

Press Release

Maxwell Club Announces Ray Lewis as the Recipient of the 3rd Tropicana Legends Award

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Maxwell Football Club President, Mark Dianno, announced today that former Baltimore Ravens Hall of Fame linebacker Ray Lewis has been selected as the winner of the Tropicana Legends Award.

Lewis is widely considered to be one of the most dominant defensive players in the history of the NFL. Lewis led the Baltimore Ravens to victory in Super Bowl XXXV (where he was named Super Bowl MVP) and again in Super Bowl XLVII, in what would be the final game of his career. Lewis is only the second player in NFL history to win both the NFL Defensive Player of the Year and Super Bowl MVP awards in the same year (2000).

The Ravens' all-time career leader in tackles and fumble recoveries, Lewis is also the only player in NFL history with at least 40 career sacks and over 30 interceptions. Lewis's 13 Pro Bowl selections are tied for the fifth-most in the NFL by any player, and is the most by a linebacker. He was named AP All-Pro ten times and NFL Defensive Player of the Year twice (2000 and 2003). Lewis played in 228 games, including 11 playoff games. Lewis's historic comeback to play in 2012 following a torn triceps injury secured him the record of the most tackles by one defender in any NFL postseason (51).

Lewis is also one of only six players to earn the AP Defensive Player of the Year Award multiple times (2000 and 2003). Named to the 2000s All-Decade Team, Lewis was the second draft pick in Ravens history—the No. 26 pick overall in the 1996 NFL Draft. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2018.

Today, Lewis is a New York Times Bestselling author and devotes his time to being a father as well as a regular guest analyst on Fox Sports.

“We are excited to once again present the Legends Award in conjunction with our longtime event host and partner, Tropicana Casino & Resort, Atlantic City”, said Maxwell Club Executive Director Mark Wolpert. “This will be our 5th year hosting the Maxwell Gala at Tropicana and each year the property just gets better. We are fortunate to have a host partner who goes the extra mile to make sure our event is fabulous each year, and the credit for that goes to Steve Callender and his fine staff at Tropicana.”

Lewis will be honored Friday, March 8, 2019 at the 82nd Maxwell Club National Awards Gala which will be held at the Tropicana Casino & Resort in Atlantic City, NJ. Also receiving awards at this event will be Ron Jaworski – Philadelphia Eagles/ESPN (Reds Bagnell Award for Contributions to Football), Tua Tagovailoa - Alabama (Maxwell Award), Josh Allen - Kentucky (Chuck Bednarik Award), Bob Surace – Princeton University (Andy Talley Tri-State Coach of the Year Award), John Lovett – Princeton University (The Brian Westbrook Tri-State Player of the Year Award) and Jeff Monken – Army-West Point (The George Munger College Coach of the Year Award) . The Club will be announcing additional winners of professional awards later this week.

Tickets for the Maxwell Football Club National Awards Gala are available for purchase on the Club's website <https://www.maxwellfootballclub.org/product/national-awards-individual-ticket/> or by calling 215-643-3833.



Questions concerning any of the Maxwell Football Club's awards or programs can be directed to MFC Executive Director Mark Wolpert at info@maxwellfootballclub.org.

About the Maxwell Football Club

The Maxwell Football Club (MFC) was founded in 1935 and is a registered 501c3 Non-Profit Corporation. The MFC promotes and recognizes excellence at all levels of football from youth leagues through the professional ranks. Each year the MFC offers programs which focus on player and coach development, safety, and player wellness. The Club also presents many of the premiere awards in the football world each year. Membership is open and additional information on the Club can be found at www.maxwellfootballclub.org.