

Ohio State Duo Up For National Awards



Ohio State sophomore quarterback Dwayne Haskins and junior defensive tackle Dre'Mont Jones were each named semifinalists for national awards by the Maxwell Football Club on Monday.

Haskins, who has thrown for more than 400 yards in three straight games, is a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award, given annually to the top player in college football regardless of position. Jones is a semifinalist for the Bednarik Award, which is presented each year to the top defensive player in college football.

There are 20 semifinalists on each list.

Haskins is tied for first in the nation with 30 touchdown passes through his first eight starts while he is in the top five for passing yards (2,801) as well. He holds Ohio State single-game records for completions (49), attempts (73) and passing yards (470), all of which were set in a loss at Purdue on Oct. 20.

Jones has been a standout along the defensive front for the Buckeyes, leading the team in tackles for loss (9.0 for 38 yards) and sacks (5.5 for 42 yards). The fourth-year junior said ahead of the season that he planned to enter the 2019 NFL draft.

Haskins and Jones are set to continue their push toward national hardware when the Buckeyes face Nebraska on Saturday at Ohio Stadium. Kickoff is set for noon on FOX.

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