

GETTING TO KNOW MICHIGAN WIDE RECEIVER

NICO COLLINS

By Eli Trent, 5th grade

(Photo credits: Michigan Athletics)

All About Nico

Nico Collins grew up in Birmingham, Alabama. Nico started playing football at age 6 with his father. In middle school Nico played running back, quarterback, and tight end. He went to Clay-Chalkville High School where he became a wide receiver. His most memorable game was during the playoff semi-final game where he caught three touchdowns leading his team to the State Championship. Nico and his team would go on to win the 2014 6A Alabama State Championship.

At the University of Michigan Nico is a two time letter winner (2017-2018) and recipient of the 2018 Most Improved Offensive Player award. So far in 2019, he has twice earned offensive player of the game awards (Iowa and Maryland) and has hauled in several amazing catches including the game against Indiana (Nov. 23) where he had 6 catches for 165 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Nico feels Michigan football has helped him learn the game better. Pre game he like to listen to music. His offseason goals include



keeping his body healthy and staying in football shape. I asked Nico who he looks up to and he said that he looks up to his father and his brother. He said that his father always showed up to his games and was always there for him.

Nico is enrolled in the College of Literature, Science and Arts and hopes to make it to the NFL. When his football career is over he would like to be a football commentator and “stick with football my whole life.” Current commentators call Nico “the next Randy Moss.” Nico said that means a lot to him and he appreciates being compared to a hall of famer. When I asked what advice he’d give to young football players, he said “keep working for your dreams and never stop. No matter how hard something is, keep going.”



Best of luck to the Michigan Wolverines and Nico Collins heading into the final weeks of the 2019 football season.