



COLE PAYTON

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Height: 6-3 Weight: 232 DOB: Oct. 26, 2002 (Age 23)
NFL Experience: Rookie (1st with Eagles) Draft: D5-26 (178th overall) by PHI
College: North Dakota State Hometown (HS): Omaha, NE (Westside)

COLLEGE STATISTICS																			
			PASSING										RUSHING					OFF SNAPS	
Year	Team	GP/S	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	Lg	Sk/Yds	Rate	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	No	Pct
2021	North Dakota St.	3/0	3	1	33.3	6	2.0	0	0	6	---	50.1	8	78	9.8	37	2	---	---
2022	North Dakota St.	13/0	12	8	67.0	51	4.3	0	1	15	---	85.7	38	284	7.5	28	2	---	---
2023	North Dakota St.	15/0	27	18	67.0	289	10.7	3	0	49	---	193.2	84	615	7.3	70	13	---	---
2024	North Dakota St.	8/1	16	10	63.0	123	7.7	2	1	33	---	156.9	21	164	7.8	73	1	---	---
2025	North Dakota St.	13/13	224	161	71.9	2,719	12.1	16	4	81	---	193.4	136	777	5.7	64	13	---	---
Totals		52/14	282	198	70.0	3,188	11.3	21	6	81	---	185.3	287	1,918	6.7	73	31	---	---

Hobbies: Golfing and large mouth bass fishing, would fish with his brother in Omaha and favorite golf course is in Fargo ... **Surprisingly good at:** Drawing, owned a sketchbook when he was younger and took art classes while at NDSU ... **Prized possession:** The teal bracelet he wears to honor his childhood best friends mom who passed from ovarian cancer ... **If he could play another sport:** Would play in the NBA for the 76ers ... **If he could witness any sports moment:** Tiger Woods Masters chip in on the 16th hole ... **Favorite music:** Country and Hip-Hop (Cody Johnson, George Strait, Tupac and Ice Cube) ... **Karaoke song of choice:** "Killing Me Softly" by Fugees



BIRDSEED

- ▶ During his time at North Dakota State, was recognized for numerous educational honors ... Was a three-time (2022-24) MVFC Honor Roll selection, two-time (2022, '24) MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award winner, one-time (2025) CSC Academic All-District Team and MVFC Scholar-Athlete second team
- ▶ Was selected as Nebraska's 2021 Gatorade Player of the Year out of Westside (NE) High School after registering 1,704 passing yards, 1,029 rushing yards and 39 total TDs (22 passing, 17 rushing) ... Finished his high school career with over 5,000 passing yards, 2,000 rushing yards and 103 total TDs

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Spent five seasons in the collegiate ranks with North Dakota State (2021-25), appearing in 52 contests (14 starts) and totaling 3,188 yards and 21 TDs on 198-of-282 (70.0%) ... Also added 1,918 yards and 31 rushing TDs on 287 carries (6.7 avg.)
- ▶ In his lone season as the Bison's starting QB in 2025, completed 161-of-224 (71.9%) passes for 2,719 yards and 16 TDs, along with 777 yards and 13 TDs on 136 carries (5.7 avg.) ... Was selected as a Walter Payton Award finalist (FCS's best player), a *FCS Football Central* All-America first-team selection and *Associated Press* all-purpose back ... Set single-season program records in total offensive yards per game (268.9), pass efficiency (193.8) and offensive yards per play (9.7)

TRANSACTIONS

- ▶ **2026** - Drafted by PHI in 5th round (178th overall)