Mr. Davis goes to Washington

From Toledo to Los Angeles to Washington, to wherever his talent will take him

By DONALD EMMONS

O n his mind is Fred Davis being drafted by the NFL's Washington Redskins in a night of homegrown heroes.

Davis' first exposure to playing organized football took place roughly a dozen years ago when he entered a Toledo playground as a 4-year-old kid.

When Davis was a 7-year-old kid, he was one of the biggest and best players on the field, a fact not the biggest and best.

Davis, a 6-foot, 248-pounder, played flag at Rogers High School before spending time in the University of Southern California football program.

However, his game has since blossomed. His 2007 season-long performance earned him All-American first-team honors as well as the John Mackey Award, which is presented to the year's best college tight end.

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