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UCLA'S CHARBONNET IS DOAK WALKER NATIONAL RUNNING BACK OF THE WEEK

Senior rolls up 259 all-purpose yards, scored three touchdowns as Bruins blow past Stanford on Homecoming

DALLAS (SMU) – UCLA running back **Zach Charbonnet** rushed 21 times for 198 yards – tying his career high – and scored three touchdowns as UCLA won its Homecoming game, 38-13, over Stanford. The performance earned him the **Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week** honor for games of the weekend of Oct. 29.

The 6-1, 220-pound senior from Camarillo, Calif., also caught five passes for an additional 61 yards for a 259-yard all-purpose evening in his fifth straight and sixth overall 100-yard rushing outing of the season. The 13th 100-yard effort of his career ties him with his position coach, DeShaun Foster, for sixth on UCLA's career list.

Charbonnet also had three touchdowns earlier this season against Colorado and his earlier 198-yard effort this season came against Utah. UCLA improved to 7-1 on the season and 12-1 in games when Charbonnet runs for at least 100 yards. In Pac-12 play, Charbonnet has run for at least 100 yards in each of his last seven games, including all five this season.

The Bruins visit Arizona State on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. PT on FS1.

Other candidates for the honor in Week 9 included:

- **Quinshon Judkins, Ole Miss:** Judkins netted a new career-high 205 rushing yards en route to becoming the school's freshman single-season rushing leader with 1,036 yards. In his second straight start, Judkins posted the 12th 200-yard rushing game in Ole Miss history and its ninth-best single-game rushing mark as the Rebels won 31-28 at Texas A&M.
- **Keaton Mitchell, East Carolina:** Mitchell ran for 176 yards on 20 carries to guide the Pirates to a 27-24 win at BYU last Friday, capped with its last-second field goal. Mitchell earned his fifth 100-yard rushing game of the season and 11th of his career. He has topped 100 yards in each of East Carolina's last three games – all wins – as the Pirates moved to 6-3 for the first time since 2014.
- **Deuce Vaughn, Kansas State:** Vaughn ran 22 times for 158 yards and a touchdown to move into third place in Kansas State's 48-0 crushing of No. 9 Oklahoma State. Vaughn bolted 62 yards in the first quarter, the second-longest rush of the season, and his second score came on a one-yard reception just before halftime that gave K-State a 35-0 lead. It was the 17th 100-yard game of Vaughn's career and fifth this season.

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)
- 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 | | |