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Tyler Announces The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Finalists

TYLER, Texas – The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award today announced the 2015 finalists as determined by the Selection Committee.

Finalists:

Trevone Boykin, TCU, QB, Senior – Dallas, Texas (West Mesquite HS) Corey Coleman, Baylor, WR, Junior – Richardson, Texas (Pearce HS) Josh Doctson, TCU, WR, Senior – Mansfield, Texas (Legacy HS) Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma, QB, Junior – Austin, Texas (Lake Travis HS) Greg Ward, Jr., Houston, QB, Junior – Tyler, Texas (John Tyler HS)

Trevone Boykin, is last year's recipient of The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award. Boykin, 22-2 as a starting quarterback in the last two seasons, ranks second in the nation in total offense at 380.6 yards per game. He has completed 64.9 percent of his passes for 3,575 yards with 31 touchdowns. He is also TCU's second-leading rusher with 612 yards on a 5.0 carry mark with nine scores. In the red zone this season, Boykin has 17 touchdown passes, no interceptions and eight rushing touchdowns. Boykin has been involved in five games when the score was in single digits in the fourth quarter and is 22-of-32 (68.8 percent) for 270 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions. In the regular-season finale, playing at 75 percent healthy, Boykin led TCU to a 28-21 double-overtime win over Baylor in a driving rainstorm. He ran for a touchdown in the first overtime and threw a game-winning TD pass in the second OT. He also led the Horned Frogs to game-winning drives on their final possession in road wins at Texas Tech and Kansas State. Since 2009, only four times has a quarterback averaged over 300 yards per game passing and 50 rushing. Boykin has done it twice (2014, 2015). The others to accomplish the feat were Heisman Trophy winners Robert Griffin III and Johnny Manziel. Boykin's streak of seven consecutive games with at least 300 yards passing and 40 yards rushing earlier this season was

the longest in the nation over the last 20 years. Since 1996, Boykin leads all players nationally with six career games of 400 yards passing and 40 yards rushing. No one else has more than four. Boykin accomplished the feat four times in the last eight games. Boykin is one of just eight quarterbacks in FBS history with at least 10,000 yards passing and 1,500 yards rushing. He has broken Andy Dalton's TCU career records for touchdown passes (86), passing yards (10,728), completions (830), total offense (12,777), and touchdowns responsible for (114). Boykin is one of three finalists for the Davey O'Brien Award in addition to being a finalist for the Manning Award and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. Boykin will receive his TCU degree December 19. TCU will be playing Oregon in the Valero Alamo Bowl on January 2nd.

Corey Coleman, a junior wide receiver, this season leads the country in touchdown receptions (20) and is third in receiving yards per game (113.6). The junior's 20 TD grabs are currently ranked tied for third-most for a single season in Big 12 history and ninth-most in NCAA history. The Richardson, Texas native has re-written the BU record books, breaking Kendall Wright's school single season (14) and career (30) receiving TD records. Coleman now sits with 20 on the year and 33 for his career. Earlier this year, Coleman recorded the eighth 1,000-yard receiving season in program history and became the first player in program history with multiple 1,000-yard receiving seasons (had 1,119 in 2014). Coleman set a new Big 12 record by catching multiple TDs in seven consecutive games and has at least one TD catch in eight of 12 games this season. On the year, Coleman has 74 catches for 1,363 yards, and he was already named a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award and a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award. The junior is the featured receiver in the nation's most prolific offense, which leads the country with 48.0 points per game and 604.6 total yards per game. Baylor will play North Carolina in the Russell Athletic Bowl December 29th.

Josh Doctson leads the nation with 132.7 receiving yards per game. He is the only player in the country to rank in the top 6 in receiving yards per game, receptions per game (7.9), and touchdown catches (14). His 79 receptions, 1,327 yards receiving and 14 touchdowns are TCU single-season records. The TD catches are tied for fourth nationally, while he is sixth in receptions per game. Doctson has joined two-time Biletnikoff Award winner Michael Crabree from Texas Tech as the only players in the last 20 years to have six straight games with at least 100 yards receiving and multiple touchdown catches. Eleven of Doctson's 14 touchdown receptions have come with the score in single digits. He tops the nation with 56 catches of at least 10 yards. His 62 receptions in conference play are the most in the nation. Doctson received Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week honors after his 18 receptions for 267 yards and three touchdowns in TCU's 55-52 win at Texas Tech. Doctson is one of just eight players in Big 12 history to have multiple seasons of at least 1,000 yards receiving and 10 touchdown catches. Doctson's 26 career touchdown passes with Trevone Boykin rank second nationally among active duos. Doctson, who will earn his TCU degree December 19, is ranked by ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. as the No. 2 wide receiver in the 2016 NFL Draft. Doctson is one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award. TCU will be playing Oregon in the Valero Alamo Bowl on January 2^{nd} .

Baker Mayfield has started all 12 games for the Sooners. Mayfield ranks No. 2 nationally in yards per pass attempt (9.6) and pass efficiency rating (178.9), No. 6 in passing TDs (35) and points responsible for per game (21.0) and No. 7 in pass completion percentage (.686). Mayfield

has accounted for 42 touchdowns and only five turnovers on the season (8.4 to 1 ratio). Under his direction, OU has surpassed 500 yards of total offense in nine of 12 games, including in each of the last seven. Mayfield, who began his career at Texas Tech as a walk-on before transferring to Oklahoma, also as a walk-on, has directed the Sooners to a 5-0 record against AP Top 25 teams (3-0 on the road). He has piloted OU to seven straight wins (it is averaging a nation-leading 52.0 points per game during the stretch) and has accounted for 42 touchdowns and only five turnovers (8.4 to 1 ratio) on the season. OU has surpassed 500 yards of total offense in nine of 12 games, including in each of the last seven. Mayfield has thrown for at least one touchdown in all 12 games and for at least three TDs in eight contests. He has also rushed for 420 yards and seven scores. Mayfield is a finalist for the Davey O'Brien Award, the Manning Award and has also been named a finalist for the Walter Camp Player of the Year. Mayfield is also the Burlsworth Award winner. Oklahoma ranked #4 will be playing #1 Clemson in the Capital One Orange Bowl in one of two semi-final games for the National Championship.

Greg Ward, Jr. was named The American Championship MVP on Saturday as he led Houston to its 11th conference championship and its first New Year's Bowl in 30 years. Ward ran for 148 yards and two touchdowns in the win over Temple 24-13. Other season highlights include he passed for a season-high 308 yards on a 26-for-35 effort with no interceptions and three touchdowns in win over Navy. Ward also rushed for 83 yards on 14 attempts and a score vs. the Midshipmen. Ward totaled 210 passing yards (16-23) for a touchdown, including a season-long 67-yard pass, while rushing for a score on 10 attempts for 46 yards in win at UCF. He broke the single-season rushing touchdown record by a Houston QB with 11 after finishing with four in the win over SMU; added 82 yards on the ground on 14 carries, while passing for 243 yards on a 16of-18 mark vs. Mustangs. He broke the single-game Houston rushing yards record for a quarterback with his 182 yards on 20 carries in a win at Tulsa racking up a career-best three rushing touchdowns to lead the offense vs. Golden Hurricane. Also at Tulsa, Ward tallied his fourth straight 200+ yard passing game with 273 yards on a 22-of-38 effort with no interceptions. Ward became the eighth quarterback in Houston history to top 100 yards rushing and 100 yards passing in the same game during the season opener against Tennessee Tech. He rushed for a career high 107 yards on 13 carries and two touchdowns while also throwing for 275 yards on 21-of-28 passing and a touchdown. Ward is also a finalist for the Manning Award. Houston will play in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl against Florida State on December 31st.

The winner will be announced at the award banquet in Tyler, Texas on January 13, 2016. Thank you to the award sponsors: City of Tyler, Brookshire Grocery Company, Clements Fluids Management, Kitchens Unique, Patterson Commercial Property Group, R.W. Fair Foundation, TDI Air Conditioning/James and Sharon Wynne, Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals and Clinics, Tyler Morning Telegraph, Chesley and Ted W. Walters, Austin Bank, Azalea Orthopedics, Flowers Davis, P.L.L.C., Southside Bank, Suddenlink Communications, Texas Spine and Joint Hospital, Hibbs, Hallmark & Co., Prothro, Wilhelmi & Co., Tyler Junior College, and the University of Texas at Tyler.

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In addition, the nominee must meet one or more of the following criteria: born in Texas and/or graduated from a Texas High School and/or played at a Texas-based junior college or four year D1 Texas college.

For more information about The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award go to www.earlcampbellaward.com or contact Cindy Smoak, SPORTyler, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce: csmoak@tylertexas.com or 903-592-1661, extension 237.

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