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## AJ Mayer

### Covington Catholic High School



A three-year varsity starter in football and basketball, Covington Catholic quarterback AJ Mayer is a Mr. Kentucky Football candidate and a nominee for the Gatorade Kentucky Player of the Year award.

He entered his senior season with big numbers, in his varsity career having already passed for 4,435 yards (37 TDs) plus 1,137 yards rushing (19 TDs.)

Under AJ's leadership, this season Covington Catholic went an undefeated 10-0 during the regular season for the second time in team history, finishing as the AP's top team in Kentucky Class 5A. AJ and the Colonels then dispatched Bullitt East 56-14 and Bullitt Central 49-0 in the first two rounds of the Kentucky Class 5A playoffs before thrashing South Oldham 49-7 to win the regional championship. AJ so far has thrown for 2,437 yards and 33 touchdowns.

AJ has earned numerous honors, including recently named 1st team all-NKY. Last season he passed for 2,461 yds. (20 TDs) and rushed for 505 yds. (11 TDs) and was named Kentucky Class 5A District Player of the Year and 2nd team all-Northern Kentucky. "AJ embodies exactly what a student-athlete should strive to be," says head football coach Eddie Eviston. "He is an incredible athlete, a great student, but above all, an even better young man!"

AJ also played basketball for the Colonels, who were District champs. Big games included those vs. Newport Catholic (30 points), Dunbar (26 points) and South Laurel (20 points). He was named to the district and regional all-tournament teams. He also played a year of baseball for the Colonels.

An academic star and National Honor Society student who is active in community service, he also is a member of the Covington Catholic Chamber Choir. AJ will play football collegiately at Miami University in Oxford.

His favorite athlete is Tom Brady, favorite entertainer is Mark Wahlberg, favorite book is Lone Survivor, favorite movie is Shooter and most-like-to-meet is Michael Jordan.



**NAME:** AJ Mayer

**GRADUATING YEAR:** 2018

**SCHOOL** Covington Catholic

**GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT:**

3-year starter in football and basketball; National Honor Society

**INFLUENCE:** "My dad."

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6'3"-205 lbs.

**BIRTHDATE:** 10/17/99

**PARENTS:** Andy & Amy

**FUTURE GOAL:** Start 4 years at collegiate level

"We preach that in order to be a champion on the field, you have to be a champion off the field. AJ Mayer epitomizes that idea. He is an incredible football player, a great student, and an even better person."

– Eddie Eviston, Football Coach

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