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Zach Branam La Salle High School



La Salle senior quarterback Zach Branam has a tough act to follow this season, coming on the heels of his junior campaign when he led the Lancers to the Div. II Ohio state championship, a 34-17 win over previously unbeaten Massillon Washington. It was La Salle's fourth state football title in six seasons. La Salle this season is rated as the top team in Ohio in a MaxPreps.com preseason poll.

Last season, Zach amassed 3,070 yards (1,676 passing, 1,394 rushing) of total offense while accounting for 35 total touchdowns (21 passing, 14 rushing). For his accomplishments, he was named first team GCL South, first team all-city Div. II (Enquirer), first team SWO District and third team all-Ohio Div. II offense.

Zach had numerous impressive games along the way to a 13-2 record and the state title. In a big win vs. Moeller, he rushed for 253 yards and five touchdowns, which tied a school record. In the regional title game vs Harrison, he passed for 155 yards and three touchdowns, while rushing for another 104 yards. He then accounted for four touchdowns (3 rushing, 1 passing) in the state semifinal game win vs. Toledo Central Catholic.

This season started in exciting fashion: In the schedule opener, La Salle pulled off a last-second 53-52 victory, beating Elder at The Pit in double overtime on a game-winning two-point conversion by Zach. He was 10-for-17 passing for three touchdowns, plus he ran for 185 yards and three more TDs. For good measure, he also kicked a 28-yard field goal.

A great student (4.5 GPA), he is active in community service with about 140 service hours. His favorite athlete and most-like-to-meet is LeBron James, favorite entertainer is Kevin Hart, favorite book is the Maze Runner series and favorite movie is Step Brothers.



NAME: Zach Branam

GRADUATING YEAR: 2021

SCHOOL: La Salle High School

SPORT: Football

ACHIEVEMENT: State championship

PARENTS: William & Paula

HEIGHT: 6'-195 lbs.

INFLUENCE: Parents

FUTURE GOAL: "Be successful in my field and start a family."

"Zach is a leader on and off the field. His hard work, dedication and team-first attitude have allowed him to excel on the field and in the classroom. Zach is the type of young man that will be successful in whatever he does."

- Pat McLaughlin, Football Coach

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