

JOHN MACKEY AWARD

OUTSTANDING COLLEGIATE TIGHT END

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ALBERT OKWUEGBUNAM OF MISSOURI NAMED JOHN MACKEY TIGHT OF THE WEEK

New York, N.Y. (October 24, 2018) – The John Mackey Award has named Albert Okwuegbunam of Missouri as the John Mackey Tight End of the Week. The Southeastern Conference sophomore posted a career-high 159 yards on six catches with a career-high three touchdowns. He had three catches for 108 yards and two scores in the first half alone. His multi-TD performance gives him five such performances his career, tying him for the most ever by a Mizzou tight end with All-American and Mackey Award Winner Chase Coffman (2005-08). For context, Coffman tallied his fifth career multi-TD game in his 51st career game and Okwuegbunam needed just 20. Honorable mentions for this week include Mik’Quan Deane of WKU and Irv Smith of Alabama.

The 2018 John Mackey recipient will be announced on December 5, 2018 and then presented live on December 6, 2018 at The Home Depot College Football Awards Red Carpet Show on ESPNU. Other key dates include the 2018 Mackey Semi-finalists on November 15, 2018 and the 2018 Mackey Finalists on November 22, 2018. All future announcements can be found at www.johnmackeyaward.com, on our official Twitter account: [@JohnMackeyAward](https://twitter.com/JohnMackeyAward) and also on our official Facebook page: www.facebook.com/JohnMackeyAward.

The John Mackey Tight End of the Week is an honor distinct and different from the annual John Mackey Award. This weekly honor was started in 2004 to draw attention to individual play by Tight Ends during the active season. The Tight End of the Week acknowledgment does not have a direct bearing on the final John Mackey Award selection process. The John Mackey Tight End of the Week honor will run until the announcement of the eight Semi-Finalists.

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