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2015 Doak Walker Award Candidate List Updated

DALLAS - The PwC SMU Athletic Forum announced today the updated candidate list for the 2015 Doak Walker Award. The award is presented annually to the nation's top college running back.

Along with the preseason candidates, which are nominated by their respective universities, Dalvin Cook (So., Florida State), Tyler Ervin (Sr., San Jose State), Brian Hill (So., Wyoming), C.J. Prosise (Sr., Notre Dame) and Mike Warren (Fr., Iowa State) were added to the candidate list.

LSU junior Leonard Fournette currently leads the nation in rushing yards per game (193.1) and rushing touchdowns (15). Cook is second in the NCAA with 148.1 yards per game, while Ervin is averaging 144.9 yards per game.

The complete list of candidates follows:

Leon Allen (Sr.), Western Kentucky
Devontae Booker (Sr.), Utah
Matt Breida (Jr.), Georgia Southern
Brandon Burks (Sr.), Troy
Jordan Canzeri (Sr.), Iowa
Tra Carson (Sr.), Texas A&M
Nick Chubb (So.), Georgia
Corey Clement (Jr.), Wisconsin
Alex Collins (Jr.), Arkansas
James Conner (Jr.), Pittsburgh
Dalvin Cook (So.), Florida State
Marcus Cox (Jr.), Appalachian State
Justin Davis (Jr.), USC
Matt Dayes (Jr.), North Carolina State
Kenneth Dixon (Sr.), Louisiana Tech
Ezekiel Elliott (Jr.), Ohio State
Tyler Ervin (Sr.), San Jose State
Kenneth Farrow (Sr.), Houston
Josh Ferguson (Sr.), Illinois
Tarean Folston (Jr.), Notre Dame
Leonard Fournette (So.), LSU
Jarvion Franklin (So.), Western Michigan
Royce Freeman (So.), Oregon
Wayne Gallman (So.), Clemson
Michael Gordon (Sr.), Arkansas State
Johnathan Gray (Sr.), Texas
Aaron Green (Sr.), TCU
Travis Greene (Sr.), Bowling Green
Russell Hansbrough (Sr.), Missouri
Derrick Henry (Jr.), Alabama

Brian Hill (So.), Wyoming
Jon Hilliman (So.), Boston College
Jordan Howard (Jr.), Indiana
Kareem Hunt (Jr.), Toledo
LaJuan Hunt (So.), Utah State
Darius Jackson (Sr.), Eastern Michigan
Don Jackson (Sr.), Nevada
Justin Jackson (So.), Northwestern
Paul James (Sr.), Rutgers
Devon Johnson (Sr.), Marshall
Aaron Jones (Jr.), UTEP
Daniel Lasco (Sr.), California
Ray Lawry (So.), Old Dominion
Shock Linwood (Jr.), Baylor
Robert Lowe (Sr.), Texas State
Akeel Lynch (Jr.), Penn State
Marlon Mack (So.), South Florida
Tre Madden (Sr.), USC
Christian McCaffrey (So.), Stanford
Elijah McGuire (Jr.), Louisiana-Lafayette
Samaje Perine (So.), Oklahoma
Paul Perkins (Jr.), UCLA
Christian Powell (Sr.), Colorado
Shaquille Powell (Sr.), Duke
C.J. Prosise (Sr.), Notre Dame
Donnel Pumphrey (Jr.), San Diego State
Demario Richard (So.), Arizona State
Ashton Shumpert (Jr.), Mississippi State
William Stanback (Jr.), UCF
Chris Swain (Sr.), Navy

Anthone Taylor (Sr.), Buffalo
Jahad Thomas (Jr.), Temple
Shane Tucker (Jr.), Middle Tennessee
Thomas Tyner (Jr.), Oregon
Marteze Waller (Sr.), Fresno State
Mike Warren (Fr.), Iowa State
DeAndre Washington (Sr.), Texas Tech

Dwayne Washington (Jr.), Washington
Ralph Webb (So.), Vanderbilt
Shaun Wick (Sr.), Wyoming
Brandon Wilds (Sr.), South Carolina
Jamaal Williams (Sr.), BYU
Jonathan Williams (Sr.), Arkansas
Nick Wilson (So.), Arizona

The PwC SMU Athletic Forum Board of Directors will name ten semifinalists on November 18, and the Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee will cast votes to determine the three finalists, which will be announced on November 24. The committee will cast a second vote beginning November 30 to determine the recipient. The National Selection Committee consists of past recipients, former NFL All-Pro and college All-America running backs, media members and selected special representatives.

The recipient of the 2015 Doak Walker Award will be announced live on *The Home Depot College Football Awards* on Thursday, December 10, on ESPN. The Doak Walker Award Presentation Banquet will be held in Dallas on February 19, 2016.

The award, which will name its 26th recipient in 2015, is named for SMU's three-time All-America running back Doak Walker. It is the only major collegiate award that requires all candidates to be in good academic standing and on schedule to graduate within one year of other students of the same classification.

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The Doak Walker Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA). The NCFAA encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. The 22 awards boast more than 700 years of tradition-selection excellence. Visit 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.

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