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Tegra Tshabola

Lakota West High School



The large person anchoring the Lakota West offensive line this season was 6'6", 300 lb. All-American Tegra Tshabola who will be taking his game to Columbus next season to play for the Ohio State Buckeyes. He helped lead last season's Firebird team to a 6-0 record in conference play and a GMC championship. This season, the team went 7-0 in conference play and won a second straight GMC title, then beat West Clermont, Milford and St. Xavier in the first three rounds of the state playoffs before losing to Moeller in the regional finals to go 11-2 on the season.

One of the best offensive linemen in the USA in the class of '22. Tegra started every varsity game since his freshman year for the Firebirds and has earned numerous awards, including being named first team all-GMC, first team all-city, first team all-Southwest Ohio District and first team all-Ohio. He has committed to play in the 2022 All-American Bowl in January at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio, televised on NBC. In the spring of 2021, he also participated in the invitation-only Under Armour All-American Camp in Columbus and was selected to play in the first-ever MLK All-Star Classic in January in Las Vegas.

"Tegra's athletic," says Coach Tom Bolden. "He spends his time refining his craft day in and day out. He's becoming a complete ball player by learning the ropes of all the O Line positions. He's using his skill set, not just his size to play the game."

A team captain, Tegra is a good student who is active in community service. He also threw the discus and shot put for the track & field team, finishing as district runner-up in the shot. He also played a couple years of basketball for the Firebirds. His family moved to West Chester Township more than a dozen years ago from the Democratic Republic of Congo, where French is spoken. French is his first language.

His favorite athlete is Bo Jackson, favorite book is Oh, the Places You'll Go, favorite movie is Star Wars and most-like-to-meet is LeBron James.



NAME: Tegra Tshabola
GRADUATING YEAR: 2022
SCHOOL: Lakota West High School
SPORT: Soccer-Swimming
ACHIEVEMENT: Still to come.
HEIGHT: 5'6"-135 lbs.
INFLUENCE: "My mom."
FUTURE GOAL: "Be a football trainer and have my own facility."

"Tegra is a gentle giant. Very quiet in school, but a monster on the field. He loves kids and will make a great coach."

- Tom Bolden, Varsity Football Coach

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