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THE TED HENDRICKS AWARD OUR 19TH RECIPIENT



AIDAN HUTCHINSON – UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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CHICAGO, IL – After a season on pause due to the COVID pandemic, Ted Hendricks and the Ted Hendricks Foundation are pleased to announce that the 19th recipient of the Ted Hendricks Award is Aidan Hutchinson of the University of Michigan. The senior from Plymouth, Michigan ran away with this season’s final vote by collecting more than 75% of our Selection Committee’s ballots.

Hutchinson is the second Michigan Wolverine – and fourth Big Ten Conference player – to be honored with Ted’s trophy. He joins Michigan’s LaMarr Woodley (2006), Illinois’ Whitney Mercilus (2011), Penn State’s Carl Nassib (2015) and Ohio State’s Chase Young (2019) as Big Ten recipients.

Hutchinson’s trophy case for the 2021 season also includes the Rotary Lombardi Award, Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year and FWAA First-Team All-America honors. He was one of 13 finalists for the William V. Campbell Trophy and is the only non-quarterback among the four 2021 Heisman Trophy finalists.

LaMarr Woodley tells us that Aidan Hutchinson “... has that mentality Ted had, back in the day, on the field. He is a selfless guy. A great teammate.” As opponents found out this season, Hutchinson could take on double-team and chip blocks very well, as he registered a sack in 8 of his 13 games. With 14 total sacks, he has surpassed the previous Michigan single-season record of 12, which was shared by Woodley (2006) and David Bowens (1996). He currently leads all NCAA FBS linemen with 1.08 sacks per game.

Here’s Ted’s statement on his 2021 recipient:

“It is a pleasure to welcome Aidan Hutchinson to the stellar list of Ted Hendricks Award winners. Aidan is known as a selfless, aggressive defensive end who has the knack and savvy to disrupt opponent game plans. His leadership and scholarship along with his outstanding performances on the field make him our overwhelming choice for the 19th Ted Hendricks Award. Congratulations, Aidan!”

The 2021 Hendricks Award trophy presentation will take place early in the year 2022 (time and place to be announced).

Once again, the Ted Hendricks Foundation would like to express our gratitude to our Selection Committee members. We hope to hear from you again next season!

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