

C.J. Stroud Named A Heisman Finalist For Second Consecutive Season



For the second time in as many seasons, Ohio State quarterback C.J. Stroud was named a Heisman Trophy finalist.

The Buckeye signal caller finished fourth in Heisman Trophy voting a season ago, as Alabama quarterback Bryce Young took home the award last year. This time around, Stroud was named a finalist alongside Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett IV, TCU quarterback Max Duggan and USC quarterback Caleb Williams.

Stroud completed 66.2 percent of his pass attempts while amassing 3,340 yards and 37 touchdowns this season, which is tied for first in the country with Williams and Houston quarterback Clayton Tune. Additionally, he leads the country in passing efficiency rating (176.2) and became the only quarterback in Big Ten history with back-to-back seasons with more than 30 touchdowns this year.

His efforts earned him the Big Ten's Greise-Brees Quarterback of the Year and Graham-George Offensive Player of the Year awards from the conference. Stroud has also been named a finalist for the Maxwell Award, Davey O'Brien Award, Walter Camp Player of the Year and Manning Award.

Stroud is the fifth Heisman Trophy finalist from Ohio State in as many years, as Stroud went to New York in 2021, quarterback Justin Fields and defensive end Chase Young were finalists in 2019, while quarterback Dwayne Haskins went in 2018.

The Heisman Trophy ceremony takes place on Saturday at 8 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN.