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Rose Bowl-Bound Brees Is NCAA Total Offense King

Nobody can catch him now.

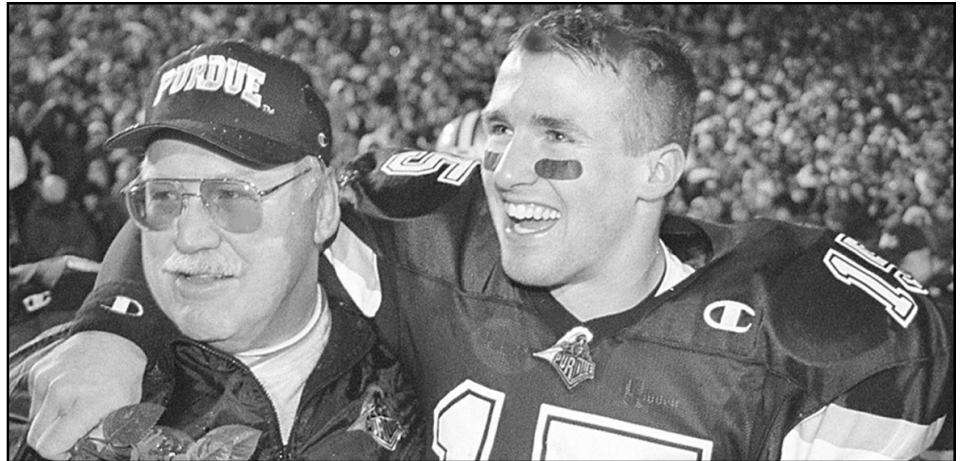
With only a handful of regular-season games left to play nationwide, Purdue's Rose Bowl-bound Drew Brees has an insurmountable lead in the NCAA total offense category. His average of 358.1 yards per game is 10.2 yards per game ahead of Kentucky's Jared Lorenzen, 18.9 yards ahead of Florida State's Chris Weinke, 27.8 yards ahead of Boise State's Bart Hendricks and 57.3 yards ahead of Oklahoma's Josh Heupel.

In fact, Brees' statistics when compared with the other top-ranked quarterbacks in Division I make it obvious the awards "race" should be too close to call until late next week.

In November 1999, Brees shunned a huge pay day in the NFL by choosing to remain at Purdue for his senior season. Two goals he cited at the time were winning the Big Ten Conference championship and leading the Boilermakers to the Rose Bowl.

He achieved both goals. The Big Ten championship was Purdue's first in 33 years. The Rose Bowl berth was the first in 34 years. Other highlights of Drew's stellar run with the Boilermakers:

- ✓ Brees produced phenomenal numbers by setting 34 NCAA, Big Ten and Purdue records while accumulating 104 total touchdowns (88 passing, 14 rushing and two receiving) and becoming the first quarterback in NCAA history to pass for more than 10,900 yards and run for more than 900. This year, Brees carried 91 times for 546 yards (6.0 yards per carry) as the Boilermakers' second-leading rusher.



Head coach Joe Tiller (left) and senior quarterback Drew Brees celebrate the Boilermakers' Big Ten Conference championship and Rose Bowl berth.

- ✓ Brees has the best pass-attempt-to-interception ratio among the top three quarterbacks. Drew has been picked off 12 times in 473 attempts, one for every 39.42 attempts, compared with Weinke's one for every 39.18 passes and Heupel's one for every 35.36 attempts.

- ✓ Brees contributed 76 percent of this team's total offense while leading the Boilermakers to the nation's best third-down efficiency at 58 percent. He either has thrown or scored 64 percent of Purdue's touchdowns this year.

- ✓ Brees will be the first quarterback in Purdue history to play in four consecutive bowl games. Prior to his arrival, the Boilermakers had not been to a bowl game or posted a winning record in 13 years.

Brees is a well-rounded, solid citizen and an honors student in addition to his on-field success:

- ✓ Academics — Drew has been selected as a recipient of a National Football Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship (worth \$18,000), and he's an Academic All-American who earned a 4.0 grade-point average in industrial management last spring and now has a cumulative GPA of 3.42.

- ✓ Community Service — Drew has become so well-known in the Lafayette community through his service projects and by being such a strong role model for children and his peers that a street in West Lafayette is being named in his honor. (See back page.)

Drew Brees Record Watch

Purdue Career Leaders

Passing Attempts

Drew Brees	1997-	1,639
Mark Herrmann	1977-80	1,309
Scott Campbell	1980-83	1,060
Jim Everett	1981-85	965
Eric Hunter	1989-92	818

Passing Completions

Drew Brees	1997-	1,003
Mark Herrmann	1977-80	772
Scott Campbell	1980-83	609
Jim Everett	1981-85	572
Eric Hunter	1989-92	422

Completion Percentage (300 attempts)

Drew Brees	1997-	.612 (1,003-1,639)
Jim Everett	1981-85	.593 (572-965)
Mark Herrmann	1977-80	.590 (772-1,309)
Rick Trefzger	1993-96	.578 (383-663)
Scott Campbell	1980-83	.575 (609-1,060)

Passing Yards

Drew Brees	1997-	11,517
Mark Herrmann	1977-80	9,946
Scott Campbell	1980-83	7,636
Jim Everett	1981-85	7,411
Eric Hunter	1989-92	5,598

Passing Touchdowns

Drew Brees	1997-	88
Mark Herrmann	1977-80	71
Scott Campbell	1980-83	45
Jim Everett	1981-85	43
Mike Phipps	1967-69	37

Passing Efficiency (300 attempts)

Jim Everett	1981-85	132.7
Drew Brees	1997-	132.4
Mark Herrmann	1977-80	129.2
Rick Trefzger	1993-96	125.4
Scott Campbell	1980-83	124.2

Total Offense

Drew Brees	1997-	12,442
Mark Herrmann	1977-80	9,134
Scott Campbell	1980-83	7,526
Jim Everett	1981-85	7,284
Eric Hunter	1989-92	5,984

Big Ten Career Leaders

Passing Attempts

Drew Brees, Purdue	1997-	1,639
Mark Herrmann, Purdue	1977-80	1,309
Jack Trudeau, Illinois	1981-85	1,245
Chuck Long, Iowa	1981-85	1,203
Jason Verduzco, Illinois	1989-92	1,083

Passing Completions

Drew Brees, Purdue	1997-	1,003
Jack Trudeau, Illinois	1981-85	797
Chuck Long, Iowa	1981-85	782
Mark Herrmann, Purdue	1977-80	772
Jason Verduzco, Illinois	1989-92	678

Completion Percentage (300 attempts)

Chuck Long, Iowa	1981-85	.650 (782-1,203)
Todd Collins, Michigan	1991-94	.643 (457-711)
Jack Trudeau, Illinois	1981-85	.640 (797-1,245)
Chuck Hartlieb, Iowa	1986-88	.638 (512-802)
Jim Miller, Michigan State	1990-93	.629 (467-746)
Jason Verduzco, Illinois	1989-92	.626 (678-1,083)
Elvis Grbac, Michigan	1989-92	.625 (522-835)
Jim Harbaugh, Michigan	1983-86	.624 (378-620)
Tony Eason, Illinois	1981-82	.615 (561-911)
Drew Brees, Purdue	1997-	.612 (1,003-1,639)

Passing Yards

Drew Brees, Purdue	1997-	11,517
Chuck Long, Iowa	1981-85	10,461
Mark Herrmann, Purdue	1977-80	9,946
Jack Trudeau, Illinois	1981-85	8,723
Darrell Bevel, Wisconsin	1992-95	7,686

Passing Touchdowns

Drew Brees, Purdue	1997-	88
Chuck Long, Iowa	1981-85	74
Mark Herrmann, Purdue	1977-80	71
Elvis Grbac, Michigan	1989-92	71
Darrell Bevel, Wisconsin	1992-95	59

Total Offense

Drew Brees, Purdue	1997-	12,442
Chuck Long, Iowa	1981-85	10,254
Mark Herrmann, Purdue	1977-80	9,134
Art Schlichter, Ohio State	1978-81	8,850
Jack Trudeau, Illinois	1981-85	8,640

Drew Brees' NCAA, Big Ten and Purdue Records

Passing Attempts — Game: 83 at Wisconsin, 10/10/98
 Passing Completions — Game: 55 at Wisconsin, 10/10/98
 (tied with Rusty LaRue of Wake Forest vs. Duke, 10/28/95)

Drew Brees' Big Ten and Purdue Records

Passing Attempts — Season: 569, 1998
 Passing Completions — Season: 361, 1998
 Passing Yards — Season: 3,983, 1998
 Touchdown Passes — Season: 39, 1998
 Total Yards — Season: 4,176, 1998

Drew Brees' Purdue Records

Passing Yards — Game: 522 vs. Minnesota, 10/3/98
 (third in Big Ten)
 Total Offense — Game: 524 vs. Minnesota, 10/3/98
 (third in Big Ten)
 Touchdown Passes — Game: 6 vs. Minnesota, 10/3/98;
 at Northwestern, 11/7/98 (tied for second in Big Ten)
 Passing Efficiency — Game (20-29 attempts): 262.9 vs.
 Minnesota, 10/3/98 (10th in Big Ten)
 Longest Play from Scrimmage: 99 to Vinny Sutherland vs.
 Northwestern, 9/25/99 (tied Big Ten record for longest
 passing play)
 Rushing Yards by Quarterback — Career: 925

Drew Brees Game-By-Game Statistics

~ 2000 Season ~

Opponent	Start	Passing					Rushing				
		Att.-Com.-Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Long
Central Michigan	1	42-25-0	.595	318	3	37	3	16	5.3	0	8
Kent State	1	46-32-1	.696	415	2	44	6	31	5.2	2	8
at #21 Notre Dame	1	22-13-1	.591	221	2	54	7	35	5.0	0	17
Minnesota	1	49-33-0	.673	409	2	35	12	88	7.3	1	27
at Penn State	1	50-23-0	.460	281	1	39	9	43	4.8	0	19
#6 Michigan	1	44-32-1	.727	286	2	25	10	80	8.0	0	21
at #17 Northwestern	1	40-22-1	.550	239	5	43	12	68	5.7	0	11
at Wisconsin	1	43-21-0	.488	274	2	78	11	74	6.7	1	25
#12 Ohio State	1	65-39-4	.600	455	3	64	6	4	0.7	0	6
at Michigan State	1	43-26-3	.605	279	1	68	5	22	4.4	0	11
Indiana	1	29-20-1	.690	216	1	29	10	85	8.5	1	19
Totals (11 Games)	11	473-286-12	.605	3,393	24	78	91	546	6.0	5	27

~ 1999 Season ~

Opponent	Start	Passing					Rushing				
		Att.-Com.-Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Long
at Central Florida	1	43-26-1	.605	273	4	38	3	1	0.3	0	4
#16 Notre Dame	1	40-24-1	.600	317	1	42	6	39	6.5	1	21
Central Michigan	1	39-25-0	.641	320	2	57	2	27	13.5	0	14
Northwestern	1	50-32-1	.640	405	3	99	2	-9	-4.5	0	0
at #4 Michigan	1	49-20-1	.408	293	1	66	5	-13	-2.6	0	11
at #21 Ohio State	1	39-24-0	.615	205	0	25	3	8	2.7	0	4
#5 Michigan State	1	57-40-4	.702	509	5	51	8	-8	-1.0	1	10
#2 Penn State	1	48-31-1	.646	379	2	37	9	-21	-2.3	0	11
at Minnesota	1	41-28-0	.683	283	2	51	7	51	7.3	0	13
#10 Wisconsin	1	64-36-2	.563	350	1	32	18	85	4.7	2	16
at Indiana	1	24-15-0	.625	197	0	35	7	21	3.0	0	12
vs. #21 Georgia	1	60-36-1	.600	378	4	40	9	-4	-0.4	0	9
Totals (12 games)	12	554-337-12	.608	3,909	25	99	79	177	2.2	4	21

~ 1998 Season ~

Opponent	Start	Passing					Rushing				
		Att.-Com.-Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Long
at USC	1	52-30-2	.577	248	2	43	7	16	2.3	0	11
Rice	1	31-20-0	.645	250	2	37	4	16	4.0	1	18
Central Florida	1	24-14-1	.583	223	2	38	5	8	1.6	0	23
at #23 Notre Dame	1	36-24-2	.667	261	2	23	11	45	4.1	1	14
Minnesota	1	36-31-0	.861	522	6	46	1	2	2.0	0	2
at #10 Wisconsin	1	83-55-4	.663	494	2	21	1	1	1.0	0	1
at #12 Penn State	1	58-39-1	.672	361	1	19	9	-36	-4.0	0	13
Illinois	1	30-22-2	.733	261	3	29	6	41	6.8	1	18
Iowa	1	44-31-2	.705	362	4	33	6	4	0.7	0	5
at Northwestern	1	42-24-2	.571	338	6	70	1	8	8.0	0	8
at Michigan State	1	47-26-0	.553	196	2	18	6	38	6.3	0	19
Indiana	1	33-20-1	.606	237	4	37	2	25	12.5	0	19
vs. #4 Kansas State	1	53-25-3	.472	230	3	30	10	25	2.5	0	11
Totals (13 games)	13	569-361-20	.634	3,983	39	70	69	193	2.8	3	23

~ 1997 Season ~

Opponent	Start	Passing					Rushing				
		Att.-Com.-Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Long
at Toledo	—	21-11-0	.524	97	0	17	3	1	0.3	0	11
at Minnesota	—	1-0-0	.000	0	0	0	1	-3	-3.0	0	-3
#24 Wisconsin	—	4-2-0	.500	44	0	30	0	0	—	0	0
at Illinois	—	4-1-0	.250	7	0	7	4	8	2.0	1	7
Michigan State	—	3-1-1	.333	6	0	6	0	0	—	0	0
at Indiana	—	9-4-0	.444	78	0	29	1	5	5.0	1	5
vs. #24 Oklahoma State	—	1-0-0	.000	0	0	0	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
Totals (7 games)	—	43-19-1	.442	232	0	30	10	9	0.9	2	11

Career (43 games) **36** **1,639-1,003-45** **.612** **11,517** **88** **99** **249** **925** **3.7** **14** **27**
Receiving: **6** **14** **2.3** **2** **12**

Drew Brees Notes & Quotes

NCAA Career Leaders

(bowl games not included)

Passing Attempts

Chris Redman, Louisville	1996-99	1,679
Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech	1997-99	1,552
Ty Detmer, Brigham Young	1988-91	1,530
Drew Brees, Purdue	1997-	1,525
Tim Lester, Western Michigan	1996-99	1,507

Passing Completions

Chris Redman, Louisville	1996-99	1,031
Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech	1997-99	1,015
Ty Detmer, Brigham Young	1988-91	958
Drew Brees, Purdue	1997-	942
Todd Santos, San Diego State	1984-87	910

Total Offense

Ty Detmer, Brigham Young	1988-91	14,665
Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech	1997-99	12,618
Chris Redman, Louisville	1996-99	12,129
Drew Brees, Purdue	1997-	11,815
Doug Flutie, Boston College	1981-84	11,317

From Purdue Coach Joe Tiller ...

"I can't imagine anyone having a better year than Drew had this year. He did everything we asked him to do, whether it was throwing the ball, running with it, catching it or handing it off and throwing a great block down field. He raised the level of play of the guys around him, especially his young receivers. He is the reason Purdue is going to the Rose Bowl."

Penn State Coach Joe Paterno Says ...

"Drew is a very unique talent. He would be in a class with the (Ty) Detmer kid (1990 Heisman Trophy winner). He is the same kind of player. He is the kind of kid who is very courageous in the pocket. He is very decisive, confident and accurate, obviously. He has a great feel for the game. There are probably some other people we have played who would be similar, maybe (Doug) Flutie (1984 Heisman Trophy winner). Flutie had the same ability to exploit defenses."

According To ABC Analyst Gary Danielson (on game-winning touchdown pass against Ohio State) ...

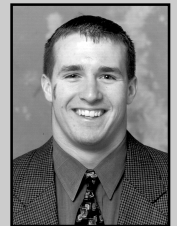
"I never measure a player by wins or losses. I measure a player by how he deals with adversity. Brees' touchdown pass after throwing that pick was the single-most clutch play that I have seen in 11 years of broadcasting college football."

West Lafayette Street To Be Named For Brees; Big Ten's Top Award Also Goes To Drew

The regular season may be over, but the honors keep coming in.

Drew Brees, a finalist for several major national awards this year, received two bits of good news this week. A West Lafayette street will be named in his honor, making him the first Boilermaker athlete ever to get his name on a street sign while still in school. Also, he was named Big Ten Player of the Year, becoming the first football player to be so honored since Mark Herrmann in 1980 and just the sixth Purdue player ever picked for that award.

West Lafayette Mayor Sonya Margerum made the decision to name a new street in the Wabash Landing business development "Brees Way" as a means of showing Drew the appreciation and respect that she believes the entire community feels toward the football star.



Brees

The 6-foot-1, 220-pound, 21-year-old senior quarterback from Austin, Texas, also cleaned up on several team awards on Nov. 20 as he was voted by his teammates as Purdue's Most Valuable Player thanks to his national title in total offense (358.1 yards per game) and his 30 touchdowns (24 passing, five running and one receiving) while leading the Boilermakers to their first conference championship in 33 years and their first Rose Bowl in 34 years.

Brees was chosen the 2000 recipient of the Kiwanis Citizenship Award, presented by the Lafayette Kiwanis Club to the player who excels most in the combined roles of player, student and community leader. Brees, who carries a 3.42 overall grade-point average in industrial management including a perfect 4.0 last spring, is the coordinator of Purdue's Gentle Giants Program, which involves Boilermaker football players helping in elementary classrooms in the Lafayette area. Brees also has been a spokesman for the United Way, March of Dimes, Census 2000 and the American Lung Association in its "Enjoy the Brees, Don't Smoke" campaign.

But the team award that "means the most" to Brees, by his own admission, is the Leonard Wilson Award, which is chosen by the coaching staff and presented annually to the player who best exemplifies unselfishness and dedication.