

Former Ohio State Defensive End Chase Young Wins Big Ten Male Athlete Of The Year



Even after being selected second overall by the Washington Redskins in the 2020 NFL Draft, Chase Young continues to bring in the hardware from his time with the Buckeyes.

This time, the former Ohio State defensive end was named the Big Ten Jesse Owens Male Athlete of the Year, with the middle blocker on Wisconsin's volleyball team, Dana Rettke, earning Big Ten Female Athlete of the Year for the 2019-20 academic year.

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— Larry A. Johnson (@R2X_Rushmen1) June 11, 2020

Young makes it seven Ohio State players to win the award since its inception in 1982, and the first football player from any Big Ten school since Wisconsin's Ron Dayne in 2000. He is the first Ohio State student athlete to win since wrestler Kyle Snyder won the award in back-to-back seasons in 2017 and 2018.

The other former Ohio State winners are Eddie George (football) in 1996, Blaine Wilson (gymnastics) in 1997, Evan Turner (basketball) in 2010 and Logan Stieber (wrestling) in 2015. There have been three Buckeyes that have been recipients of the Female Athlete of the Year: Laura Davis (volleyball) in 1995, Jessica Davenport (basketball) in 2007 and Christina Manning (track and field) in 2012.

In his junior season with the Buckeyes, Young broke the single-season program record with 16.5 sacks, a total that also led the country. His efforts earned him a trip to New York as a Heisman Trophy finalist, while also winning the Bednarik and Bronko Nagurski trophies, both of which honor the best defensive player in the nation.

Young finished his Ohio State career with 99 tackles, 42 1/2 tackles for loss, 30 1/2 sacks and nine forced fumbles.

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