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Shai Werts Named Campbell Trophy Semifinalist  
Award recognizes academics, athletics and leadership  
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**STATESBORO** - Georgia Southern senior quarterback [Shai Werts](#) has been named a semifinalist for the 2020 William V. Campbell Trophy Presented by Mazda. Celebrating its 31st year in 2020, the award recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership.

Werts was voted one of five captains by his teammates and is off to a strong start this season. The senior from Clinton, South Carolina, rushed for 155 yards in the opener against Campbell and threw for a career-high 255 yards last week against No. 19 Louisiana.

The NFF will announce 12-14 finalists in November, and each of them will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the 2020 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class presented by Fidelity Investments. One member of the class will be declared as the winner of the 31st Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda and have his postgraduate scholarship increased to \$25,000.

Nominated by their schools, which are limited to one nominee each, candidates for the awards must be a senior or graduate student in their final year of playing eligibility, have a GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, have outstanding football ability as a first-team player or significant contributor and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship. The class is selected each year by the NFF Awards Committee, which is comprised of a nationally recognized group of media, College Football Hall of Famers and athletics administrators.

"It is wonderful to see a record number of semifinalists for the Campbell Trophy® during such a turbulent year, proving the Future for Football is bright," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "We are extremely proud to highlight each semifinalist's achievements, showcasing their ability to balance academics and athletics at the highest level. The NFF Awards Committee will have an incredibly difficult task in selecting the finalists from this outstanding group of candidates."

Named in honor of the late Bill Campbell, former chairman of Intuit, former player and head coach at Columbia University and the 2004 recipient of the NFF's Gold Medal, the Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda is a 25-pound bronze trophy and increases the amount of the recipient's grant by \$7,000 for a total postgraduate scholarship of \$25,000.

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