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DEFENSIVE LINEMAN JAE LAN PHILLIPS IS THE 2017 AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Award recognizes the country's top player on the defensive side of the ball

SAN ANTONIO (Jan. 6, 2017) – The U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Committee honors defensive lineman Jaelan Phillips (Redlands East Valley High School/Redlands, CA) as the 2017 American Family Insurance Defensive Player of the Year, given annually to the nation's most outstanding defensive player in the country. The announcement was made at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Awards Show tonight in San Antonio, on the eve of the 17th annual U.S. Army All-American Bowl presented by American Family Insurance.

The 6-foot-6 Phillips often looked, and played, like a man among boys during his season campaign with the Redlands East Valley Wildcats. He set career-highs of 142 tackles and 21 sacks - including seven sacks in one game - figures that only told part of the story of Phillips' dominance and versatility. He also scored two touchdowns, one on an interception return and the other on a punt return. He was named California Defensive Player of the Year by USA Today, and was selected as a finalist for U.S. Army Player of the Year.

This is the seventh year for the American Family Insurance Defensive Player of the Year Award. Past winners include Washington Redskins rookie Kendall Fuller and Georgia Bulldogs freshman Trenton Thompson.

For 17 consecutive years, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl has been the nation's premier high school sporting event, serving as the preeminent launching pad for America's future college and NFL stars. Odell Beckham Jr., Andrew Luck, Patrick Peterson, Adrian Peterson, Ezekiel Elliott, and Christian McCaffrey made their national debuts as U.S. Army All-Americans. A total of 330 U.S. Army All-American Bowl alumni have been selected in NFL Drafts. The 2016 U.S. Army All-American Bowl drew a crowd of 39,121 to the Alamodome and was watched by more than 4 million unique viewers across the country.

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl presented by American Family Insurance is owned and produced by All American Games, a New Jersey-based sports marketing and event management company.

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