfield, MA
DL	Quinnen Williams, Alabama	6-4	295	Soph. Birmingham, AL
DL	Ed Oliver, Houston *	6-3	292	Junior Houston, TX
DL	Clelin Ferrell, Clemson	6-4	265	Junior Richmond, VA
LB	Josh Allen, Kentucky	6-5	260	Senior Montclair, NJ
LB	Devin White, LSU	6-1	240	Junior Springhill, LA
LB	Devin Bush, Jr., Michigan #	5-11	233	Junior Pembroke Pines, FL
DB	DeAndre Baker, Georgia	5-11	185	Senior Miami, FL
DB	Julian Love, Notre Dame	5-11	193	Junior Westchester, IL
DB	Greedy Williams, LSU	6-3	184	Soph. Shreveport, LA
DB	Grant Delpit, LSU	6-3	203	Soph. Houston, TX
P	Braden Mann, Texas A&M	5-11	190	Junior Houston, TX
KR	Savon Scarver, Utah State	5-11	180	Soph. Las Vegas, NV

Second Team Offense

Pos.	Name, School	Hgt	Wgt	Class Hometown
WR	David Sills, West Virginia #	6-4	210	Senior Wilmington, DE
WR	Tylan Wallace, Oklahoma State	6-0	185	Soph. Fort Worth, TX
TE	T.J. Hockenson, Iowa	6-5	250	Soph. Chariton, VA
OL	Andrew Thomas, Georgia	6-5	320	Soph. Lithonia, GA
OL	Michael Deiter, Wisconsin	6-6	310	Senior Curtice, OH
OL	Dalton Risner, Kansas State	6-5	308	Senior Wiggins, CO
OL	Greg Little, Ole Miss	6-6	325	Junior Allen, TX
C	Michael Jordan, Ohio State	6-7	312	Junior Canton, MI
QB	Kyler Murray, Oklahoma	5-10	195	Junior Allen, TX
RB	Travis Etienne, Clemson	5-10	200	Soph. Jennings, LA
RB	Benny Snell, Kentucky	5-11	223	Junior Westerville, OH
PK	Cole Tracy, LSU	5-11	188	Senior Camarillo, CA

Second Team Defense

Pos.	Name, School	Hgt	Wgt	Class Hometown
DL	Jaylon Ferguson, Louisiana Tech	6-5	262	Senior Saint Francisville, LA
DL	Chase Winovich, Michigan	6-3	255	Senior Jefferson Hills, PA
DL	Kenny Willekes, Michigan State	6-4	260	Junior Rockford, MI
DL	Sutton Smith, Northern Illinois *	6-1	237	Junior Saint Charles, MO
LB	Ben Burr-Kirven, Washington	6-0	221	Senior Menlo Park, CA
LB	Dylan Moses, Alabama	6-3	233	Soph. Baton Rouge, LA
LB	David Long, West Virginia	5-11	221	Junior Cincinnati, OH
DB	Hamp Cheevers, Boston College	5-10	180	Junior Trenton, FL
DB	Deionte Thompson, Alabama	6-2	196	Junior Orange, TX
DB	Andre Cisco, Syracuse	6-0	199	Fresh Valley Stream, NY
DB	Bryce Hall, Virginia	6-1	200	Junior Harrisburg, PA
P	Mitch Wishnowsky, Utah @	6-2	220	Senior Perth, Australia
KR	Michael Walker, Boston College	6-0	195	Senior Naples, FL

^{* - 2017} First Team Walter Camp All-America selection

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[&]amp; - 2016 and 2017 Second Team Walter Camp All-America selection

^{@ - 2016} First Team Walter Camp All-American selection and 2017 Second Team selection