



Kentucky Assistant Coach John Schlarman is First Weekly Nominee for 2018 Capital One Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award

MIAMI LAKES, FL. (www.orangebowl.org)— Kentucky's John Schlarman is the first weekly nominee for the **2018 Capital One Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award**. Schlarman, the sixth-year Wildcats offensive line coach, has coached through chemotherapy treatments for an undisclosed form of cancer and was given a game ball following Saturday's win over Florida, the program's first triumph over the Gators since 1986.



"He's a strong man going through a lot and I'm grateful to be able to give him a ball," head coach Mark Stoops told reporters after the game.

Schlarman endured a six-hour treatment on Tuesday morning but was back at practice the same day. Kentucky rushed for 303 yards, averaging 7.4 yards per rush, in the 27-16 victory in Gainesville, Fla. That marked the most rushing yards the Gators had surrendered in a single game since 2002. The Wildcats did not surrender a single sack for the second straight game, either.

Schlarman, who was diagnosed this summer, had been a four-year starter with the Wildcats from 1994-97.

The Courage Award was first presented by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) in 2002. A select group of writers from the FWAA vote on the winner each year. The requirements for nomination include displaying courage on or off the field, including overcoming an injury or physical handicap, preventing a disaster or living through hardship. The winner of the award will be included in festivities during Capital One Orange Bowl week and receive his trophy at an on-field presentation.

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Previous winners of the Capital One Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award:

2017 D’Cota Dixon - Wisconsin	2009 University of Connecticut Football Team
2016 James Conner – Pittsburgh	2008 Wilson Holloway - Tulsa
2015 Hunter Knighton - Miami	2007 Zerbin Singleton - Navy
2014 Laken Tomlinson - Duke	2006 Ray Ray McElrathbey - Clemson
2013 Anthony Larceval - San Jose State	2005 Tulane Football Team
2012 Daniel Rodriguez - Clemson	2004 Haracia Colen - Memphis
2011 Arthur Ray - Michigan State	2003 Neil Parry - San Jose State
2010 Eric LeGrand - Rutgers	2002 William Bratton - Toledo

About the Orange Bowl

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