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MINNESOTA'S IBRAHIM IS DOAK WALKER NATIONAL RUNNING BACK OF THE WEEK

Sixth-year senior runs for over 100 yards in 18th straight game, closes in on school career rushing record

DALLAS (SMU) – Minnesota running back **Mohamed Ibrahim** rushed for 178 yards on 36 carries and three touchdowns in a 31-3 win over Northwestern. His 18th straight 100-yard game earned him the **Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week** honor for games of the weekend of Nov. 12.

Ibrahim, a 5-10, 210-pound senior from Baltimore, Md., scored on a one-yard touchdown run on the first play of the fourth quarter to give the Gophers a 24-3, his nation-leading 18th rushing touchdown of the season, tying the school record set by Gary Russell in 2005. He now has six multiple-touchdown games – tied for the national lead – with two regular-season games remaining.

The workhorse is the seventh player in Big Ten history with 50 career rushing touchdowns. In nine games this season, Ibrahim has rushed 238 times for 1,261 yards (5th-most in FBS) and is currently is the Gophers' second all-time career rushing leader. His nine 100-yard games this season is a single-season school record.

Minnesota next plays host to Iowa at 3 p.m. CT on FOX Sports.

Other candidates for the honor in Week 11 included:

- **Trey Benson, Florida State:** Benson ran for a career-high 163 yards on 18 carries as Florida State dominated Syracuse on the road, 38-3. the sophomore has topped his previous career-highs in each of his last three games. Behind his lead, the Seminoles ran for 230 yards, their fifth straight game breaking the 200-yard mark.
- **Eric Gray, Oklahoma:** Gray ran for a game-high 211 yards on 25 carries and two touchdowns, but Oklahoma fell on a last-second field goal at West Virginia. The 211 yards are Gray's best mark at Oklahoma – his career high of 246 yards came against Vanderbilt when he played at Tennessee in 2019 – and he topped the 1,000-yard mark (now 1,113 yards) for the first time in his career. The two touchdowns also marked his fourth multi-touchdown game of the season.
- **Brad Roberts, Air Force:** Roberts ran for 163 yards on 29 carries and moved into fourth place on Air Force's all-time rushing yards list in the 35-3 win over New Mexico. It was the second-best mark of his season (174 vs. Colorado) and his eighth 100-yard day, one more will tie the school record.

The **Doak Walker Award presented by the PwC SMU Athletic Forum** has been awarded to the nation's top running back since 1990. For the first time, the award is recognizing a national running back of the week this season. A select 20-person committee from the award's full voting body of media and past winners chooses the weekly recipient. On July 20, a preseason candidates list was released and semifinalists for the award will be named on Nov. 22. A week later, the three finalists will be announced.

The 2022 Doak Walker Award winner will be unveiled live on *The Home Depot College Football Awards*, televised by ESPN on Dec. 8. The annual banquet, where the winner and the recipient of the 2022 PwC Doak Walker Legends Award will be honored, will take place in February on the SMU campus.

The Doak Walker Award is a member of the **National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA)**, which encompasses college football's most prestigious awards. The NCFAA's 25 awards have honored more than 800 recipients since 1935. Visit NCFAA.org for more information.

For more information on the Doak Walker Award, contact Jeff Lockhart (lockhart@smu.edu) at the PwC SMU Athletic Forum, visit doakwalkeraward.com and follow on Twitter at [@DoakWalkerAward](https://twitter.com/DoakWalkerAward).



2022 DOAK WALKER NATIONAL RUNNING BACKS OF THE WEEK

- Week 1 (Sept. 3)Chase Brown, Illinois
- Week 2 (Sept. 10) Khalan Laborn, Marshall
- Week 3 (Sept. 17) Samson Evans, Eastern Michigan
- Week 4 (Sept. 24)..... Blake Corum, Michigan
- Week 5 (Oct. 1) Jahmyr Gibbs, Alabama
- Week 6 (Oct. 8) Israel Abanikanda, Pitt
- Week 7 (Oct. 15) Blake Watson, Old Dominion
- Week 8 (Oct. 22) Will Shipley, Clemson
- Week 9 (Oct. 29)Zach Charbonnet, UCLA
- Week 10 (Nov. 5) Devin Neal, Kansas
Edward Saydee, Temple
- Week 11 (Nov 12) Mohamed Ibrahim, Minnesota
- Week 12 (Nov. 19)
- Week 13 (Nov. 26)

2022 DOAK WALKER AWARD PRESEASON CANDIDATES LIST

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| <p>Devon Achane, Texas A&M
 Braelon Allen, Wisconsin
 Rasheen Ali, Marshall
 Ronald Awaft, UTEP
 Tank Bigsby, Auburn
 Isiah Bowser, UCF
 British Brooks, North Carolina
 Jarek Broussard, Michigan State
 Antario Brown, NIU
 Chase Brown, Illinois
 Jermaine Brown, UAB
 Nate Carter, UConn
 Zach Charbonnet, UCLA
 Blake Corum, Michigan
 Travis Dye, USC
 Justice Ellison, Wake Forest
 Samson Evans, Eastern Michigan
 Deshaun Fenwick, Oregon State
 Alex Fontenot, Colorado
 Pat Garwo, Boston College
 Frank Gore Jr., Southern Miss
 Eric Gray, Oklahoma
 Gerald Green, Georgia Southern
 Tucker Gregg, Georgia State
 Hassan Hall, Georgia Tech</p> | <p>Deion Hankins, UTEP
 TreVeyon Henderson, Ohio State
 George Holani, Boise State
 Evan Hull, Northwestern
 Mohamed Ibrahim, Minnesota
 Dillon Johnson, Mississippi State
 Roschon Johnson, Texas
 Austin Jones, USC
 Johnnie Lang Jr., Arkansas State
 Keyvone Lee, Penn State
 Joquavious Marks, Mississippi State
 DeWayne McBride, UAB
 Chez Mellusi, Wisconsin
 Kendre Miller, TCU
 Jordan Mims, Fresno State
 Keaton Mitchell, East Carolina
 Damien Moore, Cal
 Devin Neal, Kansas
 Lew Nichols III, Central Michigan
 Nate Noel, App State
 Nathaniel Peat, Missouri
 Camerun Peoples, App State
 Dominic Richardson, Oklahoma State
 Johnny Richardson, UCF</p> | <p>Bijan Robinson, Texas
 Raheim Sanders, Arkansas
 Will Shipley, Clemson
 Shaun Shivers, Indiana
 Jabari Small, Tennessee
 Chris Smith, Louisiana
 Dontae Smith, Georgia Tech
 E.J. Smith, Stanford
 Tyjae Spears, Tulane
 Titus Swen, Wyoming
 Tavion Thomas, Utah
 Sean Tucker, Syracuse
 Calvin Tyler Jr., Utah State
 Sean Tyler, Western Michigan
 Chris Tyree, Notre Dame
 Xazavian Valladay, Arizona State
 Deuce Vaughn, Kansas State
 Kimani Vidal, Troy
 Blake Watson, Old Dominion
 Treshaun Ward, Florida State
 Harrison Waylee, NIU
 Jalen White, Georgia Southern
 Jamyest Williams, Georgia State
 Nay'Quan Wright, Florida</p> |
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