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## 2011 OUTLAND TROPHY WATCH LIST UNVEILED

**DALLAS (FWAA)** – The prestigious **2011 Outland Trophy Watch List** was released today with a galaxy of potential line stars who could win the award that goes to the best interior lineman in college football, as selected by the **Football Writers Association of America**.

Every Division I Bowl Subdivision conference, along with independents BYU and Notre Dame, had at least one player on the annual list, which includes only tackles, guards and centers on both sides of the ball. Of the 65 players on the watch list, 16 defensive tackles occupied spots. The rest of the linemen were on offense.

The Outland Trophy winner is chosen from three finalists who are part of the FWAA All-America Team. The FWAA All-America Committee, after voting input from the entire membership, selects the 25-man team and eventually the three Outland finalists to be named on Nov. 21. Committee members, then by individual ballot, select the winner.

The Outland Trophy, presented annually since 1946, is the third oldest award in major college football. The winner of the 66th Outland Trophy, named after the late John Outland, an All-America lineman at Penn and Kansas at the turn of the century, will be announced on The Home Depot College Football Awards on Dec. 8 on ESPN.

The Outland Trophy presentation banquet, sponsored by the Greater Omaha Sports Committee, will be held on Jan. 12, 2012, in Omaha, Neb.

The **Football Writers Association of America**, a non-profit organization founded in 1941, consists of more than 1,200 men and women who cover college football for a living. The membership includes journalists, broadcasters and publicists, as well as key executives in all the areas that involve the game. The FWAA works to govern areas that include gameday operations, major awards and its annual All-America team. For more information about the FWAA and its award programs, contact Steve Richardson at tigerfwaa@aol.com or 972-713-6198.

The **Outland Trophy** 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. For more information, visit the association's official website, ncfaa.org.

The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a 13-day period this month. Fifteen of the association's 21 awards select a preseason watch list and this is the first time the NCFAA has spearheaded a coordinated effort to promote each award's preseason candidates. Following is the complete 2011 preseason watch list calendar:

July 5: Maxwell Award/Bednarik Award  
July 6: Biletnikoff Award/Mackey Award  
July 7: Lou Groza Award/Ray Guy Award  
July 8: Bronko Nagurski Trophy/Outland Trophy  
July 11: Jim Thorpe Award

July 12: Rotary Lombardi Award  
July 13: Rimington Trophy  
July 14: Butkus Award  
July 15: Davey O'Brien Award/Doak Walker Award  
July 18: Walter Camp Award



# 2011 OUTLAND TROPHY PRESEASON WATCH LIST

## **Offensive Tackles (24)**

Levy Adcock, Oklahoma State  
Jeff Allen, Illinois  
Don Barclay, West Virginia  
Kelvin Beachum, SMU  
Tony Bergstrom, Utah  
James Brown, Troy  
Blake DeChristopher, Virginia Tech  
Andrew Datko, Florida State  
Cordy Glenn, Georgia  
Dan Hoch, Missouri  
Matt Kalil, USC  
Jonathan Martin, Stanford  
Zack Martin, Notre Dame  
Al Netter, Northwestern  
Lucas Nix, Pittsburgh  
Xavier Nixon, Florida  
Trevor Olson, Northern Illinois  
Kelechi Osemele, Iowa State  
Nate Potter, Boise State  
Riley Reiff, Iowa  
Matt Reynolds, BYU  
Mitchell Schwartz, California  
Bradley Sowell, Ole Miss  
Rokevious Watkins, South Carolina

## **Guards (14)**

Chris Barker, Nevada  
David DeCastro, Stanford  
Lonnie Edwards, Texas Tech  
Joel Foreman, Michigan State  
Braden Hansen, BYU  
Chris Jacobson, Pittsburgh  
Barrett Jones, Alabama  
Ryan Miller, Colorado  
Ken Plue, Purdue

Lane Taylor, Oklahoma State  
Omoregie Uzzi, Georgia Tech  
Larry Warford, Kentucky  
Brandon Washington, Miami  
Kevin Zeitler, Wisconsin

## **Centers (11)**

Mike Brewster, Ohio State  
Dalton Freeman, Clemson  
Garth Gerhart, Arizona State  
Ben Habern, Oklahoma  
Khaled Holmes, USC  
T.J. Johnson, South Carolina  
Ben Jones, Georgia  
David Molk, Michigan  
Moe Petrus, Connecticut  
Chris Thompson, Houston  
William Vlachos, Alabama

## **Defensive Tackles (16)**

Jared Crick, Nebraska  
Marcus Forston, Miami  
Logan Harrell, Fresno State  
Jaye Howard, Florida  
Malik Jackson, Tennessee  
Mike Martin, Michigan  
Dontari Poe, Memphis  
Tydreke Powell, North Carolina  
Kheeston Randall, Texas  
Kendall Reyes, Connecticut  
Kawann Short, Purdue  
Akeem Spence, Illinois  
Alameda Ta'amu, Washington  
Billy Winn, Boise State  
Derek Wolfe, Cincinnati  
Jerel Worthy, Michigan State

**By conference (65):** Big Ten 13, SEC 11, Pac-12 9, ACC 7, Big 12 7, Big East 6, Conference USA 3, Independents 3, Mountain West 2, WAC 2, MAC 1, Sun Belt 1.

The **Outland Trophy** is presented to the nation's most outstanding interior lineman by the **Football Writers Association of America**.