MVP Featured Athlete

Jaylen Johnson La Salle High School



La Salle senior safety Jaylen Johnson is a major defensive force in the GCL-South again this season as the Lancers drive for the school's fifth over all Ohio state football championship, after going 13-2 last season and winning the Div. II state title.

Jaylen was named preseason first team all-Ohio by MaxPreps and was named by Sports Illustrated to its preseason All-American Watch List. He was also named preseason first team all-area by Tri-StateFootball.com.

Jaylen is an impact defensive back for the Lancers. Although teams generally avoided his side of the field last season, Jaylen still registered 61 total tackles (50 solo tackles) as well as three forced fumbles and two interceptions on his way to being named first team GCL-South, first team SWO District and Division II second team all-Ohio. The Enquirer also named him to the newspapers' Cincinnati all-decade team. So far this season, Jaylen in seven games has 27 solo tackles and 17 assisted tackles (44 total tackles), plus a forced fumble.

Jaylen, who is active in community service and also played basketball and track & field for the Lancers, has committed to play his college football at The Ohio State University. His favorite athlete is Jamal Adams, favorite entertainer is Kevin Hart, favorite book is To Kill A Mocking Bird, favorite movie is "any comedy" and most-like-to-meet is LeBron James.

NAME: Jaylen Johnson GRADUATING YEAR: 2021 SCHOOL: La Salle High School SPORT: Football PARENTS: Jarvis Johnson & Naomi Thomas HEIGHT: 6'1"-205 lbs. INFLUENCE: "My father." FUTURE GOAL: Earn college degree, NFL, be an entrepreneur

"Jaylen is a hard worker, great teammate and leader on and off the field. He is someone that will be successful no matter what he does because of these attributes."

- Patrick McLaughlin, Football Coach

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