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ADIDAS AND MAXWELL FOOTBALL CLUB ANNOUNCE WATCH LISTS FOR 2019 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Maxwell Football Club (MFC) and presenting sponsor adidas today announced the 2019 watch list for the presented yearly to the nation's best scholastic football player on each side of the ball.

The award was established in 2007 and former winners include Jacob Eason (Lake Stevens HS – Georgia), Trenton Thompson (2014 Westover HS - Georgia), Will Grier (2013 Davidson Day School - Florida), Derrick Henry (2012 Yulee HS - Alabama), Noah Spence (2011 Bishop McDevitt HS - Ohio State), Jeff Driskel (2010 Hagerty HS - Florida), Sharif Floyd (2009 George Washington HS - Florida), Jamarkus McFarland (2008 Lufkin HS - Oklahoma) and DeVier Posey (2007 Cincinnati LaSalle HS - Ohio State). In 2017, for the first time, both offensive and defensive players were recognized, with honors going to Trevor Lawrence (Cartersville, GA High School/Clemson) and Taron Vincent (IMG Academy/Ohio State). Last season's honorees were Bru McCoy (Mater Dei HS – USC) and Nolan Smith (IMG Academy – Georgia).

The Maxwell Football Club has been recognizing excellence at all levels of football since 1935 and has a major focus on high school football nationally, while adidas currently outfits over 30 collegiate FBS (Football Bowl Subdivision) teams as well as some of the top high school programs in the country.

“We are very excited to continue our partnership with adidas as the presenting sponsor of the MFC National High School Offensive & Defensive Player of the Year awards. These awards have gained a great deal of notoriety on a national scale since its inception and partnering with a company like adidas which is known for putting innovation at the forefront of their business model will only continue to enhance the award's presence and allow more opportunities for aspiring athletes.”

- *Mark Wolpert, MFC Executive Director*

“adidas and the Maxwell Football Club (MFC) have a lot of synergies with rich histories with the game of football. Our core belief is that through sports we have the power to change lives and it's an honor and exciting opportunity for us to partner with the MFC to identify the very best High School football player in the country.”

- *Shannon Ferbrache, adidas Director of U.S. Sports – Grassroots Football*

The initial watch list for the MFC NATIONAL OFFENSIVE and DEFENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS PRESENTED BY ADIDAS are below. Players have been selected by the MFC National Selection Committee and the Club reserves the right to make additions and subtractions to this list as the 2019 season unfolds. 16 semifinalists for each award will be announced on November 13th and 6 finalists will be announced on December 19th.

The winner of the 2019 MFC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS PRESENTED BY ADIDAS will be announced on January 7, 2020 and the formal presentation of the award will take place at the Maxwell Football Club National Awards Gala that will take place on Friday March 6, 2020 at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey.