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**2010 JOHNNY UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD NARROWS
LIST OF CANDIDATES TO FIFTEEN**

BALTIMORE, MD (10/21/10) --- The list of candidates for the 2010 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award has been reduced from the initial watch list of 22 of the country's top senior college quarterbacks to 15.

Named after the man many refer to as the greatest quarterback ever to play the game of football, the prestigious Golden Arm Award is presented annually to the top senior college quarterback in the nation by the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. and Transamerica, a leading provider of innovative business and personal financial services.

The list of the 15 remaining candidates for the 2010 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award includes:

- Ben Chappell, Indiana
- Andy Dalton, TCU
- Pat Devlin, University of Delaware
- Ricky Dobbs, Navy
- Nathan Enderle, Idaho
- Jerrod Johnson, Texas A & M
- Colin Kaepernick, Nevada
- Jake Locker, Washington
- Greg McElroy, Alabama
- Christian Ponder, Florida State
- Kevin Riley, California
- Ricky Stanzi, Iowa
- Tyrod Taylor, Virginia Tech
- Scott Tolzien, Wisconsin
- T.J. Yates, North Carolina

The 2010 winner will be presented with the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award on Friday, December 10 at the Tremont Grand Meeting & Banquet Facility in downtown Baltimore.

Last year's winner of the Golden Arm Award was Texas quarterback Colt McCoy, who started his first NFL game last Sunday for the Cleveland Browns.

Other previous winners include Matt Ryan (Boston College, 2007), Brady Quinn (Notre Dame, 2006), Matt Leinart (USC, 2005), Eli Manning (Ole Miss, 2003), Carson Palmer (USC, 2002), David Carr (Fresno State, 2001), Peyton Manning (Tennessee, 1997), Gino Torretta (Miami, FL, 1992), Rodney Peete (USC, 1988), and Don McPherson (Syracuse, 1987).

The namesake of the Golden Arm Award has a storied history which has earned him the recognition of being the greatest quarterback to ever play in the National Football League. An 18-year veteran of the NFL, Unitas played his collegiate career at the University of Louisville (1951-1954), passing for 3007 yards and 27 touchdowns.

Unitas began his pro career with the Baltimore Colts in 1958 and played there 17 years until joining the San Diego Chargers for his final season. His career passing figures include completing 2,830 of 5,186 passes for 40,239 yards and 290 touchdowns. Among his many records is one that may stand forever, throwing a touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games.

Unitas was selected as the top quarterback of all-time by the Pro Football Hall of Fame 36-member selection committee. In commemorating the NFL's 25th, 50th and 75th anniversaries, he was honored as the **GREATEST QUARTERBACK OF ALL TIME**. A Pro Bowl participant 10 times and a **THREE-TIME MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** honoree, Johnny Unitas was inducted into the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 1979. In turn of the century listings, he was featured among SPORTS ILLUSTRATED'S top ten athletes, TIME's ten most influential athletes, and in ESPN's series on the 50 Greatest Athletes of the Century.

Proceeds from the Golden Arm Awards help to support the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation. The Foundation provides financial assistance to underprivileged and deserving young scholar-athletes throughout Maryland and Kentucky.

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