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### **PAYCOM JIM THORPE AWARD NAMES SEMIFINALISTS**

Oklahoma City—The Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame announced today 13 semifinalists for the 2017 Paycom Jim Thorpe Award, given to the top defensive back in college football.

The Paycom Thorpe Award is named after history's greatest athlete, Jim Thorpe, and is presented by the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame and Jim Thorpe Association in Oklahoma City. Thorpe excelled at every sport in which he competed, including football at which he played on the offensive and defensive side of the ball. The three Thorpe Award finalists will be named on Monday, November 20th and the winner will be announced at the live Home Depot College Football Awards Show on December 7th airing on ESPN. The winner of the 2017 Paycom Jim Thorpe Award will be honored at a banquet in Oklahoma City on February 6, 2018.

Paycom Software, Inc. ("Paycom") (NYSE:PAYC), a leading provider of comprehensive, cloud-based human capital management software, and the Jim Thorpe Museum and Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame (OSHO) jointly announced in May of 2017 an exclusive sponsorship of the Jim Thorpe Award. As a result, the accolade has been named the "Paycom Jim Thorpe Award."

The 2017 Paycom Jim Thorpe Award semifinalists represent seven conferences: BIG TEN (3), SEC (3), ACC (3), PAC-12 (1), BIG 12 (1), MW(1), AAC (1)

### **PAYCOM JIM THORPE AWARD SEMIFINALISTS**

**Marcus Allen, Penn State**

**Quin Blanding, Virginia**

**Jalen Davis, Utah State**

**DeShon Elliott, Texas**

**Minkah Fitzpatrick, Alabama**

**Grant Haley, Penn State**

**Derwin James, Florida State**

**Jeremy McDuffie, Duke**

**Parry Nickerson, Tulane**

**Justin Reid, Stanford**

**Dominick Sanders, Georgia**

**Levi Wallace, Alabama**

**Denzel Ward, Ohio State**

The Paycom Jim Thorpe Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) which encompasses college football's most prestigious awards. Founded in 1997, the NCFAA and its 23 awards now boast over over 800 recipients, dating to 1935. Visit [www.NCFAA.org](http://www.NCFAA.org) to learn more about our story.