

Fant Named to Walter Camp Preseason Watch List

IOWA CITY, Iowa -- University of Iowa junior tight end **Noah Fant** has been named a Walter Camp Award player to watch. The announcement was made Friday by the Walter Camp Football Foundation. Fant joins 49 others on the watch list vying for college football's fourth-oldest individual accolade, which is given to the nation's best player.

Fant, who led all FBS tight ends averaging 16.5 yards per catch in 2017, landed on the All-Big Ten first team. He led Iowa and all FBS tight ends with 11 touchdown receptions and ranked second on the team with a career-high 30 receptions.

Ten semifinalists will be announced in mid-November and the winner will be announced live on ESPN on Thursday, Dec. 6. The trophy will be presented at the Foundation's annual awards banquet on Jan. 12, 2019, in New Haven, Connecticut.

Earlier this summer, the Omaha, Nebraska, native was named to the *Athlon Sports* All-Big Ten preseason and first team All-American team, and *Sporting News* preseason first team All-American. In addition, Fant was named to the Big Ten's preseason honors list and John Mackey Award preseason watch list.

Fant and the Hawkeyes open their season against Northern Illinois on Sept. 1. For ticket information visit hawkeyesports.com/fightforiowa.

Penn State's Trace McSorley on Walter Camp Watch List

Senior quarterback among the candidates for National Player of the Year

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; July 27, 2018 – Senior quarterback **Trace McSorley** (Ashburn, Va.) earned a spot on the Walter Camp Player of the Year Award watch list. This is McSorley's fourth watch list appearance (Maxwell Award, Wuerffel Trophy, O'Brien Award) this summer.

The Walter Camp Trophy is awarded to the outstanding player of the year who has exemplified the qualities of self-discipline, unselfish team play, desire to excel, mature judgement and respect for leadership. He must be a dedicated competitor who has made effective use of his athletic talent to enhance the great American game of college football. His standout performance on the playing field must be accompanied by an equally strong effort to contribute to the betterment of the life of all his fellow human beings. He must exhibit an awareness of the need to fulfill his role as a leader. He must espouse the ideals adhered to by Walter Camp, the "Father of American Football."

Penn State has two Walter Camp winners in running back John Cappelletti, who won the award in 1973, and tailback Larry Johnson, who claimed the honor in 2002.

McSorley, who is a two-time captain, enters his final season in the Blue & White having thrown a touchdown pass in 28-straight games, the longest active streak in FBS. He holds the Penn State career records for completion percentage (61.8), passing efficiency (152.9), passing touchdowns (59) and total offense (8,268). He also owns the Penn State season marks for passing yards (3,614; 2016), completions (284; 2017), passing touchdowns (29; 2016), total offense (4,061; 2017), 300-yard passing games (5; 2016 and 2017), 200-yard passing games (11; 2016 and 2017) and touchdowns responsible for (37; 2017). In 2017, McSorley became just the second player in Big Ten history to have 25 passing touchdowns and 10 rushing scores in the same season, joining Ohio State's J.T. Barrett (2014 and 2017). He is also one of seven players in Big Ten history to record back-to-back 3,000-yard passing seasons. Last season, McSorley earned his second consecutive berth on the All-Big Ten second team as selected by the coaches and media. McSorley was a finalist for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award and Manning Award in 2017.

Ten different Nittany Lions have been named to preseason watch lists. They include: junior offensive lineman **Ryan Bates** – Outland Trophy (top interior lineman) senior linebacker **Koa**

Farmer – Butkus Award (top linebacker); junior punter **Blake Gillikin** – Ray Guy Award (nation’s top punter); junior tight end **Jonathan Holland** – Mackey Award (most outstanding collegiate tight end); junior center **Connor McGovern** – Rimmington Trophy (nation’s top center), Outland Trophy (top interior lineman); senior quarterback **Trace McSorley** – Maxwell Award (National Player of the Year), Davey O’Brien Award (nation’s top quarterback), Wuerffel Trophy (College Football’s Premier Award for Community Service), Walter Camp Award (National Player of the Year); junior defensive end **Shareef Miller** – Bednarik Award (National Defensive Player of the Year); junior running back **Miles Sanders** – Doak Walker Award (nation’s top running back); senior safety **Nick Scott** – Allstate AFCA Good Works Team; head coach **James Franklin** – Bobby Dodd Trophy (nation’s top coach).

The Nittany Lions’ home schedule features five Big Ten Conference games, including visits from 2017 Big Ten Championship Game participants Ohio State and Wisconsin. The Nittany Lions open the season at home against Appalachian State (Sept. 1; 3:30 p.m.) and host Kent State (Sept. 15; noon) in non-conference action. In Big Ten play, Penn State welcomes Ohio State (Sept. 29), Michigan State (Oct. 13; 3:30/4 p.m.), Iowa (Oct. 27), Wisconsin (Nov. 10) and Maryland (Nov. 24) to Happy Valley.

Big Ten Announces Football Preseason Honors

Three returning All-Americans, nine former All-Big Ten selections highlight this year’s list

ROSEMONT, Ill. – The Big Ten Conference announced its 2018 football preseason honors on Monday in conjunction with the start of Big Ten Media Days at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile. A media panel selected the 10-member preseason list, with five representatives each from the East and West Divisions.

Ohio State fielded a pair of honorees on the East Division roster, while Penn State was represented by senior quarterback and unanimous selection Trace McSorley. The Buckeyes were represented by junior defensive end Nick Bosa and sophomore running back J.K. Dobbins. Michigan junior defensive lineman Rashan Gary and Michigan State junior quarterback Brian Lewerke rounded out the East Division lineup. McSorley garnered Big Ten football preseason honors for the second consecutive season.

Wisconsin paced the West Division with two standouts selected. The Badgers saw senior linebacker T.J. Edwards and sophomore running back Jonathan Taylor earn recognition. Iowa junior tight end Noah Fant, Nebraska senior wide receiver Stanley Morgan Jr., and Northwestern sophomore linebacker Paddy Fisher completed the West Division honorees. Fant, Morgan Jr., Fisher, Edwards and Taylor garnered Big Ten football preseason honors for the first time in their careers.

The 2018 Big Ten preseason honors list features the reigning Smith-Brown Defensive Lineman of the Year in Bosa and the returning Thompson-Randle El Freshman of the Year in Taylor, who are among nine All-Big Ten selections on the squad. Bosa, Edwards, Gary and Taylor were first-team All-Big Ten picks last year. Other second- and third-team All-Conference honorees last year who made this year’s preseason honors list include Dobbins, Fant, Fisher, McSorley and Morgan Jr.

The full list of Big Ten football preseason honorees is as follows:

EAST DIVISION

Rashan Gary, Jr., DL, MICH

Brian Lewerke, Jr., QB, MSU

Nick Bosa, Jr., DE, OSU

J.K. Dobbins, So., RB, OSU

TRACE MCSORLEY, SR., QB, PSU

WEST DIVISION

Noah Fant, Jr., TE, IOWA
Stanley Morgan Jr., Sr., WR, NEB
Paddy Fisher, So., LB, NU
T.J. Edwards, Sr., LB, WIS
Jonathan Taylor, So., RB, WIS

Unanimous honoree in ALL CAPS

Bosa, Dobbins Earn Big Ten Preseason Honors
Duo selected by panel of media voters

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Ohio State standouts **Nick Bosa** and **J.K. Dobbins** were selected today to the Big Ten's preseason list of 10 outstanding players from the conference. Five represented the Big Ten East while another five represented the Big Ten West. The announcement was made in conjunction with the start of Big Ten Media Days at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile.

Bosa, a junior from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was named last week to the Maxwell Award Watch List and the Bednarik Award Watch List. Both awards are presented by the Maxwell Club and honor the nation's most valuable player and its top defensive player, respectively. A first-team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association, Bosa led the 2017 Buckeyes in tackles-for-loss (16.0), tackles-for-loss yardage (74) and sacks (8.0).

As a result of his production, Bosa was the Big Ten Conference's Smith-Brown defensive lineman of the year in 2017, becoming the fourth consecutive Buckeye to earn the award. He enters this season with 63 tackles in 27 career games to go along with 23 TFLs and 13.5 sacks.

Dobbins, a sophomore from LaGrange, Texas, is already a member of the Doak Walker Award and Maxwell Award watch lists. He is coming off the best statistical seasons for any freshman running back in program history, rushing for 1,403 yards and seven touchdowns while starting all 14 games for the Big Ten and Cotton Bowl champions.

In last year's Big Ten Championship Game against No. 4 Wisconsin, Dobbins rushed for 174 yards to earn the game's Most Outstanding Player honors. It was one of six 100-yard games for Dobbins, who averaged 7.2 yards per carry – good for seventh-best nationally and No. 1 among freshmen.

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Trace McSorley, Sr., QB, Penn State

WEST DIVISION

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Paddy Fisher, So., LB, Northwestern
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