

HUNTER TIPTON NAMED JOHN MACKEY AWARD - PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Tipton's 229-yard performance comes just five yards shy of the FBS single-game receiving record by a tight end; LSU's Trey'Dez Green and Virginia Tech's Luke Reynolds earn Honorable Mention

Baltimore, MD — September 2026 — The John Mackey Award has named **Memphis tight end Hunter Tipton** its **Week 2 Player of the Week** following one of the most prolific performances by a tight end in college football history.

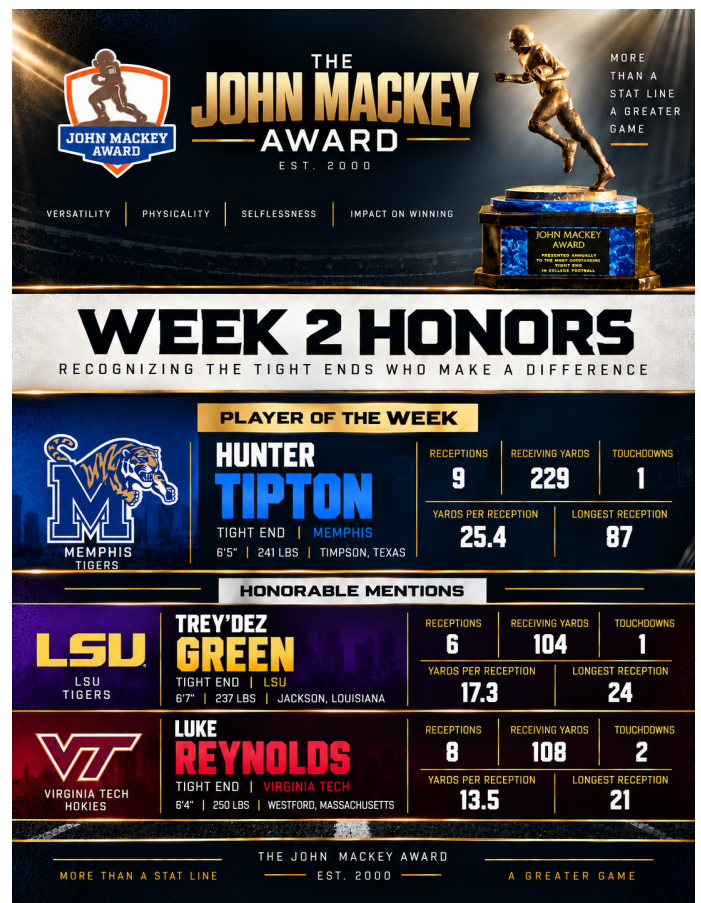
Tipton delivered a remarkable performance against Boise State, finishing with **nine receptions for 229 yards and one touchdown**, averaging **25.4 yards per catch**. His afternoon was highlighted by an explosive **87-yard touchdown reception**, as he consistently created big plays for the Memphis offense.

The 229-yard performance put Tipton within **five yards of the 234-yard benchmark established by former Utah tight end Dalton Kincaid against USC in 2022**. Kincaid caught 16 passes for 234 yards and a touchdown in that performance, a total recognized as the most receiving yards by an FBS tight end in a single game.

Tipton's production was particularly impressive given the circumstances. Memphis fell to Boise State, 38-20, but Tipton accounted for nearly half of the Tigers' 519 total yards and provided one of the game's defining offensive moments with his 87-yard score.

GREEN AND REYNOLDS EARN HONORABLE MENTION

The John Mackey Award also recognizes **LSU tight end Trey'Dez Green** and **Virginia Tech tight end Luke Reynolds** as Week 2 Honorable Mentions.



The graphic features the John Mackey Award logo at the top, which includes a silhouette of a player and the text "THE JOHN MACKEY AWARD EST. 2000". Below the logo is a banner for "WEEK 2 HONORS" with the tagline "RECOGNIZING THE TIGHT ENDS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE". The main section is divided into three rows, each representing a player. The first row is for Hunter Tipton, the second for Trey'Dez Green, and the third for Luke Reynolds. Each row includes the player's name, team, position, and statistics for receptions, receiving yards, touchdowns, yards per reception, and longest reception. The background of the graphic is dark with gold and blue accents.

WEEK 2 HONORS RECOGNIZING THE TIGHT ENDS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE					
PLAYER OF THE WEEK					
 MEMPHIS TIGERS	HUNTER TIPTON TIGHT END MEMPHIS 6'5" 241 LBS TIMPSON, TEXAS	RECEPTIONS	RECEIVING YARDS	TOUCHDOWNS	
		9	229	1	
		YARDS PER RECEPTION		LONGEST RECEPTION	
		25.4		87	
HONORABLE MENTIONS					
 LSU TIGERS	TREY'DEZ GREEN TIGHT END LSU 6'7" 237 LBS JACKSON, LOUISIANA	RECEPTIONS	RECEIVING YARDS	TOUCHDOWNS	
		6	104	1	
		YARDS PER RECEPTION		LONGEST RECEPTION	
		17.3		24	
 VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES	LUKE REYNOLDS TIGHT END VIRGINIA TECH 6'4" 250 LBS WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	RECEPTIONS	RECEIVING YARDS	TOUCHDOWNS	
		8	108	2	
		YARDS PER RECEPTION		LONGEST RECEPTION	
		13.5		21	
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Trey'Dez Green, a **6-foot-7, 237-pound** tight end from **Jackson, Louisiana**, recorded **six receptions for 104 yards and one touchdown**, averaging 17.3 yards per reception with a long of 24 yards. Green entered the season as one of the country's most highly regarded tight ends and continued to show the combination of size, athleticism and receiving ability that makes him a player to watch throughout the 2026 season.

Luke Reynolds, a **6-foot-4, 250-pound** tight end from **Westford, Massachusetts**, produced **eight receptions for 108 yards and two touchdowns** for Virginia Tech. Reynolds averaged 13.5 yards per reception with a long of 21 yards, providing a productive and consistent presence in the Hokies' passing game.

ABOUT THE JOHN MACKEY AWARD

The **John Mackey Tight End 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 Tight End 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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