

JOHN MACKEY AWARD

BEST COLLEGIATE TIGHT END

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MICHAEL ROBERTS OF TOLEDO NAMED JOHN MACKEY TIGHT END OF THE WEEK

New York, N.Y. (October 19, 2016) – The John Mackey Award has named Michael Roberts of Toledo as the John Mackey Tight End of the Week. The Mid-American Conference senior set career highs in catches (6), yards receiving (94) and touchdowns (3) in Toledo's 42-35 win over arch-rival Bowling Green. Roberts has now scored a TD in five of six games this season. The Cleveland, OH native was credited with a career-long 41-yard TD reception in the first quarter, a 22-yard TD catch in the second and a five-yard scoring reception in the third. For the season, Roberts has reeled in a team-high nine TD catches, tied for the most in UT annals by a tight end as well as tied for third overall in program history. Tight end Don Seymour also had nine TD catches during the 1973 campaign. Toledo is now 5-1 on the season. Honorable mentions for this week's John Mackey Tight End of the Week are two players that had game winning receptions – Tyler Conklin of Central Michigan and Jonnu Smith of FIU.

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 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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