JOHN MACKEY AWARD BEST COLLEGIATE TIGHT END

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NOAH FANT AND T.J. HOCKENSON OF IOWA NAMED JOHN MACKEY TIGHT ENDS OF THE WEEK

New York, N.Y. (October 17, 2018) – For the first time since the inception of the John Mackey Tight End of the Week, the John Mackey Award has named teammates as co-winners of the weekly honor. Noah Fant and T.J. Hockenson of Iowa combined for a monster game totaling 209 receiving yards and three touchdowns as Iowa beat Indiana 42-16. Individually, Fant finished with four catches for 102 receiving yards and a touchdown while Hockenson also had four catches for 107 receiving yards and two touchdowns including a career long 54-yarder. Honorable mentions for this week include Jared Rice of Fresno State and Jace Sternberger of Texas A&M.

The 2018 John Mackey recipient will be announced on December 5, 2018 and then presented live on December 6, 2018 at The Home Depot College Football Awards Red Carpet Show on ESPNU. Other key dates include the 2018 Mackey Semi-finalists on November 15, 2018 and the 2018 Mackey Finalists on November 22, 2018. All future announcements can be found at <u>www.johnmackeyaward.com</u>, on our official Twitter account: <u>@JohnMackeyAward</u> and also on our official Facebook page: <u>www.facebook.com/JohnMackeyAward</u>.

The John Mackey Tight End of the Week is an honor distinct and different from the annual John Mackey Award. This weekly honor was started in 2004 to draw attention to individual play by Tight Ends during the active season. The Tight End of the Week acknowledgment does not have a direct bearing on the final John Mackey Award selection process. The John Mackey Tight End of the Week honor will run until the announcement of the eight Semi-Finalists.

The John Mackey Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. The 24 awards boast over 750 years of tradition-selection excellence. Visit <u>www.NCFAA.org</u> to learn more about our story.

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