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OKLAHOMA STATE'S GORDON II IS DOAK WALKER NATIONAL RUNNING BACK OF THE WEEK

Another breakout performance earn sophomore from Fort Worth a third straight weekly national honor

DALLAS (SMU) – Oklahoma State running back **Ollie Gordon II** rushed for 271 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries, while adding four catches for 21 yards to account for 292 all-purpose yards in Oklahoma State's 45-13 win over Cincinnati. The performance earned him the Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week honor for games of the weekend of Oct. 28. It's the third straight week Gordon has been honored by the Doak Walker Award.

Gordon's rushing total marked the most for any FBS player in Week 9 and the fourth-most for an FBS player in a game this season. He also has the top rushing performance in the FBS this season (282 last week), as well as three of the top five scrimmage yard games.

The sophomore from Fort Worth, Texas, now has five straight games with more than 100 rushing yards and is the only Power Five player with multiple 200-yard rushing games this season. Gordon has scored 11 total touchdowns on the season, including multiple scores in three straight games.

Gordon has moved into some rare air as just the second player in program history with back-to-back games of 250 rushing yards, joining the legendary Barry Sanders in 1988. After carrying the ball just 19 times in Oklahoma State's first three games, he has passed the 1,000-yard mark for the season (1,087), while averaging 7.7 yards per carry.

The Cowboys host in-state rival Oklahoma on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. ET on ABC.

Other candidates for the honor in Week 9 included:

Frank Gore Jr., Southern Miss: Gore ran for 247 yards – the second highest single-game total in school history – on 24 carries and scored twice, from 42 yards and a 75-yarder that tied his career long, despite Southern Miss coming up short, 48-38 at App State. This was the junior from Miami's 11th career 100-yard rushing game and the 14th 200-yard game in school history.

Kay'Ron Lynch-Adams, Massachusetts: Lynch-Adams posted a career-high 234 yards rushing on a career-best 34 attempts, adding a career-high three touchdowns in Massachusetts' 21-14 win over Army. The redshirt junior from Warren, Ohio, becomes Massachusetts' first 200-yard rusher since Marquis Young had 240 yards on Nov. 27, 2015, at Buffalo. Lynch-Adams had 114 rushing yards in the first quarter and his 234 total eclipsed his previous high set just three weeks ago with 157 yards against Toledo on Oct. 7.

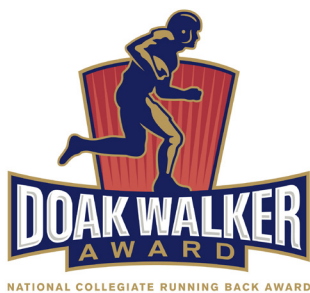
Jordan Nubin, Minnesota: Nubin rushed 40 times for 204 yards and two touchdowns in Minnesota's 27-12 win over Michigan State. The sophomore from St. Charles, Ill, had four carries of 10 yards or more, which included a career-long of 19 yards and an 18-yard touchdown run. He entered the Michigan State game with just 15 career carries for 51 yards.

Walker Award presented by the PwC SMU Athletic Forum has been awarded to the nation's top running back since 1990. Since 2022, the award has 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 chooses the weekly recipient. On Aug. 9, a preseason candidates list was released and semifinalists for the award will be named on Nov. 21. A week later, the three finalists will be announced.

The 2023 Doak Walker Award winner will be unveiled live on *The Home Depot College Football Awards*, televised by ESPN on Dec. 7 or 8. The annual banquet, where the winner and the recipient of the 2024 PwC Doak Walker Legends Award will be honored, will take place in February in Dallas.

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)
- Week 11 (Nov 11)
- Week 12 (Nov. 18)

2023 DOAK WALKER AWARD PRESEASON CANDIDATES LIST

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| 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 |