WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME

NAME: DREW BLEDSOE **BORN:** Feb. 14, 1972
Location Born:

YEARS AT WSU: 1990-1993 **HEIGHT:** 6-5
WEIGHT: 232

SPORTS: Football with varsity letters 1990, 1991 and 1992

PARTICIPANT: Yes **COACH:** No **STAFF:** No **ADMINISTRATION:** No

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

SPOUSE:

CHILDREN:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY:

CAREER SUMMARY: Finished career with 7,373 yards passing, 532 completions and 979 attempts, all marks that second on WSU's all-time lists…his 46 TD passes also number two…in total offense, had 7,151 yards, number two on the list…56 touchdowns responsible for and 1,216 plays also number two on their respective charts…finished career ranked 10th in Pac-10 total offense, 10th in passing yards and in a tie for 11th in career TD passes…during career ran and passed for over 200 yards in 23 games, a WSU record…had more than 200 yards passing in 22 games, equaling the WSU record.

SINGLE SEASON RECORDS

- 3,246 yards passing, 1992 (old mark 3,097, Timm Rosenbach, 1988)
- 432 pass attempts, 1992 (old mark 390, Timm Rosenbach, 1987)
- 241 pass completions, 1992 (old mark 222, Timm Rosenbach, 1987)

SINGLE GAME RECORDS

- 476 yards passing vs. Utah, 1992 (old mark 413, Drew Bledsoe vs. Montana, 1992)
- 468 yards total offense vs. Utah, 1992 (old mark 412, Mark Rypien vs. Oregon, 1985)
- 87 yard pass play vs. Utah, 1992 (ties old mark, Jack Fanning vs. Stanford, 1957)
- 66 pass attempts vs. Montana, 1992 (old mark 52, Jack Thompson vs. California, 1976)
- 37 pass completions vs. Montana, 1992 (old mark 32, Jerry Henderson vs. Oregon, 1968)

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FRESHMAN (1990-1991): V-letter…became WSU's first true freshman to start at quarterback when he opened in the seventh game of the season at Oregon State…started remaining four games and completed 92 of 189 passes for 1,386 yards and nine touchdowns…moved onto several WSU record lists…his 385 yards at Arizona ranks third on the single game passing list and 382 yards total offense and fourth on the list…threw for 274 and 295 yards against ASU and Washington, respectively…just one interception until final game when he threw three…had long passes of 63 yards at USC, 55 at OSU and 60 at Arizona…made ESPN's Play of the Day when he scored a rushing touchdown after catching his own pass that was deflected by an Arizona player's helmet…15 yard rushing TD versus ASU…team's Pac-10 nominee for efforts at OSU and Arizona.

SOPHOMORE (1991-1992): V-letter…All-Pac-10 second team selection after leading the league in total offense - 2,647 total yards and 240.6 ypg…completed 199 of 358 passes (.556) for 2,741 yards and 17 touchdowns…finished fifth in passing efficiency in the Pac-10 with a 127.19 rating…also an All-Pac-10 academic honorable mention pick…started all 11 games for the Cougars…season totals ranked him third on the all-time single season WSU passing list and fourth in single season total offense…during a span of six games (games 2-7) completed 62% of his passes, hitting 111 or 179 for 1,526 yards and nine TDs…his 295 passing yards against national champion Washington ranked the third best performance of the season…finished the season ranked 14th nationally in total offense…only once all year (UCLA) did he not pass for more than 200 yards in a game…best outing came against Washington when he completed 18 of 35 passes for three scores and 295 yards…at Ohio State hit on season highs of 26 completions and 43 attempts for 287 yards, one TD and just one interception…in consecutive games against Ohio State, UNLV, Oregon State and USC, he threw for 287, 260, 270, and 274 yards respectively…against Arizona completed 20 of 36 passes for 268 yards, three scores and just one interception…threw a school-record-equaling five touchdown passes against Oregon State;…earned the following awards during the season: Ohio State (Cougar Claw/Second Effort), Oregon State (Pac-10 Offense nominee), USC (Most Disciplined Offense), Arizona (Pac-10 Offense nominee).

JUNIOR (1992-1993): V-letter…started all 12 games…named Pac-10 Conference MVP on offense…NEA All-America first team…semifinalist for *Football News* offensive player of the year…also semifinalist for Davey O'Brien Award as top quarterback in the country…eighth in Heisman Trophy voting (second on eight ballots, third on 14 others, 48 total points) and the top finisher from the Pac-10…also second among quarterbacks… player of the game by ABC-TV in WSU-USC game and MVP of the Copper Bowl, directing WSU to 31-28 win over Utah…saved the best for last, throwing for a school record 476 yards in Copper Bowl…also a school record 468 yards in total offense against the Utes…led the Pac-10 in total offense for second straight year…in season opener threw for 413 yards over Montana, completing 37 of 66 passes…threw for 358 yards against USC…completed at least 60 percent of his passes in each of the last three games in five of WSU's games…threw at least one TD pass in 11 of 12 games…blanked at Stanford…named to *Lindy's* pre-season All-America first team, to the second team by NCAA/Host and to the third team by *The Sporting News*…season totals included several passing records - 3,245 yards, 241 completions, 432 pass attempts…his 3,185 yards in total offense ranked second on WSU's single-season list…equaled WSU record with the longest pass when he hit Phillip Bobo with an 87-yard pass and run TD in the Copper Bowl…named team offensive MVP…announced his plans to enter the NFL draft in April at a Jan. 4 press conference at WSU.

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HIGH SCHOOL: A standout football and basketball player at Walla Walla High...football coach Gary Mires...as a **SOPHOMORE**, played in just one football game...hampered by injury...**JUNIOR** season passed for over 1,600 yards to lead the Big Nine Conference...had 13 touchdown passes and was named to the conference second team...as a **SENIOR**, emerged as one of the top prep quarterbacks in the nation... completed 156 of 272 passes (57.4%) for 25 touchdowns and 2,560 yards...only threw six interceptions in leading team to a 6-3 mark and second place in the conference...against Mead, set a state record, throwing for 509 yards...a first team pick by the Washington Sportswriters Association...named by the Tacoma News Tribune to their All-State team, a Western 100 pick and a Northwest Nugget...a Best-In-The-West pick by the Long Beach Press Telegram (five votes)...Super Prep Magazine's Far West offensive player of the year...one of nine Blue Chip picks by the Seattle Times and an All-State selection by the Seattle PI as well as its player of the year in Washington.

PERSONAL: Parents Mac and Barbara Bledsoe…both are teachers...father also a football coach...one younger brother Adam…while parents attended Washington, grandfather (Albert) Stewart (Stu) Bledsoe graduated from WSU ('47 in Agriculture) and later was State Director of Agriculture and a member of the legislature for several years...also served as a trustee on the WSU Foundation...prep GPA 3.68.

SCHOLARSHIP:

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

BUSINESS:

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PROFESSIONAL SPORTS: Drafted from Washington State as the first pick in the 1993 NFL draft by the New England Patriots...highest draft position ever for a player from WSU.

- Career GP/GS: 122/121 (6/6)
- Bledsoe enters the 2001 season ranked fourth among the NFL's active quarterbacks in career passing yards with 29,257 total yards.
- Enters the 2001 season ranked 20th among the NFL's all-time leading passers with 2,504 career completions. He needs just 73 completions to move ahead of Phil Simms.
- His 4,452 pass attempts in his first eight seasons rank second to Brett Favre whose 4,456 attempts are the most by a quarterback during any eight-year period in NFL history. Bledsoe needs just 46 attempts to move into the NFL's all-time top 20 for career passing attempts.
- After just eight seasons, Bledsoe already owns the franchise's career passing records for attempts (4,452), completions (2,504) and yards (29,257). He enters the 2001 season needing just 19 touchdowns to eclipse Steve Grogan's career record of 182.
- He has eclipsed a quarterback rating of 100.0 in 23 games during his career. The Patriots are 22-1 in those games.
- Bledsoe enters the 2001 season with a 63-58 (.521) regular season record as a starter (3-3 in the playoffs). At home, he is 36-25 (.590) during the regular season and 3-0 in the playoffs.
- He passed for 3,291 yards in 2000, his seventh consecutive season with at least 3,000 yards passing. He became just the fourth player in NFL history to ever accomplish the feat, joining Dan Marino (9), Brett Favre (9) and John Elway (7).
- He now owns seven of the top nine single-season passing performances in franchise history. In the first 33 seasons of the franchise's history, the Patriots only had five 3,000-yard passing performances by four different Patriots quarterbacks.
- Bledsoe has started 17 games when the temper-atures were at or below 38 degrees. The Patriots are 12-5 in those games.
- Bledsoe has started 30 games during the month of December and has an 18-12 record. The 18 wins in December are the most of any month of the season.
- Bledsoe scored his first career rushing touchdown on a 13-yard run vs. the New York Jets (10/15/00). He added a 1-yard touchdown plunge the following week at Indianapolis (10/22/00).
- Threw just 13 interceptions in 2000, a career low.
- Bledsoe has been incredibly durable throughout his eight-year career, having played in 122 of 128 possible games since entering the league in 1993. Brett Favre, who hasn't missed a game, is the only quarterback to see more action in games since 1993.
- In 1998, he directed the Patriots to the playoffs for the fourth time in five seasons. Before Bledsoe's arrival, the Patriots had qualified for the playoffs just six times in 33 years.
- Bledsoe became the first quarterback in NFL history to complete game-winning touchdown passes in the final 30 seconds of two consecutive games. He did so in wins over Miami (11/23/98) and Buffalo (11/29/98) to propel the Patriots into the playoffs for their third straight year. Remarkably, he was able to complete the heroic come-from-behind efforts while playing with a broken index finger on his throwing hand.
- His broken finger in 1998 forced him to miss the final two games of the season and the playoffs, snapping a streak of 56 consecutive starts, longest in the AFC. Only Brett Favre (107) and Trent Dilfer (61) had longer streaks at the time.
- Completed a career-long 86-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Terry Glenn at Pittsburgh (12/6/98).
- In 1997, Bledsoe led the Patriots to their second consecutive division title for the first time in franchise history and took the Patriots into the playoffs for the third time in four years.
- In the past seven seasons, Bledsoe has missed just three games due to injuries (one game due to a separated shoulder in 1995 and two games due to a broken index finger in 1998).
- In 1996, just his fourth NFL season, Bledsoe guided the Patriots to an AFC Championship and took the Patriots to their second Super Bowl in franchise history.
- In 1994, he set franchise single-season passing records for attempts (691), completions (400) and yards passing (4,555).
- His 691 pass attempts in 1994 remain an NFL record. He also set NFL records for attempts (70) and completions (45) in a game (vs. Minnesota on 11/13/94).
- In that game vs. Minnesota, he exploded for a franchise record by completing 45 of 70 passes for 421 yards and 3 touchdowns. Trailing 20-0 with 58 seconds remaining in the first half, he completed four consecutive passes to lead the Patriots on a seven-play, 48-yard drive to position Matt Bahr for a 38-yard field goal as time expired in the half. In the second half, Bledsoe turned in what has already become a legendary performance by completing 37 of 53 attempts (.698) for 354 yards and 3 touchdowns, without an interception, a sack, or a penalty called against the team.
- In 1995, he set a franchise record by attempting 179 consecutive passes without an interception (10/23/95 to 11/26/95).
- At the age of 23, he became the youngest player in NFL history to surpass the 10,000-yard passing plateau when he connected with Ben Coates on a 6-yard completion just before the half vs. the Jets (12/10/95).
- In 1999, he fell just 15 yards shy of reaching the 4,000-yard plateau for the third time of his career. He is one of seven players in NFL history to eclipse that mark multiple times, joining Dan Marino (6 seasons), Warren Moon (4), Dan Fouts (3), Brett Favre (3), Steve Young (2) and Peyton Manning (2).
- Prior to 1994, the franchise's single-season record for passing yards was 3,465 yards. Bledsoe eclipsed that mark six consecutive seasons.
- At the age of 21, he became the youngest player in franchise history and just the second rookie quarterback in team history to start in his NFL debut (Jim Plunkett started in his NFL debut in 1971).
- At the age of 22, he became the youngest quarterback in NFL history to play in the Pro Bowl.

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1990	(FRESHMAN)	PA	PC	PI	YDS	PCT	TD	LG	TC	YG	YL	NYG	TD	LG	PLYS	T-OFF
9/1	@ Texas Christ.	dnp														
9/8	WYOMING	dnp														
9/15	@ Brigham Young	3	2	0	35	.667	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	35
9/22	CALIFORNIA	dnp														
9/29	U C L A	dnp														
10/6	@ Southern Cal	12	6	0	145	.500	1	63	3	1	23	-22	1	1	15	123
10/20	@ Oregon State	*20	10	0	188	.500	3	55	7	35	4	31	1	11	27	219
10/27	@ Arizona	*40	22	0	385	.550	2	60	13	44	47	-3	2	12	53	382
11/3	@ Stanford	*26	8	0	64	.308	0	22	5	13	17	-4	0	9	31	60
11/10	ARIZONA STATE	*43	25	1	274	.581	3	27	12	34	42	-8	0	15	55	266
11/17	WASHINGTON	*45	19	3	295	.422	0	35	9	5	66	-61	0	4	54	234
SEASON (5/7):		**189**	**92**	**4**	**1386**	**.487**	**9**	**63**	**49**	**132**	**199**	**-67**	**4**	**15**	**238**	**1319**

1991	(SOPHOMORE)	PA	PC	PI	YDS	PCT	TD	LG	TC	YG	YL	NYG	TD	LG	PLYS	T-OFF
9/7	@ Oregon	*35	13	3	213	.371	1	42	10	29	41	-12	0	13	45	201
9/14	FRESNO STATE	*29	16	0	205	.552	0	52	2	17	0	17	0	14	31	222
9/21	@ Ohio State	*43	26	1	287	.605	1	31	18	59	35	24	0	17	61	311
9/28	@ U N L V	*22	13	1	260	.591	1	46	7	16	26	-10	2	8	29	250
10/5	OREGON STATE	*26	20	0	270	.769	5	32	7	19	25	-6	0	15	33	264
10/12	SOUTHERN CAL	*30	19	2	274	.633	1	67	10	30	30	0	0	17	40	274
10/19	@ Arizona State	*29	17	2	230	.586	1	36	9	10	36	-26	0	9	38	204
11/2	@ UCLA	*42	20	2	188	.476	0	39	16	46	77	-31	0	19	58	157
11/9	ARIZONA	*36	20	1	268	.556	3	35	8	8	22	-14	0	4	44	254
11/16	STANFORD	*31	17	1	251	.548	1	33	9	17	32	-15	0	8	40	236
11/23	@ Washington	*35	18	2	295	.514	3	52	8	7	28	-21	0	5	43	274
SEASON (11/11):		**358**	**199**	**15**	**2741**	**.556**	**17**	**67**	**104**	**258**	**352**	**-94**	**2**	**19**	**462**	**2647**
CAREER (16/18):		**547**	**291**	**19**	**4127**	**.532**	**26**	**67**	**153**	**390**	**551**	**-161**	**6**	**19**	**700**	**3966**

1992	(JUNIOR)	PA	PC	PI	YDS	PCT	TD	LG	TC	YG	YL	NYG	TD	LG	PLYS	T-OFF
9/5	MONTANA	*66	37	4	413	.561	3	43	8	12	27	-15	0	7	74	398
9/12	@ Arizona	*43	22	2	270	.517	2	34	9	17	39	-22	0	16	52	248
9/26	@ Fresno State	*43	21	0	323	.488	2	28	8	23	14	9	2	11	51	332
10/3	TEMPLE	*22	16	0	214	.727	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	214
10/10	@ Oregon State	*27	15	0	248	.556	2	60	3	19	0	19	0	16	30	267
10/17	U C L A	*25	9	2	108	.360	1	31	8	29	11	18	1	14	33	126
10/24	@ U S C	*37	24	1	358	.649	2	38	11	25	34	-9	1	11	48	349
10/31	OREGON	*25	11	2	165	.440	1	32	9	4	49	-45	0	2	34	120
11/7	ARIZONA STATE	*42	22	1	267	.524	2	37	12	30	34	-4	0	9	54	263
11/14	@ Stanford	*26	16	1	145	.614	0	27	5	29	29	0	0	27	31	145
11/21	WASHINGTON	*30	18	1	259	.600	2	44	5	4	8	-4	0	2	35	255
12/29	Utah/CopperBwl	*46	30	1	476	.652	2	87	6	6	14	-8	0	2	52	468
SEASON (12/12):		**432**	**241**	**15**	**3246**	**.558**	**20**	**87**	**84**	**198**	**259**	**-61**	**4**	**27**	**516**	**3185**
CAREER (28/30):		**979**	**532**	**34**	**7373**	**.543**	**46**	**87**	**237**	**588**	**810**	**-222**	**10**	**27**	**1216**	**7151**

9/5/92 - set WSU records for pass attempts, completions and yards.
12/29/92 - set record for passing yards, longest pass and total offense.
1992 - set WSU single season records for pass attempts, completions, yards.

* = Games Started