

Marcus Mariota, Amari Cooper, Melvin Gordon and Scooby Wright III among Award Recipients at The Home Depot College Football Awards

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (Dec. 11, 2014) – Marcus Mariota, Amari Cooper, Melvin Gordon and Scooby Wright III among Award Recipients at *The Home Depot College Football Awards*.

Marcus Mariota of Oregon, Amari Cooper of Alabama, Melvin Gordon of Wisconsin and Scooby Wright III of Arizona each claimed top awards during the 24th annual *The Home Depot College Football Awards* hosted by Rece Davis, and joined by Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit, Desmond Howard, Tom Rinaldi and Samantha Ponder on ESPN Thursday night live from the Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Mariota, a redshirt junior of Honolulu, Hawaii, took home two awards during the show – the Maxwell Award for the college player of the year and the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award. This marks the sixteenth time a quarterback has won both the Maxwell Award and Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award in the same year, the last being Cam Newton in 2010. Eight players that have won the Maxwell and O'Brien have gone on to win the Heisman Trophy.

Cooper won the Biletnikoff Award for the college defensive player of the year; Gordon won the Doak Walker Award for the nation's outstanding running back; and Wright III took home the Chuck Bednarik Award for college defensive player of the year.

Other notable awards included the presentation of TCU's Gary Patterson with [The Home Depot Coach of the Year Award](#); former Baylor head coach and current AFCA Executive Director Grant Teaff was [honored](#) with the NCFAA Contributions to College Football Award; **Oklahoma Sooners coach Bob Stoops and junior wide receiver Sterling Shepard received the [Disney Spirit Award](#)**; and Ole Miss linebacker Deterrian Shackelford was named the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team Captain – one of college football's most prestigious off-the-field honors determined by college football fan voters for the good work these players conduct, and their remarkable stories of service to others.

THE HOME DEPOT COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARDSWINNERS – (winner in bold)

Vic Beasley, Clemson (RS Graduate)

Joey Bosa, Ohio State (So.)

Scooby Wright III, Arizona (So.) – Winner

Chuck Bednarik Award

College Defensive Player of the Year

Biletnikoff Award

Nation's Outstanding College Receiver

Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award

Nation's Outstanding Placekicker

Ray Guy Award

College Punter of the Year

Maxwell Award

College Player of the Year

Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award

Nation's Best Quarterback

Outland Trophy

Nation's Most Outstanding Interior Lineman

Jim Thorpe Award

Nation's Best Defensive Back

Doak Walker Award

Nation's Premier Running Back

Amari Cooper, Alabama (Jr.) - Winner

Rashard Higgins, Colorado State (So.)

Kevin White, West Virginia (Sr.)

Roberto Aguayo, Florida State* (RS So.)

Brad Craddock, Maryland (Jr.) - Winner

Josh Lambert, West Virginia (RS So.)

Tom Hackett, Utah (Jr.) - Winner

JK Scott, Alabama (Fr.)

Austin Rehkow, Idaho (So.)

Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin (RS Jr.)

Marcus Mariota, Oregon (RS Jr.) - Winner

Dak Prescott, Mississippi State (Jr.)

Trevone Boykin, TCU (Jr.)

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Dak Prescott, Mississippi State (Jr.)

Malcom Brown, Texas (Jr.)

Reese Dismukes, Auburn (Sr.)

Brandon Scherff, Iowa (Sr.) - Winner

Landon Collins, Alabama (Jr.)

Ifo Ekpre-Olomu, Oregon (Sr.)

Gerod Holliman, Louisville (RS So.) - Winner

Ameer Abdullah, Nebraska (Sr.)

Tevin Coleman, Indiana (Jr.)

Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin (RS Jr.) - Winner

The following players were also announced for the Walter Camp All-America Team:

Player of the Year

Offensive Team

Player

Marcus Mariota

Team

Oregon

Quarterback	Marcus Mariota	Oregon
Wide Receiver	Amari Cooper	Alabama
Wide Receiver	Rashard Higgins	Colorado State
Tight End	Nick O’Leary	Florida State
Offensive Lineman	Tre’ Jackson	Florida State
Offensive Lineman	Cedric Ogbuehi	Texas A&M
Offensive Lineman	Brandon Scherff	Iowa
Offensive Lineman	Laken Tomlinson	Duke
Center	Reese Dismukes	Auburn
Running Back	Tevin Coleman	Indiana
Running Back	Melvin Gordon	Wisconsin
Defensive Team		
Defensive Lineman	Vic Beasley	Clemson
Defensive Lineman	Joey Bosa	Ohio State
Defensive Lineman	Nate Orchard	Utah
Defensive Lineman	Shane Ray	Missouri
Linebacker	Paul Dawson	TCU
Linebacker	Hau’oli Kikaha	Washington
Linebacker	Scooby Wright III	Arizona
Defensive Back	Landon Collins	Alabama
Defensive Back	Ifo Ekpre-Olomu	Oregon
Defensive Back	Senquez Golson	Ole Miss
Defensive Back	Gerod Holliman	Louisville
Special Teams		
Placekicker	Roberto Aguayo	Florida State
Punter	Tom Hackett	Utah
Punt Returner	Jamarcus Nelson	UAB

Three additional awards were announced during **The Red Carpet Special at The Home Depot College Football Awards** hosted by Ponder, Rinaldi and Danny Kanellon *ESPNU*:

- **Rimington Trophy** (nation’s outstanding center): Reese Dismukes, Auburn

Dismukes is the first Rimington Trophy winner from Auburn and fifth SEC player to win and second in last three seasons.

- **John Mackey Award** (nation’s outstanding tight end): Nick O’Leary, Florida State

O’Leary is the first Florida State player to win and third ACC player to win.

- **William V. Campbell Trophy** (academic success, football performance and community leadership): David Helton, Duke

Helton is the first Duke player to win and second ACC player to win, joining Virginia's Thomas Burns in 1993.

Several other awards were recognized during this year's show:

- **Bronko Nagurski Trophy** (nation's outstanding defensive player): Scooby Wright III, Arizona
- **Frank Broyles Award** (top assistant coach): *Tom Herman*, Ohio State offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach
- **Rotary Lombardi Award** (nation's outstanding lineman): Scooby Wright III, Arizona

Notes:

Scooby Wright III (Arizona), winner of the Chuck Bednarik Award (College Defensive Player of the Year)

- Joins USC's Rey Mauluga (2008) as the only Pac-12 players to win award
- Second linebacker to win award in last three seasons (2012 Manti Te'o of Notre Dame)

Amari Cooper (Alabama), winner of the Biletnikoff Award (Nation's Outstanding College Receiver)

- First Alabama player to win award
- Joins LSU's Josh Reed (2001) as the only SEC players to win award
- Fifth straight year winner will finish with 110+ Rec

Brad Craddock (Maryland), winner of Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award (Nation's Outstanding Placekicker)

- First Maryland player to win award
- Third Big Ten player to win award, joining Iowa's Nate Keating (2002) and Ohio State's Mike Nugent (2004)

Tom Hackett (Utah), winner of the Ray Guy Award (College Punter of the Year)

- First Utah player to win award
- First Pac-12 player to win award
- First Power-5 Conference player to win since 2010 (Florida's Chas Henry)

Marcus Mariota (Oregon), winner of the Maxwell Award (College Player of the Year)

- First Oregon player to win award
- Second Pac-12 player to win award in last 4 seasons (2011 Andrew Luck, Stanford)
- Seeking to become the first player to win Maxwell Award and Heisman Trophy in same season since Cam Newton in 2010
- Only once in the past six seasons has the Maxwell Award winner won the Heisman Trophy in the same year (2010 Cam Newton)

Marcus Mariota (Oregon), winner of the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award

- Joins UCLA's Troy Aikman (1988) as only Pac-12 players to win award
- Seeking to become fifth straight player to win Davey O'Brien Award and Heisman Trophy in same season
- The Davey O'Brien winner has also won the Heisman Trophy in seven of the last eight seasons

Scooby Wright III (Arizona), winner of the Outland Trophy (Nation's Most Outstanding Interior Lineman)

- Joins USC's Rey Maualuga (2008) as the only Pac-12 players to win award
- Second LB to win award in last 3 seasons (2012 Manti Te'o of Notre Dame)

Gerod Holliman (Louisville), winner of the Jim Thorpe Award (Nation's Best Defensive Back)

- First Louisville player to win award
- First ACC player to win award
- First player not from SEC or Big Ten to win award since 2007 (Arizona's Antoine Cason)

Melvin Gordon (Wisconsin), winner of the Doak Walker Award (Nation's Premier Running Back)

- Third Wisconsin player to win award (1999 Ron Dayne, 2012 Montee Ball)
- Seventh Big Ten player to win award
- Second straight season winner has rushed for 2,000 yards

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