

= Denard Robinson =

Denard Xavier Robinson (born September 22 , 1990) , is an American football running back for the Jacksonville Jaguars of the National Football League (NFL) . He was drafted by the Jaguars in the fifth round of the 2013 NFL Draft . Robinson was the starting quarterback in all 26 games for the 2010 and 2011 Michigan Wolverines football teams and played at the same position as a senior for the 2012 team as well as running back and receiver in the second half of the season .

As a sophomore in 2010 , Robinson set the single @-@ season Division I FBS record for rushing yards by a quarterback and became the only player in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) history to both pass and rush for 1 @,@ 500 yards . Robinson also broke the Big Ten Conference season record with 4 @,@ 272 yards of total offense (2 @,@ 570 yards passing and 1 @,@ 702 yards rushing) and led the conference in rushing . In his second start at quarterback against Notre Dame , he set the Michigan single @-@ game record with 502 yards of total offense . He was awarded the 2010 Chicago Tribune Silver Football as the Most Valuable Player in the Big Ten Conference and was selected by the Football Writers Association of America as a first @-@ team All @-@ American . He also set the Big Ten single @-@ game record for rushing yards by a quarterback and became the only player in NCAA Division I FBS history to both pass for 200 yards and rush for 200 yards in a regular season game twice .

As a junior in 2011 , Robinson led a resurgent Michigan team to an 11 ? 2 record and a victory over Virginia Tech in the 2012 Sugar Bowl . He threw for a career @-@ high 338 passing yards in a come @-@ from @-@ behind victory over Notre Dame in the first night game played at Michigan Stadium . At the end of the 2011 season , Robinson had eight of the top 10 single @-@ game total offense totals in Michigan history , including 948 yards in two games against Notre Dame . His total offense output in 2010 (4 @,@ 272 yards) and 2011 (3 @,@ 348 yards) rank as the top two single @-@ season totals in Michigan history . As a senior in 2012 , he extended his record with a third game with both 200 yards rushing and 200 yards passing .

As a freshman and sophomore , he also competed as a sprinter for the Michigan men 's track and field team . He has run the 40 @-@ yard dash in 4 @.@ 32 seconds , and he recorded the fastest competition time in 2010 among Michigan 's sprinters in the 60 @-@ meter dash .

= = Early life and nickname = =

Robinson was born in 1990 , the son of Thomas Robinson , Sr. , and Dorothea Robinson . Robinson began playing pee @-@ wee football by age 10 and played the game with his shoes untied , thus earning the nickname " Shoelace " as a child . Those who saw him play at Westside Park in Deerfield Beach recall :

" Kids would go for his shoes on tackles , and he 'd come up to the huddle in just socks . His coach couldn 't stand it at first and neither could his parents . They 'd tie wristbands around his shoes . When that didn 't work , they tried athletic tape . They even rolled his socks over his shoes . He was a marvel , and he wasn 't even finished with the sixth grade . "

Robinson continued to play football without tying his shoelaces and became known as " Shoelace . " One reporter who visited his family to watch a Michigan game noted , " To everyone in Deerfield Beach ? everyone but his mother , that is ? there is no Denard , just Shoelace . " Robinson 's high school coach , Art Taylor , explained his rationale for accepting the practice :

" After 25 years coaching , if the kid can throw it 90 yards in the air and is accurate and the kid can run as fast as he does ... as long as he feels comfortable , not lacing his shoes , fine with me . The kid 's been doing it all his life , why mess with it ? "

At the college level , his coaches at the University of Michigan also accepted Robinson 's practice . After learning that Robinson could run the 100 meters in 10 @.@ 4 seconds with his shoes untied , Michigan quarterbacks coach Rod Smith called it " the damndest thing I 've ever seen " and added , " Anybody that runs that fast I 'm not going to tell him how to tie his shoes . " Robinson wears Adidas Reggie2 Superfly shoes with Velcro straps to secure them to his feet .

= = High school career = =

As a ninth grader , Robinson tried out for a spot as a defensive back for the varsity football team at Deerfield Beach High School in Deerfield Beach , Florida . The team 's defensive coordinator at the time was former Buffalo Bills defensive back Manny Martin , who was also Robinson 's algebra teacher . Martin later recalled that he had an experienced defensive backfield , but Robinson " was always in my ear : ' I can do it . ' " Robinson did not win a spot on the varsity team and instead played quarterback for the junior @-@ varsity team as a ninth grader .

Robinson became the starting quarterback for the Deerfield Beach varsity team as a sophomore and filled that position for three years from 2006 to 2008 . Deerfield Beach head coach Art Taylor recalled , " As soon as he stepped on that field his sophomore year playing varsity , we knew we had something special . "

In a 2007 state semifinal game played at the Orange Bowl , Robinson led his team to within two points of upsetting Miami Northwestern , the top @-@ ranked high school team in the country . While warming up , Robinson noticed that a Miami Northwestern lineman had taped a photograph of Robinson onto the front of his helmet . Robinson started laughing and told the player , " You think that scares us ? " Robinson had Deerfield ahead in the game , 12 ? 7 , but Miami Northwestern completed a 99 @-@ yard touchdown drive with 18 seconds left to give them a 14 ? 12 win .

In October 2008 against St. Thomas Aquinas High School , Robinson was responsible for six touchdowns in a single game , passing for 342 yards and five touchdowns and rushing for 54 yards and a touchdown . As a three @-@ year starter for Deerfield Beach , Robinson totaled nearly 6 @,@ 000 yards of total offense with 4 @,@ 784 passing yards (262 for 576 passing) and 1 @,@ 132 rushing yards (5 @.@ 2 yards per carry) .

Robinson also competed in track for Deerfield Beach . In March 2009 , he ran the 100 meters sprint in 10 @.@ 44 seconds , and finished third in the 100 @-@ meter dash at the 2008 Florida 4A Track & Field State Championships . He also ran the 40 @-@ yard dash in 4 @.@ 32 seconds . He was also a member of the 2008 Florida High School Athletic Association state champion 4 x 100 metres relay team .

= = College recruitment = =

As a high school senior , ESPN ranked Robinson seventh in the country as a general athlete and 101st regardless of position . Rivals.com ranked him 14th as a general athlete and 188th overall . Scout.com categorized him as a cornerback and ranked him 16th in the nation . Robinson received scholarship offers from Florida , Georgia , Kansas State , Michigan , and other programs . Michigan initially recruited Robinson as a defensive back , and Robinson declined . Robinson recalled that it was one of his goals to play quarterback at the college level . After observing his passing abilities , Michigan recruited Robinson as a quarterback . On February 4 , 2009 , Robinson announced that he had signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Michigan .

= = College career = =

= = = 2009 football season = = =

Robinson enrolled in the University of Michigan 's School of Kinesiology in the fall of 2009 . During Michigan 's 2009 summer training camp , Robinson was in competition for the starting quarterback position with fellow freshman Tate Forcier and junior Nick Sheridan . Forcier , who enrolled early and participated in spring practice , was named the starting quarterback , but Robinson saw significant playing time as a true freshman , appearing in all 12 games .

On September 5 , 2009 , in Michigan 's season opener against Western Michigan , Robinson scored a touchdown on his first collegiate (fumbled) snap . As the ESPN television broadcast focused on his untied shoelaces , Robinson took the snap in the shotgun formation , ran to the right

, broke a tackle at the 40 @-@ yard line , then cut left and ran 43 yards for a touchdown .

Two weeks later against Eastern Michigan , he ran quarterback draw plays for touchdowns of 13 and 36 yards , though he also threw two interceptions .

In Michigan 's October 10 game against Iowa , Robinson replaced Forcier in the fourth quarter with the team trailing 30 ? 21 . He led the team on a 59 @-@ yard scoring drive capped by his own 3 @-@ yard touchdown run with 3 : 16 left to cut the lead to 30 ? 28 . However , on the following drive , Robinson 's threw an interception at Michigan 's 31 @-@ yard line with 44 seconds remaining in the game .

Robinson led the Wolverines on four scoring drives against Delaware State , throwing his first two collegiate touchdown passes and scoring a rushing touchdown as well . His only start of the season came on November 14 as a running back against Wisconsin .

During the 2009 season , Robinson completed 14 of 31 passes for 188 yards and two passing touchdowns . He also ran for 351 yards and five touchdowns in 69 attempts .

= = = 2010 track season = = =

Robinson also competed for the Michigan men 's track and field team during his freshman year . In January 2010 , Robinson told a reporter , " When I was getting recruited I always wanted to run track and play football . It helped me move faster on the football field . " Michigan track coach Fred LaPlante said Robinson had one of the 10 fastest 100 @-@ meter high @-@ school times in the United States in 2009 and described Robinson the sprinter as " one of the four or five best guys in the Big Ten . " LaPlante emphasized Robinson 's " quickness " :

" One thing in football that you don 't see in track is quickness . He 's incredibly quick and his lateral movement is unbelievable and his ability to go in one direction and get in another . The perception people have is that 's speed . That 's not speed , that 's quickness . "

Robinson won the 60 @-@ meter dash in his college track debut in " The Dual " against Ohio State on January 16 , 2010 . His time of 6 @.@ 81 stood up as the best by a Wolverine for the season . He finished fifth in the 60 @-@ meter dash at the Meyo Invitational on February 6 , 2010 . He finished ninth in the event at the 2010 Big Ten Indoor Championships in late February 2010 , failing to qualify for the finals by four @-@ thousandths of a second .

LaPlante recalled becoming panic @-@ stricken during a practice race when Robinson was " running so fast he was having trouble holding the turn . " Concerned about an injury to the football team 's quarterback , LaPlante yelled out , " Denard ! Please , don 't do that again ! I 'll be fired in 2 seconds ! " LaPlante recalled Robinson 's reaction : " He had that great big smile on his face . "

= = = Personal bests = = =

= = = 2010 football season = = =

= = = Pre @-@ season competition = = =

During spring practice in April 2010 , Robinson impressed coaches and observers , leading to speculation that Robinson would overtake Forcier as the starting quarterback . The competition continued through late August and early September 2010 . In early September 2010 , Angelique Chengelis profiled Robinson in The Detroit News : " The prevailing belief is that Robinson has worked hard enough and improved enough to earn the job . He took significant steps in spring practice , and from all accounts , he showed his teammates an incredible devotion to offseason conditioning and film viewing , all in the interest of honing his game and improving Michigan 's chances . "

Even on the morning of Michigan 's season opener , the Chicago Sun @-@ Times reported that " the mystery surrounding who would be the Wolverines ' No. 1 quarterback was a major story line ,

with coach Rich Rodriguez keeping his decision secret until the very last minute . "

= = = A total offense record against UConn = = =

Robinson did start Michigan 's season opener against Connecticut . In the first half , he rushed for 131 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries for an average of 8 @. @ 7 yards per carry . He finished the game with 383 yards of total offense , including 186 passing yards (19 of 22 passing) and 197 rushing yards on 29 carries (6 @. @ 9 yards per carry) . Robinson 's rushing yardage against UConn was the most ever by a Michigan quarterback . He also broke Michigan 's single @- @ game record for total offense with 383 yards . For his efforts Robinson earned Big Ten Conference Offensive Player of the Week , AT & T ESPN All @- @ America Player of the Week , and Walter Camp Football Foundation National Offensive Player of the Week recognition .

Less than a week after his performance in the Connecticut game , the New York Daily News wrote that Robinson had acquired " cult hero " status : " He has started only one game at quarterback for Michigan , but Denard Robinson is already a cult hero to the Wolverine faithful . "

= = = 502 yards of total offense against Notre Dame = = =

In his second start at quarterback , Robinson led Michigan to a 28 ? 24 win over Notre Dame against its traditional rival . He finished the game with 502 of Michigan 's 532 yards of total offense (258 rushing yards and 244 passing yards) , breaking the Michigan record he set in his first start . The record stood until Devin Gardner totaled 584 yards of total offense on October 19 , 2013 against Indiana . In the first half , Robinson had an 87 @- @ yard touchdown run that at the time (surpassed on September 19 , 2015 by C. J. Prosise) ranked as the longest run from scrimmage in Notre Dame Stadium 's 80 @- @ year history , but remains as the longest run by a visitor in Notre Dame Stadium . He also scored the winning touchdown with 27 seconds remaining on a two @- @ yard run , capping a 12 @- @ play , 72 @- @ yard drive . Robinson broke Mike Kafka 's Big Ten Conference record for rushing yards by a quarterback and became the ninth quarterback in NCAA history (and the first since Pat White in 2006) to rush and pass for more than 200 yards in a single game . His rushing total also ranks as the all @- @ time best in a road game by any Michigan player , regardless of position .

After the game , Brandon Graham , who played with Robinson at Michigan in 2009 and now plays with Michael Vick on the Philadelphia Eagles told reporters that Robinson is even quicker than Vick : " Both of them are pretty fast , I just think Vick 's older ; he 's not really that fast like how Shoelace is . I think Shoelace is more quick than Vick , but Vick , he gets away . He 's pretty fast still . I think Shoelace might have got him by a couple steps . "

Robinson 's performance drew praise from the national media . The Wall Street Journal called Robinson " the breakout star of the young 2010 season " and drew attention to his " absurd rushing totals . " Columnist Mitch Albom wrote : " Denard Robinson redefined the term ' offensive weapon ' on Saturday against Notre Dame . " ESPN college football analyst Kirk Herbstreit noted the " confident aura " around Robinson :

" The body language he exudes is , ' I 'm a winner . ' He 's small in stature , but his heart you can almost see it pounding through his jersey . And then he has , like all the great ones , he plays with a swagger like , ' You can 't stop me . ' "

Gregg Doyel , national columnist for CBSSports.com , proclaimed Robinson the front @- @ runner for the Heisman Trophy : " Denard Robinson has earned the right to pole position in the Heisman race . It 's not close . And if he stays healthy , I fully expect him to walk across a stage in New York City in December and take that trophy home . "

For his performance against Notre Dame , Robinson was selected for the second consecutive week as the Walter Camp Football Foundation National Offensive Player of the Week , the AT & T ESPN All @- @ America Player of the Week , the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week , and the CBSSports.com Player of the Day . He is the first player to earn the Walter Camp honor two weeks in a row , and the fourth to do so twice in a season . He was also named the Capital One Cup

Impact Performance of the Week . CBS Sports ' Verne Lundquist joked : " He might become the first guy to win both the Davey O'Brien and the Doak Walker . "

Robinson totaled 455 rushing yards and 885 yards of total offense in the first two games of the 2010 season , which led Division I FBS . Through the first two weeks of the season , Robinson had by himself outgained 87 of the 120 FBS teams in total offense .

===== Indiana : 494 yards of total offense =====

Playing against Indiana in the fifth game of the season , Robinson totaled 494 yards of total offense , the second @-@ highest single @-@ game total in Michigan history . He completed 10 of 16 passes for 277 yards and three touchdowns , and he gained 217 rushing yards on 19 carries for an average of 11 @. @ 4 yards per carry . On Michigan 's second play from scrimmage , Robinson ran 72 yards for a touchdown . On the second play of the second half , Robinson threw a 70 @-@ yard touchdown pass to Junior Hemingway , the longest of his career , to give Michigan a 28 ? 21 lead . On Michigan 's next drive , Robinson aggravated the knee injury sustained the prior week against Bowling Green and came out of the game for the remainder of the drive . He returned to the game and led Michigan on a game @-@ winning , 65 @-@ yard touchdown drive in the final minute of the game . With 21 seconds remaining , Robinson completed a 32 @-@ yard pass to the 4 @-@ yard line . On the next play , Robinson scored on a 4 @-@ yard touchdown run with 17 seconds remaining .

With his performance against Indiana , Robinson became the first player in Division I FBS history to have two regular season games with 200 yards rushing and 200 yards passing . Seven others have accomplished the feat (including Pat White , Vince Young and Antwaan Randle El) , but none have done so more than once in the regular season . Vince Young accomplished this feat once in the regular season and once in the Rose Bowl .

After the Indiana game , Dari Nowkhah wrote in ESPN 's " Heisman Watch " column that Robinson was " running away with the Heisman Trophy " and compared him to 1988 Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders :

" We haven't seen this type of college football playmaker since ... Barry Sanders ? I'm not saying Robinson reminds me of Sanders . (How could a quarterback remind me of a running back ?) But there is a shocking resemblance between the diminutive playmakers in their speed , elusiveness and quickness . So is the effect the two have on my sense of what is right and wrong . Being that dominant on a football field somehow feels wrong . It 's unfair . "

On October 4 , 2010 , Robinson was named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (for the third time in five weeks) , and also received the Davey O'Brien Quarterback of the Week award (for the second time in four weeks) . After five games , Robinson remained the nation 's leading rusher in both total yards (905) and yards per game (181) . He also ranked fourth in the country with a quarterback rating of 180 .

===== Three consecutive mid @-@ season losses =====

After leading Michigan to a 5 ? 0 record and breaking the school 's total offense records , Robinson was the front @-@ runner for the Heisman Trophy . His Heisman prospects suffered after three consecutive losses to Michigan State , Iowa and Penn State .

In a 34 ? 17 loss to Michigan State in the Paul Bunyan Trophy game , Robinson completed 17 of 29 passes for 215 passing yards but threw three interceptions . He was also limited to 86 rushing yards on 21 carries . Despite a " lackluster " performance against the Spartans , Sports Illustrated selected Robinson for its " September Heisman " following the Michigan State game . He was also selected by Mark Schlabach as the Offensive MVP in ESPN.com 's Mid @-@ Season Awards .

One week after the loss to Michigan State , the Wolverines lost to Iowa , 38 ? 28 . Robinson was limited to 96 passing yards and 105 rushing yards and threw his fifth interception of the season . In the third quarter , Robinson suffered a shoulder injury and did not return to the game .

Michigan 's record dropped to 5 ? 3 with a 41 ? 31 loss to Penn State . Despite the loss , Robinson

's offensive output rebounded against the Nittany Lions . He rushed for 191 yards on 27 carries (an average of 7 @. @ 1 yards per carry) and passed for another 190 yards , including a 60 @- @ yard touchdown pass to Kevin Koger . With 191 rushing yards against Penn State , Robinson 's season rushing total reached 1 @, @ 287 yards , breaking Antwaan Randle El 's Big Ten record of 1 @, @ 270 rushing yards by a quarterback .

= = = = Offensive free @- @ for @- @ all against Illinois = = = =

In his ninth start , Robinson passed for a career @- @ high 302 yards and ran for 62 yards against Illinois . On the first play from scrimmage , Robinson threw a 75 @- @ yard touchdown pass to Roy Roundtree . In the second quarter , Robinson also threw a 33 @- @ yard touchdown pass to Roundtree and another 75 @- @ yard pass to Roundtree to set up Michigan 's third touchdown . Robinson set a school single @- @ half record with 262 passing yards in the first half . Robinson came out of the game at the end of the third quarter after reporting concussion @- @ like symptoms , including dizziness and headaches . Michigan went on to win the game 67 ? 65 . Robinson and substitute Tate Forcier combined to break Michigan 's all @- @ time , single @- @ game record with 419 passing yards , surpassing the prior record of 396 yards by Tom Brady and Drew Henson against Michigan State in 1999 . The following week , Robinson , was named as one of sixteen Maxwell Award semifinalists .

= = = = Consecutive losses to Wisconsin and Ohio State = = = =

Robinson 's shot at the Heisman Trophy was lost with a disappointing performance against Purdue and consecutive blowout losses to Wisconsin and Ohio State .

In the Purdue game , Robinson turned the ball over four times (two interceptions and two lost fumbles) in heavy rain and gusting wind . Robinson was also held to a season @- @ low 68 rushing yards against Purdue .

One week later , Michigan suffered a 48 ? 28 loss to Wisconsin . Robinson passed for 239 yards and two touchdowns , rushed for 121 yards and two touchdowns , set the Division I FBS record for rushing yards by a quarterback and become the first NCAA player with 1 @, @ 500 rushing yards and 2 @, @ 000 passing yards in the same season . However , Robinson 's individual performance was overshadowed by the 20 @- @ point loss to the Badgers .

In the final game of the regular season , Michigan lost by a 30 @- @ point margin (37 ? 7) against Ohio State in The Game . Robinson failed to register a passing or rushing touchdown for the first time since 2010 . Although he rushed for 105 yards on 18 carries , he was limited to 87 passing yards . After sustaining two dislocated fingers on his non @- @ throwing hand , Robinson was replaced in the second half by Tate Forcier .

= = = = 2011 Gator Bowl = = = =

Michigan finished its 2010 season with a 52 ? 14 loss to Mississippi State in the 2011 Gator Bowl , the worst defeat ever suffered by Michigan in a bowl game . Robinson completed 27 of 41 passes for 254 yards , two touchdowns and one interception . He added 59 rushing yards on 11 carries for 313 yards of total offense , enough to break Drew Brees ' Big Ten single @- @ season total offense record of 4 @, @ 189 yards .

= = = = 2010 season statistics and awards = = = =

Robinson finished the 2010 season with 1 @, @ 702 rushing yards (130 @. @ 9 yards per game) , which stood as an FBS single @- @ season record for a quarterback until it was surpassed two years later by Jordan Lynch . He also passed for 2 @, @ 570 yards and compiled 4 @, @ 272 yards of total offense (328 @. @ 6 yards per game) . In the 10th game of the season against Purdue , Robinson passed John Navarre 's Michigan single @- @ season total offense record of 3 @, @ 240

yards set in 2003 . Against Wisconsin one week later , he broke the Division I FBS single @-@ season quarterback rushing record of 1 @,@ 494 yards previously held by Beau Morgan of Air Force . He also became the first person in NCAA (all divisions) history to record 1 @,@ 500 yards rushing and passing in the same season .

At the end of the regular season , Robinson received the Chicago Tribune Silver Football trophy as the Most Valuable Player in the Big Ten Conference . He was also named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year by the Big Ten coaches and media and by the College Football News . Robinson was also selected as a first @-@ team All @-@ American by the Football Writers Association of America as a running back , a third @-@ team All @-@ American by the Associated Press as an all @-@ purpose player , and an honorable mention quarterback selection by Sports Illustrated and College Football News . He finished sixth in the 2010 Heisman Trophy voting , and was selected as a first @-@ team All @-@ Big Ten quarterback by both the Big Ten media and College Football News .

With 313 yards of total offense in the 2011 Gator Bowl , Robinson broke Drew Brees ' Big Ten single @-@ season total offense record of 4 @,@ 189 yards . He fell 116 yards short of Tim Lincecum 's Michigan school record of 1 @,@ 818 rushing yards . However , he led the conference in both total offense and rushing yards per game .

= = = 2011 football season = = =

= = = Decision to stay after coaching change = = =

Following Michigan 's season @-@ ending loss in the 2011 Gator Bowl , head coach Rich Rodriguez was fired and replaced by Brady Hoke . As Robinson had thrived in Rodriguez 's spread offense , the coaching change led to speculation that Robinson may transfer . On January 17 , 2011 , Robinson ended the speculation when he issued a statement confirming that he would stay at Michigan . In the video statement released by the University of Michigan , Robinson said he seriously considered transferring and noted that Rodriguez was one of the few coaches willing to give him the chance to play quarterback at the next level . Robinson explained his decision to stay at Michigan : " This is my family . This is my home now I couldn 't let it go . " He also noted that he talked to his teammates and told them , " ' You know , I can 't just leave you out there . ' I 've been around these guys two years and we 've bonded and it 's like a family here . There 's nothing like this . "

= = = Preseason focus on adaptability to new offense = = =

Robinson entered the 2011 season on watchlists for the Maxwell Award , the Davey O 'Brien Award , the Walter Camp Award , the Paul Hornung Award , and the Manning Award . In the weeks leading up to the 2011 season , the media focused on questions surrounding Robinson 's ability to adapt to the pro @-@ style offense being implemented by new offensive coordinator , Al Borges and also on Borges ' willingness to adjust his game plan to take advantage of Robinson 's running capability . Robinson noted that the running game would remain an option even in passing situations , adding , " If nobody 's open , the broken play is probably the hardest play to stop in college football ? in any football . "

= = = Regular season = = =

In Michigan 's 2011 season opener against Western Michigan , Robinson completed 9 of 13 passes for 98 yards and had 46 rushing yards on eight carries . The game was ended with 1 : 27 left in the third quarter due to inclement weather .

In Michigan 's next game against Notre Dame , Robinson completed 11 of 24 passes for 338 yards with four touchdowns and had 108 yards rushing on 16 carries with a touchdown on a recovered fumble near the goal line . He threw the game @-@ winning touchdown pass to Roy Roundtree with

two seconds left in the fourth quarter to defeat the Irish 35 ? 31 . The performance moved Robinson into third place in Big Ten history for rushing yards by a quarterback . In recognition of his performance during the game , the Big Ten named Denard Robinson its Offensive Player of the Week , while the Davey O 'Brien Award named him its Quarterback of the Week . He was also named Rivals.com 's Big Ten and National Player of the Week and was nominated for the Capital One Cup Impact Performance of the Week , which he won by fan vote .

In Michigan 's third game , against Eastern Michigan , Robinson posted 198 rushing yards giving him five of the top ten quarterback single @-@ game rushing outputs in conference history .

In Michigan 's fourth game , against San Diego State , Robinson tallied three touchdowns in the first half on his way to a 200 @-@ yard rushing effort . The effort moved him into second place in Big Ten history in career rushing yards by a quarterback , behind only Antwaan Randle El . He also earned Big Ten Conference Co @-@ Offensive Player of the Week recognition .

On October 8 , against Northwestern , Robinson contributed 454 yards of total offense with 337 yards passing and 117 rushing . He scored two rushing touchdowns and had two passing .

On October 15 , against Michigan State Robinson was shut down by the Spartan defense throwing for just 123 yards completing 9 of 24 attempts and a costly interception that was returned for a touchdown with 4 : 31 left in the game . Robinson stated after the game " I got a little beat up , " as he was knocked out of the game in the 28 @-@ 14 loss , his third straight loss in the rivalry .

During Michigan 's November 19 victory over Nebraska , Robinson posted 180 yards passing and 83 rushing yards with two rushing touchdowns and two passing touchdowns to earn Co @-@ Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors from the conference . He also won the Rivals.com Big Ten Player of the Week and was a nominee for the Capital One Cup Impact Performances of the Week .

On November 26 , in a victory over Ohio State , Fitzgerald Toussaint joined Robinson with 1000 yards for the season , marking the first time since the 1975 team that Michigan had two 1 @,@ 000 @-@ yard rushers . Robinson posted a five @-@ touchdown performance (three passing and two rushing) and became the fourth player in NCAA history to gain 2 @,@ 000 yards passing and 1 @,@ 000 yards rushing in a season twice in his career . Robinson totalled 170 yards rushing and earned a share of his fourth Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week recognition for the season . He also repeated as the Rivals.com Big Ten Player of the Week and was a College Football Performance Awards honorable mention as the National Quarterback of the Week .

Following the 2011 Big Ten Conference football season , he earned second team All @-@ Conference recognition from the media . He was voted team MVP for the second year in a row . He was a Sports Illustrated All @-@ American honorable mention selectee .

= = = 2012 football season = = =

In August 2012 , Robinson and teammate Taylor Lewan were selected by the media among the five " Players to Watch " in Big Ten Legends Division . Robinson was elected team captain .

After a disappointing performance in a season @-@ opening , 41 ? 14 loss to Alabama (27 rushing yards , 200 passing yards , and two interceptions) , Robinson rebounded in Michigan 's second game against Air Force . Robinson contributed 426 yards of total offense against Air Force (208 passing yards , 218 rushing yards , two rushing touchdowns , and two passing touchdowns) . For his performance , he was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week and received College Football Performance Award honors as National Player of the Week and National Quarterback of the Week . He became the first NCAA athlete to both rush and pass for 200 yards in a game on three separate occasions . It marked the first time since the 1993 Rose Bowl performance by Tyrone Wheatley that a Michigan player had two rushing touchdowns of over 50 yards .

On September 15 , 2012 , playing against UMass , Robinson tallied 397 yards of total offense in three quarters of play , including 291 passing yards , three passing touchdowns , and 369 yards of total offense in the first half . With the performance against UMass , Robinson passed Tom Brady on Michigan 's all @-@ time passing yardage list .

On September 22 , Robinson was responsible for five turnovers , four first @-@ half interceptions and a lost fumble on the opening drive of the second half , in a 13 ? 6 loss to Notre Dame . The

Detroit Free Press called it " the worst game of his Michigan career . "

On October 7 , Robinson rushed for 235 yards on 24 carries and threw for 105 yards against Purdue . His performance gave him 3 @, @ 905 career rushing yards , moving past Antwaan Randle El as the Big Ten career leader in rushing yards by a quarterback . He also tied Mike Hart 's Michigan school record with his fifth career 200 @-@ yard rushing game . The 235 yards rushing was also a personal best for Robinson in a Big Ten game . The performance won him recognition as the Maxwell Award Player of the Week and a Manning Award " Star of the Week " . It also earned him his ninth Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week award , tying a career record set in 1999 by Ron Dayne . Robinson was named a semifinalist for the Davey O 'Brien Award and a finalist for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award .

After suffering an injury and being knocked out of Michigan 's game with Nebraska (a 23 ? 9 loss to the Cornhuskers) on October 27 , Robinson returned to the lineup for the last home game of the 2012 season , a 42 @-@ 17 victory over Iowa . Playing in his final game at Michigan Stadium , Robinson split his playing time between the tailback , quarterback , and wide receiver positions . He accounted for 122 yards , including 98 rushing yards on 13 carries and 24 receiving yards on two receptions . With the injury to the ulnar nerve in his right elbow , Robinson did not throw the ball during the game and was forced to carry the ball in his right hand .

In his final regular season game , the annual Michigan ? Ohio State rivalry game , Robinson rushed for 122 yards on 10 carries , including a 67 @-@ yard touchdown run with a minute to go in the first half . He was a 2012 All @-@ Big Ten honorable mention selection by the media for the 2012 Wolverines . Denard played his final game at Michigan on January 1 , 2013 in the Outback Bowl vs South Carolina . In the game , he surpassed Pat White 's FBS record for career rushing yards by a quarterback by 15 yards to reach a total of 4 @, @ 495 . On December 28 , 2015 , Keenan Reynolds achieved a total of 4 @, @ 559 , surpassing Robinson .

= = Statistics at Michigan = =

= = = Career statistics = = =

= = = Michigan 's all @-@ time total offense leaders = = =

= = = = Single game = = = =

As Michigan 's starting quarterback , Robinson has seven of the top ten single @-@ game performances in total yards in Michigan history , as reflected in the following list of the all @-@ time , single @-@ game leaders .

= = = = Single season = = = =

Michigan 's top five single @-@ season performances in total offense are set forth below . Robinson holds the single @-@ season record for total yards with 4272 , set in 2010 .

= = = Big Ten single @-@ game quarterback rushing yards leaders = = =

= = College honors and awards = =

? NCAA (all divisions)

Only 1500 @-@ yard passing / 1500 @-@ yard rushing season

Most rushing yards by a QB in a Career

? Division I FBS

Division I FBS 200 @-@ yard passing / 200 @-@ yard rushing regular season games (career and season)

? Big Ten Conference

Rushing yards by a QB (single @-@ game , single @-@ season and career)

Total offense (single @-@ season)

Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week awards (career)

? Michigan

Total offense (career)

Rushing yards on the road (single game)

Passing yards (single half)

200 @-@ yard rushing games (career)

Yards per carry (career , min 250 carries)

? Other

Notre Dame Stadium longest run from scrimmage

High school championship

FHSAA state champion 4 x 100 metres

Honors

Chicago Tribune Silver Football (Big Ten MVP) (2010)

Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year (2010)

2010 All @-@ American (1st team ? FWAA , 3rd team ? AP , honorable mention ? SI & CFN)

First @-@ team All @-@ Big Ten (2010 , media)

Second @-@ team All @-@ Big Ten (2011 , media)

Led Big Ten in rushing (2010)

Led Big Ten in total offense (2010)

2011 All @-@ American (honorable mention ? SI)

2012 All @-@ Big Ten Conference honorable mention

= = 2013 NFL Draft = =

After his final season at Michigan , Robinson stated that he was open to playing any position in the National Football League . Some suggested that he would have a better chance of being drafted by an NFL team if he switched to cornerback , receiver , running back or kick returner because of his quickness ? 4 @.@ 35 in the 40 yard dash . CBS Sports ' Mike Freeman said his talents would be wasted on the defensive side of the ball . Doug Flutie (Buffalo Bills) and Dieter Brock (Los Angeles Rams) were relatively successful quarterbacks similar in stature to Robinson . Russell Wilson who currently plays starting quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks is also similar in stature to Robinson .

Robinson participated in the 2013 Senior Bowl at wide receiver . In the game , Robinson caught two passes for 21 yards and rushed the ball once for a three @-@ yard loss . His performance in the game and the preceding week of practice was regarded as unimpressive and his draft stock fell to the late rounds .

Robinson was the only Wolverine from the 2012 ? 2013 team who was invited to participate in the NFL combine . He was not invited as a quarterback , but rather as a wide receiver , but he did intend to throw and return kickoffs and punts on his Pro Day . On the Pro Day , he did not do quarterback drills , but he did return punts , made catches while running routes , and also did running back drills . Scouts concluded he should become a running back first before developing into a wideout .

= = = Pre @-@ draft = = =

Robinson 's 40 @-@ yard dash official time of 4 @.@ 43 was the tenth fastest on February 24 (quarterback , running back and wide receiver day) . After disappointing as a receiver at the Senior Bowl , Robinson caught every pass during the gauntlet drill .

= = NCAA Football 14 cover vote = =

After Robinson 's successful collegiate career , he was voted as the next athlete to be on the cover of NCAA Football 14 . The contest achieved more than 6 million votes making Robinson the first Michigan quarterback to be on the cover and third Wolverine overall . He is the first since Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard in 2006 , with the other being Charles Woodson on the 1999 version of the game . The voting , which took place on social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter opened in mid December 2012 , lasted until March 8 , 2013 . During this time , the contest had gone through several rounds of voting , until finally being shrunken down to the final two , where Robinson faced off against Texas A & M wide receiver Ryan Swope . Robinson lasted through all voting rounds , and outlasted Alabama Crimson Tide running back Eddie Lacy , and possible National Football League 1st round draft selections Jarvis Jones of the Georgia Bulldogs and standout Tight End Tyler Eifert of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish . The contest gained attention worldwide , with former students and athletes vouching support for their former schools . Decorated Olympian Michael Phelps was one of many celebrities to publicly show his support for his former school (he attended the University of Michigan as a non @-@ degree candidate while his coach Bob Bowman served as the university 's swimming coach) , as well as rap artist / celebrity Snoop Dogg , who does not have any ties to the University itself .

= = Professional career = =

= = = Jacksonville Jaguars = = =

Robinson was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the 5th round of the 2013 NFL Draft with the 135th overall selection . He was selected as a running back when his name was finally called . His position is referred to by the team as " offensive weapon " , which involves playing running back , wide receiver , and kickoff returner . He will also contribute as a quarterback in the Wildcat formation . In midseason , they moved Robinson to the number two position on the depth chart at running back . On November 24 , he attempted a forward pass to Cecil Shorts III , but it was broken up by Johnathan Joseph of the Houston Texans . That remains his only career pass attempt as of 21 October 2014 . As a rookie , Robinson played in all 16 games and totaled 66 yards rushing on 20 carries but no receptions for the 2013 Jacksonville Jaguars .

On September 7 , in week 1 of the season , Robinson had his first reception . On September 28 , Robinson made his first career NFL start against the San Diego Chargers . On October 19 in week 7 of 2014 , Robinson made his first start at running back in place of an injured Toby Gerhart . He had an NFL @-@ career @-@ high 127 rushing on 22 carries against the Cleveland Browns to help the 2014 Jacksonville Jaguars end a nine @-@ game losing streak . It was the first 100 @-@ yard rushing game for the team for the season and the most rushing yards by a Jaguar in two seasons . He posted career highs in yards and carries and also scored his first NFL touchdown . When Robinson had 108 on 18 carries the following week against Miami , he became the first Jaguar to have back @-@ to @-@ back 100 @-@ yard games since Maurice Jones @-@ Drew in 2011 . On December 7 , Robinson endured a foot sprain against the 2014 Houston Texans and he was placed on season @-@ ending injured reserve on December 10 . He finished 2014 with 135 carries , 582 yards , and 4 touchdowns .

On September 20 in the second week of the 2015 NFL season Robinson endured a medial collateral ligament sprain in his left knee against the Miami Dolphins while serving as a backup to T. J. Yeldon . The injury caused him to miss the next three games . On December 13 , Yeldon suffered the same injury against the Indianapolis Colts making way for Robinson to tally 75 yards on 14 carries and his first touchdown of the season that day .

= = = Career statistics = = =

