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OKLAHOMA STATE'S GORDON II WINS 2023 DOAK WALKER AWARD

True sophomore, Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year is Oklahoma State's first winner of the national running back award

DALLAS (SMU) – The **PwC SMU Athletic Forum** is proud to announce Oklahoma State sophomore running back **Ollie Gordon II** as the winner of the **2023 Doak Walker Award**. The announcement was made during *The Home Depot College Football Awards* on ESPN.

The formal presentation of the award for the nation's best collegiate running back will take place here in Dallas at the annual banquet scheduled for Feb. 16, 2024. The **PwC Doak Walker Legends Award** will also be presented at the event.

The Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year is the first winner from Oklahoma State and just the fourth sophomore to win the award. Jonathan Taylor (Wisconsin, 2018), LaMichael James (Oregon, 2010) and Darren McFadden (Arkansas, 2006) won the award in their second collegiate season. Taylor and McFadden went on to become two-time winners.

Gordon, a 6-1, 211-pound true sophomore from Fort Worth, Texas, joined Chuba Hubbard (2019) and Kendall Hunter (2010) as Oklahoma State's third finalist for the award. He beat out fellow finalists North Carolina's Omarion Hampton and Missouri's Cody Schrader for the award.

Gordon II showed some flashes of greatness in the final regular-season game as a true freshman last season when he ran for 136 yards vs. West Virginia. But it wasn't till this season's fourth game when he found his stride after carrying the ball just 19 times over the season's first three weeks. He then ripped off six straight 100-yard games, including 282 yards and four touchdowns vs. West Virginia and 271 yards and two touchdowns vs. Cincinnati. For those two games, he earned the Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week honor. Leading up to those two huge games, he ran for 168 yards vs. Kansas. In all, he was the national running back of the week an unprecedented three straight weeks this season.

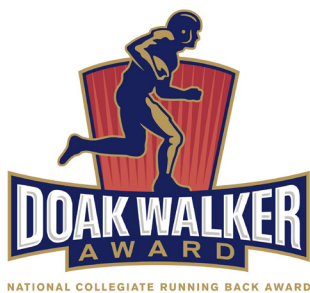
He leads the country with 1,614 rushing yards and is second with 20 rushing touchdowns. He also caught 37 passes for 326 yards and a touchdown and his 1,940 total yards from scrimmage also lead the country.

The Cowboys will close out the season in the TaxAct Texas Bowl against Texas A&M on Dec. 27 in Houston.

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 second straight season, the award also recognized a national running back of the week. A select 20-person committee from the award's full voting body of media and past winners has chosen the weekly national running back of the week recipient.

The Doak Walker Award is a member of the **National College Football Awards Association**. Founded in 1997, the NCFAA includes college football's most prestigious awards and its 24 awards have honored more than 900 recipients dating back to 1935. This season, 12 NCFAA awards will honor national players of the week each Tuesday. For more information about the NCFAA and its award programs, visit the redesigned NCFAA.org or follow on X at @NCFAA.

For more information on the Doak Walker Award, contact Jeff Lockhart (lockhart@smu.edu) at the PwC SMU Athletic Forum, visit smu.edu/doakwalkeraward and follow on X at @DoakWalkerAward.



2023 DOAK WALKER NATIONAL RUNNING BACKS OF THE WEEK

- Week 1 (Sept. 2)Dylan Edwards, Colorado
- Week 2 (Sept. 9)..... Omarion Hampton, North Carolina
- Week 3 (Sept. 16)Trevor Etienne, Florida
- Week 4 (Sept. 23)..... DJ Giddens, Kansas State
- Week 5 (Sept. 30)Ray Davis, Kentucky
- Week 6 (Oct. 7)..... Trey Benson, Florida State
- Week 7 (Oct. 14) Ollie Gordon II, Oklahoma State
- Week 8 (Oct. 21)..... Ollie Gordon II, Oklahoma State
- Week 9 (Oct. 28) Ollie Gordon II, Oklahoma State
- Week 10 (Nov. 4) Dillon Johnson, Washington
- Week 11 (Nov. 11) Cody Schrader, Missouri

2023 DOAK WALKER AWARD FINALISTS

Ollie Gordon II, Oklahoma State Omarion Hampton, North Carolina Cody Schrader, Missouri

2023 DOAK WALKER AWARD SEMIFINALISTS

Jonathon Brooks, Texas	Ollie Gordon II, Oklahoma State	Damien Martinez, Oregon State
Tahj Brooks, Texas Tech	Omarion Hampton, North Carolina	Cody Schrader, Missouri
Marcus Carroll, Georgia State	R.J. Harvey, UCF	Kimani Vidal, Troy
Blake Corum, Michigan		

2023 DOAK WALKER AWARD PRESEASON CANDIDATES

Rasheen Ali, Marshall	Rahjai Harris, East Carolina	Richard Reese, Baylor
Braelon Allen, Wisconsin	RJ Harvey, UCF	Aidan Robbins, BYU
Kaytron Allen, Penn State	Roman Hemby, Maryland	Kairee Robinson, San Jose State
LeQuint Allen, Syracuse	TreVeyon Henderson, Ohio State	Raheim Sanders, Arkansas
Emani Bailey, TCU	Daniel Hishaw Jr., Kansas	Trey Sanders, TCU
Sieh Bangura, Ohio	George Holani, Boise State	Will Shipley, Clemson
Jovantae Barnes, Oklahoma	Bucky Irving, Oregon	Nicholas Singleton, Penn State
Kevorian Barnes, UTSA	Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	Cam Skattebo, Arizona State
Trey Benson, Florida State	Kobe Johnson, Colorado State	Jabari Small, Tennessee
Tahj Brooks, Texas Tech	Austin Jones, USC	Dontae Smith, Georgia Tech
Antario Brown, NIU	Jawhar Jordan, Louisville	E.J. Smith, Stanford
Jermaine Brown Jr., UAB	Quinshon Judkins, Ole Miss	Kavosiey Smoke, Colorado
Noah Cain, LSU	Reggie Love III, Illinois	Carson Steele, UCLA
Marcus Carroll, Georgia State	Jaylin Lucas, Indiana	Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech
Blake Corum, Michigan	Jo’Quavious Marks, Mississippi State	Kimani Vidal, Troy
Marquis Crosby, Louisiana Tech	Damien Martinez, Oregon State	Treshaun Ward, Kansas State
CJ Donaldson Jr., West Virginia	Tony Mathis Jr., Houston	Dre’lyn Washington, Louisiana
Donovan Edwards, Michigan	Alton McCaskill, Colorado	Nakia Watson, Washington State
Justice Ellison, Wake Forest	Josh McCray, Illinois	La’Damian Webb, South Alabama
Davion Ervin-Poindexter, WKU	Chez Mellusi, Wisconsin	Noah Whittington, Oregon
Audric Estimé, Notre Dame	Devin Mockobee, Purdue	Michael Wiley, Arizona
Samson Evans, Eastern Michigan	Devin Neal, Kansas	Sy’veon Wilkerson, Colorado
Pat Garwo, Boston College	Nate Noel, App State	Josh Williams, LSU
Rodney Hammond Jr., Pitt	Jaydn Ott, California	Miyan Williams, Ohio State
Deion Hankins, UTEP	Frank Peasant, Middle Tennessee	Jaylen Wright, Tennessee



DOAK WALKER AWARD WINNERS AND FINALISTS

Year	Winner	Finalists
2023	Ollie Gordon II, Oklahoma State	Omarion Hampton, North Carolina; Cody Schrader, Missouri
2022	Bijan Robinson, Texas	Chase Brown, Illinois; Blake Corum, Michigan
2021	Kenneth Walker III, Michigan State	Tyler Badie, Missouri; Breece Hall, Iowa State
2020	Najee Harris, Alabama	Travis Etienne, Clemson; Breece Hall, Iowa State
2019	Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin	J.K. Dobbins, Ohio State; Chuba Hubbard, Oklahoma State
2018	Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin	Travis Etienne, Clemson; Darrell Henderson, Memphis
2017	Bryce Love, Stanford	Saquon Barkley, Penn State; Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin
2016	D’onta Foreman, Texas	Dalvin Cook, Florida State; Donnel Pumphrey, San Diego State
2015	Derrick Henry, Alabama	Leonard Fournette, LSU; Christian McCaffrey, Stanford
2014	Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin	Ameer Abdullah, Nebraska; Tevin Coleman, Indiana
2013	Andre Williams, Boston College	Ka’Deem Carey, Arizona; Bishop Sankey, Washington
2012	Montee Ball, Wisconsin	Kenjon Barner, Oregon; Johnathan Franklin, UCLA
2011	Trent Richardson, Alabama	Montee Ball, Wisconsin; LaMichael James, Oregon
2010	LaMichael James, Oregon	John Clay, Wisconsin; Kendall Hunter, Oklahoma State
2009	Toby Gerhart, Stanford	Mark Ingram, Alabama; C.J. Spiller, Clemson
2008	Shonn Greene, Iowa	Knowshon Moreno, Georgia; Javon Ringer, Michigan State
2007	Darren McFadden, Arkansas	Mike Hart, Michigan; Ray Rice, Rutgers
2006	Darren McFadden, Arkansas	Mike Hart, Michigan; Steve Slaton, West Virginia
2005	Reggie Bush, USC	Jerome Harrison, Washington State; DeAngelo Williams, Memphis
2004	Cedric Benson, Texas	J.J. Arrington, California; Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma
2003	Chris Perry, Michigan	Kevin Jones, Virginia Tech; Darren Sproles, Kansas State
2002	Larry Johnson, Penn State	Chris Brown, Colorado; Willis McGahee, Miami
2001	Luke Staley, BYU	Bruce Perry, Maryland; Travis Stephens, Tennessee
2000	LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU	Damien Anderson, Northwestern; Anthony Thomas, Michigan
1999	Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	Thomas Jones, Virginia; Shaun Alexander, Alabama
1998	Ricky Williams, Texas	Mike Cloud, Boston College; Ron Dayne, Wisconsin
1997	Ricky Williams, Texas	Curtis Enis, Penn State; Ahman Green, Nebraska
1996	Byron Hanspard, Texas Tech	Darnell Autry, Northwestern; Troy Davis, Iowa State
1995	Eddie George, Ohio State	Karim Abdul-Jabbar, UCLA; Tiki Barber, Virginia; Tim Biakabataka, Michigan; Warrick Dunn, Florida State; George Jones, San Diego State; Wasean Tait, Toledo; Moe Williams, Kentucky
1994	Rashaan Salaam, Colorado	Ki-Jana Carter, Penn State; Ryan Chistopherson, Wyoming; Chris Darkins, Minnesota; Eddie George, Ohio State; Napoleon Kaufman, Washington; Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan; Sherman Williams, Alabama
1993	Byron “Bam” Morris, Texas Tech	Lee Becton, Notre Dame; Marshall Faulk, San Diego State; LaShon Johnson, NIU; Calvin Jones, Nebraska; Napoleon Kaufman, Washington; Brent Moss, Wisconsin; Errict Rhett, Florida
1992	Garrison Hearst, Georgia	Reggie Brooks, Notre Dame; Trevor Cobb, Rice
1991	Trevor Cobb, Rice	Vaughn Dunbar, Indiana; Tommy Vardell, Stanford
1990	Greg Lewis, Washington	Nick Bell, Iowa; Sheldon Canley, San Jose State; Tico Duckett, Michigan State; Mike Mayweather, Army; Glyn Milburn, Stanford; Tony Thompson, Tennessee; Jon Vaughn, Michigan