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**JOHNNY UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD
NARROWS LIST OF CANDIDATES TO TEN**

BALTIMORE, MD (11/5/10) --- Narrowed down from an original field of 22, there are now 10 senior college quarterbacks in the running for the 2010 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award.

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 nation's top senior college quarterback by the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. and presenting sponsor, Transamerica, a leading provider of innovative business and personal financial services (www.transamerica.com).

The remaining candidates for the 2010 Golden Arm Award are:

- Andy Dalton, TCU
- Pat Devlin, University of Delaware
- Nathan Enderle, Idaho
- Colin Kaepernick, Nevada
- Jake Locker, Washington
- Greg McElroy, Alabama
- Christian Ponder, Florida State
- Ricky Stanzi, Iowa
- Tyrod Taylor, Virginia Tech
- Scott Tolzien, Wisconsin

That list will be cut down to five finalists for the award and, from there, to this year's winner.

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. Joining the festivities that evening will be a number of former Baltimore Colts teammates of Johnny Unitas, along with Bill Curry, the architect and builder of Georgia State University football as the program's first head coach. Curry, an All-Pro center who snapped the ball to two of the game's legendary quarterbacks – Bart Starr and Johnny Unitas – will deliver the award presentation keynote address.

Since 1987, the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award has been presented to some of college football's greatest quarterbacks, many of whom have gone on to illustrious careers in the NFL. Former winners include Colt McCoy (Texas, 2009), Matt Ryan (Boston College, 2007), Brady Quinn (Notre Dame, 2006), Matt Leinart (USC, 2005), Eli Manning (Ole Miss, 2003), Carson Palmer (USC, 2002), Peyton Manning (Tennessee, 1997), and Rodney Peete (USC, 1988).

Earlier this week, former Golden Arm Award winner Peyton Manning was named the National Football League's eighth greatest player ever by the NFL Network, while the namesake of the Golden Arm Award was selected as the NFL's sixth greatest player of all time.

Johnny Unitas has a storied history which 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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