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## Joseph Hocker

### Deer Park High School



Deer Park senior two-sport star Joseph Hocker already has an Ohio state championship under his belt. The 6'6", 250 lb. basketball center was an integral part of last year's remarkable Wildcats' team that went an undefeated 29-0 and won the Ohio state Div. III basketball championship. The Wildcats' basketball team was named the best high school sports' team in the Cincinnati area for the 2017-2018 school year.

Before recently sustaining an injury, Joseph had some big games this season, including a huge 21 points-20 rebounds game vs. Summit Country Day. Other double-double games include vs. Taylor (13 points-12 rebounds) and Taft (12 points-17 rebounds). He was leading the CHL in both rebounds per game (11.4) and blocks per game (3.3) before the injury.

His junior year, Joseph averaged 7.3 ppg. 6.4 rebounds per game and was named to the state all-tournament team as well as earning honorable mention all-conference and all-city recognition.

In football, Joseph played tight end and defensive end for the Wildcats, and had over 1,000 all-purpose yards this past season with 15 TDs. On defense, he also contributed 28 tackles and 4.5 sacks. He was named 1st team all-CHL, 1st team all-city, 1st team all-SWO District and special mention all-state. He will play football collegiately at Florida International University.

Active in community service, Joseph's favorite athlete is Peyton Manning, favorite entertainer is Kevin Hart, favorite book is The Uncommon Life of Tony Dungy, favorite movie is Lone Survivor and most-like-to-meet is Inky Johnson.



**NAME:** Joseph Hocker  
**GRADUATING YEAR:** 2019  
**SCHOOL:** Deer Park High School  
**SPORT:** Basketball-Football  
**HEIGHT:** 6'6"-250 lbs.  
**RESIDENCE:** Deer Park  
**BIRTHDATE:** 12/08/99  
**MOM:** Jody  
**INFLUENCE:** Isaiah Revels  
**FUTURE GOAL:** Earn college degree; play pro football

"Joe is a coach's dream. He is a hard worker who listens, strives to be better and always has a smile on his face."

Steve Gentry, Basketball Coach

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