

WILL HOWARD BIO (CONT) AND STATS

Will chose Kansas State University because of the school's strong fan base, academics, and football program. Competing in a Power 5 football program was always Will's dream. What set Kansas State apart from other programs were the coaches who are committed to players and player development both on and off the field. Will felt a strong connection with the school, coaches, and fans. His early success only proved to him that he'd made the right choice.

CAREER HONORS:

- 2022 Wuerffel Trophy watch list
- 2022 AFCA Good Works Team Nominee
- 2021 First Team Academic All-Big 12
- 2020 Big 12 Newcomer of the Week (TCU)

KANSAS STATE 2021: Played in six games with starts against Nevada, Oklahoma State and Texas. Finished the season throwing for 332 yards and a touchdown on 30-of-55 aim with just one interception, while he rushed 32 times for 184 yards and four scores. Had a career-high two rushing touchdowns against Nevada, both of which came in the fourth quarter as K-State broke a 17-17 tie. Tallied a 71-yard touchdown run at Texas, the longest for a score in his career and the second-longest overall (80 yards at TCU, 2020). Tossed a 68-yard touchdown pass against Nevada, the second of his career over 65 yards (80 yards vs. Texas Tech, 2020). A First Team Academic All-Big 12 honoree.

KANSAS STATE 2020: Played in nine games with starts in each of the final seven contests, one of just four true freshmen quarterbacks in the nation to make at least seven starts during the 2020 season. Threw for 1,178 yards and eight touchdowns, while he rushed for 364 yards and three scores. Set the school record for passing touchdowns by a freshman, while his passing yardage and total offense (1,542) total ranked third in school history. Ranked fifth in school history among freshmen in rushing yards, the only quarterback to reach the top-five in that category.

Averaged 13.09 yards per completion, the second highest nationally among true freshmen. Earned his first career start at TCU, becoming the first true freshman quarterback in school history to earn a win in his first-career road start. Busted an 80-yard run against the Horned Frogs, tied for the seventh-longest run-in school history and was the second longest by a quarterback. His scamper at TCU was also the fifth-longest run among quarterbacks in the nation during the 2020 season and was the fourth longest by a true freshman regardless of position. Picked up Big 12 Newcomer of the Week honors following the TCU game. Backed up that with a win in his next start against Kansas as he became the first true freshman in school history to win his first two career starts. Tallied 243 passing yards against the Jayhawks, the fifth most by a true freshman quarterback in school history. Totaled 125 rushing yards against Oklahoma State, tied for the fifth most by a freshman in school history and the highest by a quarterback.

HIGH SCHOOL:

Ranked 13th-best pro-style quarterback in the Class of 2020 by 247Sports.

Named the All-Southeastern Pennsylvania Player of the Year by the Philadelphia Inquirer, while he was named all-state by the Pennsylvania Football Writers. Also named the Maxwell Football Club Pennsylvania Player of the Year. Threw for 5,308 yards and 48 touchdowns during his prep career, including a 2,543-yard, 27-touchdown performance as a senior to lead his team to a 13-2 record, its first district title since 1996, and a trip to the state semifinals. He also rushed for 512 yards and 21 touchdowns as a prep. In the winter, Will played basketball, earning a pair of all-area honors and was a 1,000-point scorer in his career.

Will also excels in the classroom, maintaining a GPA north of 4.0. He loves the cerebral side of the game. If he is not playing, he is studying the game of playbook.

Will is the son of Bob and Maureen Howard and he has three siblings, Tori, Ryan and Grace. Tori is a former Penn State swimmer and current student at PSU. Ryan also plays football and at 6'7" 310 lbs. is a D1 football prospect as a high school junior OT. Grace is in middle school and plays volleyball, swims, and enjoys riding her horse.