

SIGNIFICANCE OF NUMBER 5

Over a decade-long tradition, the Otterbein coaching staff annually selects one player each season to wear the No. 5 jersey. This is a yearly tribute to Grove City native and former QB Josh Worthington, who passed early Christmas morning, 2004, after his vehicle was struck by a drunk driver. He is remembered for the hard work, dedication and commitment he displayed as a promising young player. It is an honor and a privilege to be selected by the coaches to wear this number, which usually comes as a senior. You must not only be a respected player, but also demonstrate great character. Players to have been awarded this honor include:



Josh Worthington

- 2005 - Ricardo Lenhart
- 2006 - Justin Ross
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- 2008 - Brady Collins
- 2009 - Eric Yates
- 2010 - Justin Hochstetler
- 2012 - Kiefer Hinkle
- 2013 - Zack Grieves
- 2014 - Ty Compton
- 2015 - John Pyles
- 2016 - Dalton Jarvis
- 2017 - Kyle Blust / Logan Stepp
- 2018 - Payton Vanderkooi
- 2019 - Winston Spiker (55)
- 2020 - Jacob Tiell
- 2021 - Nick Cipriano / Jeb Jones
- 2022 - Colton Doup
- 2023 - Tayon Howard