JOHN MACKEY AWARD NAMES PATRICK OVERMYER WEEK 6 PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Overmyer Ties NCAA Single-Game Record with Four Touchdown Receptions, Leading Cougars to Big 12 Victory

Baltimore, MD — October 13, 2026 — The John Mackey Award has named **Houston tight end Patrick Overmyer** its Week 6 Player of the Week following a historic four-touchdown performance in the Cougars' 35–16 victory over Kansas State. Louisiana Tech's Eli Finley and Syracuse's Daunte Bacheyie have also earned Honorable Mention recognition for their outstanding performances.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Patrick Overmyer | Houston
8 Receptions | 83 Receiving Yards | 4 Touchdowns
Final: No. 22 Houston 35, Kansas State 16

Overmyer delivered one of the most remarkable performances by a tight end this season, hauling in eight receptions for 83 yards and four touchdowns in Houston's convincing victory over Kansas State.

His four touchdown receptions tied the NCAA single-game record for receiving touchdowns by a tight end, demonstrating the impact the position can have on an offense.

Overmyer has emerged as a critical component of Houston's offensive success and a major reason the Cougars are positioning themselves as contenders in the Big 12 championship race. His ability to create mismatches, provide a reliable target in critical situations, and finish drives in the red zone has made him one of the conference's most valuable offensive weapons.

This marks Overmyer's third weekly recognition from the John Mackey Award this season, following Honorable Mention selections in Weeks 1 and 3.

HONORABLE MENTION

Eli Finley | Louisiana Tech
9 Receptions | 114 Receiving Yards | 2 Touchdown
Final: LA Tech 32, Louisiana-Lafayette 31

Finley turned in an outstanding performance, recording nine receptions for 114 yards. His ability to consistently get open, move the chains, and produce explosive plays was on full display in Louisiana Tech's gritty win.

Daunte Bacheyie | Syracuse
4 Receptions | 97 Receiving Yards | 1 Touchdown
Final: Virginia 28, Syracuse 25

Bacheyie delivered an explosive performance for Syracuse, recording four receptions for 97 yards and a touchdown while averaging an impressive 24.3 yards per catch. His biggest moment came in the fourth quarter, when he hauled in a 46-yard touchdown reception to bring the Orange within three points of Virginia late in the contest. Despite the narrow defeat, Bacheyie's ability to stretch the field and deliver in a critical moment demonstrated the game-changing potential of the tight end position.

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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