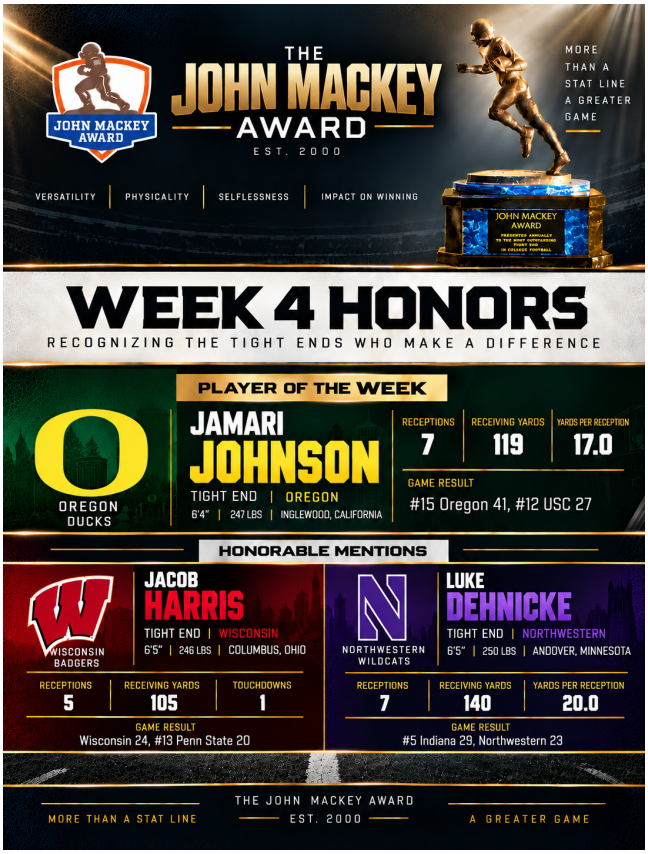
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OREGON'S JAMARI JOHNSON NAMED JOHN MACKEY AWARD WEEK 4 PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Wisconsin's Jacob Harris and Northwestern's Luke Dehnicke Earn Honorable Mention as Tight Ends Deliver Impactful Performances Across College Football



September 28, 2026 — The John Mackey Award has named Oregon tight end Jamari Johnson its Week 4 Player of the Week following his performance in the Ducks' 41–27 road victory over No. 12 USC. Wisconsin's Jacob Harris and Northwestern's Luke Dehnicke earned honorable mention recognition following standout performances against nationally ranked opponents.

Week 4 provided another example of the growing importance of the tight end position in college football. Across the country, tight ends delivered explosive receiving performances, converted critical downs and made game-changing plays that directly influenced the outcomes of major conference matchups.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK: JAMARI JOHNSON — OREGON

7 Receptions | 119 Yards | 17.0 Yards Per Reception

Oregon tight end Jamari Johnson made an immediate impact in his return to action, recording seven receptions for 119 yards as the Ducks defeated No. 12 USC, 41–27.

After missing Oregon's previous two games due to injury, Johnson returned with career highs in receptions and receiving yards, leading the Ducks in receiving during one of their most significant early-season matchups.

Johnson's performance showcased the versatility and explosive-play ability that have made the tight end position such an important component of modern offenses.

His 37-yard reception in the first half demonstrated his ability to stretch the field, while a crucial 34-yard reception on third-and-nine in the second half highlighted his value in critical situations.

Beyond his receiving totals, Johnson provided Oregon with an offensive weapon capable of creating mismatches and extending drives against a nationally ranked opponent.

Johnson entered the 2026 season with significant expectations after recording 32 receptions for 510 yards and three touchdowns in 2025. His return to the lineup reinforced his importance to Oregon's offense and demonstrated his ability to make an immediate impact on a national stage.

HONORABLE MENTION:

JACOB HARRIS — WISCONSIN

5 Receptions | 105 Yards | 1 Touchdown

Wisconsin tight end Jacob Harris delivered one of the defining moments of Week 4, catching a 72-yard game-winning touchdown with just 1:13 remaining to lift the Badgers to a dramatic 24–20 road victory over No. 13 Penn State.

Wisconsin trailed by as many as 17 points before mounting its comeback. Facing third-and-13 late in the fourth quarter, the Badgers turned to Harris in one of the game's most critical moments.

Harris caught a pass from quarterback Colton Joseph, broke a tackle with a stiff-arm and raced into the end zone to give Wisconsin its first lead of the game.

Harris's performance illustrated the impact tight ends can have beyond traditional offensive production. His ability to deliver an explosive play in a critical situation helped Wisconsin complete its largest road comeback since 2001.

LUKE DEHNICKE — NORTHWESTERN

7 Receptions | 140 Yards | 20.0 Yards Per Reception

Northwestern tight end Luke Dehnicke delivered a career performance against No. 5 Indiana, recording seven receptions for 140 yards in the Wildcats' 29–23 loss.

Dehnicke led Northwestern in receiving and provided a consistent offensive presence against one of the nation's highest-ranked teams.

His 140 receiving yards represented the most by a Northwestern tight end against a power-conference opponent since at least 1995, according to Northwestern Athletics.

ABOUT THE JOHN MACKEY AWARD

The **John Mackey Player of the Week** is an honor distinct from the annual John Mackey Award. The weekly honor was established in 2004 to draw attention to outstanding individual performances by tight ends throughout the college football season.

The Player of the Week recognition does not have a direct bearing on the final John Mackey Award selection process. The weekly honor will continue through the announcement of the eight John Mackey Award semifinalists.

The **John Mackey Award** was established in 2000 by the Nassau County Sports Commission and is presented annually to the tight end who performs at the highest level on and off the field.

The John Mackey Award is a member of the **National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA)**, which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football, dating back to 1935.

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