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# Walter Camp Football Foundation Announces 2012 All-America Team

Player of the Year Manti Te'o headlines 123<sup>rd</sup> All-America Team

NEW HAVEN, CT – University of Notre Dame senior linebacker **Manti Te'o** headlines the 2012 Walter Camp Football Foundation All-America team, the 123<sup>rd</sup> honored by the organization. The nation's oldest All-America team was announced this evening on *The Home Depot ESPN College Football Awards Show*.

Second-ranked Alabama had the most players (4) selected to the First Team, while Southeastern Conference rival Texas A&M had three honorees and ACC champion Florida State had two. In all, 20 different schools from nine conferences were represented on the All-America First Team.

The Walter Camp All-America team is selected by the head coaches and sports information directors of the 124 Football Bowl Subdivision schools and certified by Marcum LLP, a New Haven-based accounting firm. Walter Camp Football Foundation President John Marks was pleased with the voting participation.

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

A Second Team All-America selection in 2011, Te'o is a First Team honoree and was selected the 2012 Walter Camp Player of the Year after totaling 103 tackles and seven interceptions for the top-ranked Fighting Irish (12-0).

Joining Te'o on the 2012 First Team All-American defensive unit is a pair of Southeastern Conference standout junior linebackers **C.J. Mosley (Alabama)** and **Jarvis Jones (Georgia)**. Jones is a repeat Walter Camp First Team All-American.

On the interior, sophomore Jadeveon Clowney (South Carolina), who ranks second in the nation in sacks, is joined by senior Star Lotulelei (Utah) and juniors Bjoern Werner (Florida State) and Damontre Moore (Texas A&M).

In the defensive secondary, **Phillip Thomas (Fresno State)**, the nation's leader in interceptions, is a First Team honoree along with fellow seniors **Dee Milliner (Alabama)**, **Jordan Poyer (Oregon State)** and **Johnthan Banks (Mississippi State)**.

The punter is senior **Ryan Allen** (Louisiana Tech), who leads the nation with a 48.0 yardper-punt average. Allen was a Walter Camp Second Team All-American last year. The kick returner is senior **Dri Archer** (Kent State), who has three kickoff returns for touchdowns this season.

Leading the offensive unit is redshirt freshman quarterback **Johnny Manziel (Texas A&M)**. Manziel, who ranks second in the nation in total offense (383.3 yards per game), has

passed for 3,419 yards and 24 touchdowns, while rushing for 1,181 yards and 19 more scores for the Aggies (10-2).

Joining Manziel in the offensive backfield are three running backs – seniors **Montee Ball** (Wisconsin) and Kenjon Barner (Oregon), and sophomore Ka'Deem Carey (Arizona). A Second Team All-American a year ago, Ball has rushed for 1,730 yards and 21 touchdowns for the Big Ten champion Badgers, while Barner has scored 21 touchdowns while averaging 135.3 rushing yards per game. Carey has been a steady force for the Wildcats and leads the nation with 1,757 rushing yards.

Sophomore **Marqise Lee (USC)** and senior **Terrance Williams (Baylor)** are the wide receivers. Lee has 112 catches for 1,860 yards and 14 touchdowns, while Williams has 95 catches for 1,764 yards and 12 touchdowns. The tight end is **Zach Ertz (Stanford)**.

On the offensive line, two seniors – Jonathan Cooper (North Carolina) and Chance Warmack (Alabama) – are joined by juniors Luke Joeckel (Texas A&M) and Taylor Lewan (Michigan). Senior Barrett Jones (Alabama) is the offensive center, repeating as a First Team Walter Camp All-American.

Senior **Dustin Hopkins (Florida State)**, who has connected on 24-of-28 field goals for the Seminoles, is the placekicker.

The 2012 Walter Camp Player of the Year and members of the All-America team will be honored at the organization's national awards banquet on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at the Yale University Commons in New Haven. In addition, the Foundation will also recognize former Nebraska coach Tom Osborne and NFL player/coach Herm Edwards.

The Foundation is offering a "Holiday Ticket Promotion" for the National Awards Dinner. Buy two tickets for \$400 (you save \$150) before December 31. Please call (203) 288-CAMP (288-2267) for more information.

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 Havenbased 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. Visit <u>http://www.ncfaa.org</u>.

# 2012 Walter Camp All-America Teams

## **First Team Offense**

Pos.	Name, School
WR	Marqise Lee, USC
WR	Terrance Williams, Baylor
TE	Zach Ertz, Stanford
OL	Luke Joeckel, Texas A&M
OL	Jonathan Cooper, North Carolina
OL	Chance Warmack, Alabama
OL	Taylor Lewan, Michigan
С	Barrett Jones, Alabama #
QB	Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M
RB	Kenjon Barner, Oregon
RB	Montee Ball, Wisconsin @
DD	

- RB Ka'Deem Carey, Arizona
- PK Dustin Hopkins, Florida State

#### **First Team Defense**

- DL Jadeveon Clowney, South Carolina
- DL Bjoern Werner, Florida State
- DL Damontre Moore, Texas A&M
- DL Star Lotulelei, Utah
- LB Manti Te'o, Notre Dame @
- LB Jarvis Jones, Georgia #
- LB C.J. Mosley, Alabama
- DB Dee Milliner, Alabama
- DB Phillip Thomas, Fresno State
- DB Johnthan Banks, Mississippi State
- DB Jordan Poyer, Oregon State
- P Ryan Allen, Louisiana Tech @
- KR Dri Archer, Kent State

#### Second Team Offense

Name, School
Stedman Bailey, West Virginia
Tavon Austin, West Virginia
Tyler Eifert, Notre Dame #
DJ Fluker, Alabama
Zack Martin, Notre Dame
Spencer Long, Nebraska
Jake Matthews, Texas A&M
Dalton Freeman, Clemson
Collin Klein, Kansas State
Johnathan Franklin, UCLA
Stefphon Jefferson, Nevada
Quinn Sharp, Oklahoma State

Hgt	Wgt	Class	Hometown
6-0	195	Soph.	Inglewood, CA
6-2	195	Sr.	Dallas, TX
6-6	252	Sr.	Alamo, CA
6-6	310	Jr.	Arlington, TX
6-3	295	Sr.	Wilmington, NC
6-3	320	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
6-8	309	Jr.	Scottsdale, AZ
6-5	302	Sr.	Germantown, TN
6-1	200	Fr.	Kerrville, TX
5-11	192	Sr.	Riverside, CA
5-11	215	Sr.	Wentzville, MO
5-10	197	Soph.	Tucson, AZ
6-2	190	Sr.	Houston, TX

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6-6	256	Soph.	Rock Hill, SC
6-4	255	Jr.	Berlin, Germany
6-4	250	Jr.	Rowlett, TX
6-4	320	Sr.	South Jordan, UT
6-2	255	Sr.	Laie, HI
6-3	241	Jr.	Columbus, GA
6-2	232	Jr.	Theodore, AL
6-1	199	Jr.	Millbrook, AL
6-1	215	Sr.	Bakersfield, CA
6-2	185	Sr.	Meben, MS
6-0	190	Sr.	Astoria, OR
6-2	215	Sr.	Salem, OR
5-8	175	Sr.	Laurel, FL

Hgt	Wgt	Class	Hometown			
5-10	195	Jr.	Miramar, FL			
5-9	171	Sr.	Baltimore, MD			
6-6	251	Sr.	Fort Wayne, IN			
6-6	335	Jr.	Foley, AL			
6-4	304	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN			
6-4	305	Jr.	Elkhorn, NE			
6-5	305	Jr.	Missouri City, TX			
6-5	285	Grad	Pelion, SC			
6-5	226	Sr.	Loveland, CO			
5-11	195	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA			
5-11	210	Jr.	Visalia, CA			
6-1	205	Sr.	Mansfield, TX			

## Second Team Defense

DL	Will Sutton, Arizona State	6-1	267	Jr.	Corona, CA
DL	Sam Montgomery, LSU	6-5	260	Jr.	Greenwood, SC
DL	Stephon Tuitt, Notre Dame	6-6	303	Soph.	Monroe, GA
DL	John Simon, Ohio State	6-2	263	Sr.	Youngstown, OH
LB	Arthur Brown, Kansas State	6-1	231	Sr.	Wichita, KS
LB	Kevin Minter, LSU	6-2	245	Jr.	Suwanee, GA
LB	Khaseem Greene, Rutgers	6-1	230	Sr.	Elizabeth, NJ
DB	Matt Elam, Florida	5-10	202	Jr.	Palm Beach Gardens, FL
DB	Eric Reid, LSU	6-2	212	Jr.	Geismar, LA
DB	Jason Verrett, TCU	5-10	180	Jr.	Fairfield, CA
DB	Bradley Roby, Ohio State	5-11	190	Soph.	Suwanee, GA
Р	Kyle Christy, Florida	6-2	199	Soph.	Brownsburg, IN
KR	Duke Johnson, Miami (Fla.)	5-9	188	Fr.	Miami, FL

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