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JETS QB MARK SANCHEZ TO BE HONORED AS 2010 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR BY ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH SPORTS FOUNDATION AT JULY BANQUET

(Costa Mesa, CA) – -- New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez will be honored as the 2010 Sportsman of the Year when the Orange County Youth Sports Foundation (OCYSF) roasts him at a special banquet on Thursday, July 22, 2010 at the Newport Beach Marriott hotel starting at 7:00 pm.

Sanchez, a product of USC and Mission Viejo High School, led the Jets to the AFC Conference Championship game vs. Indianapolis last year. As a rookie quarterback in 2009, Sanchez started 15 games for New York and threw for 2,444 yards and 12 touchdowns.

“Mark is certainly a deserving honoree,” said Tom Johnson, President of the Orange County Youth Sports Foundation (OCYSF). “He had an amazing rookie year with the Jets in 2009. Mark joins a long list of prestigious athletes we have honored in the past and we are grateful for his participation.”

Since 1971, the Orange County Youth Sports Foundation has enjoyed a proud tradition of celebrating the accomplishments of sports figures as a means of raising funds for boys and girls in the Orange County, CA community. Since its inception, the Foundation has donated well over a \$1 million dollars to youth sports in the county. This includes scholarships to college bound scholar-athletes, field trips and improvements to local sports facilities.

At the last OCYSF banquet, the group honored sports broadcaster Jim Nantz and 600 sports fans packed the ball room to share laughs and memories with the CBS-TV personality. OCYSF past honorees include local and national sports greats like Tom Lasorda, Jerry West, Pete Carroll, Bill Walsh and Peter Ueberroth.

Sanchez becomes the first pro football player honored by OCYSF since Los Angeles and St. Louis Rams great and Hall-of-Famer Jackie Slater was honored in 1997.

Tickets for this year’s banquet are now available. The cost for a table of 10 is \$1,500, corporate tables of 10 are \$2,500 and includes a seat at a private lunch with Sanchez while individual tickets are \$150 each. For more information about this year’s banquet or to purchase tickets, please go to www.ocysf.org or call 714-815-3885.

About the Orange County Youth Sports Foundation

Originally named the “Sports Celebrities,” a group of local Orange County residents held a banquet held each year at the Saddleback Inn in Santa Ana to have fun and raise money for young people. The founders include Paul Clearly, Bruce Gelker, Bob Hoyt,

Chuck Potter and Paul Salata and their first honoree was race car driver Dan Gurney. Later the group changed its name to the current moniker The Orange County Youth Sports Foundation. Today, more than 45 volunteers sit on the OCYSF board and help make an impact in the lives of young people in the community.

Presented every year since 1971, the Orange County Sportsman of the Year Award was established by the Foundation to honor individuals who serve as an inspiration to youth and who are leaders in both their sport and their community. The Orange County Youth Sports Foundation would also like to recognize The First American Corporation and Westar Associates for their longtime support.

PAST SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

2007 Jim Nantz -- Broadcaster
2006 Tim Salmon -- Baseball
2005 Matt Leinart -- Football
2004 Pete Carroll -- Football
2003 Carson Palmer -- Football
2002 Bob Baffert -- Horse Racing
2001 Mike Scioscia -- Baseball
2000 Bill Walsh -- Football
1999 Dick Enberg -- Sportscaster
1998 Jerry West -- Basketball
1997 Jackie Slater -- Football
1996 Terry Donahue -- Football
1995 25th Year Anniversary
1994 Bert Blyleven -- Baseball
1993 Jim Abbott -- Baseball
1992 John McKay -- Football
1991 Nolan Cromwell -- Football
1990 Augie Garrido -- Baseball
1989 Tom Lasorda -- Baseball
1988 John Hall -- Sportswriting
1987 John Robinson -- Football
1986 Tommy John -- Baseball
1985 Greg Louganis -- Diving & Edwin Moses -- Track
1984 Peter Ueberroth -- Olympics
1983 Jack Youngblood -- Football
1982 Bill Mulligan -- Basketball
1981 Hal Sherbeck -- Football
1980 Gene Autry -- Baseball
1979 George Yardley -- Basketball
1978 Paul Salata -- Bon Vivant, Football
1977 Donn Moomaw -- Football
1976 Sammy Lee -- Olympic Diving
1975 Del Crandall -- Baseball

1974 Eddie West -- Sportswriting
1973 Clare Van Hoorbeke -- Football
1972 Rod Laver -- Tennis
1971 Dan Gurney -- Auto Racing