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MARLIN JACKSON NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE ED BLOCK COURAGE AWARD

Defensive Back Marlin Jackson has been chosen by his Indianapolis Colts teammates as the club's 2009 recipient of the Ed Block Courage Award.

The award is an annual recognition for courageous play by an individual. Jackson is one of 32 National Football League players cited for the award. The players of each member club nominate an individual annually, and those chosen are honored at a banquet in Baltimore each March.

Jackson is in his fifth season with the Colts. Jackson has started 32 of 56 career games. He was the team's first round draft pick in 2005 out of Michigan and played in 15 games his rookie year, starting one. Jackson's interception with 35 seconds left in the 2006 AFC Championship game clinched the Colts' win on their way to a Super Bowl title. In 2007, Jackson started all 16 games at cornerback on a team that finished 2nd in pass defense, allowing only 172.8 yards per game. He started the first seven games of the season in 2008 before being placed on injured reserve with a knee injury. Jackson returned during the 2009 preseason and appeared in four regular season games before again being placed on injured reserve with a knee injury.

"Marlin's recovery from last year's knee injury, which he suffered in the middle of the season, to make it back for training camp this season was nothing short of spectacular," Colts Head Coach Jim Caldwell said. "Even though his prescribed recovery time was supposed to last into the regular season, he wouldn't accept anything less than to make it back by camp, and he attacked his rehabilitation fearlessly. It speaks to Marlin's determination, his work ethic and character. To have it happen again this season, to his other knee, is tough mentally and physically. But if there is anyone that will make it back, it's Marlin, and knowing him, he won't only come back, he'll come back stronger than ever.

"Marlin's leadership, his presence in the community and in our locker room, it's easy to see why his teammates chose him as the recipient of the Ed Block Courage Award."

Block was the head trainer of the Colts from 1954-1977. He served as trainer emeritus with the club until his death in 1983.

The past Ed Block Award recipients for the Colts are C-Jeff Saturday (2008), OG-Ryan Lilja (2007), WR-Reggie Wayne (2006), LB-Cato June (2005), LB-Gary Brackett (2004), DE-Chad Bratzke (2003), LB-Rob Morris (2002), QB-Peyton Manning (2001), DT-Bernard Whittington (2000), LB-Cornelius Bennett (1999), LB-Jeff Herrod (1998), DB-Jason Belser (1997), DB-Eugene Daniel (1996), WR-Wendell Davis (1995), DT-Tony McCoy (1994), DT-Steve Emtman (1993), OT-Kevin Call (1992), LB-Quintus McDonald (1991), NT-Harvey

Armstrong (1990), LB-Chip Banks (1989), OG-Ben Utt (1988), LB-Barry Krauss (1987), DB-Anthony Young (1986), OT-Karl Baldischwiler (1985) and LB-Cliff Odom (1984).

The 32nd-annual Ed Block Courage Award dinner is scheduled during March in Baltimore, Maryland. Proceeds from the affair benefit the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation in Baltimore. The Ed Block Courage Award Foundation's goal is to establish homes for abused children in each NFL city. Indianapolis established an Ed Block Courage home (Children's Bureau) in October of 2000. The home is part of a national support network for abused children. Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Carolina, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, New York (Giants), Oakland, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Seattle have already established homes.