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**JOHNNY UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD
NARROWS LIST OF CANDIDATES TO TEN**

BALTIMORE, MD (10/13/08) --- Narrowed down from an original field of 26, there are now 10 senior quarterbacks in the running for the 2008 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award.

Named after the man many refer to as the greatest quarterback ever to play the game of football, the prestigious Golden Arm Award is presented annually to the nation's top senior college quarterback by the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. and Transamerica, a leading provider of innovative business and personal financial services.

The remaining candidates for the 2008 Golden Arm Award are: Tom Brandstater (Fresno State); Chase Clement (Rice); Chase Daniel (Missouri); Cullen Harper (Clemson); Graham Harrell (Texas Tech); Brian Johnson (Utah); Curtis Painter (Purdue); John Parker Wilson (Alabama); Pat White (West Virginia); and Drew Willy (University of Buffalo).

The finalists were announced live on this evening's 7 p.m. edition of "Out of Bounds," on CN8, The Comcast Network.

The 2008 winner will be presented with the Golden Arm Award on Friday, December 5 at the Tremont Grand Meeting & Banquet Facility in downtown Baltimore.

Last year's winner of the Golden Arm Award was Boston College quarterback Matt Ryan, who is now with the Atlanta Falcons. Other past winners include: Brady Quinn (Notre Dame, 2006), Matt Leinart (USC, 2005), Jason White (University of Oklahoma, 2004), Eli Manning (Ole Miss, 2003), Carson Palmer (USC, 2002), David Carr (Fresno State, 2001), Chris Weinke (Florida State, 2000), Chris Redman (Louisville, 1999), Cade McNown (UCLA, 1998), Peyton Manning (Tennessee, 1997), Danny Wuerffel (Florida, 1996), Tommie Frazier (Nebraska, 1995), Jay Barker (Alabama, 1994), Charlie Ward (Florida State, 1993), Gino Torretta (Miami, FL, 1992), Casey Weldon (Florida State, 1991), Craig Erickson (Miami, FL, 1990), Tony Rice (Notre Dame, 1989), Rodney Peete (USC, 1988), and Don McPherson (Syracuse, 1987).

The namesake of the Golden Arm Award has a storied history which has earned him the recognition of being the greatest quarterback to ever play in the National Football League. An 18-year veteran of the NFL, Unitas played his collegiate career at the University of Louisville (1951-1954), passing for 3007 yards and 27 touchdowns.

Unitas began his pro career with the Baltimore Colts in 1958 and played there 17 years until joining the San Diego Chargers for his final season. His career passing figures include completing 2,830 of 5,186 passes for 40,239 yards and 290 touchdowns. Among his many records is one that may stand forever, throwing a touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games.

Unitas was recently selected as the top quarterback of all-time by the Pro Football Hall of Fame 36-member selection committee. In commemorating the NFL's 25th, 50th and 75th anniversaries, he was honored as the GREATEST QUARTERBACK OF ALL TIME. A Pro Bowl participant 10 times and a THREE-TIME MOST VALUABLE PLAYER honoree, Johnny Unitas was inducted into the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 1979. In turn of the century listings, he was featured among SPORTS ILLUSTRATED'S top ten athletes, TIME's ten most influential athletes, and in ESPN's series on the 50 Greatest Athletes of the Century.

As part of a partnership with CN8, The Comcast Network, the announcement of the five finalists for the award will be carried live and exclusively on "Out of Bounds" on Monday, November 10. John Unitas, Jr. will announce the winner live on the program on Monday, December 2.

"Out of Bounds" will broadcast the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award presentation as a live, one-hour special on Friday, December 5.

Throughout the fall, "Out of Bounds" will provide regular updates on the award contenders, including game highlights and statistical updates on the "Golden Arm Award Watch List" presented by Transamerica.

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