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Drew Novak

Western Brown High School



Prolific football quarterback Drew Novak, a senior at Western Brown High School, is one of the best prep football passers in the nation. He headed into his senior year with 9,924 career yards passing, 13th most in Ohio history. He then went over the 10,000-yard mark during this season's opening game, a 55-0 win vs. Hillsboro, when he threw for 309 yards and four touchdowns. He scored an additional touchdown running the ball. He followed that up in the second game of the season, when he threw for 450 yards and four touchdowns in the Broncos' 54-40 win over Washington Court House. In a win over Clinton-Massie, Drew accounted for seven touchdowns (four passing, three rushing) and amassed 450 yards of total offense. He moved into third place in Ohio high school history in career passing yards, moving past Athens High School legend Joe Burrow along the way.

Drew had a star-studded junior campaign, when he had one of the greatest quarterback seasons in Ohio high school history. He led the nation in passing yards (5,269) with 56 touchdowns, becoming only the fourth player in OHSAA history to throw for over 5,000 in a season. He surpassed two pretty good Ohio high school quarterbacks -- Ben Roethlisberger for TDs in a season and Joe Burrow for passing yards in a season. Drew also managed 1,202 rushing yards with an additional 21 touchdowns. His 56 passing touchdowns tied for the 12th most in a single season in OHSAA history. Big games included those vs. Monroe when he accounted for nine TDs (five passing, four rushing), vs. Miami Trace when passed for seven TDs and vs. Wilmington when he passed for five TDs and ran for two more TDs. He holds numerous school records and. He led last season's Broncos to an 11-3 record and a first-ever regional runner-up finish. He has had numerous games in his career with 400 yards or more of total offense. He is assaulting the Ohio record book again this season -- so far, in nine games, Drew has 3,066 passing yards with 28 TDs and 610 rushing yards with 12 TDs.

Among his many honors last season, he was named SBAAC Offensive Player of the Year, Cincinnati Div. III Player of the Year, SWO Div. III Offensive Player of the Year, and Ohio Div. III Offensive Player of the Year. Also, he was a finalist for Mr. Ohio Football. Additionally, Drew was selected as a first-team quarterback in Tri-State Football's preseason rankings.

Drew is a two-sport all-star who also plays basketball for the Broncos. His junior year, he helped the Broncos win the SBAAC-American championship and he was named SBAAC Co-Player of the Year. He averaged 16.7 points per game. His 61.8 % field goal percentage and 3.1 blocks per game led the league, while he was third in the league in rebounds (9.5 per game).

A good student who is active in community service, Drew, who has numerous offers, is still weighing his options of where to play his college football.

His favorite athlete is Trevor Lawrence, favorite entertainer is Will Ferrell, favorite book is Urban Meyer's Above the Line, favorite movie is Moneyball and most-like-to-meet is Morgan Freeman.



NAME: Drew Novak

GRADUATING YEAR: 2023

SCHOOL: Western Brown High

SPORT: Football

HEIGHT: 6'5 ¾"

PARENTS: Derek & Stacey

ACHIEVEMENT: Ohio Mr. Football Finalist; Ohio Div. III Player of the Year

INFLUENCE: "My brother Dylan."

GOAL: Become a teacher/coach

"Drew is very respectful and willing to go the extra mile for others around him. He is a great role model for the youth and the community."

– Nick Osborne, Varsity Football Coach

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