Marks on Davey O'Brien list

Senior makes list for second straight year

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS - The Davey O'Brien Foundation today announced its preseason watch list for the 2006 Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award and Middle Tennessee's Clint Marks was chosen for the second time in his career. The 2006 watch list is made up of 34 candidates, including 19 seniors, 12 juniors and three sophomores representing 11 conferences.

Marks, the first signal-caller in school history to throw for more than 2,000 yards in back-to-back seasons, also made the list in 2005. The award is presented annually to the nation's best college quarterback. Celebrating 30 years, the O'Brien Award is the oldest and most prestigious award in the country for college quarterbacks and is named in honor of the late Davey O'Brien. O'Brien led the TCU Horned Frogs to the 1938 national championship and was the first player to win the Heisman, Walter Camp and Maxwell awards in one season. Semifinalists will be announced in early November as voted on by the O'Brien Selection Committee, made up of a nationwide panel of sportswriters, commentators and former O'Brien Award winners. The committee will then narrow the field to three finalists before announcing a winner on ESPN's Home Depot College Football Awards Show scheduled for Dec. 7, 2006, at 7 p.m.

EST. The winner will then be honored on Feb. 19, 2007, at the 30th annual Davey O'Brien Awards Dinner at The Fort Worth Club in downtown Fort Worth, Texas.

The 34 Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award watch list candidates, in alphabetical order, are:

(NAME, SCHOOL, YEAR, CONFERENCE)
Jerry Babb, Louisiana-Lafayette, Sr., Sun Belt
Jeff Ballard, TCU, Sr., MWC
John Beck, BYU, Sr., MWC
John David Booty, USC, Jr., PAC-10
Colt Brennan, Hawaii , Jr., WAC
Alex Brink, Washington State , Jr., PAC-10
Brian Brohm, Louisville , Jr., Big East
Shaun Carney, Air Force, Jr., MWC
Brandon Cox, Auburn , Jr., SEC
Trent Edwards, Stanford, Sr., PAC-10
Luke Getsy, Akron , Sr., MAC
Graham Harrell, Texas Tech, So., Big 12
Omar Haugabook, Troy , Jr., Sun Belt
Phil Horvath, Northern Illinois , Sr., MAC
Brian Johnson, Utah , Jr., MWC
Kevin Kolb, Houston , Sr., C-USA
Chris Leak, Florida , Sr., SEC
Clint Marks, MTSU, Sr., Sun Belt
Bret Meyer, Iowa State , Jr., Big 12
Josh Padrick, FIU, Sr., Sun Belt
Tyler Palko, Pittsburgh , Sr., Big East
Jordan Palmer, UTEP, Sr., C-USA
Brady Quinn, Notre Dame, Sr., Ind.
Jeff Rowe, Nevada , Sr., WAC
JaMarcus Russell, LSU, Jr., SEC
Paul Smith, Tulsa , Jr., C-USA
Troy Smith, Ohio State , Sr., Big Ten
Drew Stanton, Michigan State , Sr., Big Ten
Drew Tate, Iowa , Sr., Big Ten
Zac Taylor, Nebraska , Sr., Big 12
Drew Weatherford, Florida State , So., ACC
Pat White, West Virginia , So., Big East
Kyle Wright, Miami , Jr., ACC
Jared Zabransky, Boise State , Sr., WAC

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