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Jermaine Mathews Jr

Winton Woods High School



Winton Woods this season had a lock-down secondary, dubbed the “No-Fly Zone,” determined to help the Warriors win a second straight Ohio Div. II state championship, but the Warriors fell just short, losing to Kings in the regional finals to finish the season at 12-1. One of the leaders of that secondary was cornerback Jermaine Mathews Jr., who will play his football collegiately at The Ohio State University. His running mate was senior Cameron Calhoun. Together they accounted for 11 interceptions this season.

Jermaine’s value to this year’s team was evident earlier this season in a big game between two undefeated teams atop the ECC. After the Warriors went down 10-0 to Kings the first time they met this season, Jermaine righted the ship when he took a kickoff 80 yards to the house, trimming the lead down to just three points, and leading Winton Woods to an eventual 28-23 win. He had another defensive gem in a 28-14 win over Milford when he intercepted a ball and ran 95 yards for a touchdown. In the first round of the playoffs, Winton Woods beat La Salle 35-13 and Jermaine had a 29-yard pick-six in the game and also had a touchdown reception. He was first-team all-SWO District this past season.

Jermaine was coming off a great junior season when he had 44 tackles, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, five interceptions (which was third in the ECC) and two punt returns for touchdowns. He earned numerous honors for his accomplishments, including being named first-team all ECC, second-team all-city (Enquirer) and first-team all-SWO District.

Jermaine also played basketball for the Warriors and last season was named ECC Defensive Player of the Year and led the conference in steals per game. His favorite athlete is LeBron James, favorite entertainer is YoungBoy, favorite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid, favorite movie is Coach Carter and most-like-to-meet is Jalen Ramsey.



NAME: Jermaine Mathews Jr.
GRADUATING YEAR: 2023
SCHOOL: Winton Woods High
SPORT: Football-Basketball
HEIGHT: 6’-180 lbs.
PARENTS: Jermaine Mathews Sr.
Bianca Adkins
ACHIEVEMENT: Winning Ohio state championship
GOAL: Graduate from OSU-advance to the NFL

“A talented young man with TONS of big time potential, Jermaine is an ultimate competitor and was nominated a team captain by his teammates. Jermaine is a winner, leader and has a tremendous work ethic.”

– Chad Murphy, Varsity Football Coach

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