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TCU's JERRY HUGHES IS THE 2009 HENDRICKS AWARD WINNER

The Ted Hendricks Foundation is proud to announce that the winner of the 2009 Ted Hendricks Defensive End of the Year Award is Jerry Hughes from Texas Christian University. For the third consecutive year, more than 20 players received votes in the preliminary round of voting, again demonstrating the competitive nature of today's collegiate defensive end position. We would like to congratulate all of our candidates for their terrific performances this season!

This year's final ballot featured seven deserving players, including Hughes, Jeremy Beal of Oklahoma, Brandon Graham of Michigan, Sergio Kindle of Texas, Von Miller of Texas A&M, Derrick Morgan of Georgia Tech and Greg Romeus of Pittsburgh. Hughes won the final round of voting, garnering nearly 60% of our selection committee's responses.

When announcing this, his 8th award winner, Ted Hendricks had the following to say:

> **"Jerry Hughes has been a consistently outstanding performer in his four-year career at TCU. I have enjoyed watching him become one of the top defensive ends in the nation! It has been a rare occurrence that our voting process has included as many as seven finalists. It's a huge credit to Jerry that he emerged with the overwhelming majority of the vote. I am very pleased to announce that Jerry Hughes is our 2009 winner. It's well-deserved!"**

Hughes is keeping a busy schedule on the awards banquet circuit this week. After attending the Nagurski Trophy dinner in Charlotte on Monday, he traveled to Houston for the Lombardi Award gathering. He is also a finalist for the Lott Trophy and Walter Camp Award this fall.

Hughes was also a finalist for the Nagurski Trophy last season, and has now become just the third player to become a two-time Hendricks Award Finalist.

Hughes' other football accolades this season include:

- **First-Team All-America honors from the American Football Coaches Association**
- **Back-to-back Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Year**
- **Career-high 54 tackles**
- **11.5 sacks (tied for 7th in NCAA)**

At TCU, Hughes is on schedule to complete his degree in Communications in four years. He has developed from a former All-District high school running back, who recorded just three tackles his freshman season, into a dominating defensive player, who has led his team to the top of the NCAA rankings the past two seasons. This season, the Horned Frogs rank first in total defense, allowing just 233 yards per game and are sixth in the nation with 12.4 points allowed per game. His career totals now include 28.5 sacks, 139 total tackles, 39 tackles-for-loss and 7 forced fumbles.

Formal presentation of the 2009 Ted Hendricks Award trophy will take place March 21st at the Doral Golf Resort & Spa (specific time to be announced).

The Ted Hendricks Foundation would like to again thank our selection committee for their continued interest and support. We are looking forward to your participation again next year!

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