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2010 Rotary Lombardi Award Preliminary Watch List

Houston, Texas – April 28, 2010 – The Rotary Lombardi Award Committee has released the preliminary watch list for the 2010 Rotary Lombardi Award.

Eligibility for the Rotary Lombardi Award is limited to down linemen, end-to-end, either on offense or defense, who set up no farther than 10 yards to the left or right of the ball, or linebackers who set up no farther than five yards deep from the line of scrimmage. The candidates earned a place on the preliminary watch list by earning All-American honors or by being named to their respective all-conference first team as selected by the conference's head coaches. The Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List will be updated prior to the start of the 2010 season in order to identify those players who have been selected as pre-season honors candidates.

While the Watch List highlights those players who have already received national recognition, any Division 1 player who meets the requirements is eligible for consideration from the Rotary Lombardi Selection Committee. This committee is comprised of more than 500 members, including all past winners and finalists, all Division 1-A head coaches and a panel of sportswriters and broadcasters.

The Rotary Lombardi Watch List, intended as a reference tool for the Selection Committee, will be periodically updated and revised through the conclusion of the voting to determine the 12 Semifinalists for 2010.

Last year's Rotary Lombardi Award winner, Ndamukong Suh (Nebraska) was picked up by the Detroit Lions and Finalist Gerald McCoy (OU) by Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the First Round of the NFL Draft.

The 41st Rotary Lombardi Award will be held on December 7- 8, 2010 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. For more information on the two-day schedule of events, please visit www.rotarylombardiaward.org.

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Player	Pos.	School	Player Highlights
Sam Acho	DE	Texas	HM all-Big 12, 10 sacks and 10 tackles for a loss (TFL)
Pierre Allen	DE	Nebraska	Started all 14 games at DE, 51 tackles and five sacks
Marvin Austin	DT	UNC	Second team all-ACC, 42 tackles and 4 sacks
Akeem Ayers	LB	UCLA	Dynamic play maker, HM all-Pac 10, 3 Def. TDs & 14.5 TFL
Allen Bailey	DT/DE	Miami	First team all-ACC, 4th in ACC in sacks per game
Jeff Battipaglia	OT	Navy	Started all 13 games - led Navy rush attack to #4 ranking
Jeremy Beal	DE	Oklahoma	Hendricks Award finalist, Third team All-American - 11 sacks
Chase Beeler	C	Stanford	Second team all-Pac 10 selection for 8-5 Cardinal
Nick Bellore	LB	Cent. Mich.	First team all-MAC, 102 tackles and 7 tackles for a loss
Broderick Binns	DE	Iowa	Honorable mention all-Big Ten, 6.5 sacks and 10 TFL
Clint Boling	OT	Georgia	Second team all-SEC selection at tackle
Justin Boren	G	Ohio State	First team all-Big Ten guard (media)/Second team (coaches)
Chris Borland	LB	Wisconsin	Big Ten Freshman of the Year, HM all-Big Ten
Da'Quan Bowers	DE	Clemson	Projected to be #1 ranked DE in 2011 Draft, 3 sacks in 2009
Vontaze Burfict	LB	Ariz. State	Sun Devils' Human Highlight reel, Pac 10 Def. Freshman of the Year
Marcus Cannon	OT	TCU	First team All-MWC - didn't allow one sack in 2009
Tank Carder	LB	TCU	Second team all-MWC, 89 tackles and 10 TFL
Gabe Carimi	OT	Wisconsin	First team all-Big Ten tackle (media)/Second team (coaches)
James Carpenter	OT	Alabama	Started all 14 games at left tackle for national champions
Bruce Carter	LB	UNC	Second team all-ACC, led the nation with 5 blocked kicks
Jurrell Casey	DT	USC	Honorable mention all-Pac 10, 4.5 sacks and 9 TFL
Anthony Castonzo	OT	Boston Col.	First team all-ACC at tackle in 2009
Ugo Chinasa	DE	Ok. State	Honorable mention all-Big 12, 6.5 sacks and 10 TFL
Adrian Clayborn	DE	Iowa	2010 Orange Bowl Defensive MVP, First team all-Big 10
Wayne Daniels	DE	TCU	Second team all-MWC, 5.5 sacks and 9 TFL
Marcell Dareus	DT	Alabama	2010 BCS National Championship Game Def. MVP
Chris Galippo	LB	USC	Honorable mention all-Pac 10, 70 tackles and 8 TFL
Cameron Heyward	DT/DE	Ohio State	Second team all-Big Ten, led Buckeyes with 7.5 sacks
Mark Herzlich	LB	Boston Col	Sat out 2009 following cancer treatments - all-ACC in 2008
Dont'a Hightower	LB	Alabama	Injured in 2009 - played in only 4 games
Ross Homan	LB	Ohio State	Second team all-Big 10 (media and coaches)
Justin Houston	DE	Georgia	Second team all-SEC, 7.5 sacks and 15 TFLs (led team)
Rodney Hudson	G	Fl. State	First team all-ACC, Awarded ACC Jacobs Trophy (best blocker)
Nate Irving	LB	NC State	Injured in 2009, missed the entire season
Ethan Johnson	DE	Notre Dame	Led the Irish with 4 sacks, moves out to DE in 2010
Greg Jones	LB	Mich. State	First team all-Big Ten after 154 tackle season (3rd in nation)
Lance Kendricks	TE	Wisconsin	29 receptions for 356 yards and 3 TDs,
Ryan Kerrigan	DE	Purdue	First team all-Big Ten (media)/Second team (coaches) - 13 sacks
Jake Kirkpatrick	C	TCU	One of six finalists for Rimington Trophy (best center) in 2009
Luke Kuechly	LB	Boston Col.	ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year, First team all-ACC
Travis Lewis	LB	Oklahoma	First team All-Big 12, 109 tackles and 9.5 TFL
Jonathan Martin	OT	Stanford	As freshman, started 11 games, leading way for Toby Gerhart
Casey Matthews	LB	Oregon	Second team all-Pac 10, second on team with 81 tackles
Cliff Matthews	DE	South Car.	Second team all-SEC, 7 sacks & 10 TFL, named captain as junior
Marcus McGraw	LB	Houston	Fifth in the nation with 156 tackles (11.1 per game)
Pernell McPhee	DE	Miss. State	Second team all-SEC in 2009, first year in SEC

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Bruce Miller	DE	UCF	CUSA Defensive Player of the Year, had 13 sacks
Von Miller	OLB	Texas A&M	First team all-Big 12, led the nation in sacks with 17
John Moffitt	G	Wisconsin	First team all-Big Ten, started at both left guard and center
Mike Mohamed	LB	Cal	First team all-Pac 10, led Pac 10 with 112 tackles
Kris O'Dowd	C	USC	2009 pre-season All-American selection but only played in 8 games
Stephen Paea	DT	Oregon St.	Co-recipient of Morris Trophy - Pac 10's Top Def. Lineman
Jason Pinkston	OT	Pitt	One of the top tackles in the 2011 Draft class, 28 career starts
Mike Pouncey	G	Florida	Moves to C to replace brother, 17 career starts, HM all-SEC
Nate Potter	OT	Boise State	First team all-WAC for 14-0 Broncos
Jerrell Powe	DT	Ole Miss	Led the Rebels with 12 TFL and had 3 sacks
Ryan Pugh	C	Auburn	Second team all-SEC selection in 2009, 31 career starts
Robert Quinn	DE	UNC	First team all-ACC honors in 2009
Matt Reynolds	OT	BYU	First team all-MWC starting all 13 games at left tackle
Barquell Rivers	LB	Va. Tech	Recorded 89 tackles last season in first as starter
Greg Romeus	DE	Pitt	Big East Co-Def. Player of the Year, Hendricks Award finalist
Kenny Rowe	DE	Oregon	Honorable mention all-Pac 10, led Pac 10 with 11.5 sacks
Kyle Rudolph	TE	Notre Dame	33 receptions for 364 yards and 3 TDs in ten games
Weslye Saunders	TE	South Car.	32 receptions for 353 yards and 3 TDs
Kelvin Sheppard	LB	LSU	Led LSU with 103 tackles (third in SEC)
Quan Sturdivant	LB	UNC	First team all-ACC in 2009, led Tar Heels with 79 tackles
Nate Solder	OT	Colorado	First team all-Big 12, only Buffalo to earn first team honors
Manti Te'o	LB	Notre Dame	Registered 63 tackles in true freshman season
J.T Thomas	LB	West Va.	First team all-Big East, registered 76 tackles
Bo Thran	G	Oregon	Honorable mention all-Pac 10, started 12 games at LT
Ryan Winterswyk	DE	Boise State	Two time first team All-WAC selection, 9 sacks in 2009
Lawrence Wilson	LB	Connecticut	First team all-Big East, led conference with 140 tackles
Stefen Wisniewski	C	Penn State	First team all-Big Ten selection at center
Alex Wujciak	LB	Maryland	First team all-ACC in 2009, eighth in nation in tackles with 131
Lee Ziemba	OT	Auburn	Second team all-SEC (coaches), has 38 consecutive starts

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