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FINALISTS NAMED FOR 2022 FBU MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Five elite players make final nominee list

NAPLES, FL (December 13th, 2022) – The Football University (FBU) All-American Bowl Selection Committee has narrowed down its list of hundreds of nominees to five finalists for the prestigious FBU Player of the Year Award. The award is annually given to the nation’s most outstanding middle school football player and is considered the highest individual award in all of youth football.

The winner will be recognized during Championship Week in Naples and presented with the trophy on December 19th at halftime of the FBU Freshman All-American Bowl. The presentation will be streamed live.

"The five finalists exhibit exemplary direction as they transition from their youth football careers to high school," said Erik Richards, National Recruiting Director for the All-American Bowl on NBC. "Their proven leadership defines the award. The character traits displayed of past winners on and off the field are a proven guide for these young men to continue to follow. Over the years it has become known as the Heisman trophy of middle school football."

Past recipients include two time Super Bowl winner Sony Michel (Los Angeles Chargers), Cam Akers (Rams), JT Daniels (WV Mountaineers), and current #1 player in the country in the 2024 class Jadyn Davis (Providence Day High School) as well as this years Freshman All-American QB Julian Lewis.

The five finalists for the 2022 FBU Player of the Year Award are:

FIRST	LAST	POSITION	HOMETOWN	STATE
Kasen	Brock	RB	Somerset	KY
Jaleyn	Powell	RB	Orlando	FL
Andrew	Robinson	ATH	Dacula	GA
Ja'Shaun	Shaffer	ATH	Orange	CA
Will	Wood	QB	Westwood	MA

This award is given annually in conjunction with the Football University (FBU) National Championship. Since 2011, the FBU National Championship has showcased the best 6th, 7th & 8th grade football talent from across the country in an all-star game format tournament.

Notable FBU National Championship alumni: Christian McCaffrey, Davis Mills, Trevor Lawrence, Bryce Young and hundreds of other notable stars in the NFL & college ranks

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