

JANZEN JACKSON RETURNS TO TENNESSEE FOOTBALL TEAM

Written by Tennessee Sports Information
Wednesday, 06 July 2011 16:04

The Tennessee football program announced Wednesday that junior defensive back Janzen Jackson has enrolled in the second session of summer classes.

He has returned to the team and is expected to be a full participant when training camp begins.

Jackson, from Lake Charles, La., made 69 tackles and tied for the team lead with five interceptions in 2010. He has played in 23 games in two seasons for the Vols, including 22 starts, and earned Second Team Coaches' All-SEC honors last season.

WAGGNER SELECTED TO BEDNARIK AWARD WATCH LIST

Tennessee defensive back Prentiss Wagner has been chosen as one of 65 preseason candidates for the 2011 Chuck Bednarik Award, which annually honors the nation's top defensive player in college football.

Wagner, who is one of eight SEC defensive backs featured, was also named to the Lott IMPACT Trophy Award Watch List in April. The Lott Trophy also recognizes the top collegiate defensive player in the country.

Wagner, who earned Associated Press second team All-SEC and Scout.com second team All-America honors in 2010, broke the UT season record for interceptions returned for touchdowns, taking an NCAA FBS-leading three to the end zone.

The Clinton, La., native tied for seventh in the FBS and first in the SEC with three recovered fumbles last season, while also tying for the team lead with five INTs. His eight total takeaways were the most by a Vol since Deon Grant picked off nine passes in 1999.

Additionally, Wagner recorded 57 tackles, to rank fifth on the squad, along with nine passes defended, which was second among the Vols.

The Bednarik Award, which was first presented in 1995, has seen two Vols earn semifinalist honors. Kevin Burnett was UT's first Bednarik Award semifinalist in 2004, while Eric Berry advanced in 2008.

The award is presented in honor of College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Chuck Bednarik. Semifinalists for the Bednarik Award will be announced Oct. 31 and the three finalists will be

JANZEN JACKSON RETURNS TO TENNESSEE FOOTBALL TEAM

Written by Tennessee Sports Information
Wednesday, 06 July 2011 16:04

unveiled on Nov. 21. The winner of the 2011 Bednarik Award will be announced as part of the Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards Show held on Dec. 8. The formal presentation of these awards will be made at the Maxwell Football Club Awards Gala hosted by Harrah's Entertainment Atlantic City on March 2, 2012.

POOLE, BRAY NAMED TO MAXWELL AWARD WATCH LIST

Tennessee senior tailback Tauren Poole and sophomore quarterback Tyler Bray have each been selected to the watch list for the Maxwell Award, which has annually honored college football's most outstanding player since 1937.

The Vols' duo account for two of 12 SEC student-athletes on the list, making UT just one of three teams in the conference with multiple names on the 66-player group. Just 16 teams in the nation feature two or more student-athletes on the list.

Poole, who tied for the SEC lead with six 100-yard rushing games in 2010 en route to just the 16th 1,000-yard season in UT history with 1,024 yards, earned Associated Press All-SEC honorable mention accolades in his first year as the starter.

The Toccoa, Ga., native is one of 27 tailbacks on the Maxwell Award Watch List.

Bray, one of just 11 sophomores recognized, completed 125-of-224 pass attempts for 1,849 passing yards and 18 touchdowns in 2010 to set UT freshman records in each category. In five starts, Bray earned three SEC Freshman of the Week awards and was one of just two quarterbacks in the league to record four 300-yard passing performances last season.

Peyton Manning is the only Vol to earn the Maxwell Award, doing so as a senior in 1997.

The award is presented in honor of Robert W. (Tiny) Maxwell, a legendary college player, official and sports columnist.

Semifinalists for the Maxwell Award will be announced Oct. 31 and the three finalists will be unveiled on Nov. 21. The winner of the 2011 Maxwell Award will be announced as part of the Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards Show held on Dec. 8. The formal presentation of these awards will be made at the Maxwell Football Club Awards Gala hosted by Harrah's Entertainment Atlantic City on March 2, 2012.

JANZEN JACKSON RETURNS TO TENNESSEE FOOTBALL TEAM

Written by Tennessee Sports Information
Wednesday, 06 July 2011 16:04
