

## Press Release

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The Maxwell Football Club today announced its watch lists for the 79th annual Maxwell Award and the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Chuck Bednarik Award.

The Maxwell Award, named in honor of Robert W. "Tiny" Maxwell, has been given to America's College Player of the Year since 1937. Maxwell's contributions to the game of football were extensive, including time as a player, a sportswriter and an official. The Bednarik Award has been presented to the College Defensive Player of the Year since 1995. Chuck Bednarik, former standout at Penn and with the Philadelphia Eagles, is a member of both the College Football Hall of Fame's Class of '69 and the NFL Hall of Fame's Class of '67.

The watch lists will once again incorporate a broad spectrum of Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) programs and conferences from coast to coast. Returning Maxwell Award semifinalists include Florida State transfer QB Everett Golson, who's looking to fill Jameis Winston's big shoes, TCU QB Trevone Boykin, Pittsburgh RB James Conner, Michigan State QB Connor Cook and returning Maxwell Award finalist Mississippi State QB Dak Prescott. Ohio State leads the pack with four players on the list, including RB Ezekiel Elliott and three accomplished quarterbacks, Cardale Jones, J.T. Barrett and Braxton Miller, who'll compete for the coveted starting position this summer.

The Chuck Bednarik Award watch list is headlined by 2014 winner Arizona LB Scooby Wright and features six of last year's semifinalists. Last season's runner-up for the award, Ohio State DE Joey Bosa, joins other returning semifinalists, including Michigan State DE Shilique Calhoun, Florida CB Vernon Hargreaves III, Baylor DE Shawn Oakman and Notre Dame LB Jaylon Smith. Florida State DB Jalen Ramsey, Alabama LB A'Shawn Robinson and Virginia Tech CB Kendall Fuller are impact players coming off breakout sophomore seasons.

Marcus Mariota capped a brilliant college career at Oregon by becoming the first Duck in school history to win the Maxwell Award. He was drafted second overall by the Tennessee Titans, and will attempt to make an immediate NFL impact like Maxwell winners Andrew Luck and Cam Newton in recent years. Wright has a chance to join Northwestern's Pat Fitzgerald and Penn State's Paul Posluszny as the only two-time Bednarik Award winners.

*The Maxwell Football Club is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. The 22 awards boast over 700 years of tradition-selection excellence. Visit [www.NCFAA.org](http://www.NCFAA.org) to learn more about our story.*

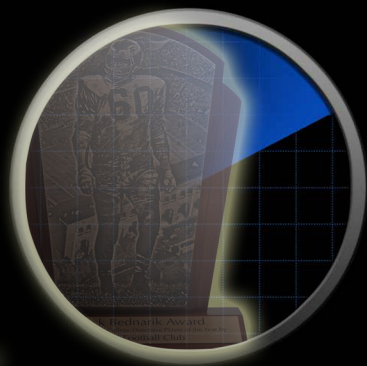
*Beginning in 2015, The Home Depot College Football Awards will have a new home at the College Football Hall of Fame and Chick-fil-A Fan Experience in downtown Atlanta. Airing live on ESPN on December 10, 2015, college football's brightest stars will be honored for their performance on and off the field.*

*The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a 12-day period this month. Sixteen of the association's 22 awards select a preseason watch list and the NCFAA has spearheaded a coordinated effort to promote each award's preseason candidates. Following is the complete 2015 preseason watch list calendar:*

Tues., July 7:	Bednarik Award / Maxwell Award
Wed., July 8:	Mackey Award / Rimington Trophy
Thurs., July 9:	Lou Groza Award / Ray Guy Award
Fri., July 10:	Bronko Nagurski Trophy / Outland Trophy
Mon., July 13:	Jim Thorpe Award
Tues., July 14:	Butkus Award / Rotary Lombardi Award
Wed., July 15:	Biletnikoff Award / Wuerffel Trophy
Thurs, July 16:	Davey O'Brien Award / Doak Walker Award
Fri., July 17:	Walter Camp Award

*Semifinalists for the Maxwell and Bednarik Awards will be announced November 23, 2015, while the three finalists for each award will be unveiled November 23, 2015. The winners of the 2015 Maxwell and Bednarik Awards will be announced as part of the Home Depot College Football Awards Show held on December 10, 2015. The formal presentations of these awards will be made at the Maxwell Football Club Awards Gala hosted by Tropicana Hotel & Casino Atlantic City on March 11, 2015.*





# 2015 Bednarik Award Watch List

PLAYER NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	CLASS	PLAYER NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	CLASS
Mackensie Alexander	CB	Clemson	Soph.	Chris Jones	DT	Mississippi State	Jr.
Kevin Anderson	LB	Stanford	Sr.	Karl Joseph	S	West Virginia	Sr.
Budda Baker	S	Washington	Soph.	Bronson Kaufusi	DE	BYU	Sr.
Dante Barnett	S	Kansas State	Sr.	Derrick Kindred	S	TCU	Sr.
Derek Barnett	DE	Tennessee	Soph.	Shaq Lawson	DE	Clemson	Jr.
Kendell Beckwith	LB	LSU	Jr.	William Likely	CB	Maryland	Jr.
Vince Biegel	LB	Wisconsin	Jr.	Curt Maggitt	LB	Tennessee	Sr.
Zeek Bigger	LB	East Carolina	Sr.	Blake Martinez	LB	Stanford	Sr.
Andrew Billings	NT	Baylor	Jr.	Tyler Matakevich	LB	Temple	Sr.
Quin Blanding	S	Virginia	Soph.	Cassanova McKinzy	LB	Auburn	Sr.
Briean Boddy-Calhoun	CB	Minnesota	Sr.	Jalen Mills	S	LSU	Sr.
Joey Bosa	DE	Ohio State	Jr.	Antonio Morrison	LB	Florida	Sr.
Kentrell Brothers	LB	Missouri	Sr.	Eric Murray	CB	Minnesota	Sr.
Kelby Brown	LB	Duke	Sr.	Dadi Nicolas	DE	Virginia Tech	Sr.
DeForest Buckner	DE	Oregon	Sr.	Robert Nkemdiche	DT	Ole Miss	Jr.
Shilique Calhoun	DE	Michigan State	Sr.	Jared Norris	LB	Utah	Sr.
Michael Caputo	S	Wisconsin	Sr.	Shawn Oakman	DE	Baylor	Sr.
Lloyd Carrington	CB	Arizona State	Sr.	Emmanuel Ogbah	DE	Oklahoma State	Jr.
Jeremy Cash	S	Duke	Sr.	Will Parks	S	Arizona	Sr.
Brandon Chubb	LB	Wake Forest	Sr.	Joshua Perry	LB	Ohio State	Sr.
Kenny Clark	DT	UCLA	Jr.	Davion Pierson	DT	TCU	Sr.
Maliek Collins	DT	Nebraska	Jr.	Reggie Ragland	LB	Alabama	Sr.
Kamalei Correa	DE	Boise State	Jr.	Jalen Ramsey	DB	Florida State	Jr.
Su'a Cravens	LB	USC	Jr.	Sheldon Rankins	DE	Louisville	Sr.
Ed Davis	LB	Michigan State	Sr.	Will Redmond	CB	Mississippi State	Sr.
Sheldon Day	DT	Notre Dame	Sr.	Pete Robertson	LB	Texas Tech	Sr.
Kyler Fackrell	LB	Utah State	Sr.	A'Shawn Robinson	DL	Alabama	Jr.
Leonard Floyd	LB	Georgia	Jr.	Mike Rose	DE	NC State	Sr.
Josh Forrest	LB	Kentucky	Sr.	KeiVarae Russell	CB	Notre Dame	Sr.
Kendall Fuller	CB	Virginia Tech	Jr.	Zack Sanchez	CB	Oklahoma	Jr.
Myles Garrett	DE	Texas A&M	Soph.	Jovan Santos-Knox	LB	Massachusetts	Sr.
Adam Gotsis	DT	Georgia Tech	Sr.	Terrance Smith	LB	Florida State	Sr.
Darius Hamilton	DL	Rutgers	Sr.	Jaylon Smith	LB	Notre Dame	Jr.
Vernon Hargreaves III	CB	Florida	Jr.	Eric Striker	LB	Oklahoma	Sr.
Tylor Harris	DT	Wake Forest	Sr.	Cameron Sutton	CB	Tennessee	Jr.
Myles Jack	LB	UCLA	Jr.	Charles Tapper	DE	Oklahoma	Sr.
William Jackson	CB	Houston	Sr.	Darian Thompson	S	Boise State	Sr.
Adoree' Jackson	CB	USC	Soph.	Jeremy Timpf	LB	Army	Jr.
Jordan Jenkins	LB	Georgia	Sr.	Nick Vigil	LB	Utah State	Jr.
				Scooby Wright, III	LB	Arizona	Jr.
				Anthony Zettel	DT	Penn State	Sr.