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MICHIGAN'S CORUM IS DOAK WALKER NATIONAL RUNNING BACK OF THE WEEK

Junior registers career-high 243 yards on 30 totes in Big Ten-opening win over Maryland

DALLAS (SMU) – Michigan running back **Blake Corum** rolled up career highs of 30 carries and 243 rushing yards with two rushing touchdowns as Michigan (4-0) outlasted Maryland, 34-27, to open Big Ten Conference play. The performance has earned Corum the **Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week** honor for games of the weekend of Sept. 24.

Corum's 243 yards on the ground, the seventh-best total in Michigan history, represented 52.5 percent of the Wolverines' 463 total yards and was all of their team rushing total. The junior now leads the nation with nine touchdowns. For the moment, he tops Michigan's career list at 6.47 yards per rushing attempt, just ahead of Jon Vaughn's 6.29 from 1989-90.

The 5-8, 210-pounder from Marshall, Va., is the first Michigan running back to rush for over 200 yards in a game since Karan Higdon (Wisconsin, 2017) and his 243 yards were the most rushing yards in a game by a Wolverine since Denard Robinson ran for 258 yards in 2010 against Notre Dame.

The Wolverines travel to Iowa on Saturday for a Noon ET Big Ten tilt on FOX.

Other candidates for the honor in Week 4 included:

- **Devon Achane, Texas A&M:** Completely shut down in the first quarter and trailing 14-0 and without a first down, Achane sparked what became 23 unanswered points for Texas A&M with a 63-yard run on the first drive of the second quarter as they rallied for a 23-21 win over Arkansas in Arlington, Texas. Achane finished the evening with 159 yards on 19 carries and a touchdown.
- **Keyon Mozee, Miami (Ohio):** Mozee ran 21 times for a career-high 171 yards to lead the RedHawks to a 17-14 win at Northwestern. With Miami down 14-7 midway through the fourth quarter, Mozee's career-long 66-yard burst set up a short touchdown on the next snap to tie the game. After its defense forced a three-and-out, Miami marched 58 yards in 13 plays for the winning score as Mozee's 14-yard carry on 3rd-and-3 got the RedHawks into range for the winning field goal.
- **Jaydn Ott, Cal:** Ott rushed for 274 yards and three touchdowns on 19 carries in Cal's 49-31 win over Arizona. The 274 yards were the most in an FBS game since LSU's Tyrion Davis-Price had 287 against Florida on Oct. 16, 2021, the third-best mark at the school and most ever by a Cal freshman.

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)
- Week 6 (Oct. 8)
- Week 7 (Oct. 15)
- Week 8 (Oct. 22)
- Week 9 (Oct. 29)
- Week 10 (Nov. 5)
- Week 11 (Nov 12)
- Week 12 (Nov. 19)

2022 DOAK WALKER AWARD PRESEASON CANDIDATES LIST

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