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## 2016 Doak Walker Award Semifinalists Announced

DALLAS – The PwC SMU Athletic Forum announced today 10 semifinalists for the 2016 Doak Walker Award. The semifinalists (in alphabetical order) are:

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| <b>Saquon Barkley (So.)</b>    | <b>Penn State</b>    | <b>Aaron Jones (Jr.)</b>         | <b>UTEP</b>            |
| <b>Dalvin Cook (Jr.)</b>       | <b>Florida State</b> | <b>Christian McCaffrey (Jr.)</b> | <b>Stanford</b>        |
| <b>D’Onta Foreman (Jr.)</b>    | <b>Texas</b>         | <b>Jeremy McNichols (Jr.)</b>    | <b>Boise State</b>     |
| <b>Leonard Fournette (Jr.)</b> | <b>LSU</b>           | <b>Kamryn Pettway (So.)</b>      | <b>Auburn</b>          |
| <b>Brian Hill (Jr.)</b>        | <b>Wyoming</b>       | <b>Donnel Pumphrey (Sr.)</b>     | <b>San Diego State</b> |

To determine the 2016 finalists, members of the Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee will cast their votes after this week’s games. Three finalists for the award will be named Tuesday, November 22. The Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee will cast a second vote to select the 2016 award recipient. The 2016 Doak Walker Award recipient will be announced live on *The Home Depot College Football Awards* on Thursday, December 8 on ESPN.

The Award is named after three-time SMU All-America running back and 1948 Heisman Trophy winner Doak Walker. Walker, who also punted, returned kicks and kicked extra points, led the Mustangs to two Southwest Conference Championships. He was drafted by the Detroit Lions and led the league in scoring his rookie year. During his six years with the Lions, he led the team to two NFL championships and was chosen All-Pro four times. Walker is a member of both the College and Pro Football Halls of Fame.

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*The Home Depot College Football Awards air from the College Football Hall of Fame and Chick-fil-A Fan Experience in downtown Atlanta. Live on ESPN on December 8, 2016, college football’s brightest stars will be honored for their performance on and off the field.*

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