

**OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY MASON RUDOLPH WINS THE
2017 JOHNNY UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD®**

BALTIMORE (11/30/17) - Oklahoma State University quarterback Mason Rudolph is the winner of the 2017 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, presented annually by the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc.

The native of Rock Hill, South Carolina has quarterbacked OSU to a 31-9 record as a starter and has led the Cowboys to 10 victories in games in which they trailed during the second half. Rudolph has beat every team in the Big 12 during his career and he holds no fewer than 50 school records. He enters the bowl game with 13,267 career passing yards, a mark that ranks fourth in Big 12 history.

Rudolph hit a career mark of 323.6 passing yards per game which is third in Big 12 history. The senior ranks in the top three among the FBS active career leaders in passing yards per completion, passing yards per attempt, total passing yards, passing yards per game, total offense and total offense yards per play. He led the FBS with 4,553 passing yards and 379.4 passing yards per game during the regular season. The 22-year-old not only has impressive stats on the field, but he is also Oklahoma State's most active player in community service activities.

Candidates for the Golden Arm Award – which has been presented at the end of each college football season since 1987 – must be college seniors or fourth-year juniors on schedule to graduate with their class. In addition to the accomplishments on the field, candidates are judged on their character, citizenship, scholastic achievement, and leadership qualities.

Past Golden Arm Award winners include: Peyton Manning (Tennessee, 1997); Carson Palmer (USC, 2002); Eli Manning (Ole Miss, 2003); Matt Ryan (Boston College, 2007); Colt McCoy (Texas, 2009); Andrew Luck (Stanford, 2011), Marcus Mariota (Oregon, 2014), Connor Cook (Michigan State, 2015) and last year's winner Deshaun Watson, (Clemson, 2016).

Rudolph will receive the 2017 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award at a ceremony to be held on Friday, December 8th, 2017 from 6-9 p.m., at the Embassy Suites Baltimore Inner Harbor & The Grand in downtown Baltimore. Former Baltimore Colts center, Bill Curry, will be in attendance to honor Rudolph and his achievements. Curry has built his career on being a strong leader and effective communicator. His NFL career included two Super Bowl titles and a stint as President of the NFL Players Association.

Proceeds from the Golden Arm Award help to support the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation. The Foundation provides financial assistance to underprivileged and deserving young scholar-athletes throughout Maryland and Kentucky.

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