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## **CLEMSON'S SHIPLEY IS DOAK WALKER NATIONAL RUNNING BACK OF THE WEEK**

*Sophomore piles up 236 all-purpose yards, scores twice in comeback win over Syracuse, the team's 14th straight victory*

**DALLAS (SMU)** – Clemson running back **Will Shipley** rushed for a career-high of 172 yards and two touchdowns as the Tigers remained unbeaten with a 27-21 comeback win over previously unbeaten Syracuse. The performance earned him the **Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week** honor for games of the weekend of Oct. 22.

The 5-11, 205-pound sophomore from Weddington, N.C., busted a 50-yard touchdown run with 11:26 to play to give Clemson the lead for good, rallying from an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter to give the Tigers a 38th consecutive home win, an Atlantic Coast Conference record. Overall, Clemson is now riding a 14-game winning streak.

The 100-yard game was the seventh of Shipley's career and the eighth time he's scored multiple touchdowns. Saturday's scores were the 20th and 21st of his career as Clemson rushed a season-high 60 times for a season-high 293 yards. To go with his 27 carries, Shipley added 53 on two kickoff return yards and 17 receiving yards on three catches to finish the day with 242 all-purpose yards, four more than his previous career high set the previous week at Florida State.

The Tigers are idle this week before traveling to Notre Dame for a Nov. 5 prime-time game on NBC at 7:30 p.m. ET.

Other candidates for the honor in Week 8 included:

- **Roman Hembry, Maryland:** The redshirt freshman rushed for a career-high 179 yards – his fourth-career 100-yard game – and scored three touchdowns as the Terps topped Northwestern, 31-24. One play after Northwestern scored to tie the game at 24, Hembry broke off a career-long 75-yard touchdown run with 3:22 left to play to put the Terps ahead for good.
- **Dae Dae Hunter, Liberty:** The sophomore ran 23 times for 213 yards and a touchdown as the Flames scored 38 unanswered points in blasting BYU, 41-14. Hunter reeled off an 80-yard touchdown run, the third-longest in program history. The 213 rushing yards are the most by a Liberty player since 2008, and Hunter's 31 receiving yards in the game gave him 244 all-purpose yards on the day.
- **Deneric Prince, Tulsa:** The senior ran for a career-high 231 yards on 20 carries as Tulsa won at Temple last Friday, 27-16, despite an early 10-0 deficit. Prince had Tulsa's first 200-yard game since 2017, which included an 84-yard score, the fourth-longest run in school history. It was Prince's fourth 100-yard game and first of the season. He also added his first touchdown reception, an 18-yarder in the first half.

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](http://NCFAA.org) for more information.

For more information on the Doak Walker Award, contact Jeff Lockhart ([lockhart@smu.edu](mailto:lockhart@smu.edu)) at the PwC SMU Athletic Forum, visit [doakwalkeraward.com](http://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)
- 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       |                                     |                                  |