

JOHN MACKEY AWARD

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COLE HIKUTINI OF LOUISVILLE NAMED JOHN MACKEY TIGHT END OF THE WEEK

New York, N.Y. (September 28, 2016) - The John Mackey Award has named Cole Hikutini of Louisville as the John Mackey Tight End of the Week. The Atlantic Coast Conference senior tallied one of the best games of his college career this past weekend recording four catches for 85 yards and two touchdowns. Hikutini tied a career high in catches and touchdowns in a single game and had the most receiving yards of his career aside from his Bowl performance last season. His second touchdown of the game gave his team a 21-point lead that they would never look back from as Louisville defeated Marshall 59-28. Honorable mentions for this week's John Mackey Tight End of the Week is Evan Engram of Ole Miss and Blake Mack of Arkansas State.

The 2016 John Mackey recipient will be announced on December 7, 2016 and then presented live on December 8, 2016 at The Home Depot College Football Awards Red Carpet Show on ESPNU. Other key dates include the announcement of the 2016 Mackey Midseason Watch List on October 12, 2016, the 2016 Mackey Semi-finalists on November 14, 2016 and the 2016 Mackey Finalists on November 22, 2016. 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.

The John Mackey Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. The 22 awards boast over 722 years of tradition-selection excellence. Visit <http://www.NCFAA.org> to learn more about our story.

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